

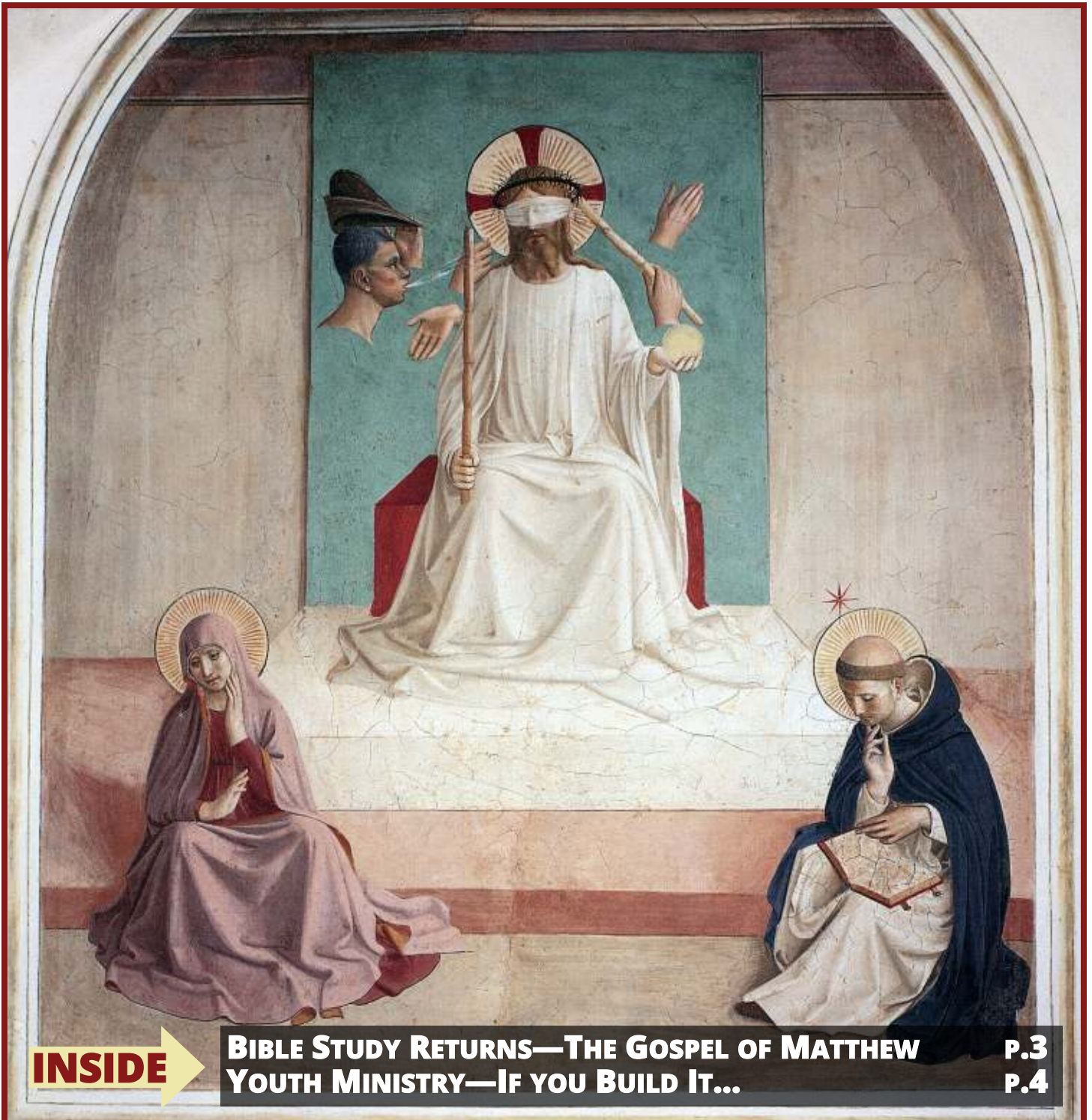


# ST. RAYMOND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SCHEDULE

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### MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass (Church)

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

9:00 am Legion of Mary (below)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

10:00 am Zoom Weekly Bible Study (below)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

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

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

8:15 am Mass (Church)  
 3:30 pm Confessions in Rose Garden  
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Church)  
 6:15 pm Youth Ministry—Dinner at Jeffrey's  
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### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

8:00 am Mass (Church)  
 10:00 am Mass (Outdoors)  
 5:00 pm Mass (Church)

## SUNDAY READINGS

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)

September 19, 2021 (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 54:3-6, 8

Reading 2: James 3:16-4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091921.cfm](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/091921.cfm)

**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.

## LITURGY

**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

**Mon., Sept. 13, 8:15am**  Dn. Charles Seagren  
*St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (M)*

**Tue., Sept. 14, 8:15 am**  Julian Rhodes  
*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (F)*

**Wed., Sept. 15, 8:15 am**  Micah Michaelis  
*Our Lady of Sorrows (M)*

**Thur., Sept. 16, 8:15 am** Luca Benedetti †  
*Sts. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs (M)*

**Fri., Sept. 17, 8:15 am** Tracy Garner †  
*St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (m)*

**Sat., Sept. 18, 8:15 am** Sylvester Onyeneho †  
*St. Juan Macias, OP, Religious (m)*

**Sat., Sept. 18, 5:00 pm** The Nelson Family, Both  
 Living & Deceased †

*25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Sun., Sept. 19, 8:00 am** St. Raymond Parish

**10:00 am** The Galdes & Spiteri Families,  
 Both Living & Deceased

**5:00 pm** Armando Maestrini †

*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).

## BIBLE STUDY RETURNS

Please join us for our next Bible study entitled **Matthew: The King and His Kingdom**. In this study we will learn how Jesus Christ fulfills God's promises to Israel and establishes his kingdom on earth. Through references to the Old Testament promises of God to His people and the messages God sent them through the prophets, this Bible study provides the key to understanding the rest of the New Testament and Christ as the fulfillment of God's plan.



The study will be going chapter by chapter through the entire Gospel of Matthew. Our

classes will be held on Tuesdays from 7-8 pm starting **October 5th**. Please join us in person in the Church or online via zoom.

You can purchase the book at <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/matthew-the-king-and-his-kingdom>.

## MEET THE NOVICES



Meet the newest Dominican novices: Br. Moses Mary, Br. Ephraim, Br. John Paul, and Br. Isaiah! Each week, we will feature a short bio on each of these brothers.

If you can't wait, you can read their bios at <https://opwest.org/noviceclass22/>.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION <sup>3</sup>

### 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).

*Welcome  
Br. David Woo,  
O.P.*



## DN. TOM IN LOURDES

Dn. Tom arrived in Lourdes on August 30th. Keep track of his Lourdes pilgrimage with the Order of Malta on his website <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/)

## BRUNCH AT CAFE BORRONE

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 AFTER 10AM MASS

*Socialize, Network, Grow in Faith*

If you live near Menlo Park, are a young adult, and want to hangout with some cool Catholics, join us!

RSVP at [bit.ly/stRaymonds](http://bit.ly/stRaymonds) or text Adrian at (650) 690-2002.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME

"By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; and by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches." -Proverbs 24:3-4

St. Raymond is blessed to have Neri Miranda as our new Director of Faith Formation, who leads the Religious Education program and the Youth Ministry.

She is very enthusiastic to form the Youth Ministry of our parish, and she recently started the Youth Jam, which is a social event with values formation for youth. Last August we had "Chips and Dips: Dip Into Our Faith" and "Lemon Sunday: Brighten Your Life".

She is lining up numerous events and activities for our youth; with that, we need to upgrade our youth center facilities and electronics.

We are looking for donations to assist us in buying 6 ottomans for \$50 each, 6 folding tables for \$50 each, 25 folding chairs for \$25 each, and 1 chair rack for \$250. Additionally, we will be purchasing a 55" Smart TV for \$600 and a Nintendo Switch for \$380 plus games for \$600. Finally, for our after-school study program, we need 5 Chromebooks or iPads for \$250 each.

If you can assist us in building up our youth program, you may make a dedicated donation at <http://straymondmp.org/donate>.

Thanks in advance for assisting our youth program!

Blessings,

Fr. Jerome and Neri



# JOB OPPORTUNITIES

## 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).

## 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.

# MISSIONARY HOUSING NEEDED <sup>5</sup>

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.

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## 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](https://straymondmp.org/giving).



## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Next week's special collection will benefit the **Priests' Retirement Fund**. As always, you can leave your contribution in the clear cubes located near the exits. More information on the collection is available at <https://sfarchdiocese.org/priestfund>.

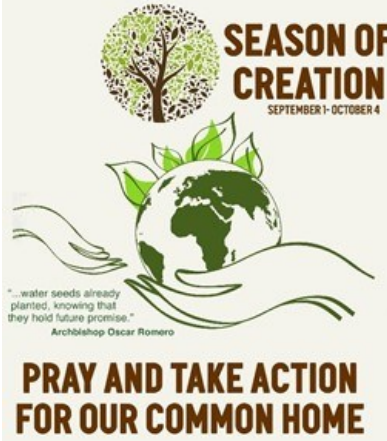
Thank you for everyone who contributed to the last two collections benefiting the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Fr. John's alma mater, the Catholic University of America.



## The Lord God opens my ears and I have not rebelled ~ Isaiah 50:5

This last week the St. Raymond book club completed the last section of "The Mass". For those of us who were able to attend, every session offered new insight and historical context for all we do in the Mass. But this last week, as we focused on the Eucharist, we were all filled with awe at the grace extended to us by our Father, God. It made sense that so many of the prayers surrounding the consecration are about praise and giving thanks to God.

This week, St. James continues to remind us that our faith is actually dead, delusional, if it is not accompanied by action. I would argue that our professed thanks to God is also empty and false if not accompanied by works. There are many works that can demonstrate our faith. We in Laudato Si' hope you



will consider works that help our planet. Pope Francis, like Pope Benedict before him, has been urging us to support action to combat climate change. He is especially concerned that the worst impacts of climate change fall on the most vulnerable.

We are so fortunate to live in an area that does not suffer frequently from the impacts of climate change. [Even the smoke doesn't often linger here.] May we live as though we are truly grateful.

*During this year's Season of Creation, why not put your faith into action and show your praise and gratitude for God's creation by adopting a new planet-protecting habit, like*

- cutting waste
- consuming carefully
- being kind to the environment

Everything counts!

There is no Planet B...

## 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>.



TOGETHER IN HOLINESS™  
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### LAST CALL!

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).

**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>.

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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.