

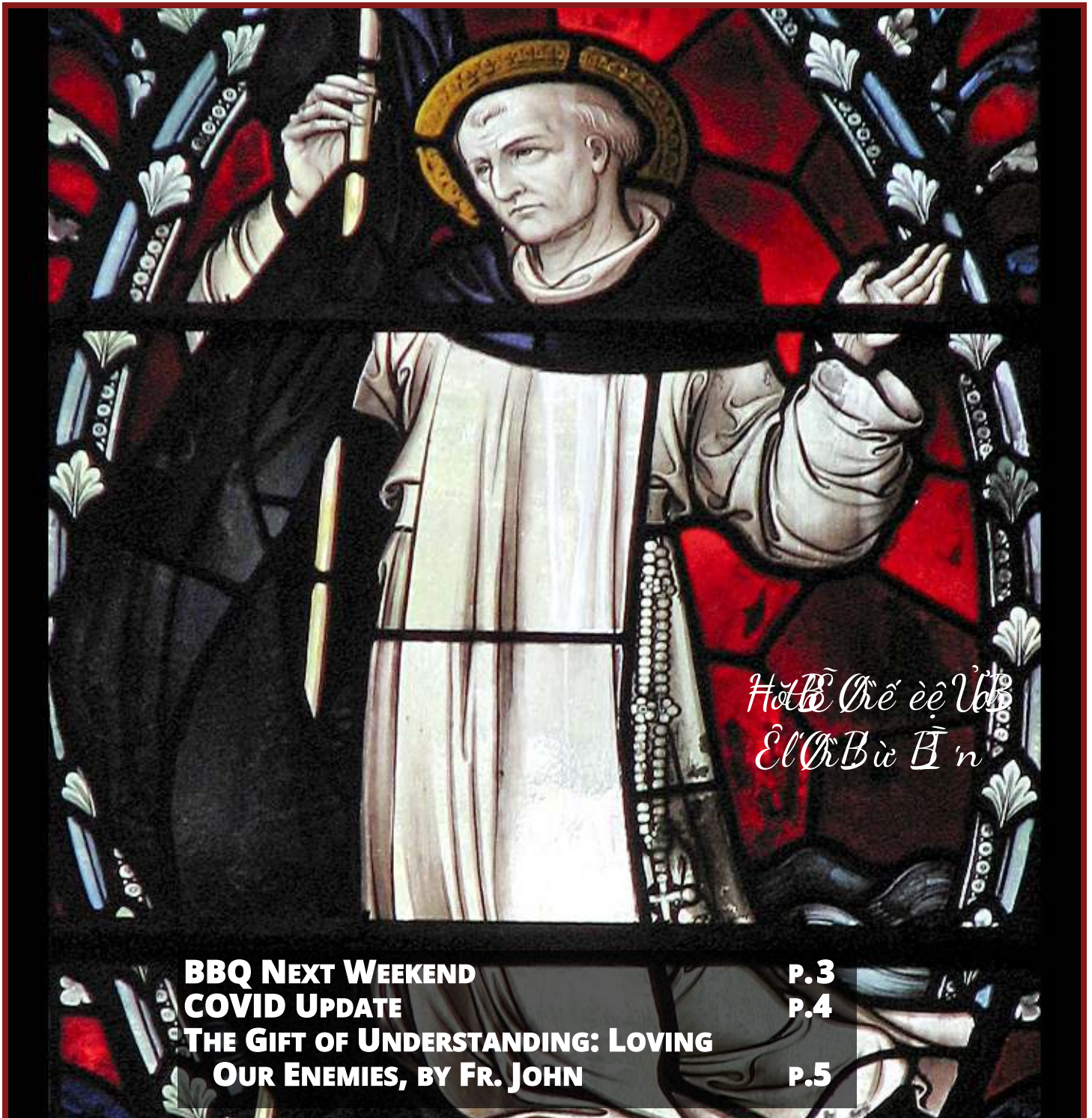


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7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 02/20/2022



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This Week

MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass (Church)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022

9:00 am Legion of Mary (below)

7:00 pm Matthew Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022

10:00 am Zoom Weekly Bible Study (below)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022

12:00 pm Laudato Si' Group Zoom (p.6)

7:00 pm Holy Hour (Adoration & Confession)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022

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

5:00 pm Mass (Church)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2022

8:00 am Mass (Church)

10:00 am Mass (Outdoors), followed by donuts

5:00 pm Mass (Church)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022

Ash Wednesday Masses 8:15 am (Outdoors),
12:15 pm (Church), 7:00 pm (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 christgalvez@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.

Liturgy

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 †

Mon., Feb. 21, 8:15 am Gail Blach † & the Blach & Derry Families, Both Living & Deceased

St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (m)

Tue., Feb. 22, 8:15 am  Nieva Calica & Irida Espinosa

The Chair of St. Peter (F)

Wed., Feb. 23, 8:15 am  Florencia Lourdes Moises

St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr (M)

Thu., Feb. 24, 8:15 am The Nelson Family, Both Living & Deceased

Fri., Feb. 25, 8:15 am Harold Curtis †

Sat., Feb. 26, 8:15 am Jerry John †

Sat., Feb. 26, 5:00 pm Angela & Sergio Maestrini ††

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Feb. 27, 8:00 am Charles Galdes †

10:00 am Armando & Caterina Maestrini ††

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.

SUNDAY READINGS

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

February 27, 2022 (8th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: Sirach 27:4-7

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 92:2-3, 13-16

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/022722.cfm

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!

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.



Bible Study

MATTHEW: THE KING & HIS KINGDOM



Tuesdays 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Video: Session 18

Workbook: 241-244, then 127-131

Bible Reading: Matthew 20-21

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.



Young Adults! Bible in a year & Mardi Gras Carnival!

February 25th

6:15-7:15pm: Discussion on Books of Genesis & Job ('the beginning')

7:15: Social to Celebrate Mardi Gras Carnival (last weekend before lent!)

Join us for the bible discussion and/or social!

Please bring an appetizer, drinks, or games for the social. We'll also discuss our plans for lent offerings!

All Young Adults Welcome! At St Raymond's - Menlo Park, CA

Questions? Post them to our Facebook Page (bit.ly/StRay_YA_FB) or Whatsapp group (bit.ly/StRay_Whatsapp)



COVID UPDATE

February 15, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On Wednesday, February 16th, San Mateo County lifted its universal mask requirements for most indoor public settings and has left it up to businesses to “determine their own paths forward”. At Saint Raymond we will take the following path forward regarding our Masses.

Our Sunday 10 am Mass will continue to be offered outside until further notice.

As for the indoor Masses, we take a weekly census and our averages for our three indoor Masses over the past four months are 5 pm* Vigil (77 parishioners), 8 am (87 parishioners), and 5 pm (120 parishioners). Our Church’s seating capacity is 500 people. Thus, on average, our Church attendance is 15%, 17% and 24% of capacity. This means there is lots of room for us to be able to spread out and maintain social distancing within the Church. As a result, masks will no longer be required to be worn during our indoor Masses.

I know this decision has something for everyone to dislike. Even the announcement from the county recognized this when it stated,

Some people may understandably feel anxious about these changes to masking requirements in the county. People can continue to choose to wear face coverings around others whether it’s mandated or not and should respect people’s choices around their health. Community members who are vaccinated and choose not to mask should respect the choices of those who continue to mask. Officials ask residents and visitors to be kind and respectful as people evaluate their risks and make choices to protect themselves and those around them.

In conclusion, with indoor and outdoor Masses offered, and social distancing possible within the Church, there is an option for just about everyone to be able to attend Mass in keeping with his or her comfort level. I know these past two plus years have been trying, but they have taught us there is nothing we cannot get through as a community.

God bless you,
Fr. Jerome

* On April 30th the 5 pm will be our Confirmation Mass. Please expect this Mass’s attendance to increase drastically and make plans according to your comfort level.



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>

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.



**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

March 1, 2022 The Creed: What Catholics Believe

Dominican Corner

THE GIFT OF UNDERSTANDING: LOVING OUR ENEMIES

BY FR. JOHN WINKOWITSCH, O.P.

Feb 26, 2020—The Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit originate from the Latin Vulgate of Isaiah 11:2-3, where the prophet lists the qualities of the “Spirit of the Lord.” The most insightful treatment I have ever read of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit is by St. Augustine in *On Christian Doctrine*. Connecting Isaiah 11:2-3 with Proverbs 9:11—“the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”—St. Augustine presents the seven gifts as steps up a ladder, ascending from the foundation of Fear of the Lord and culminating in Wisdom. In short, (1) Fear of the Lord is the foundation of humility that gets us back to the confessional and into the state of sanctifying grace. (2) Piety is that enthralling first glance of divine Love in Scripture that blossoms into a desire to gain as much (3) Knowledge about that Love as possible, and which forms a foundation bolstered by (4) Fortitude to endure tribulation, supported by the (5) Counsel of loving others. This leads to (6) Understanding the particular situation and the ability to act in the (7) Wisdom of the Truth.

In my opinion, the most surprising step on this ladder is the sixth—Understanding—which St. Augustine describes as “when a person has reached the point of loving his enemy” and “when he purifies the eye itself, which is able to see God.” With the gift of understanding, the “holy man will be so simple and pure in heart that he will not step aside from the truth for the sake of pleasing men.” Thus, the gift of understanding, which perfects the theological gift of faith, is to be found in truly loving our enemies and in purity of heart so that we can see God.

The practical applications of seeing the gift of understanding in this light are manifold, but I believe they can be summed up in a single point: St. Augustine’s image of the gift of understanding makes it clear that the primary gift of the Holy Spirit is love. With the gift of understanding we are led to give that first gift—love—even to our enemies. For we understand that reason is a tool that can be bent to the will of the person. Without an experience of love, without that first of all gifts, then reason itself is untethered from any possibility of finding the Truth. With the gift of understanding, however, we can see that it is only by loving our enemies—only by offering them the first, most necessary of all gifts—that their reason can rest on a sure foundation and they can begin climbing the ladder to our heavenly homeland.

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

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/>.

Humanitarian Crisis in Afghanistan

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) humanitarian work in Afghanistan focuses on three primary areas: agriculture, education and disaster response. In the mountainous region of Afghanistan’s Central Highlands, CRS is building walls and breaking down barriers. By supporting CRS, you are helping farmers make their land more productive and less vulnerable to natural disasters and climate change. In a remote village in Afghanistan’s Ghor Province, CRS started a classroom for second graders. Most of the villagers are illiterate, but they know education is the key to their future. To donate visit <https://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/where-we-work/afghanistan>.

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



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BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO TRUSTS IN THE LORD

In today's gospel, Jesus continues to tell hard truths to his disciples:

"I say, love your enemies, do good to those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.... For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you."

Passages from *Laudato Si'* remind us that climate justice flows from a gratuitous love (*agape*) that defines our way of thinking and lifestyle. Care for nature is part of a lifestyle which includes a capacity for living together and communion. Jesus reminded us that we have God as our common Father and that this makes us brothers and sisters.

"Fraternal love can only be gratuitous; it can never be a means of repaying others for what they have done or will do for us. That is why it is possible to love our enemies. This same gratuitousness inspires us to love and accept the wind, the sun and the clouds, even though we can't control them. In this sense, we can speak of a "universal fraternity." (LS #228)

We can show our love of God, neighbor and creation by taking small but significant steps ourselves, such as,

- reducing our consumption of meat, because of wasteful production practices and over-use of natural resources.
- being aware of, and grateful for, our access to clean water and sanitation, reducing our refuse, and supporting efforts to provide clean water and sanitation to communities around the world who do not yet have it.
- supporting advances in clean energy technology, and encouraging community leaders, both local and national, to invest in renewable energy production.



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
19TH ANNUAL

"Shuffle up and DEAL!"

St. Raymond Father's Club is thrilled to be back in action! Presenting this year's 19th annual 'No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Tournament' on **Saturday, March 5th, 2022** in the Parish Center.

Enjoy great company, world class BBQ and no limit action – all while raising money for our beloved St. Raymond!

Sign up at <https://straymondschool.schoolauction.net/homecoming2021/catalog?id=377>

Please note, no experience is necessary nor required. This event is all about St. Ray's and is a great opportunity for the Dads in our amazing community to get together and have fun.

Win, Lose or Draw - does not matter! Cash prizes will be awarded to the Top 3 Finalists.

The lucky 10 players who make it to the 'BridgePointe Technologies Final Table' will receive a Final Table T-Shirt - the ultimate bragging right. The one man who can out last them all gets his name engraved on the St. Ray's "No Limit" Hall of Fame Trophy and instantly achieves Legendary Status.

Our wonderful Pastor, Father Jerome, will be in attendance yet again (he's good, watch out!) and will lead us in prayer and bless this event!

World Class BBQ Fare, Craft Cocktails and Beer start at 6pm and Poker to commence at 7pm sharp! \$125 per player and the greatest donation to St. Raymond one could ever make. Talk about value!

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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 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)

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.

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.