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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | JANUARY 30, 2022



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This Week

MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass (Church)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2022

9:00 am Legion of Mary (below)
7:00 pm Matthew Bible Study
7:00 pm Catholics Return Home (p.4)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022

10:00 am Zoom Weekly Bible Study (below)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022

8:15 am Mass (Church) followed by Adoration & Confession
5:00 pm Mass (Church)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022

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

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

WEEKLY EVENTS

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.

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.

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.



Liturgy

Sat., Jan. 29, 5:00 pm Gino Cavallina

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Jan. 30, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish

10:00 am Armando & Caterina Maestrini †

5:00 pm Robert Matthew Moran, Sr. †

Mon., Jan. 31, 8:15 am Souls in Purgatory

St. John Bosco, Priest (M)

Tue., Feb. 1, 8:15 am Kathleen Doherty

Wed., Feb. 2, 8:15 am Gail Blach † & the Blach & Derry Families, Both Living & Deceased

The Presentation of the Lord (F)

Thu., Feb. 3, 8:15 am Mary Tu Nguyen

St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr (m); St. Ansgar, Bishop (m)

Fri., Feb. 4, 8:15 am Ray & Betty Clark †

St. Catherine de' Ricci, OP, Virgin (m)

Sat., Feb. 5, 8:15 am Kali Grogan †

St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (M)

Sat., Feb. 5, 5:00 pm Sharon Kennedy Gerlach †

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Feb. 6, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish

10:00 am  Fr. Daniel Syverstad

5:00 pm  Fr. Daniel Syverstad

S—Solemnity F—Feast M—Memorial m—Optional Memorial

To request a Mass Intention, please call the parish office.

SUNDAY READINGS

January 30, 2022 (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 71:1-6, 15-17

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/013022.cfm

February 6, 2022 (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 138:1-5, 7-8

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/020622.cfm

CONNECT IN 2022

St. Raymond Parish is adopting a new and improved communication platform that will make it much simpler for you to get information from the parish. The service is called Flocknote - like sending a note to your flock - and allows you to choose to receive messages via email or text or both.

St. Raymond has many opportunities to enrich your spiritual life, serve those in need, and meet your fellow parishioners while participating in events and activities. We want to provide you the ability to get involved in as many of these opportunities as you choose.

When you sign up, you will designate the groups or ministries that you want to receive news from and the information comes to you.

Text "Raymond" to 84576 or join online at straymondmp.flocknote.com.

Bible Study

MATTHEW: THE KING & HIS KINGDOM

Tuesdays 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Video: Session 15

Workbook: 227-231, then 105-108

Bible Reading: Matthew 17

YOUNG ADULT: HOMELESS MISSION EVENT

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5TH, 8:00 AM

We'll meet at the St. Raymond parking lot at 8 am then travel to San Francisco where the service work will begin. (Alternatively, feel free to meet us outside Oracle Stadium at 9 am near the Willie Mays Statue.)

After assisting the homeless, we'll have lunch together. We will return to St. Raymond by 1 pm.

Open to all. We welcome new and returning young adults!

Questions? Post them to our Young Adult Facebook page: bit.ly/StRay_YA_FB

Want to be more involved? (Such as helping plan.) Join our YA Whatsapp: bit.ly/StRay_Whatsapp

5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION ³ THIS WEEKEND

This Sunday is the **5th Sunday of January!** 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. Envelopes will be in the pews and the bulletin cart for the 10 am Mass. A separate collection cube will also be available for your donation.



You can also donate at straymondmp.org/giving and enter the amount you wish to donate under "St Vincent de Paul".

BLESSING OF CANDLES

Wednesday, February 2, at the 8:15 Mass



BLESSING OF THROATS

Thursday, February 3rd is the feast of St. Blaise. He was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. Blessing of throats will be offered at the end of the 8:15 am Mass.

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.



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.



CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

An Invitation for Non-Practicing Catholics

- Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to Church anymore?
- Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the church?
- Would you like to know more about the Catholic church as it is today?
- Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again?

No matter how long you have been away and no matter what reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Please join us for a 6-week program of informal sessions and engaging conversations of the Catholic faith. The sessions are held Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the St. Raymond Parish Hall. For more information or to register, contact Tina Augustine at taugustine@straymondmp.org or 650-656-0505.

Catholics Returning Home 2022 Schedule

February 1, 2022	Who is God and why does it matter?
February 8, 2022	Walk through of the Mass (along with explanation and historical overview)
February 15, 2022	Explanation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)
March 1, 2022	The Creed: What Catholics Believe

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 or 650-670-2200. We look forward to welcoming you.

Support St. Raymond Church on Amazon Smile. Currently, there are 20 supporters! Add St. Raymond as your charity at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-1156739>.

POPE FRANCIS' SYNOD

Pope Francis has planned the next World Synod of Bishops in October 2022, with the theme "Synodality" which means "Walking Together", and invites the whole Church to participate in the preparatory process. The goal of this Synod is to provide an opportunity for the entire People of God to discern together how to move forward on the path towards being a more synodal church in the long term. This unprecedented opportunity will facilitate discussion and reflection to help shape the Church's understanding of herself and her mission of evangelization and forming disciples.

The Archdiocese of San Francisco will kick-off the local synodal process in January by asking every Catholic to participate in the Disciple Maker Index survey. This survey is a nationally recognized survey administered at parishes around the United States and Canada since 2013 by the Catholic Leadership Institute. At St. Raymond, we completed the survey in 2020. Those results will be shared with the Archdiocese.

In February and March, engagement/listening sessions will be offered throughout the Archdiocese. We welcome and encourage all of you to attend one of the engagement sessions, in-person or virtually.

San Mateo County in-person sessions: **February 26th 9-11 am**, St. Augustine Church, South San Francisco; **March 5th 9-11 am**, St. Veronica Church, South San Francisco; **March 5th 9-11 am** St. Matthew Church, San Mateo; **March 6th 1-3 pm** St. Pius Redwood City.

The schedule for the virtual sessions will be available soon. Registration is required for a virtual session. More details are available through the Archdiocesan website at www.sfarch.org/synod.

After these sessions are complete and the data gathered, attentive to the faith of the people of God, the Synod Bishops will work together for ecclesial consensus. The results will be submitted to the Holy Father and an implementation plan will follow in each diocese. This is a way for everybody to participate in the "Listening Church" and its further growth in this century and beyond.

Converging Roads Medical Ethics Conference

Saturday, February 12, 2022
St. Patrick's Seminary & University | Menlo Park

Presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Region XI of the Catholic Medical Association, and St. Patrick's Seminary & University.

For more information, please visit convergingroads.com or email CR@forlifeandfamily.org.

SUNDAY VISITOR

Did anyone notice the *visitor* that joined us at Sunday's outdoor mass on January 2nd? I've been thinking about her for several weeks now, hoping she'd return, but she hasn't. I've come to think it was a God thing, perhaps a herald of the New Year.

Mass had begun and though it was chilly, the sun promised some warmth, there were few clouds, and the sky was bluest blue. We were singing the Gloria when I happened to look up. I love the redwood trees that tower over the school. Like sentries, they define our outdoor cathedral and the children's school and playground.

On the very top of one of them, the one that's a little browned out, that doesn't look quite as healthy as the rest, perched a large white bundle. I wish I'd had binoculars at that moment as it was impossible to make out what it was. It wasn't there when mass began because I always look up at the trees at the start. They remind me of where I am. Father John then welcomed us and we confessed aloud together. I think maybe the large bird arrived at the sound of the keyboard and Lauri's pure voice leading us in the Gloria.

Our *visitor* remained quite still through the readings and the homily and the prayers of the faithful and the Creed and the liturgy of the Eucharist. All I could see was a large white ball, feathers of course, but what kind of bird has such a full white chest? My eyes remained glued as I listened and sang and recited, waiting for her to turn, to display her wings. But no. I kept my eyes on her during communion and after as I sat in my chair, grateful for the nourishment of the spirit-filled Eucharist and the music filling the field of hearts spread out colorfully in warm coats.

Still on her perch, watching apparently, she turned, stretched her brown and gray wings, and resettled. We stood. Father gave us the final blessing and Lauri led us in song. I swear, it was on the last chord, as people began to turn toward the donuts, the big bird lifted into the air and flew west. She had come to mass just about on time and left when it was over.

Now I could freely google. Before, I didn't want to miss her when she moved (or be on my phone during Mass). If any of you are bird watchers or have seen them before, you already know who she was. I had no idea. "She" was an osprey. And for the sake of comparison, an osprey is smaller than a bald eagle and larger than a redtail hawk, and has a chest of white feathers.

Did you see her too? Let me know.
Pat Clough

ROSA'S JOURNEY OF HOPE WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUPPORT

Helping reunite families from all countries

At just 15 years old, Rosa made the courageous decision to walk more than 1,600 perilous miles from Honduras to the United States – alone. Facing life-threatening abuse and persecution, she left everything behind seeking safe harbor with her aunt in San Francisco, reaching out to Catholic Charities when she arrived for immigration legal support.

Determined to achieve her goal of a safe and stable life, Rosa harnessed her inner strength, with support from Catholic Charities' team of legal experts, to traverse the emotionally trying and complex process of preparing asylum and Special Juvenile Status cases, for which she is eligible.

Now one year into her new life in the U.S., Rosa has been able to focus on school and her aspirations of becoming a doctor.

Thanks to Rosa's own courage, she is embraced by a community that has her back. That community is Catholic Charities Immigration Legal & Support Services in partnership with local parishes, individuals, corporations, and community organizations who support the Center's invaluable work consistent with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to help local immigrants participate in our society. Together in community we seek the common good of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Catholic Charities offers our immigration legal services to reunite families from all countries. Call 650.727.8430 to schedule your free consultation today!

PRAYER REQUESTS

You can send 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/

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“I AM WITH YOU TO DELIVER YOU” SAYS THE LORD

Jesus challenged the people of Nazareth by observing that a prophet is not accepted in his own hometown. Jeremiah, too, had to gird himself against the rejection of his contemporaries. Nonetheless, both Jeremiah and Jesus remained steadfast because they knew they were doing God's will.

It is still true that prophets are not accepted in their own native places. Do we sometimes reject those who bring God's word of challenge to us? As Christians, we are called to remain not only steadfast but ready to be an agent of positive change. In today's world, Pope Francis sounds a prophetic voice in *Laudato Si'*, his encyclical on care for earth, our common home. Please read it and be willing to act on it. Make a difference. May we respond to the prophets among us who challenge us to practice justice for the poor and for our common home, planet Earth.

If you'd like to explore the “Eco-Spirituality” of Pope Francis's *Laudato Si* encyclical and the movement it has inspired, check out this [JANUARY 31 virtual series](#) from the youth of Climate Catholic Covenant:

As Pope Francis famously wrote, “A commitment this lofty cannot be sustained by doctrine alone, without a spirituality capable of inspiring us.”



As we enter a new year, all are welcome to join the Catholic Climate Covenant young adult community for Ecospirituality Nights, a multi-month virtual series exploring the spiritual foundations of our work for climate justice. We are pleased to be joined by Christina Leño, Associate Director of *Laudato Si'* Movement, who will deliver the first keynote address on **Monday, January 31 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. PT**. Christina will share about the role of mindfulness in the work for ecological justice, and her remarks will be followed by time for questions. The keynote event is free and open to the public.

[Register for the January 31 keynote with Christina](#)

[Leño](https://tinyurl.com/EcoSpirituality) today at <https://tinyurl.com/EcoSpirituality>.

As a follow-up, young adults ages 18-39 are invited to join their peers for an intimate follow-up conversation on February 21 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. PT [Register for the February young adult conversation here: https://tinyurl.com/Young-Adult-Conversation](#).

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>.

St. Raymond Emotional & Mental Wellness Ministry
straymondmp.org/emwm



HOPE & Healing

MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

Sponsored by Archdiocese of San Francisco

For anyone interested in learning more about mental health challenges and how to support those struggling with mental health issues

MAIN SESSIONS:

MENTAL HEALTH 101
 Anne Fischer, Executive Director MAMI, San Francisco

COPING SKILLS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS
 Vic Mazmanian, Mind Heart Soul Consulting

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

PSYCHOLOGICAL HARDINESS AND THE SPIRITUAL LIFE
 Robert Wilkins, Ph.D.

SPIRITUAL RESPONSE TO AN UNHEALTHY CULTURE
 Gabrielle Lou, Psy.D.

ADDICTION/SUBSTANCE ABUSE
 Scott Bobrow, MA, LMFT

SUICIDAL PREVENTION
 StarVisto

MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES IN CHILDREN & YOUTH
 DEPRESSION, ESPECIALLY RELATED TO COVID

9:00AM TO 4:00PM
 (CHECK IN BEGINS AT 8:15AM)

Questions: Contact Dick Collyer
 at 415-614-5593 or collyerr@sarch.org

Our Lady of Angels Parish
 1721 Hillside Drive, Burlingame, CA 94010
 \$35 (includes lunch) - Scholarships available

Register at: https://sarchdiocese.org/event/mhc_2022

Space is limited: preregistration is required
 REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 5, 2022

April 9th 2022

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK As a parish community we pray for the sick among us, including: Balvina Gonzalez, Bernice Corcoran, Bonnie Morey, Diane Mojtehed, Erik Olsen, Gayland Hagy, Janice Hagy, Luis Mederos, Lynn Bacon, Modesta Cintron, Mary Shepherd, Nony & Penny Bantug, NM, 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.

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, 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.

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.