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ALL EVENTS ARE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK AT
facebook.com/straymondmp/live

ALL MASSES ARE ALSO STREAMED ON YOUTUBE AT
straymondmp.org/youtube

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 13, 2021

10:00 am Zoom Bible Study (below)
7:00 pm Psychology and Beyond: Speaker Series Zoom Talk with Dr. Michael Wagner (p. 4)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2021

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 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 chrissgalvez@aol.com.



PASTOR'S CORNER

FR. JEROME WILL RETURN NEXT WEEKEND.

LITURGY

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 †

Mon., Jan. 11, 9:00 am In Thanksgiving & Special Intention

1st Week in Ordinary Time

Tue., Jan. 12, 9:00 pm Patricia Rigsby † & Bill Farrar †
St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (m)

Wed., Jan. 13, 9:00 am Raffaele & Aurelio Maestrini ††

Thur., Jan. 14., 9:00 am  Nav Moataane

Fri., Jan. 15, 9:00 am Mother Cabrini (in Thanksgiving)

Sat., Jan. 16, 9:00 am Charles Galdes †

Sat., Jan. 16, 3:30 pm St. Raymond Parish

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Jan. 17, 9:00 am Olga Mirek †

10:00 am Armando Maestrini †

3:30 pm Frances G. †

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

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

SUNDAY READINGS

January 10, 2021 (The Baptism of the Lord)

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

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 29:1-4, 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

January 17, 2021 (2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 40: 2, 4, 7-10

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel: John 11:35-42

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/011721.cfm

PRAY SERVE SOCIALIZE

CALLING ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE!

TUES., JAN. 26, 2021, 7:00-8:30 PM (ZOOM)
SAT., JAN. 30, 2021, 9:45-11:15 PM (LIVE &
ZOOM)

The PRAY, SERVE, SOCIALIZE model of parish life is starting off the new 2021 calendar year with an event especially for EMoHC's. Connect for the very first time, or re-connect after any amount of lapsed time, with the joy of Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion! We will hear a **special presentation by our Pastor, Fr. Jerome Cudden, OP** and be invited to share with one another our experiences of the past year. See old friends, new faces, and be energized in this opportunity to PRAY, SERVE, and yes, even SOCIALIZE together! Nota Bene: This is NOT a repeat of previous Pray, Serve, Socialize meetings, but is an event specialized for EM's moving forward into (may God grant it!) the post-COVID era. ALL ARE WELCOME (even if you have not been an EM ever before, or perhaps have not been one at St. Raymond).

TWO OPTIONS:

- **Tuesday, Jan. 26, 2021, 7:00-8:30 pm** on Zoom - RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/135590929119>
- **Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021, 9:45-11:15 pm** Live & on Zoom - RSVP: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/135591338343>

All registrants will receive a Zoom link the day before the event.

For **Sat., Jan. 30**, you may use the link, or you may participate live, in-person; exact outdoor location will be announced the day before the event.

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PARISH BIBLE STUDY GROUPS³

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



PSYCHOLOGY AND BEYOND: THE UNIQUE VALUE OF PRAYER IN CHAOTIC TIMES - NEW DATE*

WED. JAN. 13*, 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.

To join in the talks, visit straymondmp.org/zoom/ for Zoom details. *The talk was postponed a day later due to scheduling conflicts.

COOKIE MINISTRY

Thank you to all of the amazing holiday bakers as well as the children who created colorful greeting cards with kind messages for guests of the Table of Plenty Ministry in Half Moon Bay. The beautiful knit scarves & hats were also appreciated! Since we began baking in March 2020, St. Raymond Parishioners have baked over 7,600 delicious cookies and bars for our homeless and low-income brothers and sisters on the coast!

We have two more dates coming up when we will provide cookies again: **January 20**, and **January 27**. If you are able to bake 48-60 cookies for either of these dates, please email Carol at office@straymondmp.org.

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 O.P. 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 talks, 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.

DOMINICAN CORNER

EWTN OPEN LINE THURSDAY WITH FR. BRIAN MULLADY, O.P.

Fr. Brian Mullady, O.P., from the Western Dominican Providence, will begin hosting the Thursday edition (12pm, Pacific) of EWTN's popular show, Open Line.

This fast-paced call-in show is a wonderful opportunity for Catholics to ask questions and grow in faith.

For more information and to listen, visit: <https://www.ewtn.com/radio/shows/open-line-thursday>

BY ST. EPHREM THE SYRIAN

“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” (Mark 1:11)

Today the Source of all the graces of baptism comes himself to be baptized in the river Jordan, there to make himself known to the world. Seeing him approach, John stretches out his hand to hold him back, protesting: Lord, by your own baptism you sanctify all others; yours is the true baptism, the source of perfect holiness. How can you wish to submit to mine?

But the Lord replies, I wish it to be so. Come and baptize me; do as I wish, for surely you cannot refuse me. Why do you hesitate, why are you so afraid? Do you not realize that the baptism I ask for is mine by every right? By my baptism the waters will be sanctified, receiving from me fire and the Holy Spirit.

Unless I am immersed in them they will never be empowered to bring forth children to eternal life. There is every reason for you to let me have my way and do what I am asking you to do. Did I not baptize you when you were in your mother’s womb? Now it is your turn to baptize me in the Jordan. So come, then, carry out your appointed task.

To this John answers: your servant is utterly helpless. Savior of all, have mercy on me! I am not fit even to unfasten your sandal straps, let alone to lay my hand upon your venerable head.

But I hear your command, Lord, and in obedience to your word I come to give you that baptism to which your own love impels you. Man of dust that I am, let

deepest reverence enfold me when I behold the height to which I have been called—even to laying my hand on the head of my Maker!

See the hosts of heaven hushed and still, as the all-holy Bridegroom goes down into the Jordan. No sooner is he baptized than he comes up from the waters, his splendor shining forth over the earth.

The gates of heaven are opened, and the Father’s voice is heard: “This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased.” All who are present stand in awe as they watch the Spirit descend to bear witness to him.

O come, all you peoples, worship him! Praise to you, Lord, for your glorious epiphany which brings joy to us all! The whole world has become radiant with the light of your manifestation.

Hymn 14, 6-8.14.32.36-37.47-50:
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Ephrem (c. 306-73), the only Syrian Father who is honored as a doctor of the Church, was ordained deacon at Edessa in 363, and gave an outstanding example of a deacon’s life and work. Most of his exegetical, dogmatic, controversial, and ascetical writings are in verse. They provide a rich mine of information regarding the faith and practice of the early Syrian Church. The poetry of Ephrem greatly influenced the development of Syriac and Greek hymnography.

THE ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

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“Thus says the LORD:
All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!” Isaiah 55:1

“With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.” Isaiah 12:2

“I have baptized you with water;
he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” Mark 1:8



Last year we witnessed and suffered the effects of numerous historic wildfires around the globe and in our own backyard. As the year ended and the new year began, we welcomed a few days of minimal rain. As Californians, we do not take water for granted; we watch our annual rainfall and snow-pack totals as if our lives depend on them. We realize our lives—ALL life—depend on water, and that lack of clean water is an existential threat to many peoples of the planet, through drought and water pollution.

In his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis makes clear the life-sustaining nature of water as a basic and universal human right “essential to human survival and, as such, a condition for the exercise of other human rights.” (LS 30).

Fresh drinking water is an issue of primary importance, since it is indispensable for human life and for supporting terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. Sources of fresh water are necessary for health care, agriculture and industry. Water supplies used to be relatively constant, but now in many places demand exceeds the sustainable supply, with dramatic consequences in the short and long term. Large cities dependent on significant supplies of water have experienced periods of shortage, and at critical moments these have not always been administered with sufficient oversight and impartiality. (LS 28)

SUPPORT FOR FR. EDWARD'S PARISH IN NIGERIA

Fr. Edward Inyanwachi, who many of you will remember from his wonderful service to our parish as Administrator in 2013, is in URGENT need of financial support for his parish in Nigeria. The closing down of regular church services due to the COVID-19 pandemic and escalating violence within the country have created extreme circumstances and financial stress for his community.



Fr. Edward has used all of his local resources to do what he can to sustain his parish during this challenging time. Reluctantly, he has reached out to his friends in the Bay Area asking for any financial assistance we may be able to provide. He is in desperate need of funding to help provide basic goods such food, water, and medicines, which are in very short supply.

Update! To make a donation, please visit www.mmcharitablefoundation.org/undesigned-donation.html.

You can also make a check out to The Mother of Mercy Charitable Foundation and send it to 361 Gonzalez Drive, San Francisco, CA 94132-2345.

But sometimes we do take water for granted. How can we remind ourselves of the importance of clean water and be grateful for, and guard, our plentiful supply?

Praised be You my Lord through Sister Water,
So useful, humble, precious and pure.

Read more about Pope Francis' call for global and local water consciousness: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-09/pope-francis-care-for-water-is-urgent-imperative.html>

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 or email office@straymondmp.org and help us get in touch with those who need ministry.

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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 9:00 am, 12:15 pm, 3:30 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.

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, 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.



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.

REQUIESCE IN PACE

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of the following members of our parish community.

Patricia Rigsby
Lolito Nafrada

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

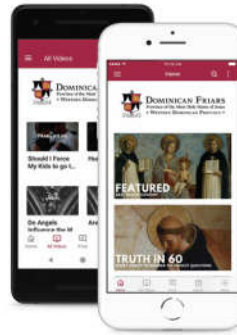
PRAYER REQUESTS

Send in your prayer requests to the Rosary Center at rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/request-prayers/ and the Dominican Nuns at Corpus Christi Monastery at opnunsmenlo.org/request-prayer.

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