



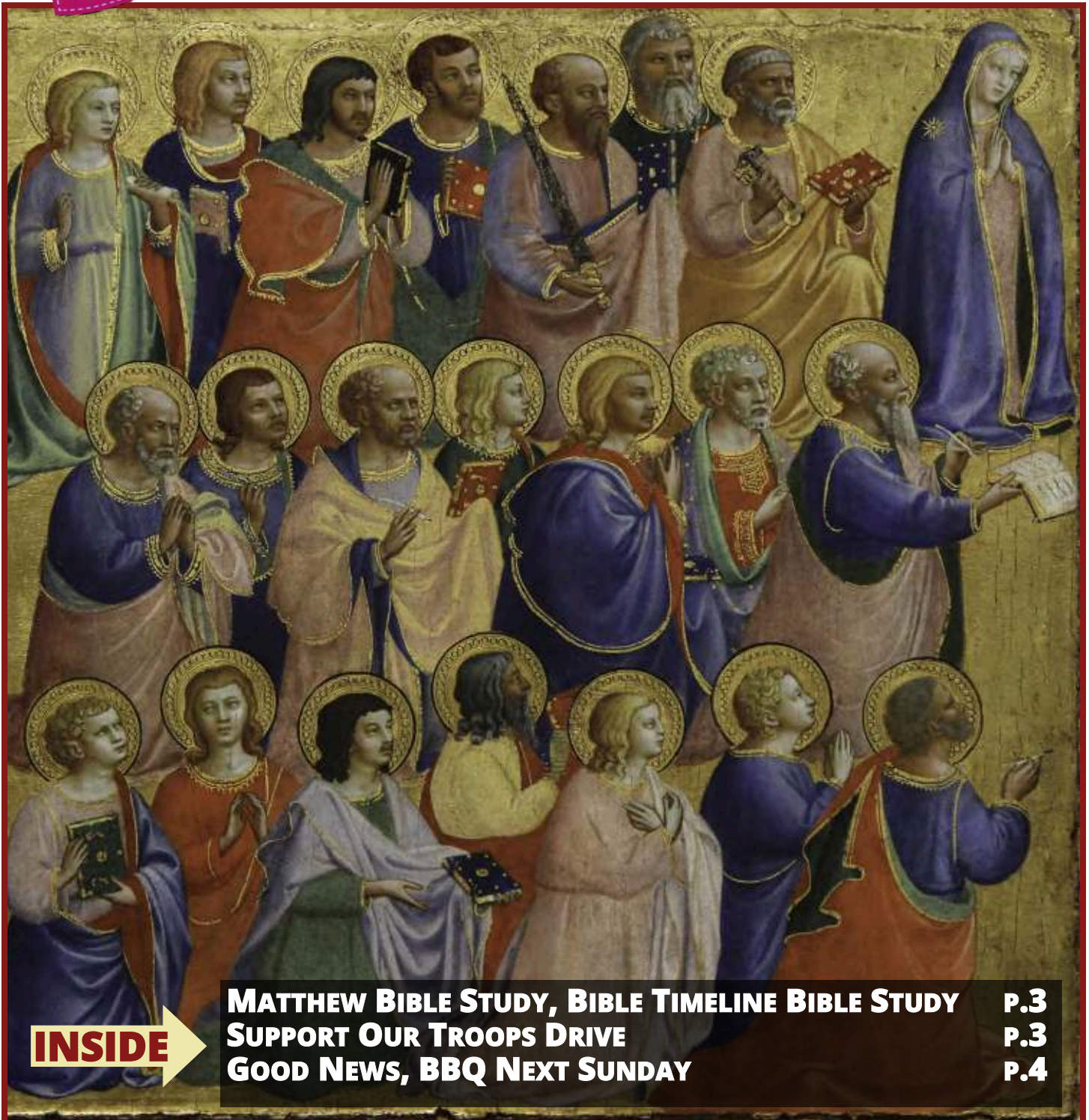
# ST. RAYMOND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SVdP 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | OCTOBER 31, 2021



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# This Week

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## MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass (Church)

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021

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## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021

8:15 am All Saints Mass (outdoors)  
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## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021

9:00 am Legion of Mary (below)  
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## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021

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7:00 pm Holy Hour: Confession & Adoration (Church)

## SATURDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2021

8:15 am Mass (Church) followed by Adoration & Confession until 9:15 am  
3:30 pm Confessions  
5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Church)

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021

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

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**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 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).

**SATURDAY ADORATION RETURNS** following the 8:15 am morning Mass (approx. 8:45 am to 9:15 am). Confessions will also be held at this time.

**THURSDAY 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., Oct. 30, 8:15 am** Guido Budelli

**Sat., Oct. 30, 5:00 pm** St. Raymond Parish

*31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Sun., Oct. 31, 8:00 am** Lurica Lee †

**10:00 am** Eleanor Jekot †

**5:00 pm** Elizabeth Ting †

**Mon., Nov 1, 8:15am** Egina Ruocco †

*All Saints (S)*

**7:00 pm** Fredrick Imperial †

**Tue., Nov. 2, 8:15 am** All Souls †

*The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) (F)*

**Wed., Nov. 3, 8:15 am** The Harold Curtis & Leo O'Neill Families, Both Living & Deceased

*St. Martin de Porres, OP, Religious (F)*

**Thur., Nov. 4, 8:15 am** Joan Briggson †

*St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop (M)*

**Fri., Nov. 5, 8:15 am** The Ferrando Family, Both Living & Deceased

**Sat., Nov. 6, 8:15 am** Josephine Papara & Deborah Papara

*Bls. Bonaventure Garcia Paredes, OP, Hyacinth Serrano López, OP, Priests, & Companions, Martyrs (m)*

**Sat., Nov. 6, 5:00 pm** Sharon Kennedy Gerlach †

*32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Sun., Nov. 7, 8:00 am** Sosefo Afu Veatama †

**10:00 am** Isaiah Rowen

**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.



**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1**  
**MASSES AT 8:15 AM (OUTDOORS) AND**  
**7:00 PM (INDOORS)**

## BIBLE STUDY WEEK 5

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.

For week 5 (Tuesday, November 10, 7 pm):

Video: Session 5

Workbook: 183-185, then 33 - 39

Bible Reading: Matthew 5

You can purchase the book at <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/matthew-the-king-and-his-kingdom>. An online version of the book is also available.

## BIBLE TIMELINE BIBLE STUDY



Br. David will hold week 2 of this bible study this **Wednesday, November 3**. This is an 8-lesson course, but join at any time.

### 11/3: Session 2: Early World

Before the Meeting: Watch/do Session 2, Workbook p.11-12, Read Genesis 1-11

After the Meeting: Looking Ahead, p.13

Upcoming session dates are: 11/3, 11/17, 12/1 and 2022: 1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9.

To order the material, please visit: <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/unlocking-the-mystery> and choose the **"Unlocking the Bible Study Set"** for \$26.95. Please order now because it will take about two weeks for the print material to arrive. There is also an option for the "Online Access Only" version which has an online workbook instead of a printed workbook.

## SVdP 5TH SUNDAY

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**This Sunday** is the 5th Sunday of October. We again are blessed by a donor who will match each dollar we receive up to \$2,500. Please be as generous as you can. A separate collection box will be available at each Mass this weekend. SVdP envelopes will also be available at the bulletin cart and in the pews. You can take the envelope home and put it in the regular collection next weekend.



You can also donate at [straymondmp.org/giving](https://straymondmp.org/giving) and enter the amount you wish to donate under "St. Vincent de Paul".

## SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

With Veterans' Day approaching, we give thanks for all who have served the U.S. Armed Forces. At this time, all are invited to support active-duty service personnel through donations to servicemembers at Al Asad Air Base in Iraq. St. Raymond Parish is collecting items on Sunday, November 7 through Sunday, November 14 and will ship them following the collection. Donations to defray the shipping costs are welcomed, as well as items requested by the servicemembers, including:

Sunglasses, sunblock, protein powder & protein bars, vitamins, creatine, energy drinks, toothpaste, body soap & shampoo, antiperspirant/deodorant, body lotion, white athletic socks, underwear (male & female), coffee, snacks/non-perishable food items.

Other "wish list" items include:

Bibles; sports equipment, especially volleyball, ping-pong & billiards; other recreation equipment, such as movies/DVD's, a movie projector, Xbox games.

Any other items you'd enjoy sending are welcomed. (Items not allowed are: knives/sharps, pork, jewelry, money, etc.)

Donation bins will be available November 7-- bring it when you come to the Parish Barbecue! -- through November 14.





# NOVEMBER BBQ

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7  
FOLLOWING  
10 AM MASS



## Good News

Tired of sad or bad news in the daily news cycles? With COVID restrictions lifting, good things are *happening* here at St Raymond's. To keep you up to date, we will be launching a new column in the bulletin entitled GOOD NEWS on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Our first column will feature our parish's new Mental Health Ministry and Altar Server training program.

I would like to thank Pat Clough, a new member of St. Raymond Parish, who has agreed to head up this new ministry. Pat is a retired teacher, and has been drawn to the dynamic energy of the parish staff and the community of volunteers. Pat attends the Sunday outdoor Mass at 10 am and enjoys being an extraordinary Eucharistic minister. She is looking forward to getting to know our community and ministries better, and help us to spread the GOOD NEWS.

If you are interested in assisting Pat in this exciting ministry or have a story idea for a future column, please reach out to Pat at [goodnews@straymondmp.org](mailto:goodnews@straymondmp.org).

## SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Our next special collection will be next weekend, **November 7**, in support of **St. Patrick's Seminary** in Menlo Park.

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Discover the Catholic faith! Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). A schedule will be announced in the upcoming weeks. For more information or to sign up, please contact Deacon Tom Kelly at [tfk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tfk@sbcglobal.net) or 650-670-2200. We look forward to welcoming you.



November is the month in the Catholic tradition when we remember loved ones who have passed away and the Catholic Saints. In honor of this time of the year, we invite you to turn in *copies* of photos of family and friends who have passed and who you would like to remember. The copies of photos can be turned in to the parish office with the name of the person on the back; please note that they will not be returned but you can take down the picture of your loved one the weekend before Thanksgiving.

The **Book of Remembrance** will be available beginning November 2 (All Souls' Day) in the church and outside for the 10 am Mass.

## YOUNG ADULTS

### ALL HALLOW'S EVE YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 11  
AM—2 PM, PARISH HALL



- Open for all young adults
- Socialize
- Pizza, beer, probably donuts
- SF football game
- Lawn & board games (feel free to bring one!)
- Why it's called Halloween

All: please prepare 1 trivia question regarding a Catholic Saint. Trivia winner will get a prize!

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



# DOMINICAN CORNER

## ST. MARTIN DE PORRES, A BROTHER TO HIS BROTHERS

FEAST DAY—NOVEMBER 3

By Fr. John Baptist Hoang, O.P.

November 3rd the Church commemorates the feast-day of St. Martin de Porres (1579 – 1639), one of the most beloved saints of popular piety throughout the world. He was born in a tiny hut in Lima, Peru, the son of a Spanish knight and a woman of African descent who had been freed from slavery. After the birth of Martin's younger sister, his father abandoned the family, partly because he was embarrassed to be seen with his "colored" children, who belonged to a lower class in society.

Young Martin, then, was given the task of taking care of his family. He would be sent by his mother to retrieve food from the market, but Martin, moved by compassion at the sight of the poverty around him, gave away his food to the poor people of Lima. His mother beat him for his generosity, but Martin believed in his heart that serving the poor was worth the punishment. He would devote the rest of his life to serving the needs of the poor.

St. Martin is well-known for his extraordinary miracles, and his life is filled with wonderful stories of his numerous bilocations, healings, and even conversations with animals. All he did was directed to serving the poor people of Lima, who affectionately dubbed him "Father of the Poor." St. Martin de Porres is recognized today as the patron saint of social and interracial justice.

At one level, St. Martin's life is a wonderful story of someone who overcame the hardships of family and prejudice and ended up doing a great service to society. Everyone loves a good underdog story, and this is a perfect example – almost a spiritual rags-to-riches story. But if we stop there, we risk seriously misinterpreting the life of St. Martin de Porres. The danger is a common one – we tend to remember what people have done in their lives rather than who they are.

First, St. Martin was a Dominican, that is, he was a son of St. Dominic. He always had a great admiration for the Friars Preachers. Just as St. Catherine of Siena, who, as a young girl, would watch the Friars walk past her home and then hurry outside to kiss their footprints, Martin saw the Order with great awe and wonder. He saw it as

a holy Order, under the constant care and 5 protection of the Mother of God.

This is why Martin, when he was fifteen, knocked at the door of the Dominican Convent of the Holy Rosary in Lima and asked to be admitted as a Tertiary helper. He did not ask for the black and white habit of a regular lay brother. That was too honorable for him! Martin, rather, sought the lowest place in the community. Martin was too humble to see himself in the line of great Dominican saints like St. Thomas Aquinas or St. Vincent Ferrer, whom he had special devotions to.



But after nine years of service as a Tertiary, Martin was ordered by virtue of holy obedience to take Solemn Vows and become a regular lay brother at the age of twenty-four. This was a truly glorious day for Martin, to become a son of St. Dominic! St. Martin from then on spent the rest of his life as a Dominican, living in the Dominican priory, constantly praying and singing sweet songs to Mary.

Second, St. Martin was a Dominican brother. He worked tirelessly around the priory, sweeping the hallways and a thousand other menial chores. He also took care of his Dominican brothers when they were sick. But Martin did more than care for his brothers' physical needs. He was concerned for their souls. Every night, St. Martin would kneel in front of the Crucifix, weeping and pleading for our Lord's mercy to save the souls of his brothers from the fires of Hell. This was how Martin was truly a brother to his brothers.

St. Martin was an exemplar of social justice and a wonder worker, but that is not all he was. Above all, he was a man consumed with love for God and his neighbor after the manner of St. Dominic. He lived his vocation to the fullest, walking the narrow path of humility and charity despite every trial and temptation. May St. Martin de Porres intercede for us, that we might have the grace to follow him on that holy way.

St. Martin de Porres, pray for us!

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## Hear then. O Israel, be careful to observe God's statutes and commandments, that you may grow and prosper the more.

Like the Israelites it is critical that we develop a listening relationship with God in our hearts so we can understand how to obey Him. [Obedience is derived from the Latin obedire: "listen, hear.]

Jesus, our high priest who understands us, knows how hard this is. But we have great hope because, as we learned in Hebrews today, "Jesus remains forever, as a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them".

Jesus was pleased with the scribe in the Gospel reading because he had listened with his heart and deeply understood that at its most true and pure level, obedience to God meant to love God and our neighbor.

As Pope Francis tells us in *Laudato Si'*, to hear God also entails a willingness to listen to the signs of the times, to the cries of the poor, and to the groans of God's creation. This should draw us to examine our lifestyle in light of its impact on the most vulnerable, and how we contribute to current environmental degradation, including climate change.

What might we be called to do beyond diligently recycling our trash?

We can be more thoughtful about our own 'ecological footprint' and nurture a stronger sense of social responsibility about the way we consume. Pay attention to the companies you purchase from (or invest in if you have the means). Do they pay fair wages to their employees around the globe? Do they practice ecologically sound practices? If not, perhaps you can choose another company. Even better, write to them and voice your concerns. Businesses listen to their customers because want to please them.

Pope Francis says, "Purchasing is always a moral – and not simply economic – act". Today, in a word, "the issue of environmental degradation challenges us to examine our lifestyle". (LS206)

We can express our love for God through more gospel-informed civic and political engagement. Reach out to those who represent you, especially locally, to urge them to support ecologically sound practices.

"Love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care, is also civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world". (LS231)

May we truly hear the message to care for God's creation and embrace it in the way we live.

## 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>.

## SUNDAY READINGS

October 31, 2021 (31st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 18:2-4, 47, 51

Reading 2: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/103121.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/103121.cfm)

November 7, 2021 (32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 146:7-10

Reading 2: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/110721.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/110721.cfm)

**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.

*How many photos of Br. David can you find in this week's bulletin?*

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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, BM, CM, Diane Mojtehed, Erik Olsen, Janice Hagy, Luis Mederos, Lynn Bacon, Modesta Cintron, MS, Nony & Penny Bantug, NM, Ricardo Paule, William Cintron, those afflicted with COVID, the homebound, and those who wish not to be named.



**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)

All Saints 8:15 am, 7:00 pm

### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 8:45-9:15 am & 3:30-4:30 pm,  
Thursdays 7:00-8:00 pm, or by appointment.

### ADORATION

Saturday 8:45-9:15 am & Thursday 7:00-8:00 pm

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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

### BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS

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**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.