



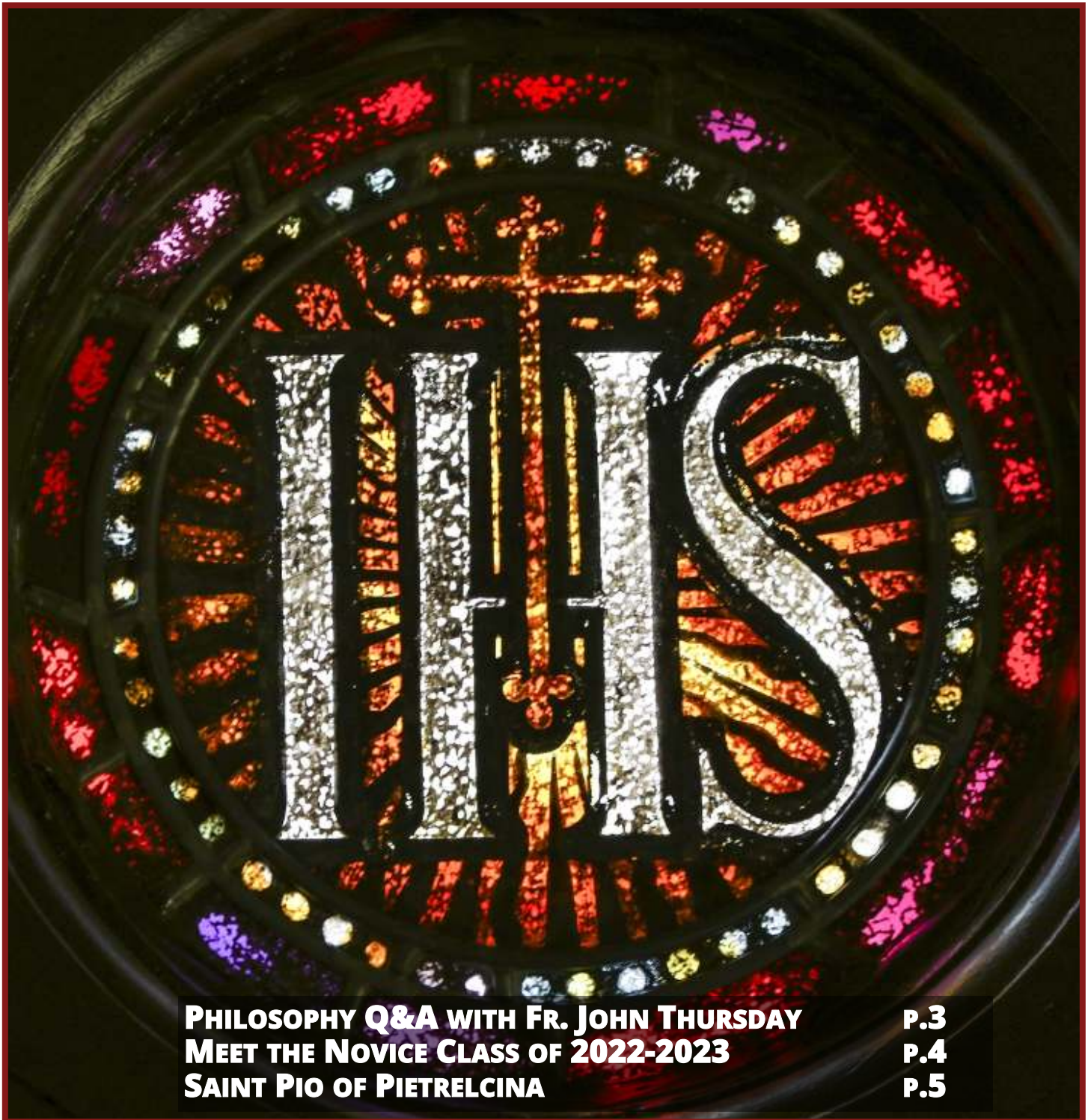
ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



PHILOSOPHY Q&A WITH FR. JOHN THURSDAY
MEET THE NOVICE CLASS OF 2022-2023
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This Week

MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

9:00 am Legion of Mary

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

10:00 am Weekly Bible Study
7:00 pm Holy Hour (Adoration & Confession)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

12:00 pm Laudato Si' Group Zoom (p.6)
6:15 pm Potluck (Parish Hall) (p.3)
7:15 pm Speaker Series Talk with Fr. John (p.3)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

8:15 am Mass followed by Holy Half-Hour
(Adoration & Conf.) until 9:15 am
5:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass with Children's Liturgy
of the Word, followed by Coffee &
Donuts
5:00 pm Mass

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 and the Zoom link, contact Christine at chrisgalvez@aol.com.

WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY HOLY HOUR is held weekly each Wednesday from 7:00–8:00 pm inside the Church and following the Saturday 8:15 am morning Mass (approx. 8:45 am to 9:15 am). Holy Hour consists of Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available.

PLEASE SUPPORT GABRIEL PROJECT HELPING WOMEN IN NEED

In today's world, Catholics are called to support unborn children and their mothers so that no woman feels she has no choice but abortion. Do you know someone facing an unexpected or difficult pregnancy? Have them call 1-800-910-2848 or visit sfarch.org/gabrielproject.

Liturgy

Sat., Sept. 17, 5:00 pm Puz & Harold Nelson ††, and the Nelson Family, Both L&D

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Sept. 18, 8:00 am Leon & Helen Kucharski ††, & Marlene & Leon ††

10:00 am Armando & Caterina Maestrini ††

5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

Mon., Sept. 19, 8:15am Gail Blach†, Sr. Joan Derry†, & the Blach & Derry Families, Both Living & Deceased

St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr (m)

Tue., Sept. 20, 8:15 am Dan Tyler†

St. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest, St. Paul Chõng Hasang and Companions, Martyrs (M)

Wed., Sept. 21, 8:15 am Puz & Harold Nelson ††

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist (F)

Thu., Sept. 22, 8:15 am  Jayden Rhodes

Fri., Sept. 23, 8:15 am The Cormick & Caletti Families, Both Living & Deceased

St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest (M)

Sat., Sept. 24, 8:15 am  Puz & Harold Nelson ††

Sat., Sept. 24, 5:00 pm Candy Hernandez †

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Sept. 25, 8:00 am Harold Curtis †

10:00 am Bob Ferrando †

5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

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

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

Senior Bingo

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

12:15 pm - Senior Mass

1:00 pm - Bingo

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.

Speaker Series

PHILOSOPHY Q&A WITH FR. JOHN

THURSDAY, SEPT. 22 AT 7:15 PM IN
THE CHAPEL

Everyone is welcome to hear Fr. John answer some questions posed to him by our St. Raymond community. He will begin with broad philosophical questions:

- What is reality?
- What is it for something to be conceived as real?
- Is the person I am seeing real?
- What is the point of existence?

Next, Fr. John will answer questions regarding truth and the philosophy of God:

- Is there such a thing as absolute Truth and how do we know it?
- How is God "personal"?

Finally, Fr. John will answer 2 practical questions using the philosophical principles discussed:

- How is infallibility as it pertains to the Catholic Church & the Pope conditional and/or absolute?
- And how come God heals some miraculously but not all?

Answers will be concise and brief, allowing time for Q&A at the end to dive deeper into any philosophical topics.

POTLUCK BEFORE SPEAKER SERIES

THURSDAY, SEPT. 22 @ 6:15 PM IN THE
PARISH HALL

Join us before Thursday's Speaker Series\Talk (above) for a potluck dinner. Bring a dish. Contact Angie at dirofops@straymondmp.org if you would like to help with set up or clean up.



Bible Study

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 7 PM
PARISH HALL

Bring your Bible and a highlighter! Br. Anthony will be leading a **one-night Bible study** on Thursday, September 29 at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. We will be discussing how St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians summarizes the whole gospel with three simple ideas. All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

Couples Ministry

LAUNCHING THIS FALL

The St. John Paul II Foundation, the Archdiocese of San Francisco, and the St. Raymond Couples Ministry present the ***Together in Holiness Formation series***.

Year-round marriage enrichment for small communities of spouses that equips them with the formation, encouragement, support, and practical tools to grow together in holiness and to form their children in the Catholic faith.



Cost of registration is \$50 per couple.

Scan the QR code and complete the form to learn more!

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thformation.forlifeandfamily.org

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4 Special Collections

The next special collection will be held next weekend (September 25) in support of the **Archdiocese of San Francisco Priests Retirement Fund**. Envelopes will be in the pews next week.

Our special collections for October include:

October 2—Rosary Sunday—Dominican Student Appeal

October 23—World Mission Sunday

October 30—St. Vincent de Paul Society 5th Sunday Collection

Novice Class 22-23

On September 1st, four more men received the habit of the Order of Preachers and began their first year of formation as novices. Blessed with different talents and interests, they look forward to giving witness to the kingdom of God as they continue their formation as Dominican preachers.

Meet the 2022-2023 Novice Class for the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus:



Br. Anthony Michael Martin, Br. Paul Goergen, Br. Thomas Maria Johns, Br. Alphonsus Vu (left to right)

Br. Anthony Michael Martin is from Portland, OR. He graduated with a B.S. in Computer Science from Oregon State University. He stayed in Corvallis, Oregon this past year to labor as a Volunteer Missionary to the students on campus and at the Newman Center at Oregon State University. Br. Anthony has a great devotion to Mary. He often contemplates the mystery of Jesus entrusting Mary to the beloved disciple from the cross.

When Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing near, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" Then he said to the disciple, "Behold your mother." (John 19:26-27)

Br. Anthony recently learned to make paracord rosaries so he could help others draw closer to Christ through Mary's intercession.

Next week, we will feature **Br. Paul Goergen**.

PROTECT INNOCENT LIFE: VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSITION 1

Proposition 1 seeks to amend the California Constitution to legalize abortions at any stage of pregnancy and for any reason. Most California voters already oppose late-term abortions but this misleading Proposition will remove even the most basic restrictions on abortion already in place.

Prop 1 aims to make California an "abortion sanctuary," encouraging pregnant women to come from other states to procure an abortion with California state funds. Sadly, Prop 1 gives top funding priority to abortion seekers at the expense of families who struggle to pay for housing, groceries, gas, safe neighborhoods, healthcare and childcare.

What can I do?

- This November 8, VOTE "NO" on Prop 1
- From September 29 to October 7 join St. Raymond Parish in praying a Novena to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary for the defeat of Prop 1.
- Visit NoProposition1.com for more ways to help defeat Prop 1. Let us pray, work, and vote to defend the most essential of all rights: the right to life.

NOVENA PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY (9/29 - 10/7)

Our dearest Mother Mary, behold us, your children, as we humbly come in prayer before you. In you, the Author of Life assumed the fullness of human nature, redeeming us by sacrificing his life for our salvation, obtaining for us participation in eternal life through the Holy Spirit.

With you, we treasure every human life created in God's image, and we grieve for any action or social structure that undermines that dignity. We come before you today, led by the Holy Spirit and united as one family in your Son, to offer this Novena as a spiritual bouquet, with confidence in the power of your intercession before our Almighty God and Father.

May he hear and grant our earnest request that the hearts of voters in our state be moved to reject and defeat Proposition 1, and may we be guided by the Holy Spirit to rebuild and strengthen a culture of life in the hearts and minds of all we encounter.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint of the Week

SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA

FEAST DATE: SEPT. 23

In one of the largest such ceremonies in history, Pope John Paul II canonized Padre Pio of Pietrelcina on June 16, 2002. It was the 45th canonization ceremony in Pope John Paul's pontificate. More than 300,000 people braved blistering heat as they filled St. Peter's Square and nearby streets. They heard the Holy Father praise the new saint for his prayer and charity. "This is the most concrete synthesis of Padre Pio's teaching," said the pope. He also stressed Padre Pio's witness to the power of suffering. If accepted with love, the Holy Father stressed, such suffering can lead to "a privileged path of sanctity."

Many people have turned to the Italian Capuchin Franciscan to intercede with God on their behalf; among them was the future Pope John Paul II. In 1962, when he was still an archbishop in Poland, he wrote to Padre Pio and asked him to pray for a Polish woman with throat cancer. Within two weeks, she had been cured of her life-threatening disease.

Born Francesco Forgione, Padre Pio grew up in a family of farmers in southern Italy. Twice his father worked in Jamaica, New York, to provide the family income.

At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. He was ordained in 1910 and was drafted during World War I. After he was discovered to have tuberculosis, he was discharged. In 1917, he was assigned to the friary in San Giovanni Rotondo, 75 miles from the city of Bari on the Adriatic.

On September 20, 1918, as he was making his thanksgiving after Mass, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side.

Life became more complicated after that. Medical doctors, Church authorities, and curiosity seekers came to see Padre Pio. In 1924, and again in 1931, the authenticity of the stigmata was questioned; Padre Pio was not permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to hear confessions. He did not complain of these decisions, which were soon reversed. However, he wrote no letters after 1924. His only other writing, a pamphlet on the agony of Jesus, was done before 1924.

Padre Pio rarely left the friary after he received the 5 stigmata, but busloads of people soon began coming to see him. Each morning after a 5 a.m. Mass in a crowded church, he heard confessions until noon. He took a mid-morning break to bless the sick and all who came to see him. Every afternoon he also heard confessions. In time his confessional ministry would take 10 hours a day; penitents had to take a number so that the situation could be handled. Many of them have said that Padre Pio knew details of their lives that they had never mentioned.



Padre Pio saw Jesus in all the sick and suffering. At his urging, a fine hospital was built on nearby Mount Gargano. The idea arose in 1940; a committee began to collect money. Ground was broken in 1946. Building the hospital was a technical wonder because of the difficulty of getting water there and of hauling up the building supplies. This "House for the Alleviation of Suffering" has 350 beds.

A number of people have reported cures they believe were received through the intercession of Padre Pio. Those who assisted at his Masses came away edified; several curiosity seekers were deeply moved. Like Saint Francis, Padre Pio sometimes had his habit torn or cut by

souvenir hunters.

One of Padre Pio's sufferings was that unscrupulous people several times circulated prophecies that they claimed originated from him. He never made prophecies about world events and never gave an opinion on matters that he felt belonged to Church authorities to decide. He died on September 23, 1968, and was beatified in 1999.

Source: <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-pio-of-pietrelcina>

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OCTOBER 23, 2022

St. Raymond Catholic Church
Menlo Park, CA

For more information visit our team page at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2022/team/st-raymond-catholic-church>



A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property...

Thus begins today's gospel (Luke 16:1-13), and as we reflect on how that steward tried to cover his misdeeds, we might also reflect on our own poor stewardship of our precious planet, which is resulting in a serious climate crisis.

The steward in the parable found it easy to be generous because the goods he managed belonged to his master. Might that be true about each of us? All of creation is a gift. We need to be grateful and take care of it.

Creator God, we thank You for this beautiful world with its amazing variety of animals and plants. May we never forget that we are stewards of Your Creation and that we hold it in trust for future generations. Help us to respect the earth's rich diversity and to share with each other and all living creatures in responsible ways. In Jesus name we pray.

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>.

SUNDAY READINGS

September 18, 2022 (25th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Reading 1: Amos 8:4-7 Resp. Psalm: Psalm 113:1-2, 4-8
Reading 2: 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Gospel: Luke 16:1-13
bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/090422.cfm

September 25, 2022 (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Reading 1: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Resp. Psalm: Psalm 146:7-10
Reading 2: 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31
bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/092522.cfm

ON THE COVER— Stained glass window from St. Alphonsus church in Windsor, Ontario. <https://flic.kr/p/2mV79ao> **PAGE 5**— St. Pio of Pietrelcina— Lille Cathedral . <https://flic.kr/p/MkPzhW> Both photos by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P. CC BY-NC-ND 2.0,

Requiesce in Pace

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of:

Harold Nelson
Sr. Joan Derry

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

PRAYERS

As a parish community we pray for the sick among us, including: Audre Dioli, Balvina Gonzalez, Bonnie Morey, Connie Alvidrez, Diane Mojtehed, Erik Olsen, Eugene Baciocco, Garry Hallee, Irene Sarmiento, Janice Hagy, Joan, Joel Rutledge, Luis Mederos, Lynn Bacon, Mary Shepherd, Modesta Cintron, Nony & Penny Bantug, William Cintron, those afflicted with COVID, the homebound, and those who wish not to be named.



We also pray for those recently deceased including Elaine Knapp, Guido Budelli, Leonore Daschbach, Ethel Schaaf, Jean Ashley, Bernice Corcoran, Puz and Harold Nelson, Fely Moore, and Sr. Joan Derry.

To add a name to these lists, please contact the Parish Office.

GIVING: ONLINE AND IN PERSON

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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 Emotional & Mental Wellness Ministry
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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

Sundays 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 5:00 pm

Weekdays 8:15 am (Mon.-Sat.)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:45-9:15 am & 3:30-4:30 pm,
Wednesday 7-8 pm, or by appointment

ADORATION

Saturday 8:45-9:15 am & Wednesday 7-8 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.