



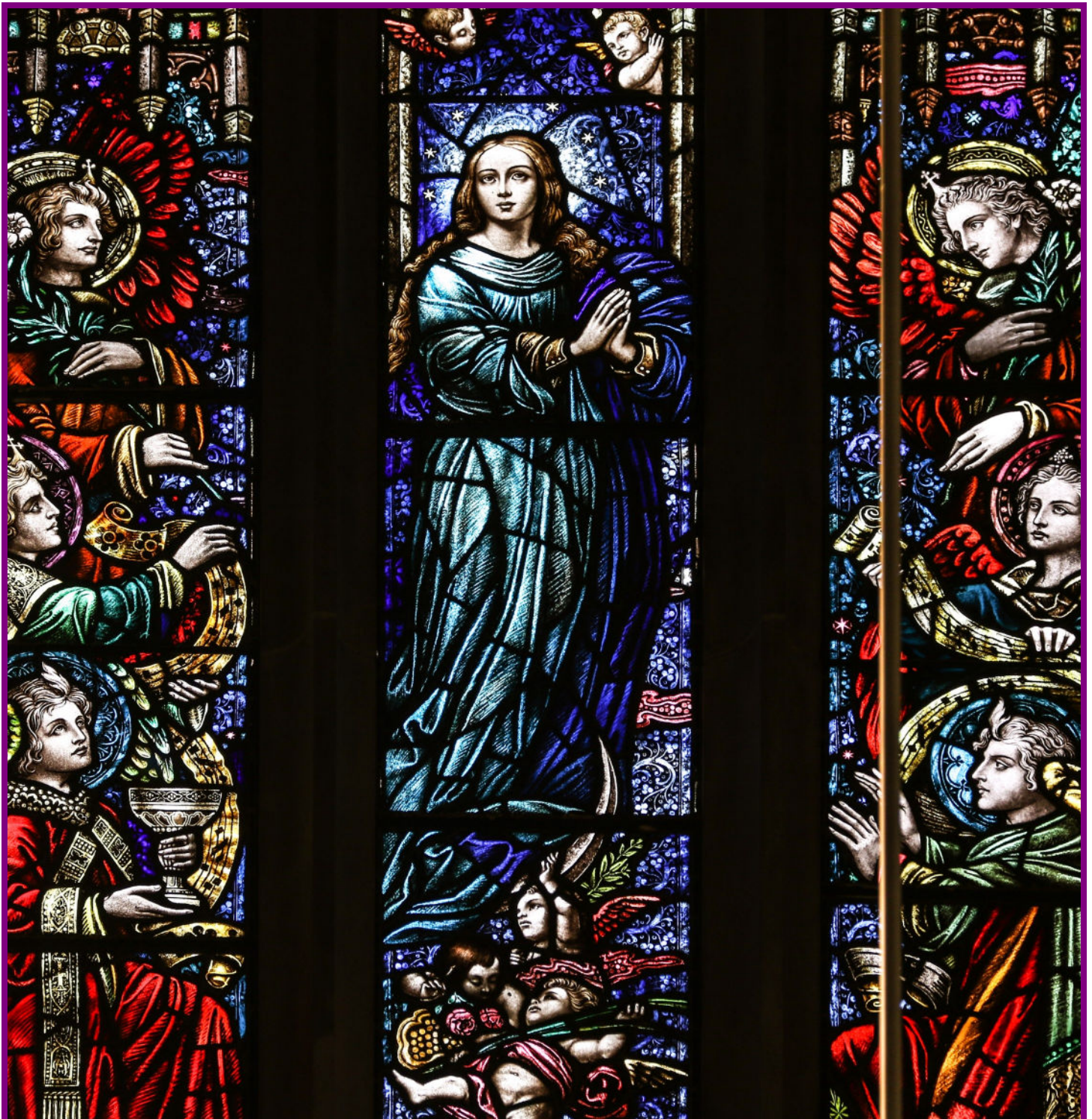
ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 4, 2022



This Week

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2022

8:15 am Mass followed by Advent Retreat
5:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am *How To Be A Catholic Parent in Today's World* talk (Church)
10:00 am Outdoor Mass, followed by Advent Fair & BBQ (BBQ weather permitting)
5:00 pm Mass

MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022

9:00 am Legion of Mary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022

10:00 am Weekly Bible Study
12:15 pm STARS Senior Mass
1:00 pm Senior Bingo & Lunch (Parish Hall)
7:00 pm Holy Hour (Adoration & Confession)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022

8:15 am Immaculate Conception Mass
12:00 pm Laudato Si' Group Zoom
12:15 pm Immaculate Conception Mass
7:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass
8:00 pm Young Adult Social (Parish Hall)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022

8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration and Confession
3:30 pm Confession
5:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 5:00 pm Mass
9:00 am Advent Party—Youth Jam Event (Parish backyard) (p.3)

Liturgy

Sat., Dec. 3, 5:00 pm

St. Raymond Parish

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sun., Dec. 4, 8:00 am

Olga Mirek †

10:00 am



Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P.

5:00 pm

Reynaldo & Virginia Rossetti †

Mon., Dec. 5, 8:15 am

Gail Blach †, Sr. Joan Derry †, & the Blach & Derry Families, L&D

Tue., Dec. 6, 8:15 am

Soheil Eizadi †

St. Nicholas, Bishop (m)

Wed., Dec. 7, 8:15 am

Nicole Lindeman †

St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (M)

12:15 pm

St. Raymond Seniors

Thu., Dec. 8, 8:15 am

St. Raymond Parish

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)
- Holy Day of Obligation

12:15 pm

Lou Firpo †

7:00 pm



Concepcion Sanchez

Fri., Dec. 9, 8:15 am

John Maines †

St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin (m)

Sat., Dec. 10, 8:15 am

Donald Joseph Boyle †

Sat., Dec. 10, 5:00 pm

The Cormick & Caletti Families, L&D

3rd Sunday of Advent

Sun., Dec. 11, 8:00 am

The Ruocco & Budelli Families, L&D

10:00 am

Guido Budelli †

5:00 pm

Gail Blach †, Sr. Joan Derry †, & the Blach & Derry Families, L&D

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

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Thursday, December 8

8:15 am
12:15 pm
7:00 pm

YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL

The young adults will be gathering this week for drinks, games, and friendship in the Parish Hall on Thursday, Dec. 8 following the 7 pm Mass.



ADVENT 2022

ADVENT BBQ & FAIR

Sunday, Dec. 4, 11 am - following the
10 am Outdoor Mass

SIMBANG GABI

Friday, Dec. 16, 7 pm followed by dinner

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

After Masses Dec. 17 & 18

CHRISTMAS 2022

SATURDAY DEC. 24

3:30 pm - Mass
6:00 pm - Mass

SUNDAY DEC. 25

12:00 am - Midnight Mass
10:00 am - Mass

St. Raymond

Advent Fair

& BBQ

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022
11 AM FOLLOWING
10 AM OUTDOOR MASS

NATIVITY SET SILENT AUCTION, ADVENT
WREATH MAKING, CRAFTS, SNACKS, AND
MORE.



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS—Next week's special collection will benefit the Retirement for Religious Fund. Envelopes will be in the pews next week.

ON THE COVER— The Immaculate Virgin Mary, stained glass from the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Detroit. Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P. Creative Commons BY-NC-ND 2.0. <https://flic.kr/p/2keGtwr>

HOW TO BE A CATHOLIC PARENT IN TODAY'S WORLD

With Tim Harris

Sunday, December 4, 2022 9 am in the church



St. Raymond Youth Jam

ADVENT PARTY

A Piece of Christmas

Sunday, December 11, 2022
9 am Parish Hall backyard



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SERVICE OPPORTUNITY— Our St. Raymond's 7th grade class has worked hard helping the parish collect and organize winter gear to be distributed in the community.

If you would like to participate in the distribution, please sign up for as many dates as you would like. All children must be accompanied by an adult and do not count as one of the volunteer positions. Please do not list your child as the volunteer. Volunteer slots are for adults only.

To sign up, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094eadaf2da1ffc07-svdp>



Peace Comes
THIS ADVENT

Find Peace in Prayer this Advent with Hallow

"This app has been an answer for my weary soul. I am finding peace for the very first time."
★★★★★

Daily Prayers
Start your day with the Daily Gospel, Rosary, Examen, or one of over 5,000 sessions, including daily meditations, homilies, reflections, and Bible studies.

Family Content
Pray as a family with weekly Mass Prep, or guide your little ones with introductory prayer sessions for ages 3 and up as well as sacrament prep.

Bible Stories & Sleep Content

Download on the Google Play | Download on the App Store | hallow.com/holyday



HALLOW APP REVIEW

I have been exploring the Hallow app, which was recommended to me by a priest after I expressed my struggle in finding time to further deepen my faith given my busy work and family schedule. In the last year, I've found Hallow to be exactly what I needed. Whether it's starting my day with the ten-minute Daily Gospel reflections which set the tone for the day and give me something to think about during quiet moments between meetings, or the Morning Psalms, Daily Saints or Nightly Routine, the app offers meaningful guided short prayers for any time of day. And I've only begun to scratch the surface with respect to the app's various offerings. The homilies are also thought provoking and inspirational. I still want to try the music, novenas, and Bible stories. There's even something for children. This app has been a powerful tool, one that is helping me infuse my faith more fully into all aspects of my day to day activity. I don't know how many other parishioners have discovered Hallow, but I think almost all would benefit from it. It's particularly timely now as we are entering Advent. - Colleen Foraker

[Hallow.com/holyday](https://hallow.com/holyday)

St. Raymond Parish has partnered with Hallow this Advent to provide every parishioner FREE access to all of Hallow's prayer content - including the Advent #Pray25 Challenge: Journey through Salvation History featuring the cast of 'The Chosen'.

Hallow is the #1 Catholic app worldwide and includes over 5,000 audio-guided sessions designed to help you grow closer to God and develop a daily habit of prayer. Hallow Plus includes prayers for kids and families, resources for mental health, meditations for sleep, seasonal music, multiple languages (including Spanish, Portuguese, and Polish!) daily trivia, podcast-style courses to learn more about faith, and more! Register today by searching for "St. Raymond" here: [Hallow.com/holyday](https://hallow.com/holyday).

If you prefer a hard copy Advent devotional, look for the blue Little Books in the church!

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS—Low-gluten hosts are available at each Mass. Please visit the presiding priest's Communion line to receive the low-gluten host.

CHICKEN DRIVE

Now until December 5



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

Last Call

Visit straymondmp.org/chicken, use the QR code provided, or drop a check off at the parish office.



<https://straymondmp.org/chicken>

DOING SOME REAL ADVENT SPIRITUAL WORK

BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON, WORDONFIRE

We will never be adequately prepared for the coming of the Savior unless and until we feel in our bones that there is something we need to be saved from. If we don't require salvation, then Jesus devolves, very quickly, into one wise man among many, one more spiritual teacher in a long line of similar figures across space and time. The great and ancient Advent chant, "O come, O come, Emmanuel, / and ransom captive Israel, / that mourns in lonely exile here / until the Son of God appear," catches this fundamental Christian truth. Until we feel like prisoners held for ransom, men and women condemned to hopeless exile, we will not sing those words with anything even approaching conviction.

A passage from the sixty-third chapter of the prophet Isaiah provides a series of images that help us to articulate this sense of being in desperate need of salvation. "Why," Isaiah laments, "do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways?" The trope of the path is a common one in the Scriptures: there is a way that we are meant to walk in the spiritual order, and the vast majority of us tend to lose it.

There is a feeling that now only people of a certain age remember, and that is the sensation of being well and truly lost. I limit this to older folks, because today's hyper-sophisticated GPS tools usually permit us to find our destinations with ease. But prior to those wonderful gadgets, when we relied on maps or, more frequently, on directions scribbled on a piece of paper, we much more readily got lost. When I was about seventeen and hence a very inexperienced driver, I was making my way through the streets of Chicago, looking for an expressway entrance. I managed to miss it, and in short order, as darkness was coming on, I realized, with a uniquely sinking sensation, that I didn't really know where I was or where I was going.

Dante's *Divine Comedy* commences with these lines: "Midway on the journey of our life / I woke to find myself alone and lost in a dark wood / having wandered from the straight path." Even if you have found great success in your profession, and even if you are relatively satisfied in your relationships and your social standing, I would be willing to bet that, at the deepest level, you feel lost, and you don't really know where you are going. As Dante intuited, this insight often occurs when we are at midlife, but we all know the truth of it to varying degrees. As painful as it might be, move, this Advent, into that spiritual space. Feel what it's like to be off the path, disoriented. Then, you will be able to cry out for the one who said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

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St. Raymond Giving Tree 2022

St. Raymond is pleased to announce our annual Giving Tree program benefitting the **St. Francis Center** in Redwood City. This year we have added a few items that are over \$25 for those of you who may wish to donate items more suited to older children.

Please take an ornament from the Giving Tree. Each ornament specifies a boy or a girl and the age range. Please purchase a **new** gift for that child and bring it **unwrapped** to the Church or to the Parish Office on or before **Sunday, December 11**. On the next day, students from St. Raymond School will take all the gifts collected from both St. Raymond Parish AND School to the St. Francis Center. There, families will be able to select items for their children. Your donations help to make a very Merry Christmas for many local families.

Thank you for your support and have a blessed Christmas!

GIFT SUGGESTIONS:

Dolls - both large and small baby dolls and clothing, toy pets (dogs, horses)

Cars and Trucks - Tonka trucks, hot wheels, remote controlled trucks or cars

Sports equipment - soccer balls, basketballs, footballs, baseballs, bats, volleyballs, jump ropes, yoga balls, pull-up bars

Sports Attire - caps, t-shirts, sweatshirts, tennis shoes (please no red or blue)

Arts and Games - paints, markers, crayons, craft kits, games, Legos, robots

Teen items - hair straighteners, blow dryers, makeup baskets, product baskets

Books - Spanish and English

Tech items- ear buds, headphones

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, Grace Cunningham, 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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A second lament from the prophet Isaiah is this: "Why do you . . . harden our hearts so that we fear you not?" For the biblical authors, the heart is the seat of emotion, thought, and action—the core of the personality. It is meant to be "soft" so that God might easily shape it according to his purpose. The hardened heart is like brittle, dry clay, which cracks and shatters at the merest touch of the divine potter. When we are obsessed by our own plans and projects, when we are preoccupied with the prerogatives of the ego, our hearts are hard. In his Letter to the Galatians, St. Paul utters this ecstatic cry: "It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me" (Gal. 2:20). This is the language of someone who has allowed his soft heart to be molded utterly by the Lord, who has exchanged the ego-drama for the theo-drama. During Advent, we should inquire after the quality of our heart. How have we been resisting the manner in which God wants to shape us? Only those who know that they are hard-hearted truly long for the arrival of the Sacred Heart.

A third and final Isaian complaint is this: "Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people." It is difficult to read any two pages of the Bible in succession, Old Testament or New, and not encounter a reference to the divine anger. It will simply not do to set this idea aside, as though it were an unfortunate holdover from a benighted time. But we must be careful not to emotionalize the reference so as to suggest that God flies, like a raging, dysfunctional father, into a fit of pique. I would suggest that the divine anger is a beautifully apt metaphor for God's passion to set things right. When sin and injustice deface the beauty of God's beloved creatures and produce deep unhappiness in them, God cannot hold himself in. He rages, as it were, to rectify the situation. Therefore, this Advent, we all ought to identify those actions and attitudes in us that rouse God's anger. I fully realize that the culture instructs us in a thousand ways to affirm our guiltlessness: "I'm okay, you're okay." But the Bible instructs us to admit to our "uncleanness." Once again, this is not an exercise in psychologically debilitating self-reproach; it is a courageous willingness to offer our weakness to the divine physician. It is allowing the God of justice to set things right in us. Until we do this, we will never appreciate the one who said, "I have come to light a fire on the earth" (Luke 12:49), and who, in magnificently high dudgeon, turned over the tables in the temple.

So lest Christmas become one more blandly secular holiday, let us all do some real Advent work: come to grips with how lost we are, how hardened our hearts have become, how we have stirred up God's anger.

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 straymondmp.org/register.



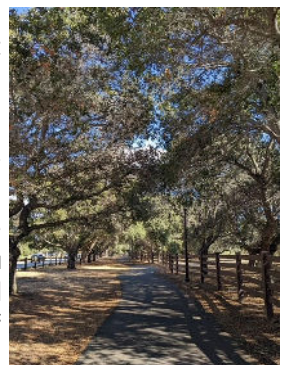
We Are Standing On Holy Ground - as you prepare for Christmas, remember our whole world is holy.

Celebrate last week's theme of PEACE, and this week's theme of JOY

Pray * Dear Lord, please help me remember that no matter what happens today, where I am, who I am with, that I am standing in PEACE on Holy Ground. Remind me that all I am, have, see and breathe are from you, and to feel your JOY

Reflect * For me personally, when in nature, I feel very close to God. That is why it comes naturally to love the earth and try to care for her. This has been true my whole life but even more intentionally since I joined Laudato Si'.

One day, I was having a hard day and went on a walk to think and pray. With nearly every step, the words echoed in my heart "You are standing on Holy Ground." I'd look around, see the beauty of creation, be filled with awe and JOY, and say in my heart, "Yes, Amen."



Act * Have you had an experience where you notice/realize the beauty of creation and all the love our Lord gives us in it? Reflect and remember please.

Then ask yourself "what is one thing I can do to help protect this miraculous gift" and to say "thank you?"

- 1) If somewhere is close, walk instead of drive;
- 2) Use washable/reusable eating utensils instead of paper/plastic;
- 3) If you can no longer use an item, give it away rather than throw it away;
- 4) Pick up one piece of trash to protect the beauty of your "holy ground";
- 5) Smile when you see someone and add to the peace and joy of the world.

Now reflect again, please, on how many things you are already doing to help this beauty and see if you can add one more.

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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

*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.

