



ST. RAYMOND CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2020



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ONLINE SCHEDULE

ALL EVENTS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED ON:

FATHER JEROME'S FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/fatherjerome.cudden/live

(This link will work with or without a Facebook account)

AND

FATHER JEROME'S YOUTUBE:

straymondmp.org/youtube

* UNLESS NOTED AS ST. RAYMOND'S FACEBOOK PAGE WHICH IS: www.facebook.com/straymondmp/live

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2020

9:00 am Sunday Mass with Fr. Jerome

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020

8:30 am Daily Mass
1:30 pm Rosary *
3:00 pm Prayer Opportunity *
6:45 pm Rosary with Fr. Jerome
7:00 pm Taizé Prayer Service *

TUE., MAY 5, 2020 TO THUR., MAY 7, 2020

8:30 am Daily Mass
1:30 pm Rosary *
3:00 pm Prayer Opportunity*
6:45 pm Rosary with Fr. Jerome

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2020

8:30 am Daily Mass
1:30 pm Rosary *
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet *
6:45 pm Rosary with Fr. Jerome

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2020

8:30 am Daily Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020

9:00 am Sunday Mass with Fr. Jerome

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MASS INTENTIONS

ALL MASS INTENTIONS WILL BE SAID, THOUGH SOME MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A NEW DATE, DUE TO OUR REDUCED SCHEDULE.

Sun., May 3, 9:00 am St. Raymond Parish

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mon., May 4, 8:30 am Lillian Duzanica †

Tues., May 5, 8:30 am Ray Lane, Sr. †

*St. Vincent Ferrer, Dominican Friar & Priest (M);
Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Mary of the
Ascension Cathedral (F)*

Wed., May 6, 8:30 am Thomas D. Hofstrom

Thur., May 7, 8:30 am Arthur Ang †

Fri., May 9, 8:30 am Sr. Ann McGowan, RSCJ 

Sat., May 10, 8:30 am Peter Herborn †

*St. Antoninus Pierozzi of Florence, Dominican Friar &
Bishop (M)*

Sun., May 11, 9:00 am St. Raymond Parish

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

Taizé prayer is a simple form of Christian prayer in which we gather around the cross in candlelight to share scripture, chants, silence, and prayer.

Join Ronnica and Lauri for our Taizé prayer service on **Monday, May 4 at 7:00 pm** at the St. Raymond Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/straymondmp/live.



BAKERS NEEDED

BAKERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY MEALS

St. Raymond parish partnered with Sr. Jeanette Braun, SNDdeN and the Table of Plenty Meal Program in Half Moon Bay earlier this month to provide desert bags to accompany meals being delivered for those without homes, elderly persons, and families who are low income. A team of bakers from St. Raymond made over 200 beautiful bags of cookies and fruit! The program is receiving fruit again, but still needs desserts baked with love. If you are a good baker and are able to make 25-30 baggies of cookies or brownies- two per bag- and tie them with a ribbon for May 13, please contact Amy Jobin at ajobin@straymondmp.org to sign up. Thank you for your generosity!

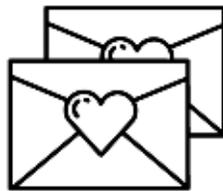


"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

~ Matthew 25:40

CARDS BY KIDS

St. Raymond School and Religious Ed. students and families- we have an exciting opportunity for you! Do you enjoy art projects, making your own designs, writing poems, etc.?! We'd like to invite you to be a part of Cards by Kids! We are looking for young parishioners to make cards for our older and wiser members of St. Raymond Parish. Please make one, a few, or as many cards as you like- "generic"- that can be sent to anyone. The cards can say Happy Easter, God Bless You, Wishing You Well, I am Praying for You, Thinking of You, or anything you like as long as it is friendly and uplifting. Parents, you can drop cards off on the porch of parishioner Maureen O'Hara's house and she will mail the cards. Her address is: 1020 Pine Street, Menlo Park, CA 94025.



Thank you to all who will and already have participated!

MAY CROWNING

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION MAY CROWNING LIVE STREAM MAY 17

St. Raymond Religious Education will continue to send materials by email and hold online classes for 7th/8th graders for the next two weeks (May 3, May 10). May 17 is our last day of Religious Ed. for this school year and we will finish the year with a live stream May Crowning at 10 AM (right after the 9 AM Mass) and final blessing from Fr. Jerome and Amy. All Religious Education students and their families are welcome and encouraged to attend this special program.



A big thank you to all of our catechists who have stepped up and provided families with email and online class support and to all parents for helping your kids with the weekly lessons. We truly miss seeing you in person and look forward to the day we can gather together again.

FR. JEROME'S TALKS

Fr. Jerome's two talks **The Characters of the Passion** and **The Three Stages of Christian Life** are available online at www.straymondmp.org/fr-jerome-talks. Each series is in three parts.

Future talks will also be shown here.

To view the videos in full screen, click on the following symbol on the bottom right corner of each video.



THE WHAT, HOW, AND WHY OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

BY AMY JOBIN

Pope Francis, after reciting a live streamed Angelus prayer, told people on March 15, 2020, "United to Christ we are never alone, but instead form one body, of which he is the head. It is a union that is nourished with prayer and also with spiritual communion in the Eucharist, a practice that is recommended when it isn't possible to receive the sacrament." With the onset of COVID-19, we can imagine that Pope Francis suspected Catholics may not be able to receive Communion for some time and wanted to remind us of and offer us a way that we can continue to be united and "in communion" with Jesus.

The history of spiritual communion in the Church goes back to its early centuries, with the fifth-century bishop St. Augustine extolling the value of spiritual communion in his homilies and later saints, like the 16th-century reformer and mystic St. Theresa of Avila, advising that through making a spiritual communion "the love of God will be greatly impressed on you." In days past, geography, work, caring for children, and illness were just a few of the things that may have prevented Catholics from being able to receive the Eucharist regularly. While it is widely available in most parts of the United States today, there continue to be countries where a shortage of priests, parishes that are far from urban areas, violence, and other challenging life circumstances, cause people to be unable to receive the Eucharist on a regular basis. In these countries, there is a true need for practicing spiritual communion.

What most people are asking these days is... What is spiritual communion?

And how do I do it?

St. Thomas Aquinas described it as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most holy sacrament and lovingly embrace him" at a time or in circumstances when we cannot receive him in sacramental Communion. He goes on to say that spiritual communion needs no special instruction; it only requires the same disposition as the actual reception of the sacrament and turning to Jesus with an open heart.

Fr. Michael Hurley, OP of St. Dominic's Parish in San Francisco suggests there are five steps for making a spiritual communion when we are unable to attend Mass in person. The steps are as follows:

1) Create Space in Yourself to Receive Jesus

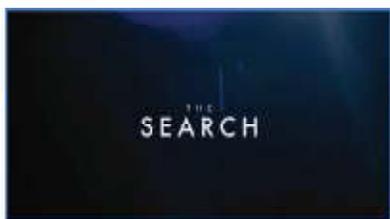
Take a few moments to be quiet and still and to center yourself and free yourself from distractions. Invite God to come into this space and to be with you.

2) Make an Act of Faith

This means telling God that you believe in Him and entrust your heart and your life to Him. You can do this quietly to yourself and say the prayer we say in Mass as preparation to receive the Eucharist: "Lord, I am not worthy

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to receive you, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.” (Matthew 8:8)

3) Make an Act of Love

In this step, we offer ourselves to God and promise to share God’s love with others. We can say something like: “God, I offer myself to you, help me to be your presence to others and to share your love with them through my own thoughts and actions.” We can pray this generally for our interactions with all, or we can be specific and offer to be loving to a certain person or in a specific situation.

4) Invite God to Open the Door of Your Heart

Invite God to do just this... open the door of your heart. Recognize in this moment that God wants to nourish and feed us with his love and care. Close your eyes and allow the presence of Jesus to come into your mind and heart, almost as if you were receiving his body and blood at Mass. Take your time in this step and allow yourself to feel Jesus’ presence in you and with you.

(Fr. Michael does not refer to the Spiritual Communion Prayer in his video, but the end of step 4 can be a good place to say it if you’ve gotten into the habit and want to continue).

5) A Moment of Gratitude

Keep this simple...Take a moment to thank God for the gift of your life and for all that He has given you. Thank Him for the gift of his Son and for the chance to allow Him to be with you today. Allow yourself a few moments to feel the gratitude well up in you.

I don’t know about you, but there are times I take receiving Communion on Sundays and during the week for granted. While I hope we are all back in Church together again one day in future, the spiritual communion prayer has made me aware once again of Jesus’ presence in my life and my ever present need to stay connected, “in communion” with Him. While it may take us some time to get used to this prayer and may feel strange, especially when we first begin, we can give it a chance, asking God as we do in all things, to be with us, to show us the way and to give us strength for the journey we’re on. We may just find that like Teresa of Avila, “the love of God will be greatly impressed on us.”

To See Fr. Michael’s full video, go to: <https://youtu.be/4vStG0esals>.

STEPS OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:

- 1) Create Space in Yourself
- 2) Make an Act of Faith
- 3) Make an Act of Love
- 4) Open the Door of Your Heart
- 5) Take a Moment of Gratitude

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Sources: “Spiritual communion receives new focus after parishes close,” article, *Catholic San Francisco*, March 17, 2020.

“Spiritual Communion Available when unable to receive Eucharist”, article by Abbot Jerome Kodell, OSB, *Diocese of Little Rock Website*, May 17, 2008.

Spiritual Communion and Pastoral Care During COVID, Youtube video, Fr. Michael Hurley, OP, March 13, 2020.





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Due to quarantine, we cannot invite you to join us in person,
but please join us online at [livestream.com/opwest](https://www.livestream.com/opwest).

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THE ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

is a spiritual association of the Catholic Church, the members of which strive to pray the entire Rosary during the course of one week. To join, you must have your name inscribed in the register of the Confraternity. There are no meetings, and no dues. To enroll and learn more, please visit www.rosary-center.org.



ATTENTION ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Culture Project team that was in San Francisco and now in Philadelphia would love to connect with you all virtually. They have set up time to meet with all of you on

Wednesday May 6th @ 5pm-6pm ish...

To participate, you must register beforehand so they may allow you to enter the meeting room. Only good vibes, open hearts, and open minds allowed in the meeting.

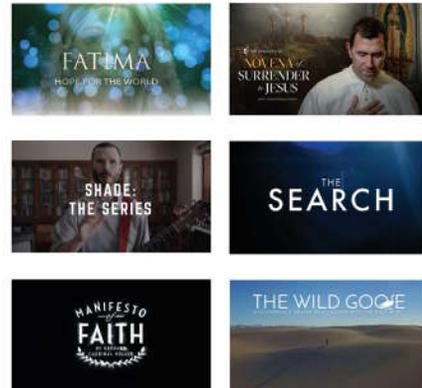
Once you register you will be given more information about logging in closer to the date of the event.

Hope to see you all there!!! God bless and keep safe.

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ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL COMES TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE SR. ANN'S BIRTHDAY

St. Raymond students returned to campus in a parade of cars to wish Sr. Ann McGowan, RSCJ, a happy birthday on May 1. Students and parents also gave greetings to school teachers, staff, and Fr. Jerome. Many St. Raymond graduates were also on hand. Social distancing was practiced by all.



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.

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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS ⁸

MASSES (see p.2 for current online schedule)

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!

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 through community, prayer, study, and service, as we 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, Candy Hernandez, Christine Galvez, Celeste Green, Diane Mojtehed, Emmanuel Barbariol, Gayland Hagy, GB, Janice Hagy, Lorraine Macchello, Lynn Bacon, Lynn Cintron, Margaret McSweeney, Modesta Cintron, Penny Bantug, PN, those suffering from the coronavirus, and those who wish not to be named. Please contact the parish office if you wish to have a name added to this list.



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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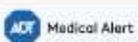
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