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CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 5, 2023



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# This Week

## MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2023

8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration and Confession

3:30 pm Confession

5:00 pm Mass

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

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

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023

9:00 am Legion of Mary (Library) (p.4)

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023

7:00 pm Catholics Returning Home (p.3)

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2023

10:00 am Weekly Bible Study

7:00 pm Holy Hour

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023

12:00 pm Laudato Si' Group Zoom

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023

8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration and Confession

3:30 pm Confession

5:00 pm Mass

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

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

## Lenten Preview

Wed., Feb. 22, 2023	Ash Wednesday (8:15 am, 12:15 pm, 7 pm)
Fri., Feb. 24, 2023	Stations of the Cross, Fish Fry (p. 6)
Sat., Feb. 25, 2023	Men's Ministry Lenten Retreat (p. 3)
Fridays, Mar. 3-31, 2023	Stations of the Cross, Soup Supper
Sun., April 2, 2023	Palm Sunday
Thur., April 6, 2023	Holy Thursday
Fri., April 7, 2023	Good Friday
Sat., April 8, 2023	Holy Saturday: Blessing of the Easter Food, Easter Vigil
Sun. April 9, 2023	Easter Sunday

# Liturgy

**Sat., Feb. 4, 5:00 pm**

St. Raymond Parish

*5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*


**Sun., Feb. 5, 8:00 am**

The Papa Family, L & D

**10:00 am** Rinaldo & Virginia Rossetti ††

**5:00 pm**  Fr. Daniel Syverstad, O.P.

**Mon., Feb., 6, 8:15 am**

 Fr. Daniel Syverstad, O.P.

*St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs (M)*

**Tue., Feb. 7, 8:15 am**

Matthew Bacolini †

*Anniversary of Deceased Parents (Order of Preachers)*

**Wed., Feb. 8, 8:15 am**

Francesca Bellerone †

*St. Jerome Emiliani, Priest (m), St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin (m); World Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking*

**Thu., Feb. 9, 8:15 am**

St. Raymond in thanksgiving

**Fri., Feb. 10, 8:15 am**

Ingrid Hofstrom Lavery †

*St. Scholastica, Virgin (M)*

**Sat., Feb. 11, 8:15 am**

Bernard Cotter †

*Our Lady of Lourdes (m); World Day of the Sick*

**Sat., Feb. 11, 5:00 pm**

Puz & Harold Nelson ††, and the Nelson Family, L&D

*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (World Marriage Day)*

**Sun., Feb. 12, 8:00 am**

Dr. Walter Leclerc †

**10:00 am** Gladys & Vernon Scherba ††

**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.

## SVDP 5TH SUNDAY THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday collection last weekend. If you were away, you can donate by:



- 1) Visiting [straymondmp.org/giving](http://straymondmp.org/giving) and enter the amount you wish to donate under "St. Vincent de Paul".
- 2) Use the QR code above.
- 3) Make a check payable to "St. Vincent de Paul" and mail it to 1100 Santa Cruz Ave, Menlo Park, CA 94025, or leave it in the collection basket during weekend Masses.



**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 program of informal sessions and engaging conversations of the Catholic faith. The sessions are held **Tuesdays at 7 pm** at St. Raymond Parish Hall. For more information or to register, contact Tina Augustine, [taugustine@straymondmp.org](mailto:taugustine@straymondmp.org).

## Catholics Returning Home 2023 Schedule

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

# Men's Lenten Retreat <sup>3</sup>

**SAVE THE DATE!!**

## **MEN'S MINISTRY RETREAT, FEBRUARY 25, 2023, 8:15 AM- 3:00 PM**

Our Men's Ministry retreat will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2023, at St. Raymond Church, Rose Garden and Parish Hall.

The retreat is open to all men of the parish and will be comprised of multiple sessions, each session beginning with the group together as we introduce a particular topic, followed by some time for individual meditation in the Church or in the Rose Garden.

The retreat will be led by Deacon Tom Kelly and will begin at 8:15 Mass and finish by 3pm. Coffee and pastries will be available right after the Mass and a light lunch will be served. The cost is \$15 and you can register by contacting the parish office at 650-323-1755 or email [office@straymondmp.org](mailto:office@straymondmp.org), using the QR code, or on the parish website. This is a perfect way to find some quiet time of prayer and reflection in our busy lives, to renew our individual dialogs with God, and discern how these Lent and Easter seasons invite us to a personal vocation in our lives as we make the ordinary sacred. I would love to have you join us that Saturday.



The Class of St. Margaret Mary (RE First Communion Candidates) posed with their Our Father posters.

# Where's Fr. John?



Fr. John enjoying a meeting with his fellow friendly friars. He will be back before you know it.

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

## LEGION OF MARY

**New Day!** The Legion of Mary meets every **Monday at 9:00 am** in the parish library adjacent to the parish hall. Feel free to join us and learn more about the Legion of Mary.



## YOUTH JAM



## WHAT IS PRODIGAL?

with Bill Fusz

**Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023**  
**9 am, Parish Hall**

OPEN TO ALL KIDS GRADES 7-12



## ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING ROSARY & SPEAKER WEBINAR

The memorial of St. Josephine Bakhita, February 8, has been designated as the first International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking. For this reason on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 6:00 p.m. the Archdiocese of San Francisco is hosting a webinar rosary prayer to invoke her aid in bringing awareness to the evil of Human Trafficking and to intercede for the victims and survivors of human trafficking.

Guest speaker Susan Patterson, Director of Through God's Grace Ministry, will give us a quick summary of what the Church can do to address human trafficking and will join us in prayer.

To register for this event, please visit: <https://sfarch.org/event/josephine/>

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

**Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 to Palm Sunday,**  
**April 2, 2023, Redwood City**

The Redwood City campaign of 40 Days for Life begins Ash Wednesday, February 22. It will be held at the public right-of-way outside of Planned Parenthood, 2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City.

For those unacquainted with this program, it is a peaceful prayer and fasting vigil in front of an abortion business where we gather and visibly pray for 12 hours per day for 40 straight days, rain or shine. There must be at least TWO people present at all times. We hold signs (a variety are provided), to indicate the reason for our presence. Two chairs are provided for those needing to sit. We have brochures for a nearby pregnancy care center for those who ask us for information or help. We also sign a form indicating that we will be peaceful and obey the laws as any good citizen would.

Complete information is available at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity> or you can contact Jessica at [themunns@yahoo.com](mailto:themunns@yahoo.com).

## Parish Crafters

Just before the COVID-19 pandemic I attended one of the “Pray-Serve-Socialize” introductory meetings. I liked the idea of gathering in interest groups and being able to meet and form relationships with more of my fellow parishioners. So I started thinking about what interests I have that might be shared by others and which were not yet an activity offered in the parish. Pondering what has drawn people together in the past, I recalled how women would gather to quilt blankets while sharing their experiences and stories.

Since I have always enjoyed crafting things using various materials and taken classes in sewing techniques, forming a crafting group seemed like a possibility. Once this idea came to mind, it blossomed into further thoughts about what types of things we could create that could enrich the lives of others and thus be of service to our community. Also, as we made the items, we could pray for those to whom they would be given, as well as for ourselves as we learned more about one another and the joys and struggles of our lives. Initially, as we came to know each others skills and interests, we could bring whatever we were working on and share ideas about what types of things we would like to make and donate.

I broached the idea to Fr. Jerome, who said, “Go for it.” I then spoke with a fellow member of the choir who is a wonderfully creative seamstress. She responded with enthusiasm, so we decided to start once the COVID virus was less of a threat. Last spring we launched the group and began meeting twice a month for about one and a half hours at my home on Santa Cruz Avenue.

At our first gathering I showed the two women who came the boxes of flannel squares that I had inherited from my mother’s work with Birthright at St. Matthias Parish in Redwood City. She had had a group of women who cut the squares and made and sold other crafts to buy the materials to create layette sets for mothers who could not afford new clothing for their babies and then donated them to the St. Elizabeth Seton, Sequoia, and Stanford Hospitals. My mother sewed the squares into small quilts and included these with the diapers, clothing, and other items donated to the hospitals.

We decided that our first project would be to sew some of these squares into quilts and find a place to donate them. As shared in a previous bulletin announcement, we were able to donate several small quilts to be given to the children of the families at the Ronald McDonald House. We are still sewing blankets, but have also made some baby bibs and crocheted some hand towels. Expanding the types of items we create and to whom we can give them is an ongoing discussion.

## Speaker Series

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### FROM STANFORD TO THE MISSION FIELD - A STORY OF FAITH AND PERSEVERANCE

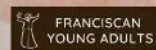
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 7 PM - 8 PM IN THE CHAPEL

Tricia Bølle will be sharing her testimony of how she became a lay missionary and the incredible work she is currently doing for the persecuted Church in Asia. We hope you can join us to learn more about how lay people can assist with overseas missions!



*All are welcome!*

Tricia Bølle is the founder of the St. Francis Xavier Lay Missionary Society, dedicated to forming lay Catholics to preach the Gospel through a diverse ministry of evangelization, faith formation, and social justice. She has been serving as a lay missionary in Asia and has been blessed to develop ministry programs and speak all over the world to young adults. She has received the blessing of numerous bishops in nearly every continent to preach, teach, and serve in their dioceses, and has spoken at the Angelicum and Gregorian Pontifical Universities in Rome.



We would love to have more people join us. I am sure that there are many more talented people, both men and women, who create things alone at their homes. This group is a way to still do that, but creating with companionship and the chance to share your talent with others. In order to make this more possible, we will have two gathering times **on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays: 11 AM at my home and 7 PM at the parish.** Come be with us at one of our next gatherings on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Michele Otte

# St. Raymond Parish

## Second Annual



# FISH FRY

Friday, February 24, 2023, 6:45 pm



Adults \$20  
Children 10 and under Free

Tickets available at [straymondmp.org/fishfry](http://straymondmp.org/fishfry)

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## ST. RAYMOND RUMMAGE SALE 2023

Our 10th Annual, World Famous, St. Raymond Rummage Sale will be the weekend of **March 18-19**. Proceeds support parish ministries. To help you simplify your life, we are introducing the 8-Week Purge Challenge (see the flier on the tables in the church). While you lighten your load, we are happy to receive your no longer needed items for our sale. We hope to collect GENTLY USED - LIKE NEW - BRAND NEW items your family wishes to donate. Beginning Tue., Jan. 18, the container will be located in the school faculty parking lot off Arbor Road and will be open Monday-Friday from 8:00-3:15 to make it easy to donate anytime throughout the day or on Sundays between 10:00-11:00.

**SUPER DONATION WEEKEND:** We ask that small furniture or large quantities of donations be delivered directly to the school gym on Super Donation Weekend March 11-12 or the week of March 13th. All donations are tax-deductible. We also need non-wire hangers, plastic and paper bags, lidded plastic storage containers, and cardboard boxes, so please begin setting these aside. Unfortunately, we can't accept mattresses, sofas or other large furniture, children's car seats, or cribs. For a complete list, please see the fliers located in the church.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** We have only 7 days this year to prepare for the sale so please consider volunteering by going to our online sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4AAA6-straymond> as we need help with set-up, organizing, merchandising (prior to sale), check out, cashiering, security, be a runner, and clean-up on the last day. This is the largest fund-raiser and community builder in the parish and we look forward to working with you. Thank you in advance for generously donating gently used merchandise AND for volunteering your time to make this year's sale our biggest one yet!

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

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

**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.