



# ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 13, 2022



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# This Week

## MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass (Church)

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022

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

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022

10:00 am Zoom Weekly Bible Study (below)

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022

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

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022

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

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 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.

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

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# Liturgy

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

*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (World Marriage Day)*

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

**10:00 am** Grace Steinmetz †

**5:00 pm** Steve Korn †

**Mon., Feb. 14, 8:15 am** Cecilia & John Thieman

*Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop (M)*

**Tue., Feb. 15, 8:15 am** Aisake Papa †

**Wed., Feb. 16, 8:15 am** Bob Ferrando † and the Ferrando Family, Both Living & Deceased

**Thu., Feb. 17, 8:15 am** Gail Blach † & the Blach & Derry Families, Both Living & Deceased

*The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order (m)*

**Fri., Feb. 18, 8:15 am** Eric Cassell †

*Bl. Fra Angelico, O.P., Priest (m)*

**Sat., Feb. 19, 8:15 am** Lily & John Duzanica ††

**Sat., Feb. 19, 5:00 pm** St. Raymond Parish

*7th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Sun., Feb. 20, 8:00 am** Bette Landi †

**10:00 am** Joe Merkert †

**5:00 pm** Jean Geraghty †

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

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

## SUNDAY READINGS

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)

February 20, 2022 (7th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 103;1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/022022.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/022022.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 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 17

Workbook: 237-240, then 119-123  
Bible Reading: Matthew 19

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** As a parish community we pray for the sick among us, including: Balvina Gonzalez, Bernice Corcoran, Bonnie Morey, Connie Alvidrez, 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.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

## 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).



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 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.

## 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.



# FEBRUARY BBQ

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27  
FOLLOWING  
10 AM MASS



## Ash Wednesday



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021

8:15 am (Outdoors), 12:15 pm (Church), 7:00 pm  
(Church)

Coming this Lent: The return of Soup Suppers,  
Stations of the Cross, and more!



March 2 - April 10  
**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

The spring 40 Days for Life campaign during Lent is nearly here: March 2 - April 10 (Ash Wednesday to Palm Sunday), 7am - 7pm—Redwood City Planned Parenthood, 2907 El Camino Real.

For complete information, visit <http://www.40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity>

## PARTICIPATE IN POPE FRANCIS' SYNOD IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH – REGISTER TODAY!



For a synodal Church  
communion | participation | mission

Don't miss the opportunity to participate in the local synodal process. Archbishop Cordileone is inviting all Catholics to attend an engagement session offered in English and Spanish throughout the Archdiocese in February and March. Participants can attend any of the 26 engagement sessions held at a variety of times and locations, including nine sessions offered virtually on Zoom and 16 sessions offered in-person at parishes throughout the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Registration is required to ensure adequate space for in-person sessions or to receive a Zoom link or webinar information via email for the virtual sessions.

Pope Francis invites the whole Church to participate in the preparatory process for the upcoming Synod of Bishops on Synodality. 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.

For more information and to register for an engagement session, go to <https://www.sfarchdiocese.org/synod/>.

# Dominican Corner

## CHRIST, THE HIGH PRIEST

BR. PETER PIUS CHU, O.P.

What is a priest? He is more than just a man that dresses strangely and performs some arcane religious ritual. No, a priest is a man set apart to mediate between God and His people. A priest is one who performs sacrifice on behalf of the people, imploring God's mercy and forgiveness.

In the Old Testament, the office of priest was reserved to one hereditary tribe: the Levites. They were responsible for the prescribed sacrifices to God on behalf of the Israelites. Unfortunately, the sacrifice of bulls, goats, and doves was insufficient to take away sin. Hence, the priests of old must continually offer sacrifice day after day, year after year. In this way, the Levitical order of priesthood has a temporary and incomplete character—one that parallels the incomplete and transient nature of the Old Covenant itself.

But we know that the Old Covenant has given way, has yielded, to a new and perfect Covenant—one ratified in the Blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ. Just as the Old Covenant is subsumed and fulfilled in the New Covenant, so too does the order of priesthood in the New – the order of Melchizedek – subsume and fulfill the Levitical priesthood. If the Levitical priesthood is temporary and incomplete, this new order is perfect and eternal.

And it is to this new order of Melchizedek that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, belongs. He fulfills the inspired words of the Psalmist, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek" (Psalm 110:4). St. Paul tells us that "there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Timothy 2:5). Christ is the high priest who stands between God and humanity. He offers a perpetual sacrifice most pleasing to the Father, a sacrifice that expiates all sin—the sacrifice of Himself. He is both Priest and Victim as St. Thomas affirms: "Christ, Himself...was not only priest, but also a perfect victim" (ST III, q.

22, a. 6, co.). By Christ's sacrifice of Himself to the Father, "he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him" (Hebrews 5:9).

St. Thomas commenting on Melchizedek, ascribes both the silence of Scripture on Melchizedek's parentage and Him as "having neither beginning of days nor end of life" (Hebrews 7:3), as a prefiguration of Christ's eternal priesthood (ST III, q. 22, a. 6, ad. 3). In light of this, there needs only to be one priest—Christ is not limited by mortality as the Levites of old. He alone is sufficient. Moreover, because Christ's offering is perfect, He needs only to offer Himself once. The one sacrifice on Cavalry is infinitely of more worth than the blood of sacrificial animals.



What about the priests that we call "Father?" Yes, he is a priest, too. But Fr. Joseph's priesthood is a participation in the one high priesthood of Jesus Christ. Even the sacrifice that Father Joseph offers, the Holy Mass, is a participation in that one sacrifice of Christ.

But this is not limited to only the ordained. In His providence, Christ shares His great office with the Church. Just as in Baptism, we share in Christ's Sonship, so too do we share in His priesthood. That's right—all baptized Christians necessarily share in the common priesthood of Christ! We recognize, however, that Ordination conforms

a man to Christ's priesthood in a radical and particular way. But we must never forget our common baptismal priesthood: we all share in the responsibility of interceding for the needs of the Church, the world, and our neighbors, of offering our little sacrifices in union with Christ's.

## THE ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

is a spiritual association of the Catholic Church, the members of which strive to pray the entire Rosary during the course of one week. They form a union of hundreds of thousands of the faithful throughout the world who, along with their own intentions, include the intentions and needs of all its members. To enroll and learn more, please visit [www.rosary-center.org](http://www.rosary-center.org).



## BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO TRUSTS IN THE LORD

We are indeed blessed, just to be on God's earth and to know Him in our hearts. The presence of God in our lives brings forth life, color, energy, and wisdom.

God desires that we who belong to Him will work to bring justice and healing to the world. God wants US to be His agents in this work. The Beatitudes present a way of life that will help us live as God wants us to. It is a model of life based on that of Jesus, where love reigns supreme. This model calls us to resist the more self-centered messaging so prevalent in our society and instead be there for our sisters and brothers, and all of God's good creation. We need God's grace to be able to choose life and agape love in all our actions.

Many passages in *Laudato Si'* highlight our need to embark on new paths in the work of healing and justice for the vulnerable and for all of creation. It is often difficult to even think about this call on top of all the pressures of our busy lives. There is so much to do just to keep on top of everything – work, school, managing our households, paying our bills...But especially concerning climate change and care for creation, we are called to see beyond the present and consider our children and grandchildren and put energy towards figuring out actions we can take to preserve resources and assure clean air and water for future generations. It is God who offers us light (vision and wisdom) and strength to carry out the work of justice and healing for our society and for creation.



God, who calls us to generous commitment and to give him our all, offers us the light and the strength needed to continue on our way. In the heart of this world, the Lord of life, who loves us so much, is always present. He does not abandon us, he does not leave us alone . . . his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward. Praise be to him!

(Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* #245)

## 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>.

## Local Events

**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/).

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



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**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)

Ash Wednesday 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.