



ST. RAYMOND
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 11, 2022



This Week

MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass

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 office yard) (p.3)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022

9:00 am Legion of Mary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2022

10:00 am Weekly Bible Study

~~7:00 pm~~ **No Holy Hour this week**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022

12:00 pm Laudato Si' Group Zoom

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022

7:00 pm Simbang Gabi Mass followed by dinner

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022

8:15 am Mass followed by Advent Retreat (Confessions available during retreat)

5:00 pm Mass followed by Confessions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

8:00 am Mass followed by Confessions

10:00 am Outdoor Mass followed by Confessions and BBQ*

5:00 pm Mass followed by Confessions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration and Confession

3:30 am Christmas Eve Family Mass

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

12:00 am Christmas Midnight Mass

10:00 am Christmas Day Mass

*weather-permitting

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.

Liturgy

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

5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

Mon., Dec. 12, 8:15 am Richard Bonino †

Our Lady of Guadalupe (F)

Tue., Dec. 13, 8:15 am Garry Hallee

St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr (M)

Wed., Dec. 14, 8:15 am Sharon Kennedy Gerlach †

St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church (M)

Thu., Dec. 15, 8:15 am The Galdes & Spiteri Families

Fri., Dec. 16, 8:15 am Ethel SchAAF †

7:00 pm Candy Hernandez † and Filomena Legeralde †
(Simbang Gabi)

Sat., Dec. 17, 8:15 am The Papa Family, L&D

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

4th Sunday of Advent

Sun., Dec. 18, 8:00 am Leonore Dascbach †

10:00 am The Bailetti Saez Family, L&D

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.

Simbang Gabi

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2022, 7:00 PM

Please join us in celebrating Simbang Gabi, a Filipino Christmas tradition. Our Mass is part of a 9-day Novena of Masses as a spiritual preparation for the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Mass will be followed by dinner and fellowship.



Advent Retreat

Waiting in Hope with Mary

Saturday December 17, 2022
8:15 am - 11:30 am

Join Fr. John for an Advent Retreat presented by Fr. Luke Buckles, O.P.

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

8:15 am - Mass

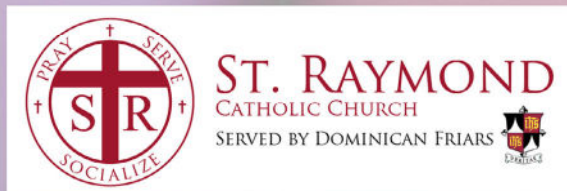
9:00 am - Conference #1 - The True Shape Christian Hope: Mary

10:00 am - Conference #2 - Prayer as a School of Hope

11:00 am - 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.



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ADVENT 2022

SIMBANG GABI

Friday, Dec. 16, 7 pm followed by dinner

ADVENT RETREAT

Saturday, Dec. 17, 8:15 am - 12:00 pm

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

After Masses Dec. 17 & 18

ADVENT BBQ *

Sunday, Dec. 18, 11 am - following
the 10 am Outdoor Mass *weather permitting

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



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).

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.



Have any photos from any of our events? I know you took pictures at the Advent Fair. Send them to bulletin@straymondmp.org, or post them on Instagram and tag @straymond.mp (there's a dot).

ON THE COVER— *Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary.* Stained glass window from Memorial Church in Stanford University. The stained glass window was inspired by *The Annunciation* by Frederic James Shield. Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P. CC BY-NC-ND 2.0. <https://flic.kr/p/HKa2XH>

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

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be made available after next weekend's Masses. Additional Dominicans will be available.

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will once again decorate the altar this Christmas season. You can place your order online at <https://straymondmp.org/poinsettias> for \$25 each. You can purchase a poinsettia in the honor of or in remembrance of a loved one.

Poinsettias are now on sale IN PERSON after this weekend's Masses.

Names will be published in a bulletin in January. Proceeds will go toward Christmas decorations.

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.

Requiesce in Pace

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of:

Victor Manuel Villalobos

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.

GIVING: ONLINE AND IN PERSON

eGiving provides an opportunity to simplify your stewardship donations through secure automatic giving. You can pay with a credit/debit card or your checking/savings account. Schedule or update recurring donations at straymondmp.org/giving.



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.

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SAVE THE DATE

10th Annual St. Raymond Parish Rummage Sale!

Saturday & Sunday, March 18-19, 2023

Super Donation Weekend is March 11-12, 2023

Drop donations off directly into the school gym.

Please mark your calendars to donate and volunteer to help with our biggest parish community fundraiser.

All proceeds support Parish Ministries!

Christmas Activity for the Whole Family

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

This year, consider doing a Reverse Advent Calendar with your family. Simply get a large empty box and every day have each member of the family place something in the box they no longer need or use. This is a great way to prepare for the onslaught of new Christmas gifts/items by clearing out and making space. After the Christmas break, simply seal up the box (or boxes) and donate them to our 10th Annual St. Raymond Rummage Sale.

A small storage unit will be placed in the church parking lot in the New Year for you to drop off your donations. We ask if you have large quantities to donate you bring them to the Super Donation Weekend.

If you have any questions on what is acceptable to donate, Please contact Karyn Leahy Leahyfamily@msn.com

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS—This week's special collection will benefit the Retirement for Religious Fund.

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.



JOY

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

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.

