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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD | DECEMBER 25, 2022



This Week

MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration and Confession

3:30 am Christmas Eve Mass

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

12:00 am Christmas Midnight Mass

10:00 am Christmas Day Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2022

9:00 am Legion of Mary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2022

10:00 am Weekly Bible Study

7:00 pm Holy Hour

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2022

12:00 pm Laudato Si' Group Zoom

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022

8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration and Confession

3:30 pm Confession

5:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

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

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Liturgy

Sat., Dec. 24, 3:30 pm

St. Raymond Parish
Neneve Polido



Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (S)

6:00 pm

Harold Curtis †

Sun., Dec. 25, 12:00 am

The Galvez, Herbhorn, & Ritzen Families, L&D

The Nativity of the Lord (S)

10:00 am

Charles Galdes †

Mon., Dec. 26, 8:15 am

Ross Harwood Beville, Jr. †

St. Stephen, First Martyr (F)

Tue., Dec. 27, 8:15 am



Jesse Sanchez

St. John, Apostle & Evangelist (F)

Wed., Dec. 28, 8:15 am

Aurelio Maestrini †

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (F)

Thu., Dec. 29, 8:15 am

Anastacio Raon †

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity; St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr (m)

Fri., Dec. 30, 8:15 am

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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (F)

Sat., Dec. 31, 8:15 am

Baltazar Aguirre, O.P. †

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity; St. Sylvester I, Pope (m)

Sat., Dec. 31, 5:00 pm

Eleanor Jekot †

Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God (S)

Sun., Jan. 1, 8:00 am

The Papa Family, L&D

10:00 am

Dana Renee Harned †

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, January 4, 2023

12:15 pm - Senior Mass

1:00 pm - Bingo

Calling all married and engaged couples! We would love for you to take part in the couples ministry. Whether you have been married for 1 year or 50 years, come share in fellowship with other couples at St. Raymond. For more information contact Tina Augustine, taugustine@straymondmp.org.

AN INVITATION FROM OUR COUPLES MINISTRY

Join us this year in an opportunity to invest in your marriage and grow together.



YEAR-ROUND MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES OF SPOUSES

Spouses gather for 7 sessions throughout the year to explore their call to holiness in and through marriage and family life.



SERIES ONE Family, a Domestic Church

The first of seven series, couples will have the opportunity to participate in up to seven years of ongoing formation within their small communities.



Danielle Bean



Damon Owens

HIGHLIGHTS

- A meal and time for fellowship
- Short, compelling video presentations
- Discussion facilitated by Host Couples
- A Bring it Home component that translates learning into living
- Website that serves as a portal to all videos, materials, and resources
- Cost per couple: \$50



VIEW TRAILER



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For questions, please contact: Tina Augustine taugustine@straymondmp.org

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Perhaps you've noticed the banner, pew cards, or other announcements about Hallow but then got busy and forgot to take advantage of downloading the app! We're excited to share that you can still pray with Hallow this Christmas season.

Hallow is a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps people deepen their relationship with God and create a daily habit of prayer through audio-guided prayer sessions ranging from 1-to-60 minutes long - there are over 5,000 prayer sessions available on the app! The app makes it easy to continue your daily prayer goals during the Christmas season and beyond. You can even set reminders on your phone so you don't forget!

Our partnership with Hallow is FREE for all parishioners through Easter! We hope you'll take advantage of this gift from the parish, if you haven't done so already. In order to have full access to Hallow, including the upcoming Catechism in a Year with Fr. Mike Schmitz, you can scan the QR code in your bulletin, pew card, or banner, then follow the signup instructions.

Register today by searching for "St. Raymond" here: Hallow.com/holyday.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rosary Center: <https://rosarycenter.org/request-prayers> Corpus Christi Monastery: opnunsmenlo.org/request-prayer St. Jude Shrine: <https://stjude-shrine.org/prayer-request>.

Come and See: Live Retreat!

JANUARY 27-28, 2023

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St. Raymond Giving Tree 2022

St. Raymond's 8th grade elves got into the holiday spirit this week by helping out with the annual giving tree. The students collected all the amazing gifts that were donated by our parishioners over the past several weeks, filled up their sleigh and delivered them to the Siena Youth Center in Redwood City. The kids spent the entire morning transforming the gym into a wonderful toy shop with thousands of toys lovingly displayed for families to enjoy. Over 500 families will come to the center this week to shop and choose gifts for their children during this most Holy season. Sr. Ann McGowan and Sr. Christina prayed over all the students and toys and reiterated the importance of giving back to the community during this time. This is a wonderful tradition for our students and we are so thankful our 8th graders were able to be a part of the excitement this year.



Are we grateful? You bet we are! Thank you so much for your faithful participation in our St. Francis Center Christmas Toy Program! Thank you for helping so many of our client families to create deep and vivid memories. We understand toys are not everything, but for our children and for their parents they sure are a BIG something!



Blessing and gratitude,
Sr. Christina Heltsley, O.P.

EMOTIONAL & MENTAL WELLNESS MINISTRY

WHAT IS AN EMOTIONAL & MENTAL WELLNESS MINISTRY AND WHY IS IT NEEDED?

Are you struggling emotionally or mentally? You don't have to face this alone. St. Raymond's parish community has made a commitment to become a faith family that provides care and support to our brothers and sisters in need. Our mission is to serve individuals and families experiencing mental health challenges by offering God's hope and love through spiritual accompaniment, practical support, and education.

Spiritual Companionship

Our ministry team is a safe and caring community that embraces those who are suffering and their loved ones. Our care team has been trained and is available to listen and to pray with those who are going through a difficult time and want encouragement and some extra support.

Practical Support

We have support and resources to help. Our team members are familiar with many public and private mental health support services and resources. We are here to help guide you and offer resources needed to face life's challenges. (Note: Our team members do not provide therapeutic services that should only be offered by medical, psychological, or social work practitioners.)

Education

Our ministry team regularly provides emotional and mental wellness educational speakers for the parish, ranging from suicide prevention to psychological and spiritual wellness. Please watch our bulletin for the most current opportunities.

Why is our parish involved in a mental health ministry network?

There is a high prevalence of mental illness in every community. One in five families has a member with a diagnosable mental illness, and one in seventeen people live with a persistent or severe mental illness. Often individuals or families turn to their parish community for support and guidance first. St. Raymond has joined several other parishes in the San Francisco Archdiocese which are part of a state-wide Catholic mental health ministry network to help combat these issues.

The good news about mental illness is that recovery is possible. We know that Jesus' ministry was one of hope and of healing; His Church must also offer hope and healing, by using available resources to provide for those in need. Our parish Mental Health Ministry team plays a key role in this important mission of easing the suffering of those in our parish community.

How do I contact the ministry?

If you or a loved one is experiencing mental or emotional wellness challenges, please contact our St. Raymond ministry at 650-899-0370—this is a dedicated extension and only members of the ministry team will hear your message. You may also email the ministry team co-leads, Dr. Hallie Colorado at hallie@straymondmp.org and Lori Mirek at emwm@straymondmp.org.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

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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.

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.

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.

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.

Have any photos from any of our events? Send them to bulletin@straymondmp.org, or post them on Instagram and tag [@straymondmp](https://www.instagram.com/straymondmp) (there's a dot).

ON THE COVER— *Born the King of Angels*, stained glass window by Edward Burne-Jones in Winchester Cathedral. Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P. CC BY-NC-ND 2.0. <https://flic.kr/p/QxJt2M>. Additional photos by Hallie and Neri.

A PIECE OF CHRISTMAS

St. Raymond Youth Ministry celebrated the third Sunday of Advent 2022 with a different party.

The youth members of the parish shared a piece of Christmas with service projects. They made care kits for the WeHope homeless shelter in East Palo Alto. The Oakwood sisters and elderly parishioners will receive Christmas cards the youth personally wrote for them. Also, God's eye art kits were prepared for the children who are sick in Lucile Packard Stanford Children's Hospital.



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. Please join us for a 6-week program of informal sessions and engaging conversations of the Catholic faith. The sessions are held Tuesdays beginning **January 17, 2023** at St. Raymond. For more information or to register, contact Tina Augustine, taugustine@straymondmp.org.

Catholics Returning Home 2022 Schedule

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| January 17, 2023 | Welcome & overview of series |
| January 24, 2023 | Stories of faith from Catholics Returning Home
Discussion & Sharing |
| January 31, 2023 | Who is God and why does it matter? |
| February 7, 2023 | Walk-through of the Mass
(along with explanation and historical overview) |
| February 14, 2023 | Explanation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) |
| February 21, 2023 | The Creed: What Catholics Believe |

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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 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.)

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.

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