



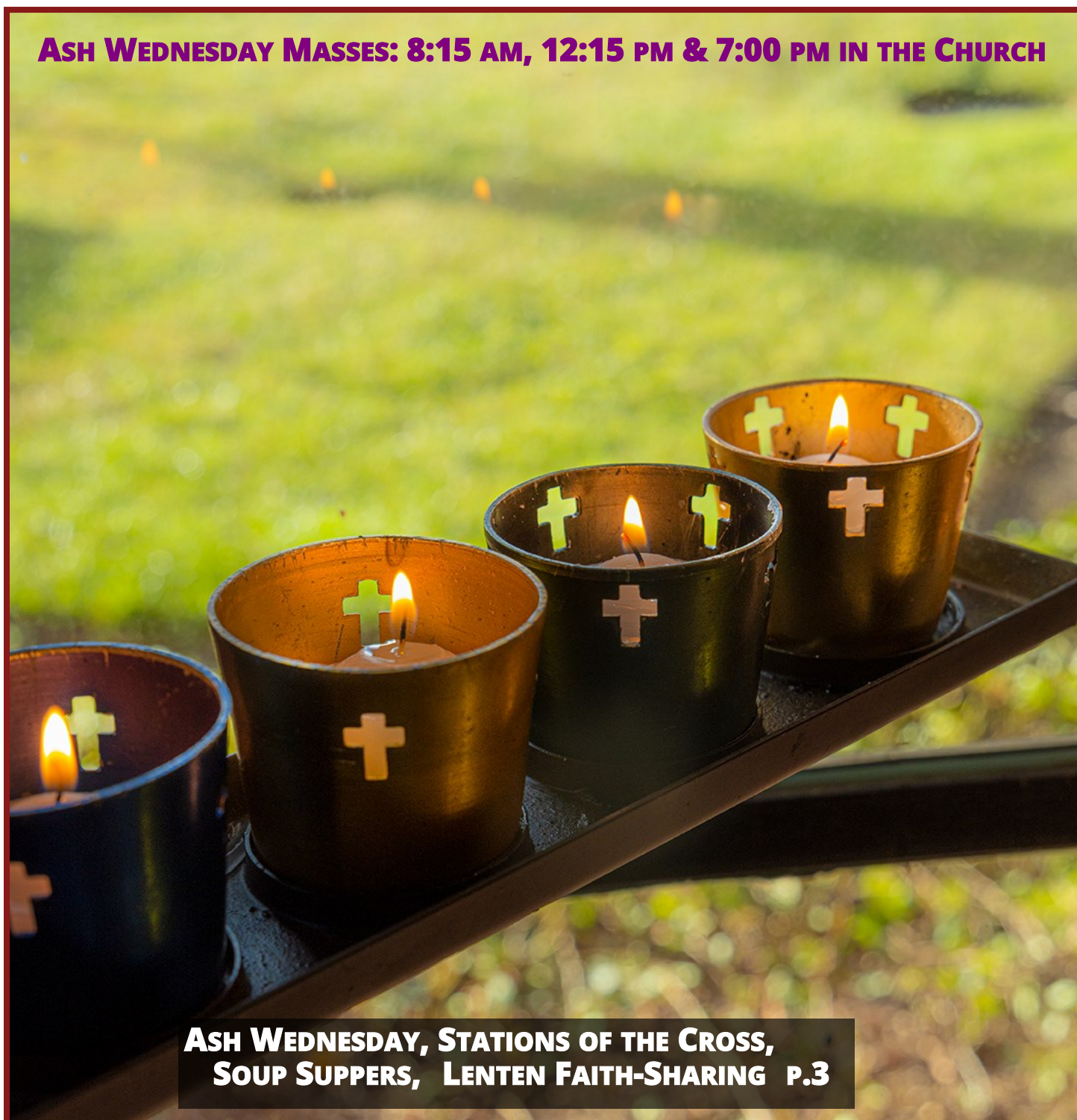
ST. RAYMOND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 27, 2022

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: 8:15 AM, 12:15 PM & 7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH



**ASH WEDNESDAY, STATIONS OF THE CROSS,
SOUP SUPPERS, LENTEN FAITH-SHARING P.3**

This Week

MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass (Church)

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 2022

9:00 am Legion of Mary (below)

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022

8:15 am Mass (Church)
10:00 am Weekly Bible Study (below)
12:15 pm Mass (Church)
7:00 pm Mass (Church)

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by
Soup Supper

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 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

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.

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. 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

Mon., Feb. 28, 8:15 am Aurelio Maestrini †

Tue., Mar. 1, 8:15 am Ray & Betty Clark ††

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

Ash Wednesday

12:15 pm Seniors of St. Raymond

7:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

Thu., Mar. 3, 8:15 am Candy Hernandez †

St. Katherine Drexel, Virgin (m)

Fri., Mar. 4, 8:15 am Mother Cabrini in
thanksgiving

St. Casmir (m)

Sat., Mar. 5, 8:15 am Kali Grogan †

Sat., Mar. 5, 5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

1st Sunday of Lent

Sun., Mar. 6, 8:00 am Bob Ferrando †

10:00 am  Don Potter

5:00 pm Abraham Quinonez, Sr. †

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

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

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.**

Ash Wednesday



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021

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

LENTEN FAITH-SHARING

Looking to deepen your relationship with God this Lent? Consider joining a Faith-Sharing small group. Groups will meet weekly throughout Lent and will have an opportunity to grow in prayer and deepen one's personal relationship with God during this time of preparation before Easter. We look forward to journeying with you this Lent! Contact Tina Augustine to sign up: taugustine@straymondmp.org or 650-656-0505.

MATTHEW: THE KING & HIS KINGDOM BIBLE STUDY

Continues Tuesday, March 8, 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS 6:00 PM

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS FOLLOWING STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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. For information or to register, contact Tina Augustine at taugustine@straymondmp.org or 650-656-0505.

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.

4 PARTICIPATE IN POPE FRANCIS' SYNOD – 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/>.

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.

ST. RAYMOND PARISH CRAFTERS

Do you enjoy creating things? Ever wondered how you could share your talent? Come join the new St. Raymond Parish Crafters. Mary McCarty and Michele Otte invite you to join us to make things together, get to know one another, and in doing so, reach out to those in need. We will gather at the Otte home on Mondays at 11:00 AM starting March 14. For more information contact Michele at 650-328-1318 (home) or 650-575-1431 (cell).

IMAGE CREDITS

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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>

READINGS

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

March 2, 2022 (Ash Wednesday)

Reading 1: Joel 2:12-18

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

Gospel: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/030222.cfm

March 6, 2022 (1st Sunday of Lent)

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 91:1-2, 10-15

Reading 2: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/030622.cfm

Support St. Raymond Church on Amazon Smile.

Currently, there are still only 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



Good News

FINDING "FAITH-LIFTS"

I love words. Our Fr. John found an artful one when he combined "faith" and "lift" in his homily last week, offering a new way to think about the holy season of Lent. I've been sitting with it. Have you? What could a faith-lift look like?

I'm thinking that perhaps we're ready for *emphasis* this year; *emphasis* imbedded in the central theme of our parish life: "**Pray, Serve, Socialize.**" It's what we do. It's who we are as a parish family. If you look closely at our church bulletin, it's on every page. We are invited to a feast every week, and it grows. This is a vibrant Catholic community on Santa Cruz Avenue in Menlo Park. Our parish leadership is bold, creative. They are first rate community builders. Lent will be different this year! Let's find our bounce, resume activities that were put on hold, and discover new ones. Aren't we ready? **Pray, Serve, Socialize...in person!**



Faith-Lift Feast for Lent 2022 (partial list, more coming)

- Ash Wednesday Masses
- Weekly Stations of the Cross and Return of Soup Suppers
- Daily Mass
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Eucharistic Adoration
- Laudato Si's call to agape love for all God's creation
- Catholics Returning Home Series
- Emotional and Mental Wellness Ministry (see periodic team updates)
- Music, Choir, glorious faith-lifting at every Mass
- Homilies leaving you lifted and directed, reminded and loved

...And then there are the donuts. They are definitely faith-lifting, as are those who serve, who have this treat ready when 10 am Sunday Mass ends. *Hail to the donut heroes:* Paul Mitiguy and his son, John Paul! As a new parishioner I'm grateful for the opportunity they and their helpers provide each week for people to linger and greet one another. Highlighting our hidden volunteers gives our faith a lift. We'll be doing more of this in future columns.

Fr. John, thanks for the "faith-lifting" challenge, for the reminder about joy on the other side of every sorrow, of Jesus's model of cross-deepening faith as we prepare for the resurrection. This can be a different kind of Lent for all of us.

Pat Clough

Young Adult Group⁵

YAG SERVING HOMELESS IN SF

Fr. John and the St. Raymond Young Adult group delivered care packages to the streets of San Francisco on the morning of February 5th. Nearly 100 packages were delivered to those in need and included various fruit, sandwiches, water, socks, and holy cards.

What to get involved? Join our YA Facebook page: bit.ly/StRay_YA_FB and our YA Whatsapp: bit.ly/StRay_Whatsapp.



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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>.



THE WILD HOPE OF LENT

Love all of God's creation, the whole and every grain of sand of it.

Love every leaf, every ray of God's light.

Love the animals, love the plants, love everything.

If you love everything, you will perceive the Divine Mystery in things.

Once you perceive it, you will begin to comprehend it better every day.

And you will come at last to love the whole world with an all-embracing love.

– F. Dostoyevsky, *The Brothers Karamazov*

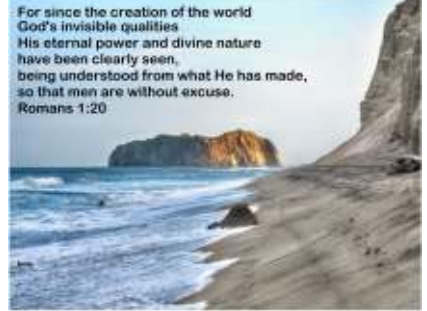
[We are speaking of an attitude of the heart, one which approaches life with serene attentiveness \(L.S.226\)](#)

Jesus insists that there must be a connection between our hearts and our actions. In order to bring forth good fruits, we need to be aware of what is in our hearts. Lent, which begins next Wednesday, is a perfect time to discover what is really in our hearts. In year B, the first reading on the first Sunday of Lent reminds us that God has made a covenant with us and all creation as He tells Noah: "I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark." Five times in that passage, God binds His people with all the animals of creation! And God clearly loves diversity. All we need to do is look at the animal world, or the world under the sea, or each human being. Who of us looks exactly alike? We are always different.

[If the simple fact of being human moves people to care for the environment of which they are a part, Christians in their turn "realize that their responsibility within creation, and their duty towards nature and the Creator, are an essential part of their faith." It is good for humanity and the world at large when we believers better recognize the ecological commitments which stem from our convictions. \(Laudato Si' #64\)](#)

Through the weeks of Lent, the Laudato Si' group invites you to join us in reading *WILD HOPE: Stories for Lent from the Vanishing* by Gayle Boss. We are reminded that Noah's story is our story: in the New Covenant our church, community, and environment are the ark that holds us together through the small and big cataclysms of our life. May this season rouse us from our self-absorption to awaken to the amazing ark-mates who share this world with us, in an increasingly hostile environment. With St. Paul, we hear all creation

groaning, human and non-human alike. When we allow our hearts to break open in love for them, we can protect our ark, and preserve the diversity God created.



For a taste of Laudato Si', join the noon zoom during the five Thursdays in Lent (<http://bit.ly/LaudatoSiZoom>) and Stations of the Cross on March 25.



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 6 pm 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.