

1st Sunday of Lent | February 26, 2023

Upcoming Events

Monday to Saturday Each Week 8:15 am Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 5:00 pm Mass 9:00 am Faith-Sharing Group (8th Grade Classroom)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023 9:00 am Legion of Mary (Library)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2023 7:00 pm Faith-Sharing Group (Parish Hall)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023 9:30 am Faith-Sharing Group (Youth Center) 10:00 am Weekly Bible Study 7:00 pm Holy Hour

Thursday, March 2, 2023

12:00 pm Laudato Si' Group Zoom

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023

6:00 pmStations of the Cross (Church)6:45 pmSoup Supper

SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023

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 amTenebrae7:00 pmMass 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 amTenebrae10:00 amBlessing of the Easter Food8:00 pmEaster Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023

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

Mass Intentions

Sat., Feb. 25, 5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish 1st Sunday of Lent Sun., Feb. 26, 8:00 am Dana Renee Harned † Guido & Florence 10:00 am Budelli † † 5:00 pm Reves Estrada † Aurelio Maestrini † Mon., Feb. 27, 8:15 am St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot, Doctor of the Church (m) Tony Galvez Tue., Feb. 28, 8:15 am Wed., Mar. 1, 8:15 am David Ropp † Thu., Mar. 2, 8:15 am Dick Bonino † Fri., Mar. 3, 8:15 am Manolo Lopez † St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin (USA) (m) Sat., Mar. 4, 8:15 am Jimmy Matsuzaki † St. Casimir (m) Sat., Mar. 4, 5:00 pm Puz & Harold Nelson † †, & Family L&D 2nd Sunday of Lent Sun., Mar. 5, 8:00 am The Papa Family, L&D Armando & Caterina 10:00 am Maestrini † † 5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

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.

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The Good Life

Mondays 7 pm in the Chapel, March 6-27

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!







St. Thomas Aquinas, OP. Statue of St. Thomas with his Eucharistic doctrine in the Cathedral of Saint-Brieuc. Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P. CC BY-NC-ND 2.0. <u>https://flic.kr/p/</u> Siz32u



St. Dominic reading the Bible. This detail from a painting by Filippo Lippi in the National Gallery in London shows St. Dominic reading from his Bible. Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P. CC BY-NC-ND 2.0. https://flic.kr/p/BJmL7Y

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:

Sundays, 9 am (2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26) 8th Grade Classroom With Br. Anthony

Tuesdays, 7 pm (2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26) Parish Hall With a Dominican

Wednesdays, 9:30 am (3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29) Youth Center With Tina Augustine

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.

The Legion of Mary is a world-wide organization of the lay apostolate, in which Catholic men, women and youth sanctify themselves through prayer and apostolic work in union with Our Lady under the guidance of a priest.

The Legion of Mary was first organized in Dublin, Ireland, on September 7, 1921.



Now until Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023, Redwood City

The Redwood City campaign of 40 Days for Life has begun. It is being 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 Fund

Our client, Lisa, at Coast House required immediate first month's rental assistance since the apartment complex in Pacifica where she secured an apartment required it prior to the SMC inspection. Client has a housing voucher to support her, but was not going to get assistance for the first month's rent. After submitting the request, St. Raymond responded immediately and provided the necessary funds. We are so appreciative for the ongoing support and assistance they provide for our clients at LifeMoves. The client is all set to move in on Thursday and will focus on using her funds to furnish and decorate her new beautiful apartment.

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 <u>straymondmp.org/donate</u> or by putting a check in the collection basket.

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 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



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WHERE TO DONATE: STORAGE CONTAINER AT SCHOOL FACULTY PARKING LOT OFF ARBOR ROAD

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.

WHERE TO SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER: HTTPS://DELIVR.COM/2SQEP



In today's gospel, Jesus was tempted to make decisions that would bring him comfort and power, but he refused. He showed us how to follow last week's words from Leviticus

"Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy." We, too, can be holy in our choices and treatment of all creation. We see God's amazing creativity in the over-1.6 million species that have been identified. God created each with a purpose; to perform a specific job to retain the balance of the ecosystem He has given us. But as we humans can encroach on, overexploit, or pollute habitat and lose many species. Sometimes another creature can step up to retain a healthy balance. This is why God created so many different species. But if we don't thoughtfully use and protect habitat, the stability this diversity was designed to protect will decline. The benefits God's global ecosystem provides clean water and air, medicines, minerals needed for daily use - are at risk.

Each of us is endowed with intelligence and an ability to consider the impact of our decisions. Laudato Si' asks us to take a balanced view of both the benefits and the costs of human activity. This Lent, can we reflect on how we can care for creation more responsibly for the sake of future generations. Let us exercise 'dominion' with servant leadership as Jesus taught. We can honor God's creation through careful conservation actions like:

- Cleaning up after camping or hiking-leave no trace;
- Don't buy products made from endangered species;
- Recycle properly.



The Lord's tender mercies are over all His works [Ps.143:9]

Join us Thursdays at noon during Lent as we discuss The Christian's Guide to Planet Earth, Laudato Si' -Zoom http://bit.ly/LaudatoSiZoom.

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