



# ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 6, 2022

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# This Week

## MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass (Church)

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022

9:00 am Legion of Mary (below)  
7:00 pm Matthew Bible Study  
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## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022

10:00 am Zoom Weekly Bible Study (below)

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022

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

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2022

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

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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](mailto: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., 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, O.P.

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**Mon., Feb. 7, 8:15 am** Carol Terranova †

*Anniversary of Deceased Parents (Order of Preachers)*

**Tue., Feb. 8, 8:15 am** Bob Ferrando †

*St. Jerome Emiliani (m), St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin (m);  
World Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human  
Trafficking*

**Wed., Feb. 9, 8:15 am** Ralph Ruocco † & Family,  
Both Living & Deceased

**Thu., Feb. 10, 8:15 am** Sosefo Afu Veatama †

*St. Scholastica, Virgin (M)*

**Fri., Feb. 11, 8:15 am** Gail Blach † & the Blach &  
Derry Families, Both Living &  
Deceased

*Our Lady of Lourdes (m); World Day of the Sick*

**Sat., Feb. 12, 8:15 am** Mother Cabrini in  
thanksgiving

**Sat., Feb. 12, 5:00 pm** Eleanor Jekot †

*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Sun., Feb. 13, 8:00 am** St. Raymond Parish

**10:00 am** Grace Steinmetz †

**5:00 pm** Steve Korn †

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

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

## SUNDAY READINGS

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](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/020622.cfm)

February 13, 2022 (6th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 1:1-4, 6

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/021322.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/021322.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.

Text "Raymond" to 84576 or join online at [straymondmp.flocknote.com](http://straymondmp.flocknote.com).

## Bible Study

### MATTHEW: THE KING & HIS KINGDOM

Tuesdays 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Video: Session 16

Workbook: 233-236, then 111-115

Bible Reading: Matthew 18

## SVDP COLLECTION—THANKS!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to last week's collection. If you were away, you can still donate at [straymondmp.org/giving](http://straymondmp.org/giving) and enter the amount you wish to donate under "St. Vincent de Paul". Recurring gifts are always welcome.

## 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](http://straymondmp.org/giving).



Support St. Raymond Church on Amazon Smile. Currently, there are 22 supporters! Add St. Raymond as your charity at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-1156739>.

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



**FEBRUARY BBQ**  
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27  
**FOLLOWING  
10 AM MASS**



**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](mailto:tAugustine@straymondmp.org) or 650-656-0505.

### Catholics Returning Home 2022 Schedule

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

## 4 MESSAGE FROM FR. EDWARD

[Fr. Edward Inyanwachi was Parish Administrator at St. Raymond from 2012 to 2013.]

Dear Parishioners,  
May the grace and peace of Christ be with you.

Let me begin by wishing you all a blessed and prosperous New Year. Sorry that I did not send out my usual notes. There was so much to do within the period. However I did offer Mass for you all and all the friends that have blessed my life and ministry. I pray that despite the challenges of our world today, especially the effects of the Covid Pandemic, that you are all doing well and are strengthened by the grace of God. Know that I hold you dear to my heart.

I write to inform you that I have been transferred from St. Patrick Catholic Church Uburu-Amachi to Christ the King Catholic Church Nkaliki-Echara, Abakaliki. After 8 years of ministry to the families of St. Patrick Uburu Amachi, it is time to move on to another community.

Change is not usually a pleasant experience, but in our calling as priests, it is the life we chose, to be sent to the people of God whenever the need arises. I am grateful to you all for your support and generosity in building up St. Patrick Uburu Amachi. The families and the entire community are forever grateful to you for showing tremendous love and care for their needs even as you have never met them. Thank you so much. May the Lord reward you

abundantly.

Now I embark on a new and exciting journey with the families of Christ the King Nkaliki-Echara. The parish is a few minutes away from the main city, Abakaliki. It does not have "Mission Churches" as was the case with St. Patrick. And therefore affords me the easy access to the diocesan Chancery office to continue my work in the Education department. I resumed here on Friday, January 21 (a day after my birthday) and do look forward to ministering among this new community. I ask for your prayers, that I may be a worthy servant leading the people to encounter the compassionate and loving God. Pray also that together we may build a better society that cares for the needy, the poor and those on the fringes of society.

Thank you for your continued support. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones. My phone number and email remain the same. I will also be able to still receive my regular mail at my old address. However my new mailing address is:

Christ the King Catholic Church  
Nkaliki-Echara  
c/o Bishop's Court, Mile 50  
Abakaliki 490101  
Ebonyi State, Nigeria

God bless you, Fr. Edward Inyanwachi

## REGISTRATION FOR LISTENING/ ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS FOR THE SYNODAL WAY

The Holy Father has convened a Synod and has asked the People of God to participate in the synodal process. We invite you to register for an engagement session by going to [sfarch.org/synod](https://sfarch.org/synod). These sessions are available in-person at multiple locations across the Archdiocese, and also virtually using Zoom beginning on February 3rd until March 6th. Your participation is important and sincerely appreciated. A report of these sessions will be delivered to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops who will in turn submit a summary to the Holy Father in Rome.

## 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).

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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



# Dominican Corner

## WHY DID JESUS CALL HIMSELF THE SON OF MAN?

BR. MATTHEW HEYNEN, O.P.

Throughout the Gospel tradition, Jesus referred to Himself as the Son of Man; 81 times, to be precise. When Jesus healed and forgave the paralytic of his sins, the Pharisees accused him of “blasphemy” for usurping a role reserved for “God alone” (Mark 2:7). Jesus responded by saying that He, “the Son of Man, has authority on earth to forgive sins” (Mark 2:10). He tells his disciples that the Son of Man must be rejected by the leaders of Jerusalem, “killed, and after three days rise again” (Mark 8:31). Of all his Christological titles, Jesus preferred “the Son of Man”.

So what did He mean when He invoked this title? A tempting way to answer the question is to say that Jesus was emphasizing His humanity. Indeed, scripture does use the phrase, Son of Man, as an idiom to designate a human person. In the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel, which employs the phrase more than any other book in the Bible, the angels use it to address the prophet Ezekiel: “And he said to me, ‘Son of man, stand on your feet, and I will speak with you.’” (Ezekiel 2:1)

While scripture sometimes uses the phrase as an idiom for man, it becomes difficult to maintain that this was Jesus’ intended meaning. A good example comes from Holy Thursday after the Temple guards arrest Jesus and put Him on trial before the council. There Caiaphas asks Jesus if He is the Messiah, and Jesus responds: “I am; and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming *with the clouds of heaven*” (Mark 14:62). Caiaphas, the high priest, then rips his garments and accuses Jesus of blaspheming against God. In doing so he rallies the council to sentence Him to death.

A question then arises. Why would Jesus, by identifying Himself as the Son of Man, incur the charge of blasphemy? After all, to blaspheme involves speaking ill of God. A helpful clue to solving this problem comes from the Old Testament. In the passage from Mark 14 cited above, Jesus draws from the imagery of the Book of Daniel:

Behold, *with the clouds of Heaven* there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given

dominion, and glory and kingdom, that all 5 peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away. (Daniel 7:13-14)

Both at His trial and during his Holy Week discourses (Mark 13:26), Jesus identifies Himself with this mysterious heavenly figure who rides upon the clouds. One way to understand why the Pharisees were angry at Jesus’ words is that they believed Daniel’s Son of Man was Divine. As Benedict XVI once remarked, in Mark 14, “[Jesus] seemed to be putting himself on an equal footing with the living God himself.”[1] In fact, the cloud imagery that accompanies the Son of Man also represents the presence of God throughout the Old Testament. Exodus 40:34-35, 1 Kings 8:10-11, Jeremiah 4:13, Psalm 97:2, Joel 2:2 are just a few examples. Ironically, the title Son of Man implies that Jesus is more than a man; he is Divine.

Of course, much more could be said about this topic. An important lesson to take away here is how deeply Jesus’ words are rooted in the Old Testament. When Jesus says something that sounds mysterious to us, its seemingly hidden meaning often lies within the words of the Jewish scriptures.

## Requiesce in Pace

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of

### Fr. Vincent Ring

on the morning of January 26, 2022.

Fr. Ring served as Parish Administrator at St. Raymond at the end of 2011.

Family and friends may visit after 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at St. Robert’s Catholic Church, 1380 Crystal Springs Road in San Bruno with a Vigil Service at 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at St. Robert’s. Committal will follow at Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Colma.



In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Robert’s Parish or the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Priests Retirement Fund.



## HERE I AM, LORD, SEND ME!

Christians are called to demonstrate their faith not through power or wealth, but through our love and care for one another and for creation. It is easy to feel overwhelmed by the thought that God is calling each of us to play a part in His plans, especially when the needs are so great. Like Isaiah, we can worry that we do not have the wisdom or strength to actively participate in God's call. Or, like Paul, we can feel we are not worthy to be used by God because of our past. Think of how the Apostles must have felt? They were fishermen, craftsmen, and even a tax collector. Who would think they could carry the news of salvation to the world? All of them had to trust God despite perhaps believing they were unfit for the call God had given them.

It is God who calls us to the ministry of care for the poor and creation. What we need to accept is that God's wisdom is beyond our understanding. We are the body of Christ. As we were taught in the readings from Corinthians in weeks past, we each have intentionally been given different gifts by God. Each gift matters and is important to God's plan. Our responsibility is to trust God and, live our lives with intention to do His will.



We must be open to a deeper awareness of God's working within and through us to meet the challenges of caring for each other and creation. He just wants us to listen to his words and do our best to live them. You don't have to do grand things. Perhaps you can write to a civic leader if you know of legislation you believe will be harmful to others. Give to the St. Raymond Homeless Fund or consider becoming active in resolving issues that negatively impact the most vulnerable in our community. We need to trust that God will help us overcome our fears and weaknesses so we too can say, Here I am, Lord, send me.

God of creation, who loves all he has made, open the hearts of your people that through our actions your love might be reflected in our care for the poor and

for the planet.

Through Jesus Christ, who walked this earth and calls us by name. Amen.

## 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>.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Rosary Webinar against Human Trafficking—Tuesday, February 8, 2022 | 6:30 p.m.** The feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, February 8, has been designated as the first International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. We are hosting a webinar rosary prayer to invoke her aide in bringing awareness to the evil of Human Trafficking and to intercede for the victims and survivors of human trafficking. Please join us! Registration at [sfarch.org/event/bakhita2022/](https://sfarch.org/event/bakhita2022/) is required. A link will be sent closer to the date.

**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 info, please visit [convergingroads.com](https://convergingroads.com) or email [CR@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:CR@forlifeandfamily.org).

**Into Battle: A Silent Retreat at Vallombrosa Center: Saturday, February 19, 2022—** Silent retreat entitled "The Spiritual Battle with Jesus and Through Jesus." Father Agapetos, a monk from Transfiguration Monastery in Ukiah who also assists spiritual development at St. Patrick's Seminary, will guide us to recognize and fight the spiritual battle for our souls. Program and registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/259936054737>.

**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). To register and for more information please visit <https://sfarch.org/event/life-giving-wounds-healing-retreat/>.

**Hope & Healing Mental Health Conference—Saturday, April 9, 2022** beginning at 9 am. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of SF. Our Lady of Angels Church, Burlingame. More details and registration at [https://sfarchdiocese.org/event/mhc\\_2022/](https://sfarchdiocese.org/event/mhc_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](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.