

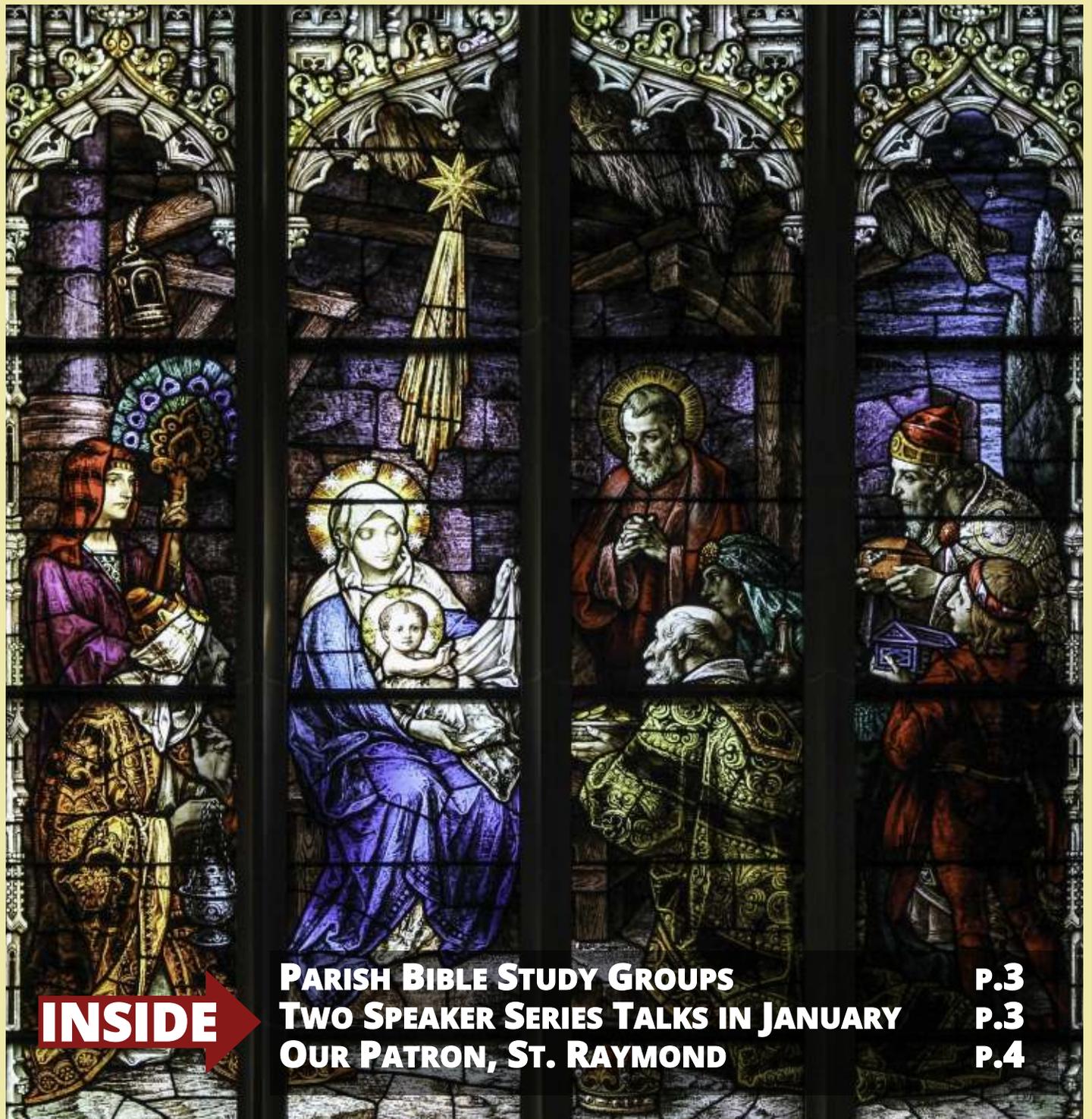


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MONDAY TO FRIDAY EACH WEEK

9:00 am Mass (Outdoors)
3:00 pm Prayer/Devotional*
6:40 pm Rosary (M-Th) / Stations of the Cross (F)*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2021

10:00 am Zoom Bible Study (below)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2021

9:00 am Mass (Outdoors)
3:00 pm Confessions in Rose Garden
3:30 pm Vigil Mass (Outdoors)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021

9:00 am Sunday Mass (Outdoors)
10:00 am Sunday Mass (Outdoors)
3:30 pm Sunday Mass (Outdoors)

RSVP for weekend Masses at straymondmp.org/eventbrite

* Due to the holidays, please visit straymondmp.org for the latest schedule for the day.

BIBLE STUDY

The St. Raymond 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. If you would like more information, please contact Christine Galvez at chrisgalvez@aol.com.



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, please contact us at office@straymondmp.org or register online at www.straymondmp.org/register.

LITURGY

Sat., Jan. 2, 3:30 pm Joe Rimsa †

Epiphany of the Lord (S)

Sun., Jan. 3, 9:00 am Sita Maufusi †

10:00 am Armando Maestrini †

3:30 pm St. Raymond Parish

Mon., Jan. 4, 9:00 pm Annette Moylan †

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (M)

Tue., Jan. 5, 9:00 pm In Thanksgiving & Special Intention

St. John Neumann, Bishop (M)

Wed., Jan. 6, 9:00 am Doug Meintz

St. André Bessette, Religious (m)

Thur., Jan 7., 9:00 am Antonio & Celesta Marucci ††

Solemnity of St. Raymond of Peñafort O.P., Priest, Master of the Order

Fri., Jan. 8, 9:00 am  Gad Onyeneho

Sat., Jan. 9, 9:00 am Mary Ann Egging

Sat., Jan. 9, 3:30 pm St. Raymond Parish

The Baptism of the Lord

Sun., Jan. 10, 9:00 am The Ruocco Family, Both Living & Deceased

10:00 am Armando Maestrini †

3:30 pm Hugo Macchello †

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

To request a Mass Intention, please contact the parish office.

SUNDAY READINGS

January 3, 2021 (The Epiphany of the Lord)

Reading 1: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Reading 2: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010321.cfm

January 10, 2021 (The Baptism of the Lord)

Reading 1: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Isaiah 55:1-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

Reading 2: Acts 10:34-38 or 1 John 5:1-9

Gospel: Matthew 1:7-11

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011021.cfm

PARISH BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

While evaluating the results of the parish-wide survey, we saw you expressed an interest in two areas of growth in your faith life. The first is a desire to learn more about the Bible. The second is a longing to learn how to talk about your faith life with family and friends.

In an effort to address these areas, I would like our entire community to undertake a Bible study course entitled, "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible!" By taking part in this Bible study course, we will accomplish our two goals of growing in our knowledge of the Bible and learning how to share our faith.

This course, which will be streamed online, consists of eight 30-minute talks. After each talk, there are discussion questions for small group sharing. The small groups could be a family unit or an existing Saint Raymond group. There will be new small groups formed solely for this purpose led by Deacon Tom, Deacon John, Lauri Hofstrom, and Fr. Jerome. Dates for the new small groups will be announced in the middle of January and will start the first week of February.

To sign up for this course, please visit: <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/unlocking-the-mystery> and choose the "Unlocking the Bible Study Set" for \$24.95. Please order now because it will take about two weeks for the print material to arrive.

Thank you for your feedback from the parish survey that is allowing us to grow together in Jesus Christ as we Pray, Serve, and Socialize.

God bless,

Fr. Jerome

SPEAKER SERIES

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PSYCHOLOGY AND BEYOND: THE UNIQUE VALUE OF PRAYER IN CHAOTIC TIMES

TUE. JAN. 12, 2021, 7:00 PM ON ZOOM

Many Catholic prayers are exquisitely designed to optimize stress reduction, ground persons within coherent thought patterns, facilitate emotional catharsis, and increase a sense of personal belonging within a group. However, in addition to these secondary benefits, prayer often provides the only satisfactory solution to our lives during times of crisis. Only a deep interpersonal trust in God, made possible by intimate prayer, enables one to eventually act with genuine freedom in the face of any tragedy.

Dr. Michael Wagner is a practicing Catholic and proud father of four adorable children. Having earned his doctorate in clinical psychology from the Institute for the Psychological Sciences, he works as a licensed clinical psychologist in Maryland and Virginia. Additionally, Michael has recently co-taught a class at the Pontifical John Paul II Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family at the Catholic University of America on psychological issues related to gender, marriage, and family.

PRAYING IN A TIME OF ANXIETY, THE WAY TO CHRISTIAN HOPE

MON. JAN. 25, 2021, 7:00 PM ON ZOOM

So many people are suffering great anxiety about the present Covid crisis. Some people say that they do not even know how to pray at this difficult time. Our Catholic Tradition offers wisdom during times of great distress. This talk is based on this wisdom and intends to offer a way to the true peace and hope that is Christ's gift for us.

Fr. Luke Buckles OP is a member of the Western Dominican Province, the Holy Name of Jesus. He has taught at the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology and for the last 17 years in Rome. Before returning to the Dominican School in Berkeley he is teaching this spring semester at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans

To join in the talk, visit straymondmp.org/zoom/ for Zoom details. Did you miss one of our latest Speaker Series Zoom Talks? Visit the same link to view such talks as: *Christmas Conspiracies* with Fr. Jerome, *Forgiveness: Healing the Darkness of Resentment* with Dn. John, *The Eucharist in the Life & Faith of the Church* with Fr. Ambrose Sigman, O.P., *From Hard Science Ph.D to Religious O.P.*, and *Meeting Jesus Christ at Mass* with Fr. Augustine Hilander, O.P.





OUR PATRON SAINT

ST. RAYMOND OF PEÑAFORT, O.P.

DOMINICAN FRIAR, MASTER OF THE ORDER, AND
PATRON SAINTS OF LAWYERS—JANUARY 7

Article courtesy of the [Dominican Nuns Corpus Christi Monastery](#), Menlo Park, CA.

A few minutes' drive (or walk) from our monastery is a community of our brothers, living and serving under the patronage of **St. Raymond of Peñafort***. The community of friars serves St. Raymond parish and school, Stanford University, Vallambrosa Retreat Center, and provides chaplaincy to our monastery. We are ever more grateful for the tireless service they offer the community, and our community as well. Truly, they faithfully give themselves to the glory of God and salvation of souls in the example of their patron. So who was St. Raymond?

St. Raymond of Peñafort is a shining example of a person living daily a life of quiet fidelity, humility, and sanctity. The Church remembers St. Raymond as an exemplar confessor and for his contributions to canon law. His brothers and sisters in the Order remember him for his steady and tireless giving of himself and the fruits of his contemplation, even well

past the age we would think a person entitled to "retire." For St. Raymond, "to live was Christ" (Phil. 1:21).

In a castle near Barcelona, in the quiet, sleepy countryside of medieval Catalonia, lived the Peñafort family. It was here that St. Raymond was born and grew. As a child, he was dedicated by his parents to serve the Church and at an early age was sent to school in Barcelona. Upon completing his education, he began to teach in Bologna, but after a few years, decided to continue his studies. Possessing a brilliant mind, he eventually set his sights on specializing in canon law, and so moved to Bologna, Italy, which had the preeminent university for law at that time.

Upon completing his doctorate, he began to teach in Bologna. In those days, professors and students negotiated tuition fees – students paid for each class taught by the professor. However, St. Raymond believed that knowledge was a gift from God, so he never demanded payment for his classes from his students. In fact, he was horrified that some of his colleagues demanded such high payments from their students that they lived in relative luxury, while some students were so poor, one would have to stay home while another went to class wearing the only set of

Christmas Eve 2020



clothes they had between them! Nonetheless, the city of Bologna was so afraid of losing St. Raymond to a rival school, the governing officials voted to give him an annual stipend.

As a young professor, St. Raymond wrote many works, useful to his contemporaries and colleagues, and which are still the object of study. But his most notable written work for the Church was compiling the Decretals of Gregory IX. The Decretals were the code by which the discipline of the Church was directed from day of their promulgation, September 5, 1234, until May 19, 1918, when the Code of Canon Law became effective. In other words, for over six hundred and eighty-three years the collection of the Decretals made by St. Raymond was the authentic source of legislation in the Church.

When he was forty-seven, the year after St. Dominic's death, St. Raymond donned the white habit of a Dominican novice and began a new mode of life. His entering the Dominicans caused a huge stir in the university city of Bologna, as well as a sudden surge of new vocations to the Dominicans. As a Dominican, he became Master of the Order after the death of Bl. Jordan of Saxony and compiled the *Liber Constitutionum Ordinis Fratrum Praedicatorum*, the Dominican Constitutions. Later, he encouraged St. Thomas Aquinas to write his *Summa Contra Gentiles*. As a missionary and apostle, he co-founded, with St.

Peter Nolasco, the Order of Our Lady of Ransom (for the redemption of Christian captives). Yearning to convert the peoples of the East, he founded schools in Barcelona and Tunis for the study of oriental languages.

After two years of intense labor as Master of the Order, citing ill health, St. Raymond begged to be allowed to resign as Master. Though his

resignation was eventually accepted (and the accepting friars were penanced severely for letting him go), St. Raymond continued to labor for the Order and Church. He was appointed, at different times, as confessor to the pope and king, and as papal penitentiary, he pronounced on difficult cases of conscience. He wrote various works for the guidance of confessors and canonists, and in art, he is pictured holding a key, the symbol of confession.

St. Raymond of Peñafort, pray for us!

* *Sant Ramon de Penyafort* (Catalan), *San Raimundo de Peñafort* (Spanish).

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6 HOW TO CELEBRATE THE RITES & BLESSINGS OF EPIPHANY

BY GRETCHEN FILZ

Epiphany is one of the Church's major and spectacular feasts. It occurs on January 6th, the final day of the 12 days of Christmas (in some locations it is transferred to the Sunday between January 2 - 8). In some places it is also called Twelfthnight or Three Kings Day. This is the day the Church commemorates the Magi arriving to give homage to the newborn King of Kings with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, symbolic of all the Gentile nations coming into the Kingdom of God. In many places around the world, this was the traditional day of gift-giving in celebration of Christmas.

In the East this feast is quite a bit more elaborate than in the West. For the Eastern Church, Epiphany is the celebration of not one, not two, but three 'epiphanies', or revelations of Christ: the arrival of the Magi with their kingly gifts, the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, and Jesus' first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. These three biblical events are theophanies, or visible manifestations of who Jesus really was—God incarnate. In some locations a fourth event was also historically celebrated on this day, the Nativity of Christ.

There are many beautiful and ancient traditions that come to us from the East in the form of special blessings that the Church performs on this feast: the blessing of water, salt, chalk, and homes, as well as of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

SPECIAL EPIPHANY BLESSINGS

EPIPHANY WATER: There is a special blessing for water on the feast of the Epiphany because of its connection to the celebration of Jesus' baptism. This ancient rite of the blessing of the waters, with its extraordinarily powerful prayers of exorcism, renders Epiphany Water more spiritually potent than 'ordinary' holy water (also, exorcised salt is part of the ritual and is used to 'make' Epiphany water).

BLESSED CHALK: There is a long-standing Epiphany tradition of marking churches, homes, schools, and other buildings with a special 'holy formula' over the entryway using chalk that has been blessed for this purpose on Epiphany. This formula includes the

current year along with the initials C, M, and B in the order shown below.

20 + C + M + B + 21

The C, M, and B are placed in between the numbers of the current year, with crosses in between each symbol. The three letters have two significations: the invocation *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (Christ bless this house), as well as the first initial of the names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.



BLESSING OF HOMES: Epiphany, including its octave, is the traditional time of year to have your home blessed by

a priest. If it isn't possible to have a priest bless your home, the head (i.e. the husband/father) can preside over the ceremony as in the above link to the Roman Ritual. After the ritual, mark 20 + C + M + B + 21 over the entryway of the home with chalk.

BLESSING OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE, & MYRRH: There is also a special Epiphany blessing in honor of the original Christmas gifts. The faithful can have their items of gold blessed (such as wedding rings and rosaries), myrrh for medicinal use, and frankincense to be used for the Epiphany home blessing and other liturgical feasts (such as Easter).

HONORING CHRIST THE KING

Coinciding with the freshness of a new calendar year, and with the symbolism of the Gentile nations being received into God's Kingdom, Epiphany is the perfect time to honor Christ's dominion over your life, and all that belongs to you, with these ancient, external signs of the Christian faith.

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Discover the Catholic faith! Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Classes will be held via Zoom until further notice.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Deacon Tom at tkelly@straymondmp.org or 650-670-2200. We look forward to welcoming you.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS ⁷

MASS SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE NOV 30, 2020

Saturdays 3:30 pm Vigil (Outdoors)

Sundays 9:00 am (Outdoors), 10:00 am (Outdoors), 3:30 pm (Outdoors)

Weekdays 9:00 am (Mon.-Sat. Outdoors)

Holy Days Jan 1 9:00 am, 12:15 pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office at 650-323-1755.

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS

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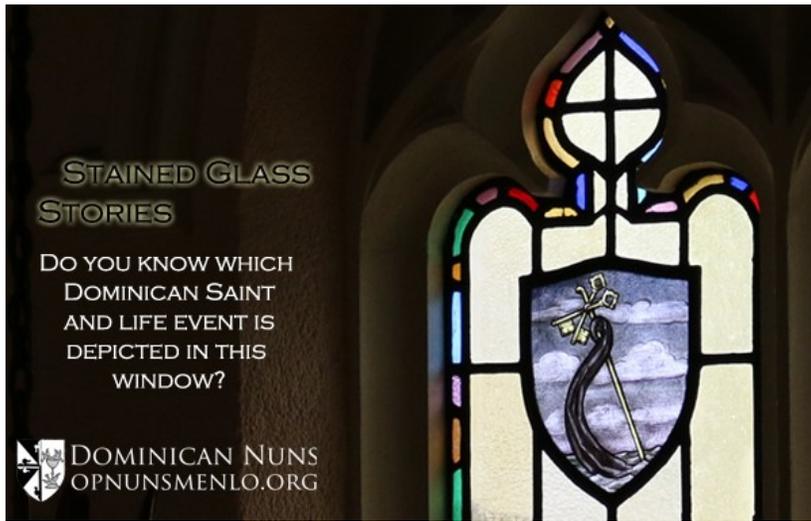
VISION STATEMENT St. Raymond Parish is a family. As disciples of Jesus, we are “children of God” and “brothers and sisters in Christ.” Jesus himself says, “Whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother” (Matthew 12:50). We welcome all to belong to our Catholic family 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.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

As a parish community we pray for the sick among us, including:
Balvina Gonzalez, Bernice Corcoran, Bill Pflaum, Candy Hernandez, Celeste Green, Diane Mojtehed, Emmanuel Barbariol, Gail Blach, Janice Hagy, Lorraine Macchello, Lynn Bacon, Modesta Cintron, Patricia Rigsby, Penny Bantug, William Cintron, those suffering from the coronavirus, the homebound, and those who wish not to be named. Please contact the parish office if you wish to have a name added to this list.





St. Raymond was always consulted by King James I of Aragon in every important affair of state. Toward the end of his life, St. Raymond accompanied King James I to an island to obtain the conversion of the Moors. However, King James also brought with him his mistress. St. Raymond reproved the king several times, but to no avail. Refusing to be part of the royal entourage, he began looking for a ship to take him back to the mainland. But, every captain had been forbidden under penalty of death to give him passage. Undaunted, St. Raymond said to his fellow friar, "You will see that the King of Heaven will confound the wickedness of this earthly King and provide me with a ship."

With that, he walked to the seashore, removed his black cappa and cast one part upon the water and fastened the other part to his staff. Kneeling on the part floating on the surface of the water, he invited his fellow friar to do likewise; but the friar declined. Making the sign of the cross, St. Raymond pushed off from shore and quickly sailed away on his cappa. He made the voyage of 180 miles in six hours, faster than any ship at that time. When he reached shore, a crowd had gathered, seeing him on the water. He stepped on land, picked up his cappa and put it back on his shoulders, as dry as if it had never touched water. He walked to the convent, which was locked; but suddenly, he was inside the cloister without anyone seeing how he got in, or hearing him.

When news of the miracle reached King James, he sincerely repented and gave up his sinful life, and he and St. Raymond became friends once more.

Source: Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery, Menlo Park

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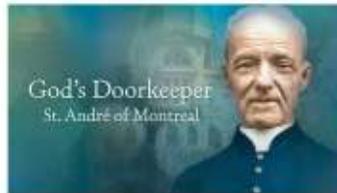
PICK OF THE WEEK

January 3, 2021

WATCH

**GOD'S DOORKEEPER:
ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL**

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



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Page 4-5—Panoramic of St. Raymond's Christmas Eve Mass 2020.

Page 5—St. Raymond on the façade of our church. All rights reserved.

Page 6—*Epiphany: Caspar, Melchior und Balthasar*. Photo by Alan Davey. CC BY-NC-ND 2.0 <https://flic.kr/p/2i5pfSi>

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