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## MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass (Church)

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021

9:00 am Legion of Mary (below)  
7:00 pm Matthew Bible Study (p.3)

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021

10:00 am Zoom Weekly Bible Study (below)

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021

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

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021

7:00 pm Simbang Gabi Mass followed by dinner

## SATURDAY DECEMBER 18, 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, DECEMBER 19, 2021

8:00 am Mass (Church)  
10:00 am Mass (Outdoors), followed by donuts  
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., Dec. 11, 5:00 pm** St. Raymond Parish

*Third Sunday of Advent*

**Sun., Dec. 12, 8:00 am** Wan-Lan Lee †

**10:00 am** Robert Ferrando †, and the Ferrando Family, Both Living & Deceased

**5:00 pm** Armando Maestrini †

**Mon., Dec. 13, 8:15 am** Mother Cabrini in thanksgiving

*St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr (M)*

**Tue., Dec. 14, 8:15 am** Guy & Karen Peterson ††

*St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church (M)*

**Wed., Dec. 15, 8:15 am** The Galdes & Spiteri Families

**Thur., Dec. 16, 8:15 am** Gail Blach †

**Fri., Dec. 17, 8:15 am** Patricia O'Connell † & Nancy Thomas †

**7:00 pm** Candy Hernandez †

*Simbang Gabi*

**Sat., Dec. 18, 8:15 am** Kali Grogan †

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

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

**Sun., Dec. 19, 8:00 am** Lily & John Duzanica ††

**10:00 am** Charles Galdes †

**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.

## 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.

**LIVE STREAMING**—Each 8:15 daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) will be livestreamed at [straymondmp.org](https://straymondmp.org), our Facebook and YouTube channels. On the weekend, the Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am Masses will be livestreamed.

# Christmas at St. Raymond

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)

Sunday, December 26, 2021

8:00 am (Church)

10:00 am (Lawn)

5:00 pm (Church)

# Simbang Gabi

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021, 7:00 PM

Please join us in celebrating Simbang Gabi, a Filipino Christmas tradition. Our Mass is part of a 9-day Novena of Masses as a spiritual preparation for the



Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Mass will be followed by dinner and fellowship.

## POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will once again decorate the altar this Christmas season. You can place your order online at <https://straymondmp.org/poinsettias> for \$20 each. You can purchase a poinsettia in the honor of or in remembrance of a loved one.

Poinsettias are now on sale IN PERSON after this weekend's Masses.

Names will be published in a bulletin in January. Proceeds will go toward Christmas decorations.

## ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Sunday, December 12, after the 10 am Mass.  
Thursday, December 16, 7:00 pm during Holy Hour.

Additional priests will be available for both of these dates.

## 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).



## Bible Study

### MATTHEW: THE KING & HIS KINGDOM— WEEK 10

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 10 (Tuesday, December 15, 7 pm):

Video: Session 10

Bible Reading: Matthew 10

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.

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

As a parish community we pray for the sick among us, including: Balvina Gonzalez, Bernice Corcoran, Bonnie Morey, 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. To add a name to this list, please contact the parish office. Please make sure to have the person's permission.



## LETTER FROM BR. DAVID

Dear St. Raymond Parish Community,

First of all, thank you. Truly, from the bottom of my heart, thank you. It has been a delight and joy to be a part of the wonderful parish community that is St. Raymond. I am edified and heartened by the presence of such faith-filled and wonderful men and women of God. You have been incredibly supportive and generous to me and the friars who minister at the parish. Thank you.

Thus, it is with a heavy heart, that I say good-bye. After careful discernment, God has made it clear to me that the road of a Dominican and a priest is not my vocation. Though I wrestled with this decision, I know that God is calling me to a different path. As to what that specific path entails, I await with the patience that marks the Advent season.

In your charity, I ask for your prayers. I ask that you continue to pray for many and good vocations to the Province and the Church. I ask that you continue to bear good fruit for the Church and be the wonderful living testaments of faith that I have been privileged to glimpse and journey with. Please know of my prayers for all of you and I pray that, God willing, we will cross paths in this life or at least in the next.

Thank you and God bless you.  
David Woo

## SUNDAY READINGS

December 12, 2021 (Third Sunday of Advent)

Reading 1: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Resp. Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6

Reading 2: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/121221.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/121221.cfm)

December 19, 2021 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Reading 1: Micah 5:1-4a

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Reading 2: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/121921.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/121921.cfm)

# Pastoral Council

## PRAY, SERVE, SOCIALIZE

2022 beginning is a great time to consider participating in one of St. Raymond's ministries. The inspiring excerpt from St. John Paul II's *Christifidele (Lay Christian Faithful)* below articulates St. Raymond's Pastoral Council Vision.

### *The Parish*

The ecclesial community, while always having a universal dimension, finds its most immediate and visible expression in the *parish*. It is there that the Church is seen locally. In a certain sense it is the *Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters*.

It is necessary that in light of the faith all rediscover the true meaning of the parish, that is, the place where the very "mystery" of the Church is present and at work, even if at times it is lacking persons and means, even if at other times it might be scattered over vast territories or almost not to be found in crowded and chaotic modern sections of cities. The parish is not principally a structure, a territory, or a building, but rather, "the family of God, a fellowship afire with a unifying spirit", "a familial and welcoming home", the "community of the faithful". Plainly and simply, the parish is founded on a theological reality, because it is a *Eucharistic community*. This means that the parish is a community properly suited for celebrating the Eucharist, the living source for its upbuilding and the sacramental bond of its being in full communion with the whole Church. Such suitability is rooted in the fact that the parish is a *community of faith* and an *organic community*, that is, constituted by the ordained ministers and other Christians, in which the pastor-who represents the diocesan bishop-is the hierarchical bond with the entire particular Church.

### *The Apostolic Commitment in the Parish*

The lay faithful ought to be ever more convinced of the special meaning that their commitment to the apostolate takes on in their parish. "The parish offers an outstanding example of the apostolate on the community level, inasmuch as it brings together the many human differences found within its boundaries and draws them into

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# Advent Fair & BBQ



Legion of Mary



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the universality of the Church. The lay faithful should accustom themselves to working in the parish in close union with their priests, bringing to the Church community their own and the world's problems as well as questions concerning human salvation, all of which need to be examined together and solved through general discussion. As far as possible the lay faithful ought to collaborate in every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by their own ecclesial family". The Council's mention of examining and solving pastoral problems "by general discussion" ought to find its adequate and structured development through a more convinced, extensive and decided appreciation for "Parish Pastoral Councils", on which the Synod Fathers have rightly insisted.

In the present circumstances the lay faithful have the ability to do very much and, therefore, ought to do very much towards the growth of an authentic ecclesial communion in their parishes in order to reawaken missionary zeal towards nonbelievers and believers themselves who have abandoned the faith or grown lax in the Christian life...but there always remains in the human heart the desire to experience and cultivate caring and personal relationships. The response to such a desire can come from the parish, when, with the lay faithful's participation, it adheres to its fundamental vocation and mission, that is, to be a "place" in the world for the community of believers to gather together as a "sign" and "instrument" of the vocation of all to communion, in a word, to be a house of welcome to all and a place of service to all, or, as Pope John XXIII was fond of saying, to be the "village fountain" to which all would have recourse in their thirst.

Access the parish website at [straymondmp.org](http://straymondmp.org) for more details on active ministries or contact the parish office for more information.

## EXPERIENCED GOD RECENTLY?

We would love to add brief, personal, parishioner stories to our weekly bulletin! Titled "God Moments," these short reflections will help our parish family get to know one another better. If you have been blessed by a special grace recently, received an answer to prayer, or experienced a moment of divine peace, please consider sharing it by emailing your "God Moment" to [bulletin@straymondmp.org](mailto:bulletin@straymondmp.org).

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## GAUDETE SUNDAY

Today's readings are all about JOY: "Sing joyfully, O Israel!" "Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel." "Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice!"

How do we express our JOY in the coming of the Lord?

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist, "What should we do?" What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly.

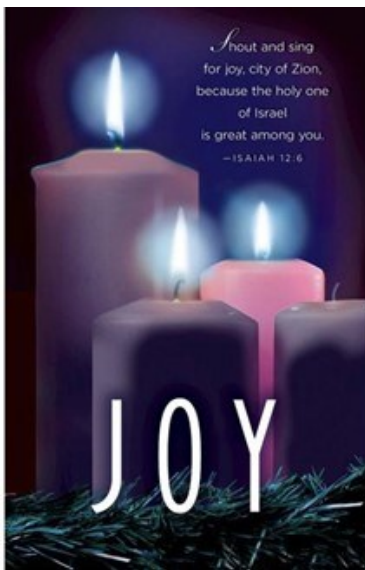
By encouraging the crowd to act for justice in each one's life and actions, John reminds us that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God

permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans. It is our great JOY to be an active part of the establishment of God's kingdom, as GAUDETE Sunday proclaims.

As we continue our journey of hope, peace and JOY this Advent season, we remember God's great abundance, from the Garden of Eden to the gift of Jesus' life to the world. This abundant life that God promises is not dependent on material goods, often a focus leading up to Christmas, but centers on loving relationships and justice.

As you wait in joyful hope for Christmas, how are you being called to simplify and live abundantly during this Advent season? How do we show our JOY in God's Creation?

Slow down in this busy Advent and Christmas season to immerse yourself in nature: notice the crispness in the air, the smell of pine and fir.



Share your delight in God's Creation by choosing gifts that celebrate nature and our interconnectedness with the land and all its creatures. (What Pope Francis calls "integral ecology.")

Experience JOY in the simplicity of homemade gifts and activities that reject consumerism and greed.

Light the rose/pink candle on your Advent wreath as a reminder that the Advent season is a season of JOY because our salvation is already at hand.

### LAUDATO SI' WEEKLY ZOOM

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

### LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS: A HEALING RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCED OR SEPARATED PARENTS

This is a retreat weekend that invites participants with divorced or separated parents to move past their parents' relationship to their own deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. It will be led by the Life-Giving Wounds traveling retreat team. The retreat will be held March 4-6, 2022 at Vallombrosa retreat center (250 Oak Grove Ave. in Menlo Park).

Cost per individual is \$350 (private room) if registered by Jan. 30 and includes lodging, meals and all materials. Must be 18 or older to attend. To register and for more information please visit <https://sfarch.org/event/life-giving-wounds-healing-retreat/>. Limited scholarships are available - contact Ed Hopfner ([hopfnere@sfarch.org](mailto:hopfnere@sfarch.org)).

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

You can send 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/)

**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, 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

*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.