



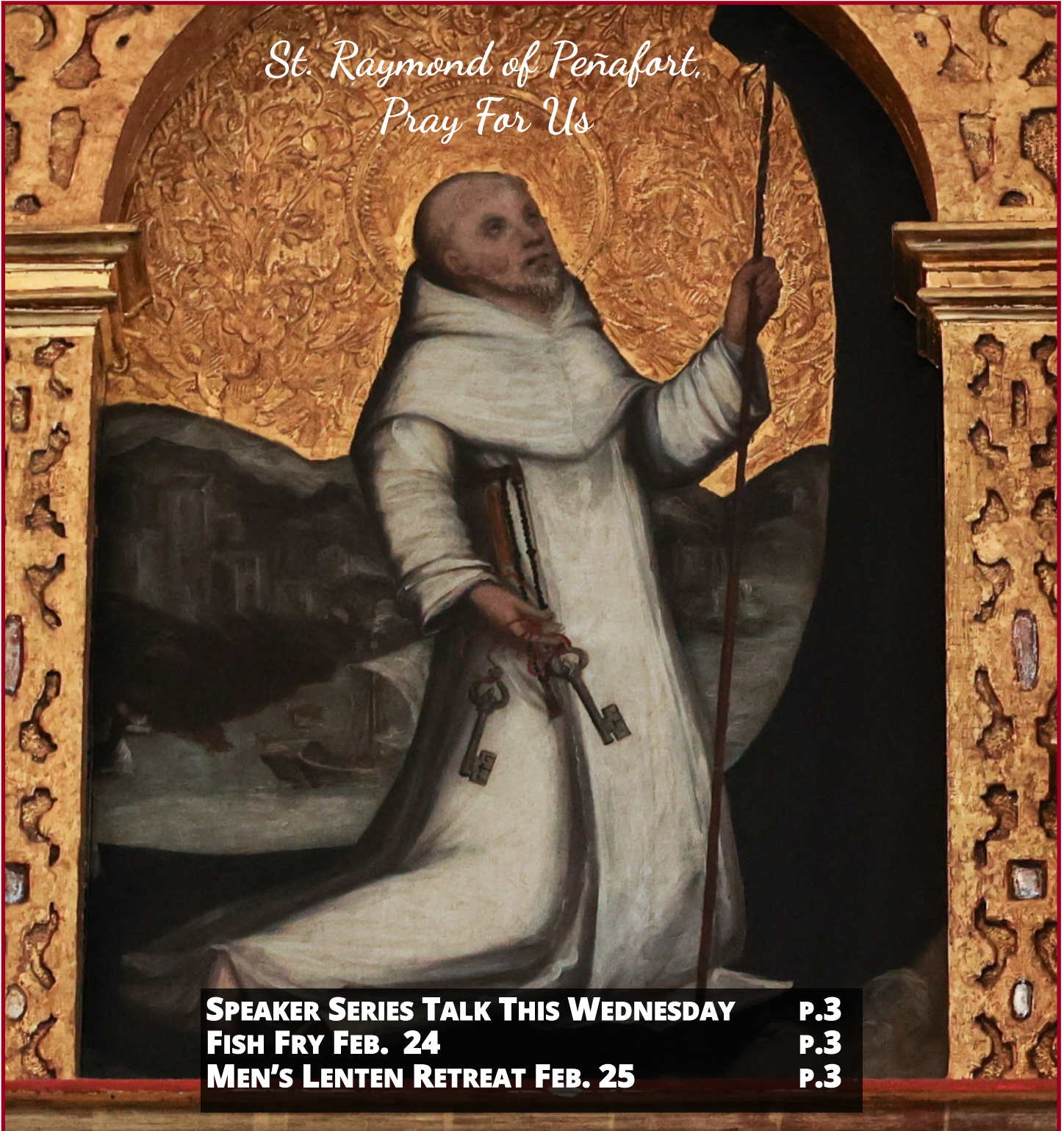
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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | FEBRUARY 12, 2023

*St. Raymond of Peñafort,
Pray For Us*



SPEAKER SERIES TALK THIS WEDNESDAY
FISH FRY FEB. 24
MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT FEB. 25

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This Week

MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 5:00 pm Mass
9:00 am Youth Jam Mardi Gras Party (below)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2023

9:00 am Legion of Mary (Library)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2023

10:00 am Weekly Bible Study
7:00 pm Holy Hour (Church)
7:00 pm Speaker Series Talk (Parish Hall) (p.3)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023

12:00 pm Laudato Si' Group Zoom

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2023

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

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

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023

8:15 am, 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Mass

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2023

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
6:45 pm Fish Fry

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023

8:15 am Men's Lenten Retreat

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023

8:15 am Tenebrae
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2023

8:15 am Tenebrae
12:00 pm Tre Ore
7:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023

8:15 am Tenebrae
10:00 am Blessing of the Easter Food
8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

8:00 am Mass (Church)
10:00 am Mass (Church)
10:00 am Mass (Outdoors)

Liturgy

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

Mon., Feb. 13, 8:15 am Domenico Cardelli †

Bl. Jordan of Saxony, OP, Priest (M)

Tue., Feb. 14, 8:15 am Bill & Barbara Gray ††

Ss. Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop (M)

Wed., Feb. 15, 8:15 am John Resig †

Thu., Feb. 16, 8:15 am John Chelini †

Fri., Feb. 17, 8:15 am Ed Kennedy

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order (m)

Sat., Feb. 18, 8:15 am Sergio & Angela Maestrini ††

Bl. Fra Angelico (or Bl. John of Friesole), O.P., Priest (m)

Sat., Feb. 18, 5:00 pm Sharon Kennedy Gerlach †

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Feb. 19, 8:00 am The Ruocco Family, L&D

10:00 am Sr. Joan Derry † & the Derry 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.

YOUTH JAM



WHAT IS PRODIGAL?

with Bill Fusz

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

OPEN TO ALL KIDS GRADES 7-12



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>.



**CATHOLICS
RETURNING
HOME**

An Invitation for Non-Practicing Catholics

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.

Catholics Returning Home 2023 Schedule

February 14, 2023	Explanation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)
February 21, 2023	The Creed: What Catholics Believe

Men's Lenten Retreat

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, 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.

Deacon Tom Kelly

Speaker Series

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

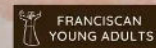
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 7 PM - 8 PM IN
THE PARISH HALL**

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.



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.

Lenten Faith Sharing

LENTEN BIBLE BASED FAITH SHARING GROUPS

This Lent, the St. Raymond community will be embarking on a journey together. Over the course of five weeks, we will be offering several opportunities to join a faith-sharing group and to learn together the best way to simply understand and to share our faith. Who is Jesus? What does his life, death, and resurrection mean for me? How can I be in the right relationship to God? These questions and more will be discussed and answered in clear and compelling ways. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to dig deeper, this series offers you an opportunity to get back to the basics.

Groups will be held at the following times:

- Sunday mornings at 9 am in the 8th grade classroom with Br. Anthony
- Tuesday evenings at 7 pm in the parish hall with one of the Dominicans
- Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am in the youth center with Tina Augustine

Welcome to St. Raymond!

If you enjoy helping others

If you enjoy making people feel welcome

Please join our Welcome Committee!

Email Hallie Colorado

hallie@straymondmp.org

The Good Life

God made us and knows us better than we know ourselves. And he has given us instruction on how to live our best life in accordance with the way he made us. This law is written on the heart of every person, but sometimes it can become confused or distorted.

Br. Anthony will guide us through God's Word and the timeless wisdom of **St. Thomas Aquinas** to uncover how to live happily in harmony with God's design.



Mark your calendars for all four parts of our series:

- 3/6 The Law of Liberty: How the Ten Commandments Lead us to True Freedom
- 3/13 What Do You Worship?: Understanding Universal Truths about Religion
- 3/20 Holy Family, Happy Family: God's Guidance for Spouses, Parents, and Children
- 3/27 Building a Better Society: Catholic Principles for Making the World a Better Place

Presentations are **Monday evenings at 7pm** in the Chapel. All are welcome!

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, Janet Julian, Connie Williams, the homebound, and those who wish not to be named.

To add a name, 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.



**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.

Homeless Family Fund⁵

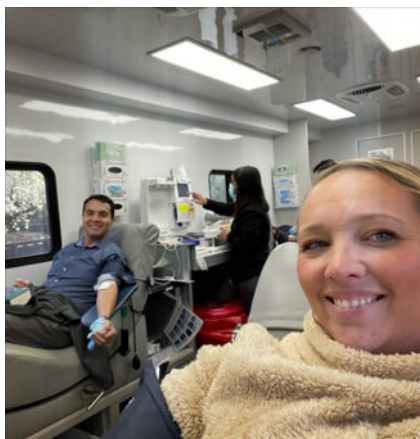
Bill S. was a newly referred client to our Coast House Shelter in Half Moon Bay. Bill faced an uphill battle towards permanent housing. He had several stints at shelters and had an eviction on file. That did not stop him from advocating for himself to find housing. Two weeks into his stay, staff were able to locate a unit for him to rent and was able to move in a week later with the help of St. Raymond Church. Now, Bill can continue living his life where he focuses on maintaining sobriety and self-sufficiency. He stated how his life has turned in such a positive way with the help of Coast House and St. Raymond. Bill wishes everyone a happy new year!

The St. Raymond Homeless Family Fund provides rental assistance to help families and individuals in our community secure permanent housing.

Donations can be made at straymondmp.org/donate or by putting a check in the collection basket.

BLOOD DRIVE

A big thank you to the St. Raymond community for turning out for our first blood drive. We will be hosting these blood drives on campus about every three months and look forward to even more participation for our next one! Through your generous donations we were able to provide enough units of life saving blood to support 72 people!!! Thank you again, and if you would like to learn more about the company we partnered with please feel free to check them out at Donate Blood, Plasma or Platelets with Vitalant (<https://www.vitalant.org/>).



The Howard Daschbach
MEMORIAL GOLF
TOURNAMENT
TO BENEFIT
ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL

Monday, March 13, 2023

10:00-REGISTRATION & RANGE OPENS

11:00-BBQ LUNCH

12:00- SHOTGUN SCRAMBLE START

5:00- DINNER & AWARDS

Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club

REGISTRATION & MORE INFO:
[HTTP://STRAYMOND.DOJIGGY.COM](http://straymond.dojiggy.com)

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SEPTEMBER 7-16, 2023

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For information, visit <https://opwest.org/italy2023>

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 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.



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.



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.



ON THE COVER— St. Raymond. Detail from an altarpiece in the Dominican priory in Krakow. Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P. CC BY-NC-ND 2.0 <https://flic.kr/p/2oa96ys>



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

1100 SANTA CRUZ AVE MENLO PARK CA 94025

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.

We would love to have more people join us. I am sure



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. 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. The container is 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!

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 2nd and 4th Mondays: 11 AM at my home and 7 PM at the parish**. Come be with us at one of our next gatherings on February 13th.

Michele Otte



Jesus said, 'If anyone gives a cup of water to one in need ...he will certainly not lose his reward'. Matthew 10:42.

We have been blessed with a lot of rain in the last month, but California is still in moderate drought. Yet we are far better off than many. Across the planet, 1 in 9 people don't have clean water close to home and 1 in 3 don't have a decent toilet.

As Pope Francis said, "The right to water is essential for the survival of persons and decisive for the future of humanity".

Catholic Relief Services is dedicated to ensuring that all are "water-secure".

The CRS strategy is impressive and effective because its approach is holistic – its development projects seek to improve general health practices, care for the environment, and ensure equitable access to safe water and sanitation for the very poor, the vulnerable, and disaster-affected populations. They do this by working closely and respectfully with local communities, government, faith-based groups, and private-sector companies to build long-term relationships and consensus among all stakeholders.



In 2021 alone 3.2 million people accessed clean water through their work.

Providing clean water is a godly way to care for people. We all can and should conserve water locally, but please consider investing in organizations that help the most vulnerable globally.

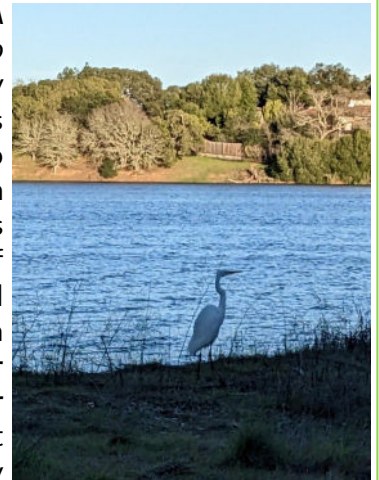
Thank you to the 27 people who supported us through Amazon Smile. Unfortunately, Amazon has decided to cease the Smile program.



[Editor's Note: Due to a9export error, last week's e-bulletin did not contain this article.]

In this month of February, as a prelude to the Lenten season, St. Raymond's Laudato Si' group invites you

to read along with us *A Christian's Guide to Planet Earth* by Betsy Painter, which explores our responsibility to care for God's creation in light of His redemptive purpose. If you want to understand how you can make a difference, whether internally, locally or globally, this is a great place to start. Betsy Painter offers a wealth



of easily understandable practical information and recommendations and basic steps for taking action, in an overview that is both scientifically and theologically informed. Most of all, she reminds us that this is God's world, and our Creator loves His creation.

Ubiquitous biblical passages support this notion and our invitation by God "into a unique role of service as honored participants in God's redemptive work."



In the wake of our recent rains, which have begun to replenish our aquifers and rebuild a solid snowpack in our mountains, it behooves us to appreciate the changes in our local environment. We pray for those who have experienced loss of lives, and property damage to homes and infrastructure, even as we rejoice in the re-greening of our hills and gardens.

Thanks to our members Ken and Sue, we have these beautiful pictures to share of Stanford's Lagunita—vistas we haven't seen there in many, many years. How quickly the egrets and herons, and who knows how many other species, have found a new, albeit temporary home!

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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.