

**ASH WEDNESDAY: 8:15 AM, 12:15 AM, 7 PM**  
**FRI. FEB 24: STATIONS OF THE CROSS, FISH FRY**  
**SAT. FEB 25: MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT**



**ST. RAYMOND**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



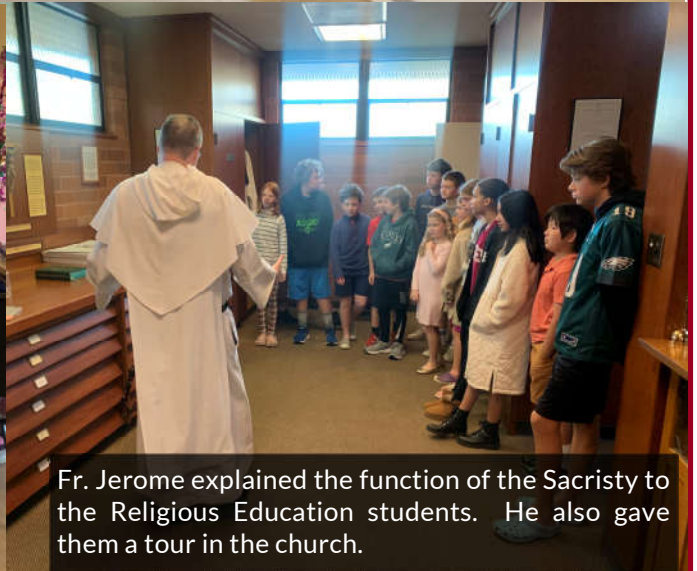
7TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 19, 2023



The Confirmation candidates and their sponsors received a special blessing from Fr. Jerome at the 10 am Mass last Sunday, February 12th. The confirmandi of our parish include candidates from Sacred Heart School, St. Raymond School, and Religious Education. The Confirmation is on April 29th at the 5 pm vigil Mass.



The Youth enjoyed a Mardi Gras Party last February 12th. Br. Joseph Anaya, a seminarian from St. Patrick Seminary, shared a beautiful reflection on the Prodigal Son. They had meaningful sharing among the group and played a game. The food was great. The Youth were given a challenge to list down one sacrifice or good deed for each of the 40 days of Lent.



Fr. Jerome explained the function of the Sacristy to the Religious Education students. He also gave them a tour in the church.

## 2 Upcoming Events

### MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2023

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

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2023

9:00 am Legion of Mary (Library)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023

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

### ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023

8:15 am, 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Mass  
10:00 am Weekly Bible Study  
(No Holy Hour this week)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023

12:00 pm Laudato Si' Group Zoom

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

### 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)

**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.

## Liturgy

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

Mon., Feb. 20, 8:15 am The Twitty Family, L&D

Tue., Feb. 21, 8:15 am Ron Peterson †

*St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (m)*

Wed., Feb. 22, 8:15 am Nieva Calica & Iraida Espinosa

*Ash Wednesday*

12:15 pm St. Raymond Parish

7:00 pm Carol Smith

Thu., Feb. 23, 8:15 am Florentia Lourdes Moises  
*St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr (m)*

Fri., Feb. 24, 8:15 am Sr. Joan Derry † & the Derry Family, L&D

Sat., Feb. 25, 8:15 am Harold Curtis †

Sat., Feb. 25, 5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

*1st Sunday of Lent*

Sun., Feb. 26, 8:00 am Dana Renee Harned †

10:00 am Guido & Florence Budelli ††

5:00 pm Reyes Estrada †

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

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



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](mailto:taugustine@straymondmp.org).

### Catholics Returning Home 2023 Schedule

Feb. 21, 2023

The Creed: What Catholics Believe

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

**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.

Deacon Tom Kelly



## 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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## 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!

## 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](mailto:hallie@straymondmp.org)

## 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 (Beginning 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26)
- Tuesday evenings at 7 pm in the parish hall with one of the Dominicans (Beginning 2/28, 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28)
- Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am in the youth center with Tina Augustine (Beginning 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29)

### 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.



### 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](mailto:tfk@sbcglobal.net) or 650-670-2200.

## Good News

### A FEAST OF "FAITH-LIFTS"

I love words. Last year, at the start of Lent, our Father John found an artful one for his homily. He summoned us to a new way to think about the holy season in one hyphenated word: *faith-lift*. It stuck with me. Some of us chuckled at his play on words and marveled at his spiritual creativity. I'm remembering it now as a call, a call to renewal, a remedy for a dry spirit. It's as fresh and enticing a term now as it was a year ago. What could a *faith-lift* look like in 2023? It seems to me that it's embedded in the central theme of our parish life: "**Pray, Serve, Socialize.**" It's what we do. It's who we are as a parish family.

As we prepare for Lent 2023, our vibrant Catholic community of St. Raymond is summoned to participate in a community-wide *faith-lift*. Our weekly parish bulletin is our calendar of events and offerings. It pulls us into community and provides something for everyone. Our creative parish leadership invites us to a feast.

And then there are the donuts. They are definitely *faith-lifting*, as are those who set up and serve us when 10am Sunday Mass ends. Hail again to the donut heroes: Paul Mitiguy and his son, John Paul, and their growing band of volunteers and donors. I'm grateful for the opportunity they provide for people to linger and greet one another. I'm grateful too for our priests, deacon, and Brother Anthony who welcome us when we arrive for Mass and engage us outside afterwards. Their presence seems to close the liturgical loop for me after receiving the Eucharist. All are *faith-lifters*!

Father John, thanks for the *faith-lifting* challenge, for the reminder about joy on the other side of every sorrow, of Jesus's model of cross-deepening faith as we prepare for the resurrection. This can be a *faith-lifting* Lent for all of us.

-Pat Clough

## Hey Buddy, Can You Spare \$20?

In December, we mailed you our financial report for the 2021-2022 year. If you did not get your copy, please stop by the parish office to pick one up. Our report detailed how well we did financially the last fiscal year. For instance, we finished our fiscal year \$81,611 in the black, with healthy reserves in our savings. Praise God! Keep in mind, we accomplished this fiscal reality in a semi-COVID world, while adding staff members to serve you better, and with no Fall Drive. Giddy up! Thank you for your generosity.

At the end of December, we closed our financial books for the first half of the 2022-2023 fiscal year. For the first six months of our fiscal year, we ran a deficit of \$17,769 or \$2,961 a month overall. Our annual budget is \$1,620,670. Thus, our current deficit is a mere 1%. While this deficit is small, it is still a deficit, and I strongly dislike deficits.

I am writing to ask each family to consider adding \$20 a month to their monthly donation. This would eliminate our deficit and give us a little cushion. If you are able to do more, then we have more money to serve you better.

Also, if you are not already, please consider signing up for recurring, monthly electronic donations at [straymondmp.org/giving](https://straymondmp.org/giving) or use the QR code below. Electronic donations allow us to have a dependable income and budget more precisely to serve you better.

Thank you for considering my requests and all you do for our community. See you at Mass!

God bless,  
Fr. Jerome

### 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](https://straymondmp.org/giving).



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



### 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).



Dear St. Raymond Community,

Thank you for hosting a lifesaving blood drive.

You are the key to ensuring an adequate blood supply is available for patients. Approximately half of the nation's blood supply is collected at blood drives like yours. At Vitalant, we cannot meet the blood needs of patients we serve without you.

You are incredibly vital to helping patients survive the medical challenges they face.

We appreciate your partnership, thank you!

Vitalant Blood Donation



## 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, being a runner, and cleaning-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!

## 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.



"In His hand are the depths of the earth and the mountain peaks belong to Him." Psalm 95:4

At our Laudato Si' meetings we continue our reading of

*A Christian's Guide to Planet Earth* by Betsy Painter. In her chapter about mountains and minerals, Painter puts her focus on the hidden treasures beneath the stunning mountains that inspire us and call to mind God's glory. There we find gems and precious metals "concealed in the depths of the earth, discovered only when purposefully sought out... a stunning metaphor about our relationship with God." She teaches of the less glamorous minerals that are the building blocks of the everyday devices and machines we all rely on (smartphones, PCs, medical devices...)

As Christians we have responsibilities for these gifts, from supporting safe mining of earth's treasures, to responsible use of them, and proper disposal. One of the best ways to help is to recycle your electronics properly - they don't belong in land fill. Millions of pounds of rare-earth metals are being recycled every year due to proper disposal [Bayshore Recycling, Best Buy, and Staples have free recycling, along with many non-profits.]

The way we use and treat earth's gifts is part of living the Holy lives we are all called to live.



Please join us Thursdays at noon Laudato Si - Zoom during Lent. <http://bit.ly/LaudatoSiZoom>.

## ST. RAYMOND PARISH

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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](mailto:office@straymondmp.org) or register online at [straymondmp.org/register](http://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.)

Ash Wednesday 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

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**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.