

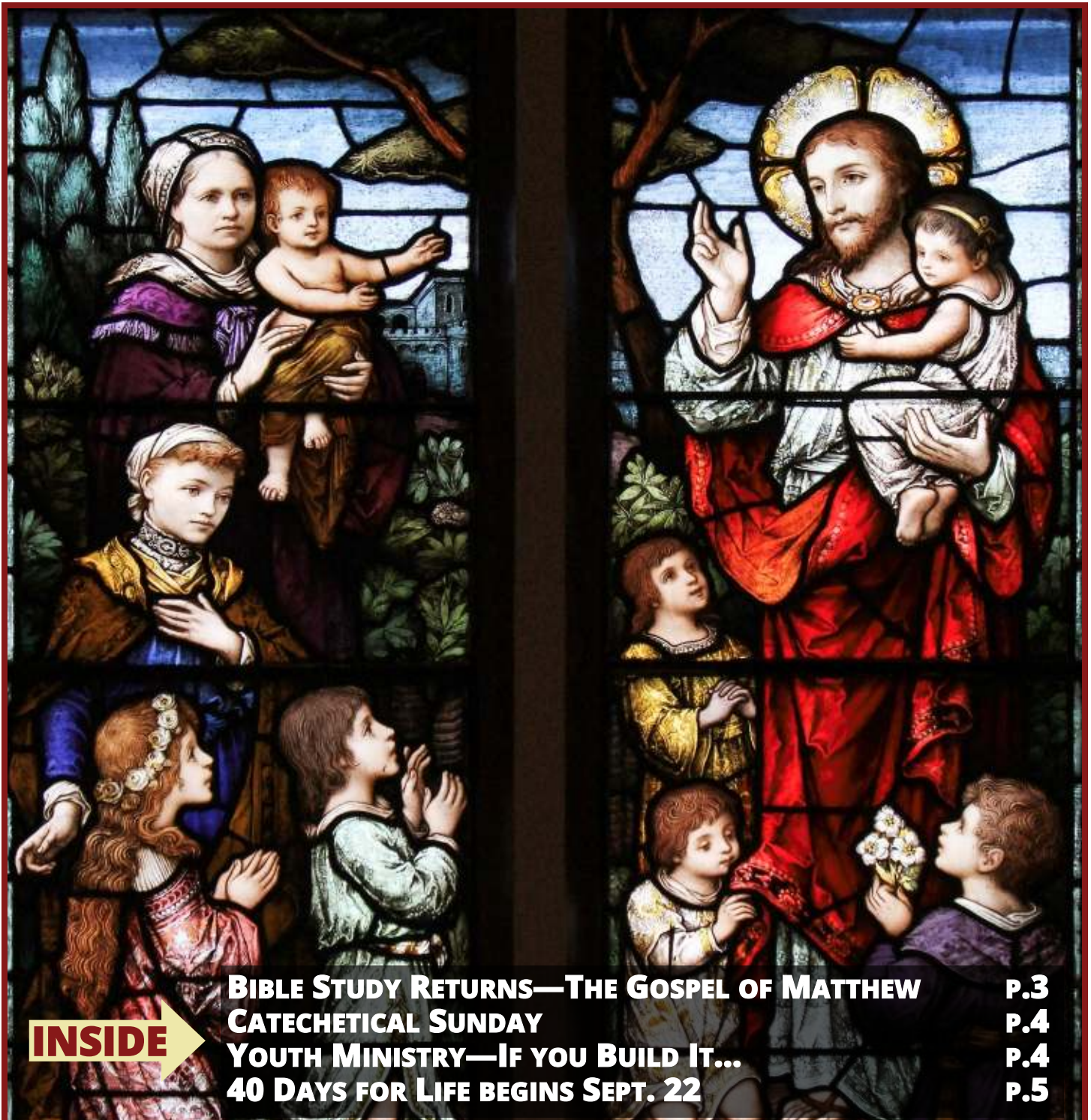


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SCHEDULE

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MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass (Church)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

9:00 am Legion of Mary (below)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

10:00 am Zoom Weekly Bible Study (below)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021

Rosary Sunday with guest preacher Fr.
 Christopher Fadok, O.P.

SUNDAY READINGS

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

September 26, 2021 (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: Numbers 11:25-29

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 19:8, 10, 12-14

Reading 2: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/092621.cfm

LITURGY

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Catechetical Sunday

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

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

5:00 pm Armando Maestrini †

Mon., Sept. 20, 8:15am Candy Hernandez †

*St. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, St. Paul Chõng
 Hasang and Companions, Martyrs (M)*

Tue., Sept. 21, 8:15 am Gail Blach † & the Blach &
 Derry Families

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (F)

Wed., Sept. 22, 8:15 am Jayden Rhodes

Thur., Sept. 23, 8:15 am Seini Wairasi †

St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest (M)

Fri., Sept. 24, 8:15 am Sylvester Onyeneho †

Sat., Sept. 25, 8:15 am Harold Curtis †

Sat., Sept. 25, 5:00 pm Sharon Kennedy Gerlach †

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Sept. 26, 8:00 am Lillian & John Duzanica ††

10:00 am Mary Ann Ferrando †

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

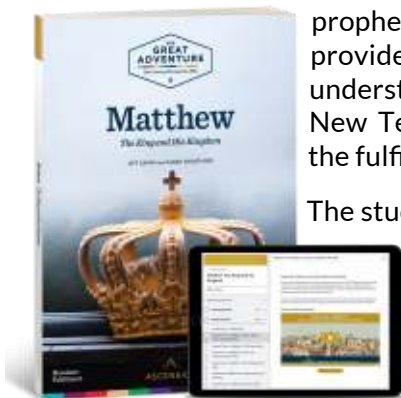
The Legion of Mary meets every
 Tuesday at 9:00 am in the
 Legion of Mary conference
 room opposite the Parish Hall.
 Feel free to join us and learn
 more about the Legion of Mary.



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.

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>.

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.



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

This 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>.

October 3rd is Rosary Sunday—The Dominican Student Appeal.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ³

REGISTRATION STILL OPEN!

This week kicks off the program, however we are still accepting final registrations for our RE Program.

To register, please visit straymondmp.org/religious-education. Have questions? Please email Neri.Miranda@straymondmp.org.

MEET THE NOVICES



Meet one of the newest Dominican novices: Br. John Paul Puschautz.

Br. John Paul grew up in Chicago, IL. He spent the last 10+ years in religious life with the Brothers of St. John and earned his M.A. in Scientific Theology from Seton Hall University during that time. Jesus' words – *If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free* (John 8:31-32) – have particular significance for him. He desires to help others find the freedom that comes from conforming one's life to Christ. Br. John Paul enjoys hiking, outdoor adventures, and basketball. As a formally-trained artist, he asks Bl. Fra Angelico to intercede for him that he may share the fruits of his contemplation not just in words but lasting, tangible ways as well.

If he looks familiar, he lead a Speaker Series talk in May called *Renewal in the Holy Spirit*. He was also at St. Raymond last weekend for the BBQ.

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 hang out with some cool Catholics, join us!

RSVP at 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



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.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Join us in welcoming the families and volunteers for this year's Religious Education Program. Today is Catechetical Sunday, so let us offer prayers for our volunteer catechists, for our students, and for their families.



Prayer for Catechists

Loving Father, we pray today for our catechists. We thank you for their gift of ministry in your Church.

Grant them your wisdom that they may grow in the understanding and teaching of your Word. Grant them also your love that they may be fruitful heralds of your Word and lead others to love you.

Pour forth your Holy Spirit upon them to grant them wisdom about what is important; knowledge of the truths of faith; understanding of their meaning; right judgement about how to apply them in life; courage to persevere even in the face of adversity; reverence before all that is sacred and holy; and that loving zeal which leads others to a transforming encounter with your Son.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Prayer for Family

May my family be protected from harm, misfortune and sadness. May we enjoy the privilege of spending time together to share joy, celebrate happy occasions and to be there for each other when there is need for comfort. May good health prevail and may there be ever-present faith in God's mercy and grace.

THE ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

is a spiritual association of the Catholic Church, the members of which strive to pray the entire Rosary during the course of one week. They form a union of hundreds of thousands of the faithful throughout the world who, along with their own intentions, include the intentions and needs of all its members. To enroll and learn more, please visit www.rosary-center.org.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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 or (510) 658-8722.

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.



The Redwood City campaign of 40 Days for Life begins **September 22 to October 31, 2021**. It will be held at the public right-of-way outside of Planned Parenthood, 2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City.

The Rally & Signup will be held Sunday, September 19 at 2:00 pm at the above location.

“For the last few years my husband, Bob, and I have been praying in Redwood City at 40 Days for Life. It has been a prayerful time with a couple of interesting people stopping by to ask what it is all about. We have met some devout Catholics living out their commitment to the unborn and their mothers.

We invite all of you to join us in the effort to protect the most vulnerable unborn babies and the expectant mothers. You can join us in person, or by offering prayers, sacrifices, and fasting to support the effort. Sign-ups are for 1 or more hours as often as you choose.”—Judy

Complete information is available at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity> or you can contact Jessica at themunns@yahoo.com.

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>.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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



In today's Gospel, Jesus rejects the competition and rivalry of his disciples for positions of power and prestige, and instead embraces a child as the example of how to be Christ-like in the world. Two things that children and the Earth have in common: vulnerability and innocence.

Children are vulnerable to many dangers in the world. They inspire our protective instincts to keep them safe and free from harm. The Earth also needs to be protected from the results of climate change that lead to everything from drought and wildfires to hurricanes and flooding.

Children have an innocence that adults have lost. Children want what is good: things like peace,

harmony, better relationships, and less harm. Whereas (not unlike Jesus' disciples), many adults value power over service, which is endangering our planet and many plant and animal species.

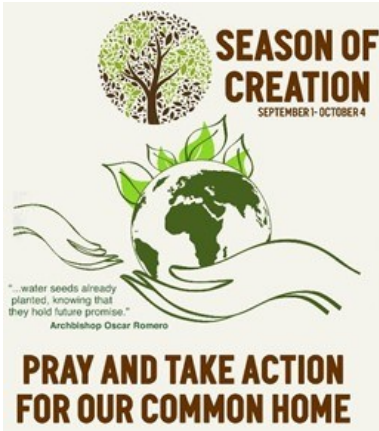
If only we could be more like children! Then, maybe, whenever God gives us "this day" and "our daily bread", we could use our talents, skills, and gifts to work hard to bring about the Kingdom of Heaven. And what would that look like? What steps could we take?

In today's Gospel, Jesus shows us that innocence and vulnerability are worth protecting. May we cultivate these qualities in our spiritual lives. May we become "a servant of all" and protect the planet and life in all of its forms.

On October 4, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops will help host a webinar dedicated to "Care for Our Common Home." [Register at https://delivr.com/2kwag](https://delivr.com/2kwag)

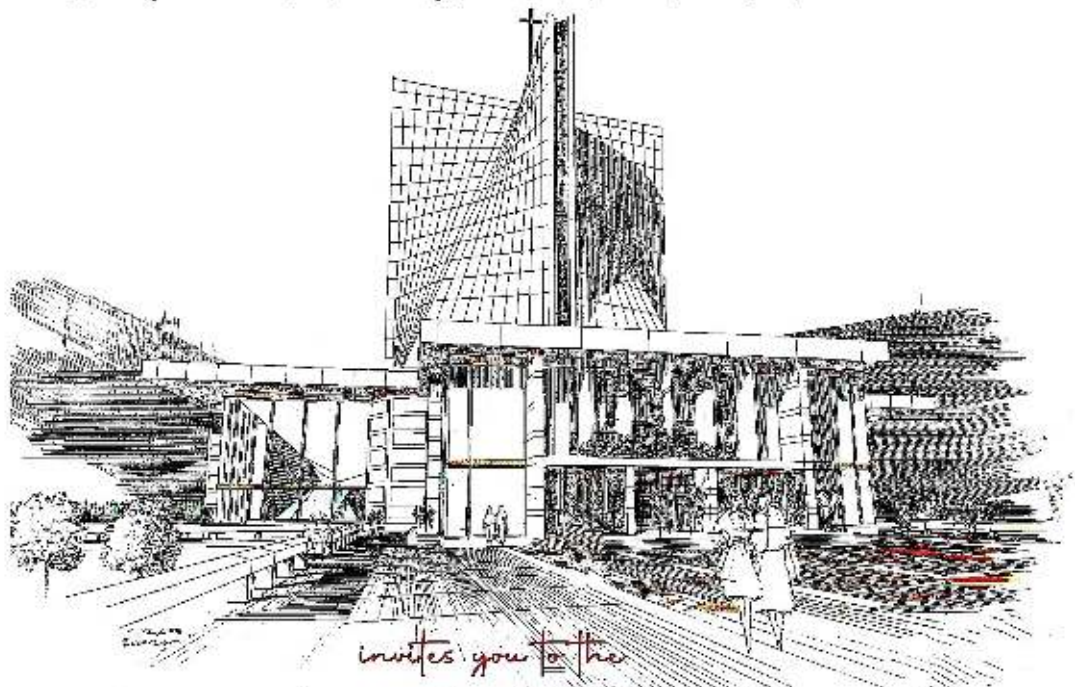
LADATO SI' WEEKLY ZOOM

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>.



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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 or register online at 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.

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/.

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