



# ST. RAYMOND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 5, 2021



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## SCHEDULE

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[youtube.com/c/straymondmp](https://www.youtube.com/c/straymondmp)

### MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass (Church)

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2001

Labor Day—Office Closed

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

9:00 am Legion of Mary (below)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

10:00 am Zoom Weekly Bible Study (below)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

12:00 pm Laudato Si' Group Zoom (p.6)  
 7:00 pm Holy Hour: Confession &  
 Adoration (Church)

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

8:15 am Mass (Church)  
 3:30 pm Confessions in Rose Garden  
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Church)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

8:00 am Mass (Church)  
 10:00 am Mass (Outdoors) followed by  
 Parish BBQ (p.3)  
 5:00 pm Mass (Church)

## SUNDAY READINGS

September 5, 2021 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 146:6-10

Reading 2: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/090521.cfm](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/090521.cfm)

September 12, 2021 (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: Isaiah 50:5-9a

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 116:1-6, 8-9

Reading 2: James 2:14-18

Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091221.cfm](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091221.cfm)

## LITURGY

**Sat., Sept. 4, 5:00 pm** Sharon Kennedy Gerlach †

*23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Sun., Sept. 5, 8:00 am** Sosefo Afu Veatama †

**10:00 am** The Ferrando Family, Both  
Living & Deceased

**5:00 pm** St. Raymond Parish

**Mon., Sept. 6, 8:15 am** Gail Blach †

*Day of Prayer for Human Rights and Equality*

**Tue., Sept. 7, 8:15 am** Lydia Moreno †

**Wed., Sept. 8, 8:15 am**  Bonnie Morey

*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)*

**Thur., Sept. 9, 8:15 am** Matthew Papara †

*St. Peter Claver, Priest (M)*

**Fri., Sept. 10, 8:15 am** Carmen LeFevre †

**Sat., Sept. 11, 8:15 am** 9/11 Memorial Mass

**Sat., Sept. 11, 5:00 pm** Charles Galdes †

*24th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Sun., Sept. 12, 8:00 am** The Ruocco Family, Both  
Living & Deceased

**10:00 am** Sharon Kennedy Gerlach †

**5:00 pm** St. Raymond Parish

*S—Solemnity F—Feast M—Memorial m—Optional Memorial*

To request a Mass Intention, please call the parish office.  
 Mass intentions are full for 2021 and now available for 2022.

## LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday at 9:00 am in the Legion of Mary conference room opposite the Parish Hall. Feel free to join us and learn more about the Legion of Mary.



**ZOOM WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** The St. Raymond Small Group Bible Study meets on **Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 11:30 am** on Zoom. The group discusses the readings for the upcoming Sunday. For more information, contact Christine at [chrisgalvez@aol.com](mailto:chrisgalvez@aol.com).

## REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We are now accepting REGISTRATION for our Religious Education Program.

To register, please visit [straymondmp.org/religious-education](http://straymondmp.org/religious-education).

PROGRAM BEGINS SEPTEMBER 19

Have questions? Please email [Neri.Miranda@straymondmp.org](mailto:Neri.Miranda@straymondmp.org).



## SPECIAL COLLECTION

### THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

This weekend, the Archdiocese will be taking up the National Collection for the Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C.

By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, Faith-rooted education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project - an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S. contributing education, formation, research, events, and media, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Please give generously as this collection only occurs every three years. Learn more at: [collection.catholic.edu](http://collection.catholic.edu).

You can leave your donation in the clear collection boxes located near the exits. Thank you.

### 5TH SUNDAY SVDP COLLECTION

Thank you to all who donated to the 5th Sunday collection. If you missed the collection, you can still donate online at <https://straymondmp.org/donate> or use the envelope in the church or bulletin cart to leave your collection in the regular collection. You can also mail it or drop it off at the office.

## RESPECT LIFE WEBINARS

During the month of October, the church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. For this reason, the Office of Human Life and Dignity, wants to help bring awareness to an important study and its findings during this month.

Join us for a series of 3 webinars beginning October 5th that address the findings of this study. Conveniently planned during lunch time so people can take a break from work and watch! To register and to view the complete schedule, visit <https://sfarch.org/respect-life-webinars>.



### IMAGE CREDITS:

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## YOUTH MINISTRY



DINNER AT JEFFREY'S  
HAMBURGERS

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021**  
**6 PM**

RSVP at [straymondmp.org/youthjam](http://straymondmp.org/youthjam)

## HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour is held weekly each Thursday from 7:00–8:00 pm inside the Church. Holy Hour consists of Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available.

## DN. TOM'S LOURDES TRIP

If you missed the opportunity to send your prayer Intention with Dn. Tom to Lourdes, you can send intentions online at <https://www.lourdes-france.org/en/intention-priere>. You can also follow along with pictures from his trip on his blog at <https://tfk938.wixsite.com/lourdes>.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

You can also send your prayer requests to: **Rosary Center:** [rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/request-prayers/](http://rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/request-prayers/) **Corpus Christi Monastery:** [opnunsmenlo.org/request-prayer](http://opnunsmenlo.org/request-prayer). **St Jude Shrine:** [stjude-shrine.org/howweserve/prayer-requests/](http://stjude-shrine.org/howweserve/prayer-requests/)

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK** Do you know of anyone who is homebound or ill? If so, we want to hear from you. Please contact the parish office at (650) 323-1755 and help us get in touch with those who need ministry.

## MISSIONARY HOUSING NEEDED

To assist our parish with our “Pray, Serve, Social” initiative, our parish is excited to welcome Tina Augustine to serve our parish as a FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) missionary in the Fall. Tina is highly trained in helping individuals grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ, small group faith sharing and mentoring Christian leaders.



Tina has served with FOCUS for eight years, having spent the last five in Europe launching FOCUS' first international campus. She has served as a missionary, Team Director and most recently as the Director of Philanthropy in Europe.

Tina, her husband Mychal, and sons Ignacio (4) and Hugo (2) are excited to make Saint Raymond their home and will be moving here from Germany in October. As they make the transition to Menlo Park, **I would love to help them find housing. The Augustine family is looking for a 3-bedroom house in the surrounding area** that can be offered at a family discount. If you can assist, please let me know I am excited about this opportunity and thank you for any assistance you can offer.

## MORE NEW EVENTS...

...to be announced soon!

## ALTAR SERVERS ARE BACK!

Interested in being an altar server? Email John Sanchez at [jsanchez@straymondmp.org](mailto:jsanchez@straymondmp.org) or talk with Fr. Jerome to inquire about training and scheduling.

## GIVING: ONLINE AND IN PERSON

eGiving provides an opportunity to simplify your stewardship donations through secure automatic giving. You can pay with a credit/debit card or your checking or savings account. Schedule or update recurring donations at [straymondmp.org/giving](http://straymondmp.org/giving).

## DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS (PARISH)

St. Raymond Parish is seeking a Director of Operations (DOO) who will act as the 'business lead' for the parish, leading the business and administrative functions of the parish in order to provide an opportunity for the pastor and other staff to maximize their impact in faith formation, preaching, sacramental service, pastoral care and overall reach in the community.

The DOO will direct and supervise all non-liturgical functions including, but not limited to, finance, operations, facilities, and contract management. The DOO will work as a senior leader on the St. Raymond Executive Leadership team (reporting directly to the pastor), contributing to both strategic and tactical decision-making processes for the work of the parish, develop and maintain effective working relationships with staff and key stakeholders, recruit and develop talented team members, and ensure continuous improvement of all business and financial processes to further support the mission of St. Raymond.

A perfect second career in the non-profit sector for an experienced leader, the position has flexible hours, including occasional evening meetings, and provides competitive pay commensurate with experience. See job description for further details: <https://straymondmp.org/directorofoperations>.

If interested, send an email of interest and a resume to Fr. Jerome Cudden, O.P., at [jcudden@straymondmp.org](mailto:jcudden@straymondmp.org).



The St. John Paul II Foundation and the Archdiocese of San Francisco Office of Marriage and Family invite all married and engaged couples to the 5<sup>th</sup> annual **Together in Holiness** marriage conference on **Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 8:45 am - 4:00 pm** at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Belmont, CA.

Registration: \$59/couple and \$35/individual  
At-home option also available: \$15  
Scholarships available upon request.

On-site childcare (4-12yrs); pre-registration required.

For more information, please visit [togetherinholiness.org](http://togetherinholiness.org) or email [erin@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:erin@forlifeandfamily.org).

## OFFICE MANAGER (PROVINCE)

The Western Dominican Province (WDP) seeks an Office Manager for our provincial office located in the Rockridge neighborhood of Oakland, California. The WDP is 150 Dominican friars preaching the Gospel for the salvation of souls in the western United States on behalf of the Catholic Church. The provincial office supports this evangelical mission with a team of 21 priests and lay persons on staff.

The Office Manager

- Supervises the office receptionist
- Ensures pleasant, helpful service to friars, staff, and friends and benefactors of the province
- Interacts with third-party vendors on behalf of the office
- Provides administrative support to friars and staff
- Assists province leadership with official correspondence
- Maintains personnel files and other records for friars and staff

A complete job description is available upon request. To inquire, please contact Fr. Christopher Fadok, OP, at [info@opwest.org](mailto:info@opwest.org) or (510) 658-8722.

## ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

There are two listening device options inside our church.

### 1) LISTEN Assisted Listening Devices

These devices will be located at the side entrances of the church. Please return them after Mass so that we can recharge them. Please bring your own wired headphones.



### 2) The LISTEN Everywhere App

This app allows you to listen through your phone or tablet through wifi. You can download the app on the Google Play Store or Apple App Store and search for "Listen Everywhere" and look for the icon shown above.



Once you have the app, connect to the wifi network "St. Raymond ALS" while in the church. There is no password required. When you open the app, it will attempt to connect to our audio stream. You can then connect your phone or tablet with your own wired or wireless headphones. Note: Bluetooth headphones may cause a slight delay.

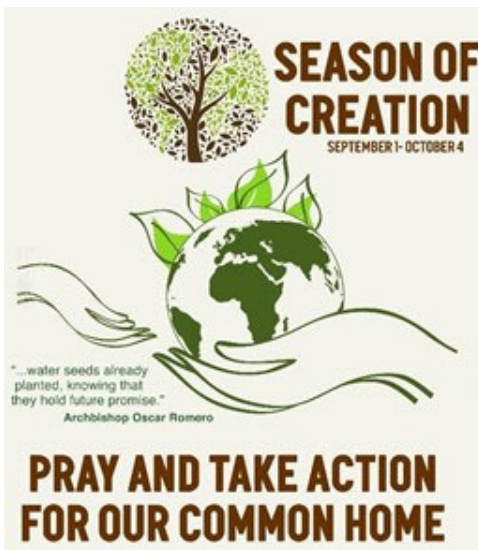


## OPEN OUR EYES TO A SEASON OF CREATION

From September 1 to the Feast of St. Francis on October 4 each year, Catholic and Orthodox churches of the world celebrate a "Season of Creation," to remind us that God entrusted stewardship of planet Earth to human beings, and charged us to take good care of it.

As Pope Francis tells us in *Laudato Si'*, in addition to policy action, we need a fundamental conversion of heart if we are ever to solve the climate crisis. Submitting ourselves to God through fasting seems like one of the best ways to start. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that penances like abstaining from meat on Friday "help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart" (Paragraph # 2043).

In Western society and our community, we are blessed with material goods and a lifestyle unlike many in the world. In solidarity with our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world, why not offer your Friday penance of having no meat for the blessings of those who go without?



### LAUDATO SI' WEEKLY ZOOM

Please join our Zoom meetings **each Thursday at noon** to pray, learn, socialize, and serve and care for creation together. To join the Zoom Meeting, click here: <http://bit.ly/LaudatoSiZoom>.

## THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

FEAST DAY: SEPTEMBER 8

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation, and asks for an increase of peace.

"Let us celebrate today, with great devotion, the birth of Mary, the ever-virgin Mother of God, whose virtues shed light upon the Church throughout the world."

Let us glorify Christ with heart and soul on this feast of Mary, the noble Mother of God, whose virtues shed light upon the Church throughout the world."

- Matins Responsory for Our Lady's birthday today  
(8 September)

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/nativity-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary>



## ST. RAYMOND PARISH

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## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

As a parish community we pray for the sick among us, including: Audre Diolli, Balvina Gonzalez, Bernice Corcoran, Diane Mojtehed, Erik Olsen, Janice Hagy, Lynn Bacon, Modesta Cintron, Nony & Penny Bantug, William Cintron, those afflicted with COVID, the homebound, and those who wish not to be named. Please contact the parish office if you wish to have a name added to this list.



**WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS** If you are a visitor to St. Raymond Parish, we want you to know you are welcome here—whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or another parish in the Archdiocese. Say hello to any of our parishioners! For information about our parish or to register, contact us at [office@straymondmp.org](mailto:office@straymondmp.org) or register online at [www.straymondmp.org/register](http://www.straymondmp.org/register).

## CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays 5:00 pm Vigil (Church)

Sundays 8:00 am (Church), 10:00 am  
(Outdoors), 5:00 pm (Church)

Weekdays 8:15 am (Mon.-Sat. Church)

Holy Days 8:15 am, 12:15 pm, 5:00 pm

### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the Rose Garden,  
Thursdays 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm during Holy  
Hour inside the Church, or by appointment.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

*Please contact the parish office at 650-323-1755.*

### BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS

*Please contact the parish office at 650-323-1755 or  
email [office@straymondmp.org](mailto:office@straymondmp.org).*

**VISION STATEMENT** St. Raymond Parish is a family. As disciples of Jesus, we are “children of God” and “brothers and sisters in Christ.” Jesus himself says, “Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother” (Matthew 12:50). We welcome all to belong to our Catholic family and to inherit with us in Christ the mission to preach the Gospel as we pray-serve-socialize in His Name.

**MISSION STATEMENT** St. Raymond Parish is a community united by our Catholic Faith as disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek communion with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through ongoing personal and communal conversion to Christ and a deeper commitment to the mission Jesus gives each of us to preach the Gospel. The sacred scriptures and sacraments of the Church sustain us. We dedicate ourselves to Truth and strive to grow in love of God and neighbor as we pray-serve-socialize together, and work by grace to build up in one another and share freely with others the abundance of magnificent gifts God has given.

## GET PARISH NEWS VIA EMAIL

Sign up for our parish email newsletter at [straymondmp.org/newsletter/](http://straymondmp.org/newsletter/).

**LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS**—Low-gluten hosts are available at each Mass. Father will announce which line has the low-gluten host.