



# ST. RAYMOND

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## MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass (Church) *except Thursday this week*

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2021

9:00 am Legion of Mary (below)

~~7:00 pm Matthew Bible Study (p.3)~~  
cancelled—will resume Nov. 30th

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2021

10:00 am Zoom Weekly Bible Study (below)

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021

9:30 am Thanksgiving Day Mass (Church)  
**NO HOLY HOUR**

## SATURDAY NOVEMBER 27, 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 28, 2021

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

# Upcoming Events

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021**—Advent Mini-Retreat—Details on page 4.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021, 11:00 AM**—Advent Fair & BBQ following the 10 am Mass

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021, 7:00 PM**—Simbang Gabi Mass and Dinner

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**Friday, December 24, 2021**—3:30 pm (Lawn), 5:30 pm (Church).

**Saturday, December 25, 2021**—12:00 am (Church), 8:00 am (Church), 10:00 am (Lawn). No evening Mass.

**Sunday, December 26, 2021 (Holy Family)**—Normal Sunday schedule.

# Liturgy

**Sat., Nov. 20, 5:00 pm** The Nelson Family, Both Living & Deceased

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (S)*

**Sun., Nov. 21, 8:00 am** St. Raymond Parish

**10:00 am** Leopold Mirek †

**5:00 pm** Armando Maestrini †

**Mon., Nov. 22, 8:15 am** Milagros Landero †

*St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr (M) (34th Week of Ordinary Time)*

**Tue., Nov. 23, 8:15 am** All Souls in Purgatory †

*St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr (m); St. Columban, Abbot (m); Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest & Martyr (m)*

**Wed., Nov. 24, 8:15 am**  Edwin Onyeneho

*SS. Ignatius Delgado, OP, Bishop, Vincent Liem, OP, Priest, Dominic An Kam, OP, Layman, and Andrew Dñng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs (M)*

**Thur., Nov. 25, 9:30 am** Harold Curtis †

*St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr (m); Day of Prayer for the Harvest and Fruits of the Earth; Thanksgiving Day*

**Fri., Nov. 26, 8:15 am** The Galdes & Spiteri Families, Both Living & Deceased


**Sat., Nov. 27, 8:15 am** Pattylisha Kaufusi

**Sat., Nov. 27, 5:00 pm** St. Raymond Parish

*First Sunday of Advent*

**Sun., Nov. 28, 8:00 am** Lily & John Duzanica ††

**10:00 am** Aurelio Maestrini †

**5:00 pm**  Jide & Kiesha Onyeneho

*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.

## 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 [chriscalvarez@aol.com](mailto:chriscalvarez@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. There will be NO Holy Hour the week of Thanksgiving.



## Thanksgiving Day Mass

Our annual Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held on **Thursday, November 25 at 9:30 am in the Church** (no 8:15 am Mass). The collection for this Mass will benefit St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room in Menlo Park.



There will be a Blessing of Food following Mass.

## Bible Studies

### **MATTHEW: THE KING & HIS KINGDOM— WEEK 8**

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 to chapter 23 (Tuesday, November 23, 7 pm): **Will resume Nov. 30**

**POSTPONED**

Video: Session 8  
Workbook: 54-56  
Bible Reading: Matthew 8

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.

### **UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE**

Br. David will hold session 4 of this Bible study **Wednesday, December 1.**

Session 4: Egypt, Exodus, Desert Wanderings (Exodus; Numbers)

Before the Meeting: Watch/do Session 4, Workbook p. 25-28

After the Meeting: Looking Ahead, p. 29

Upcoming session dates are: 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".

## God Moment

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I was working with a couple who are coming back to the practice of their faith, and one of the suggestions I gave them was to pray with their children each night before they go to bed. The following email exchange followed a few weeks later. The mother wrote to me, "I wanted to also share with you that we have been praying with my son at night and he loves it. He now asks us to pray with him and it's a wonderful opportunity to share with him the things we are grateful for and vice versa. So, thank you!" I replied, "Could I share your experience with your son and you praying without using your names?" Mom replied, "Yes you can. He loves praying! He asks to pray every night. It's the cutest thing on the planet. Turns out he's grateful for way more than we thought. 😊" I cannot help but think of what Jesus says in Matthew 21:16, "Out of the mouths of infants and nurslings you have brought forth praise?"

—Fr. Jerome

A poster for the 'St. Raymond Giving Tree 2021' with a light blue background and white snowflake patterns. At the top left is a small icon of St. Raymond. The text reads: 'St. Raymond Giving Tree 2021', 'Nov. 28—Dec. 12, 2021', 'Benefitting the St. Francis Center in Redwood City.', 'Select a gift tag from the Giving Tree in the Church beginning November 28th.', 'Bring NEW, unwrapped gifts by December 12th.', and 'Complete details will be available on the fliers by the Giving Tree.'

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the U.S., one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our archdiocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. To learn more, visit [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

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# Advent Fair



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021, 11 AM  
OUTDOORS AFTER 10 AM MASS

Crafts, Silent Auction, Hot Drinks, Treats, Eco-Friendly Gift-wrapping, Advent Wreaths, and more.

## Advent Mini-Retreat

Saturday, December 4, 2021

8:15 am—Mass with Fr. Jerome

8:45 am—9:15 am—Adoration/Confession\*

\*Confessions will be offered continuously through the entire day.

\*\* Participants will be invited to keep a spirit of silence and prayer in the Chapel. Socializing and refreshments is to be directed towards the parish hall.

9:30 am—Talk 1: Advent Readings and Forgiveness with Fr. John Winkowitsch, O.P., followed by Q&A.

10:15 am—Talk 2: Environment, Signs, and Symbols with Br. David Woo, O.P., followed by Q&A.

11:00 am—Talk 3: Advent and Liturgical Music with Lauri Hofstrom, followed by Q&A.

RSVP would be appreciated, but you can show up the day of the retreat. RSVP at <https://delivr.com/2p4uc>.

St. Raymond Emotional & Mental Wellness Ministry  
[straymondmp.org/emwm](http://straymondmp.org/emwm)



Support St. Raymond Church on Amazon Smile. Currently, there are still only 19 supporters. Add St. Raymond as your charity at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-1156739>.

**'Tis the Season for Holiday Scams!** If you receive a phone call, email, or text message asking you for money or gift cards, or anything suspicious, just ignore it.

### WELCOMING, HOSPITALITY AND THE CHANCE TO ENTERTAIN ANGELS

As Advent and Christmas are upon us, we have an opportunity to practice radical hospitality in our parish as a way of welcoming the stranger, the seeker, and those contemplating a return to the Church.

All parishioners of St. Raymond are a natural part of the welcoming ministry team. Each Mass where any two or three (or three hundred!) of us are gathered is a chance for us to show the love of Jesus through our presence and actions to those immediately around us, including some who may not know Him.

Let's challenge ourselves this Advent and Christmas to make our parish of St. Raymond as warm and welcoming as possible by smiling more, perhaps offering our seat to someone, introducing ourselves to someone we have not met before, or by saying a lovely "Hello, have a wonderful Sunday, God bless!" Remember: "Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels." (Hebrews 13:2)

As part of the Welcoming Ministry Team here at St. Raymond, I personally invite anyone who feels called to further action to join me in finding more concrete ways to create an atmosphere of welcome and a sense of belonging for those who may be visiting us, especially during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Currently we are looking for team members who may have the charism of welcoming and hospitality. I look forward to meeting you!

Blessings,  
Cheri Girardot  
Parishioner, Welcome Ministry

Please contact me at [getconnected@straymondmp.org](mailto:getconnected@straymondmp.org) or call 650-704-0615.



# Dominican Corner

## SUNFLOWERS! THANK GOD!

BY BR. DAVID WOO, O.P.

(November 25, 2020) Harvest festivals, like our American Thanksgiving, are found all over the world. From Korean Chuseok to Jewish Succoth, many farming societies developed rituals to mark the end of the harvest season, often with large parties and tons of good food.

Spain has numerous local and regional festivities for the harvest season, which I am sure includes awesome parties. However, most of their harvests (and parties) had already happened by the late summer when I had walked the Camino Santiago. And so, I passed acres and acres of brown and empty fields. But one crop that was still unharvested was the sunflower.

These bright yellow flowers orient themselves toward the sun as it travels from horizon to horizon. They physically turn themselves to maximize their absorption of the sun's beams. I was grateful to see these bright yellow streaks amidst the Meseta's monotonous stretches of brown fallow land.

From sunflowers, we can learn two lessons: we should orient ourselves more fully to the Son, and be a bright spot amidst barren stretches of land. As St. Paul writes, be "perfect in holiness...whole and entire, spirit, soul, and body, irreproachable at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 5:23) We can orient ourselves towards the Son and refresh those around us by being grateful.

Gratitude is incredibly profound. It simultaneously turns us towards God and brightens the landscape around us by making us holy. We humble ourselves when we are thankful because we recognize that we have received something. We open ourselves and become aware of the good that is in our lives: a bright field of sunflowers, an iridescent rainbow, the happy gurgling of an infant, the antics of a



## SUNDAY READINGS

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November 21, 2021 (Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)

Daniel 7:13-14 / Psalms 93:1-2, 5 /

Revelation 1:5-8 / John 18:33b-37

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112121.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112121.cfm)

November 28, 2021 (First Sunday of Advent)

Jeremiah 33:14-16 / Psalms 25:4-5, 8-10, 14 /

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 / Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112821.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112821.cfm)

rambunctious 2-year-old, the warm voice of an old friend, a particularly striking skyscraper, or a hot coffee on a cold morning. With practice, we can see in more incredible ways the sublimity of God. When we open ourselves to the wonder of God's creation, we can see the bright patches of yellow in the seemingly barren world around us. All it takes is a moment of turning ourselves to our Creator and show others the glory of God that we see and hear.

When we practice gratitude, it affects those around us. As we become more open, we can cause a chain reaction: people see, and they, in turn, open themselves up. When we turn towards God, it inevitably turns us towards our neighbors and makes us reach out in goodwill to pay forward what we have received.

In this pandemic, loneliness and isolation are a significant struggle for many of us and make it difficult to see the good around us. Despite this, we can redouble our efforts and practice the virtue of gratitude, recognizing that God continuously showers his gifts upon us through our lives and those around us. We need to be like the sunflower and turn towards God and show others the good around us. This year's Thanksgiving celebrations may be quite different from what we are used to, but let's strive to be open amidst the challenges. We may not have grand parties with tons of good food right now, but we have a greater hope in the future, in the greatest of parties: in our eternal reward. We will celebrate the greatest of all harvests. Let's be grateful for that. †

## GIVING: ONLINE AND IN PERSON

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## FAITH-FILLED NEWS FROM COP-26

Our first two readings for this feast depict communities undergoing persecution by foreign powers. Each reading is meant to offer hope, courage, and consolation



to suffering communities, and to assure them that God will triumph in the end. The author of Revelation, John, sees Jesus as “the Son of Man” described by Daniel: true God and true human who gave his life for the world. The Jesus of John’s gospel has a kingdom not of the world of greed, violence, and dishonesty. Rather, it is the kingdom of self-giving, care for others, and witness to the truth.

If you’ve been following the news from Glasgow, you know that thousands of ordinary people from all faiths gathered to express their concerns about climate change to the world leaders meeting in Glasgow, Scotland, for COP (Community of Partners) 26. Thousands of Catholics from all over the world stood with partners of other faiths to advocate for Creation Care and climate change mitigation.

We don’t know what final actions and commitments were made. Climate experts say we are at a critical point. Only quick, significant steps toward reducing reliance on fossil fuels, elimination of methane and CO2 emissions, halting of deforestation and other measures will save the planet from a 2 degree increase in temperature, a situation scientists say will have disastrous effects on our planet’s landscapes and weather patterns.



**On this Feast of Christ the King of the Universe, let us remember that “His dominion is an everlasting**

**dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed.”**

**But we must be the voice and hands and servants of this King, and act now to protect His dominion and His people.**

"I bring a message from the poor adversely affected by climate change. Global warming and extreme weather patterns are making it difficult for people to survive. I come here asking everyone to act now to save the planet and save the lives and livelihoods of people in Southern Africa and other less-developed countries." - Fr. Leonard Chiti, S.J., Provincial, Southern African Jesuits

From the Dominican community:

Ours is a sacramental vision of the creation. All comes from God, All somehow bears the imprint of its divine origin, it all comes into being through the Son, it all speaks to us of its origin; we come to appreciate its plan through our faith in the Son who has entered the creation as one of us, and we look forward not to the creation being abandoned but brought to its perfection in Christ the King of the universe. <https://dominicanpublications.com> †

### 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@sbglobal.net](mailto:tfk@sbglobal.net) or 650-670-2200. We look forward to welcoming you.

### IMAGE CREDITS

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**PAGE 5** – *Spanish Sunflowers*. Summer sunflowers in the fields around Caleruega, Spain. Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P. CC BY-NC-ND 2.0. <https://flic.kr/p/7CFv6U>

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** As a parish community we pray for the sick among us, including: 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)

Thanksgiving 9:30 am

### 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

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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.