



ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | NOVEMBER 13, 2022



THIS WEEK: POTLUCK, FR. AMBROSE SPEAKER SERIES TALK & AQUINAS 101 (FINAL WEEK) P.3
DEC. 3-4: ADVENT RETREAT, OUTDOOR MASS, FAIR, BBQ P.4
COAT DRIVE & CHICKEN DRIVE P.3-4

This Week

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2022

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

MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022

9:00 am Legion of Mary
6:15 pm Potluck (Parish Hall)
7:15 pm Speaker Series: The Name of Jesus in
Early Christian Prayer with Fr.
Ambrose Sigman, O.P. (Chapel) (p.3)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2022

12:00 pm Laudato Si' Group Zoom (p.6)
7:00 pm Aquinas 101: How To Be Happy Week 4
(Chapel) (p.3)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2022

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 5:00 PM MASS

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Our annual Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held on **Thursday, November 24 at 9:30 am in the Church.**



There will be a Blessing of Food following Mass.

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.

WEDNESDAY HOLY HOUR is held weekly each **Wednesday from 7:00–8:00 pm** inside the Church. Holy Hour consists of Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Liturgy

Sat., Nov. 12, 5:00 pm Puz & Harold Nelson ☩☩, and the Nelson Family, L&D

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Nov. 13, 8:00 am Mary Ann Egging

10:00 am Leopold Mirek ☩

5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

Mon., Nov. 14, 8:15 am Gail Blach ☩, Sr. Joan Derry ☩, & the Blach & Derry Families, L&D

Tue., Nov. 15, 8:15 am Ruocco & Budelli Families, L&D

St. Albert the Great, OP, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (M)

Wed., Nov. 16, 8:15 am Sharon Kennedy Gerlach ☩

St. Margaret of Scotland (m); St. Gertrude, Virgin (m)

Thu., Nov. 17, 8:15 am Ethel Schaaf ☩

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious (M)

Fri., Nov. 18, 8:15 am The Galdes & Spiteri Families, L&D

The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles (m); St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin (m)

Sat., Nov. 19, 8:15 am The Papa Family & Deceased Members of Legion of Mary ☩

Sat., Nov. 19, 5:00 pm The Galvez, Herborn, & Ritzen Families, L&D

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (S)

Sun., Nov. 20, 8:00 am Guido Budelli ☩

10:00 am Charles Galdes ☩

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.

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.



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS—This week's special collection will benefit St. Patrick's Seminary & University in Menlo Park. You can donate online at <https://www.stpsu.edu/online-giving-page> or leave a donation in the collection cubes during this weekend's Masses.

Next week's special collection will benefit the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Aquinas 101

HOW TO BE HAPPY

NEXT: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 7 PM IN THE CHAPEL

Life is most difficult when we feel lost and aimless. But with the help of St. Thomas Aquinas, we will discuss how to find our God-given purpose. Even in the midst of our sufferings, we can find happiness when we know why we're here and what God has in store for us.



Mark your calendars for this final night of discussion: *The Four Keys to a Good Life*. All are welcome.

Catch up by watching the first three parts of the series at: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/9955007>.

Speaker Series

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THE NAME OF JESUS AS EARLY CHRISTIAN PRAYER

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 7:15 PM, CHAPEL

PRECEDED BY POTLUCK, 6:15 PM, PARISH HALL

For centuries Christian ascetics have struggled to fulfill the Scriptural command to pray without ceasing. One such solution was to turn to the name of Jesus itself as a prayer during times of struggle and difficulty. This talk will examine this tradition, its spiritual and theological foundations, as it was practiced in the early centuries of the Church, and will attempt to offer some insight into how such practices could be adapted for the use of contemporary Christians.



Fr. Ambrose Sigman, O.P., has been a Dominican since 2006. After his ordination to the priesthood, he spent two years as the parochial vicar at St Raymond in Menlo Park before going off for doctoral studies. Having completed his studies at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome, Fr. Ambrose is now a professor at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley, CA.

There will be a potluck prior to the talk at 6:15 pm in the Parish Hall.



GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH!

COAT DRIVE

St. Raymond families, start your spring cleaning early and drop off all your gently used coats! Please help us collect as many coats as possible!

NOV 1-21

drop off location

St. Raymond Parish or School

collecting

- * Heavy Coats
- * jackets/pullovers
- * Rain Coats ...

COATS FOR SVDP

St. Raymond Giving Tree 2022

DETAILS COMING SOON...

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Discover the Catholic faith! Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Did you not receive the sacrament of Confirmation? You're welcome too! We meet Sundays at 9 am. For more information, please contact Deacon Tom Kelly at tfk@sbcglobal.net or 650-670-2200.

The Book of Remembrance is available this November. You can also submit a copy of a photo of your deceased loved one into the office, or email your photo to jsanchez@straymondmp.org.

CHICKEN DRIVE

Now until December 5



For just \$10.00 you can provide the main course for a family.



Please use the QR code provided, or drop a check off at the parish office.

Advent Retreat

Waiting in Hope with Mary

Saturday December 3, 2022
8:15 am - 11:30 am

Join Fr. John for a St. Raymond Parish Advent Retreat presented by Fr. Luke Buckles, OP.

Start the Advent season with a spiritual recharge of your faith life by hearing some meditations on Hope through the lens of our Blessed Mother. A continental breakfast with coffee and juices will be offered after Mass and between 30-minute conferences. Time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunities for confession will also be available.

Schedule

8:15am - Mass
9:00am - Conference #1 - The True Shape Christian Hope: Mary
10:00am - Conference #2 - Prayer as a School of Hope
11:00am - Conference #3 - Mary, Star of Hope



Fr. Luke Buckles, O.P., is a member of the Western Dominican Province, and after writing his dissertation on that great Dominican mystic, St. Catherine of Siena, he has taught at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, and for 17 years in Rome.

ST. RAYMOND YOUTH JAM

FAMILY TEACHING

Blessed to Serve

With Fr. John Winkowitsch, O.P.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2022
AFTER THE 10 AM MASS IN THE CHURCH

There will be refreshments after the talk in the Parish Hall.

FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND PARENTS



St. Raymond

Advent Fair

& BBQ

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

11 AM FOLLOWING

10 AM OUTDOOR MASS



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.

God Moment

A SPECIAL GIFT

Sometimes life doesn't go as planned. You think you've got everything figured out and then, BANG! Something goes awry. I hate to say that having a baby – planned or not – is something that can go “awry” but one might argue that my Joe was an event gone in a different, very unexpected way. 23 years ago, almost to the day, I gave a birth to a little boy – my third little boy. From the very beginning – conception, Joe Joe was a surprise. Having had fertility issues, Joe was my surprise baby. I was excited about this little interruption to our lives, and being 35, really thought that God had presented me this little miracle growing in my body as a gift from above.

I remember my doctor asking me if I wanted to do that test you do to find out if there might be something wrong. My response, innocently, was, “Well if there is a problem, would there be a way to fix what was “wrong”? His response was “no”. I shared that, as a Catholic woman of faith, I wouldn't do anything anyway and, knowing that, I'd rather enjoy this surprise pregnancy to the fullest and take my chances. What are the odds? Turns out, about 1 in 100.

I chose not to do any pretests and gave it up to the Almighty. I truly believe He has a plan and, try though I might, I may not be privy to His thoughts or plan. It's probably arrogant of me to think that I might know what He is thinking with regard to my life.

Fast forward to All Saints Day, 1999. Joseph Bernard entered the world in a whirlwind – 12 days early and after 22 minutes in the hospital (that is not a typo), Joe Joe blew into the world. It was quite a dramatic moment (as most births are), but the minute he entered, the nurses took him, cleaned him up and a quiet murmur filled the air. I remember hearing a nurse say, “Go get the pediatrician.” I was elated. My husband, having entered just as Joe was passing into the world got to see a glimpse of this little being. Wiped down and wrapped in a hospital blanket, he was placed on my chest just as the pediatrician walked in. He, coldly, looked at my son's hands and feet and

quickly stated that, “Your son has all the signs of 5 Down syndrome.” I remember looking at him and thinking, “Well, I guess he'll be in the Special Olympics.” My husband, began shaking and the first thing he said, “Who will take care of him when we're gone?” Of course, my wonderful husband, always the care taker and provider, would jump 50 years and worry about who will take care of him when we can't. I quickly placed Joseph into his strong arms and quietly said, “We have about 50 years to figure that one out.”

Should I ever actually sit down and write the book I've titled, What to Expect When You Get the Unexpected, I would recount those first days. If I ever hear, “Well in somebody with Downs, it might mean something else...I'll scream! Often times, children with Down syndrome may have a myriad of medical conditions. Who knew? I certainly didn't. In Joe's case, he had pretty much two of the main conditions for newborns – a blocked intestine and a massive heart defect. I can tell you, after almost 6 months in the PICU – Pediatric Intensive Care Unit – at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital (LPCH)– I can remember every moment spent in that hospital – the very few highs and the deep lows.

Enter God and Faith. I look back now and am in awe of how my family handled those first six months, and indeed the 22 ½ years that followed. You really see what your spouse is made of. In my case, I can say I think I knocked it out of

the park when I married him. I knew him to be a good man – a good provider – a loving father to our first two sons, but I didn't realize his depth of commitment until Joe. He is a fierce fighter, my husband, and I don't believe there isn't anything he wouldn't do for his children – especially protect them and provide for them and that is particularly so for Joe Joe. That time in the hospital was a test in faith. Joe was baptized in an emergency session with a priest at the hospital where he was born. I just wanted to cover my bases should Joe not be long for this world. I wanted to make sure Joe would have a quick pass to Heaven. I know that sounds silly, but there was a part of me – the pre-Vatican me – that didn't want Joseph's soul to be in jeopardy, so hence, the emergency baptism.

At LPCH, I connected with their spiritual support. As I

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Pope Francis's November prayer intention is for Children Who Suffer.

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans,

and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Children offer hope and belief in the future. They are innocent, full of goodness and joy. Sadly, in many places, children are not living lives of laughter and opportunity. Rather, they bear the burdens of others' sins, and their childhood is taken away.



Children are among the most affected by the degradation of the environment, our common home: they lose their homes through devastating floods and wildfires; they suffer and die of hunger because of droughts; they are forced to migrate with their families away from homelands that are no longer live-able. They breathe polluted air and drink contaminated water.

We know that we are stewards of the earth's riches for the generations that came after us. The children of today will suffer and have to repair the wounds we have inflicted on the Earth. And many of these children and young adults are the strongest and bravest warriors for creation care, and raise a cry for ecological preservation and justice—"A cry that rises up to God and shames the system that we adults have built," says Pope Francis in his video message published Oct. 31. (<https://youtu.be/MafPVv25rBs>)

Please visit the Laudato Si' Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/St.R.MenloPark>

PRAYERS



As a parish community we pray for the sick among us, including: Bonnie Morey, Connie Alvidrez, Janice Hagy, Lynn Bacon, Mary Shepherd, Modesta Cintron, Nony & Penny Bantug, Jesus Garber, William Cintron, the homebound, and those who wish not to be named.

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

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was at the hospital from 7:00 am to roughly 5:00 pm every day (with Doug taking the night shift after dinner with the boys, roughly 7:00-3:00 am) going to church was not plausible or possible. I received Communion through the hospital. Joe received the Anointing of the Sick and Last Rites (2 times) – another long story.

Suffice it to say, my faith was, perhaps, tested. Our marriage could have been tested. My relationship with my 5-year-old and 20-month-old could have been tested. I'm not sure we would have survived had it not been for faith. I had to have a trust in God and Jesus, that they would help us through this "interruption".

Today, 23 years later, my family is still intact. When a Joe enters your life as a little person who will never understand hate, race differences, greed, politics, nastiness, or unkindness your life changes for the better. He was/is a little person who only wants to be loved, get "smooches", be happiest when he is with his brother is refreshing. He is a little person who never asks for anything – no iPad, no phone, no "give me this or give me that". He is simple and just wants to be part of this world without expectations for something in return. His brothers are amazing. I have seen unconditional love for their "squishy". When they have a bad day, they FaceTime their brother so they can feel like it's going to be okay. Joseph makes us, in the words of Oak Knoll Elementary, "Pause, Breathe, and Smile." Joseph just wants to belong. Don't we all want that?

Today, Joseph belongs to God and Christ. He gets to partake in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. First Holy Communion. He truly belongs to all of us in this church community. In belonging and being accepted, Christ belongs and is accepted, too. Thank you for being a part of Joe's and my family's life particularly on this day – his First Holy Communion.

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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.)

Holy Days 8:15 am, 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm

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

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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.

ON THE COVER— A beautiful mosaic from San Lorenzo fuori le mura shows Christ seated on the world holding his cross as a sceptre and flanked by Sts. Peter and Paul. The mosaic dates to c.570-90. Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P. CC BY-NC-ND 2.0. <https://flic.kr/p/8UXVmz>