

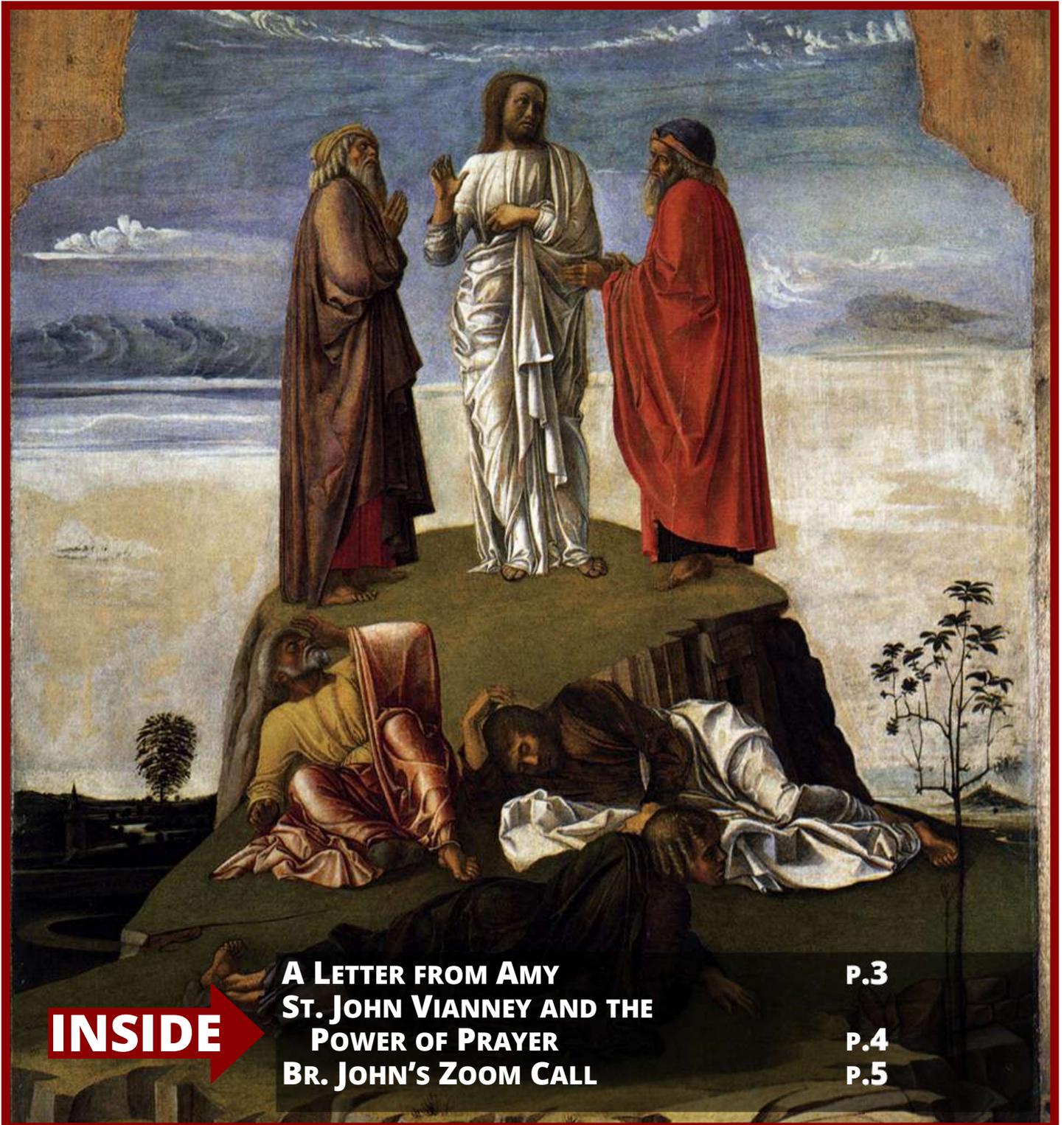


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SCHEDULE

ALL EVENTS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK
www.facebook.com/fatherjerome.cudden/live
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* UNLESS NOTED AS ST. RAYMOND'S FACEBOOK PAGE WHICH
 IS: www.facebook.com/straymondmp/live

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

| | | |
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| 8:15 am | M-Sat. | Mass |
| 9:15 am | M-F | Scripture Reading |
| 1:30 pm | T&Th | Rosary |
| 3:00 pm | M-F | Prayer/Devotional |
| 6:40 pm | M-W | Rosary with Fr. Jerome |
| 6:40 pm | F | Stations of the Cross |

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2020

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| 8:15 am | Morning Mass |
| 5:00 pm | Vigil Mass |

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020

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| 8:00 am | Sunday Mass |
| 10:00 am | Sunday Mass |
| 5:00 pm | Sunday Mass |

RSVP for weekend Masses at
www.straymondmp.org/eventbrite.

** Please visit straymondmp.org for the latest
 schedule for the day.

**NEXT WEEKEND, WE
 WILL BE TRANSFERRING
 THE SOLEMNITY OF
 ST. DOMINIC (AUG. 8)
 TO THE WEEKEND OF
 AUGUST 9.**



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Saturday, August 15) is not a holy day of obligation this year. The Solemnity will be celebrated at the Saturday morning Mass, August 15, at 8:15 am.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS—Low-gluten hosts are available at each Mass. Go to Father's line during Communion and ask for a low-gluten host.

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Aug. 1, 5:00 pm The Nelson Family, Both Living & Deceased

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun, Aug. 2, 8:00 am The Blach & Derry Families, Both Living & Deceased

10:00 am Sergio & Angela Maestrini ††

5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

Mon., Aug. 3, 8:15 am  Kelly Connelly

Tue., Aug. 4, 8:15 am Maureen, Angela & Patrick

St. John Vianney, Priest (M)

Wed., Aug. 5, 8:15 am  Grace Ferrando

The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major (m)

Thur., Aug. 6, 8:15 am Helen Pflaum †

The Transfiguration of the Lord (F)

Fri., Aug. 7, 8:15 am For the sick and the homebound in the parish

Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs (m); St. Cajetan, Priest (m)

Sat., Aug. 8, 8:15 am  Patty Hjelm

Sat., Aug. 8, 5:00 pm Filomena Legeralde †

Solemnity of Holy Father Dominic

Sun, Aug. 9, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish

10:00 am Charles Galdes †

5:00 pm Maurice Galvez †

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

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

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A LETTER FROM AMY

Dear St. Raymond Parishioners,

It has been a pleasure and honor to be part of the St. Raymond Community and to serve and work among all of you these past two years. An opportunity came along recently that I was not expecting- a position opened at Notre Dame High School in Belmont in Mission and Ministry and I will be starting there in early August. I'm sorry you cannot say goodbye in person, but hope that you will know how much I've appreciated getting to know so many of you through the ministries, Masses and at coffee and donuts. If we have been involved in one of the ministries together, please know that Fr. Jerome will be working to make sure you have a staff contact for that ministry in the near future.



Thank you for the warm welcome you gave me when I arrived here and for your many kindnesses over these two years. You are a very special community- kind, generous, faith-filled, loving, resilient, strong and so much more. I leave with much gratitude in my heart for my time here and all I've learned from you. I hope to still see you around St. Ray's or the Peninsula.

Until we meet again, may our good God watch over and bless each one of you~ Amy

COOKIES

Thank you to everyone who baked cookies for Table of Plenty over the past few months. Below is picture our most recent batch. Yes, those bags are filled with cookies.



LAUDATO SI'

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A Message and Invitation from the St. Raymond Laudato Si' Book Group that has been meeting over the summer:

Dear St. Raymond Parishioners, the Global Catholic Climate Movement is offering a five week on-line training to assist Catholics across the world in becoming more informed about *Laudato Si'*- *On Care For Our Common Home*, Pope Francis' encyclical on Care for Creation. In this course, participants will:

- ◆ **Learn** how Laudato Si' is part of Catholic social teaching to protect human dignity and the common good.
- ◆ **See** your deep connections to what's happening in our environment—and to the movement that's working to care for it.
- ◆ **Practice** leadership in your community and reflect on your growth together.
- ◆ **Connect** to your faith and the values we hold dear.
- ◆ **Dedicate** yourself to a lifelong journey of ecological conversion, protecting our sisters and brothers and the common home we share.

The course started on July 29, but it's not too late to sign up. You can attend sessions live or watch recordings later. Register for the course here:

catholicclimatemovement.global/animators/

If you should decide to sign up, please email Amy at ajobin@straymondmp.org and she can connect you with other St. Raymond parishioners who are taking the training. Also email her if care for creation is near and dear to your heart and you would like to become a member of our St. Raymond group.

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.

THE BREAD OF LIFE

BY ELEONORE STUMP

In the First Reading (Isaiah 55:1-3), God promises that he will feed his people well. Given this promise, the story in the Gospel (Matthew 14:13-21) Reading makes perfect sense: Jesus feeds the people who come to him with bread, the kind of ordinary bread that a person needs for his body to live.

But pause here a minute: how many of God's people go without food every day in this world? Where is the promised feeding of God?

In fact, look at the list of things in the Second Reading (Romans 8:35, 37-39) that Paul says cannot separate us from the love of God. Famine is on Paul's list, and so is every other kind of suffering. Why do we have to be told that hunger won't separate God's people from God? What happened to God's promise that *he* will feed his people?

As far as that goes, in the First Reading, God says to his people, "Come to me that you might have life." But even death is on Paul's list of things that cannot separate us from the love of God. Why should Paul have to tell us that death won't separate us from God if God has promised to give us life instead of death?

If God's promises to feed us and to give us life mean that some of us will suffer famine and all of us will die, what good are these promises? What do they mean? What are we to hope for in God's promises?

Here we should remember what Christ says about food and life: "I am the bread of life. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever, and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." (John 6:35, 51).

There are different kinds of hunger and different kinds of life, aren't there? The bread Christ offers stills the deepest hunger of all, and the life that Christ gives conquers all death.

So the sufferings of this world—hunger, death—remain. But the Second Reading is right to say that they cannot separate us from the love of Christ. The promises of God, that he will feed us and we will live, are fulfilled in the bread of life that is the Lord.

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ST. JOHN VIANNEY AND THE POWER OF PRAYER

FEAST: AUGUST 4

BY FR. PIER GIORGIO DENGLER, O.P.

"I'm ready for a change – I want to [surrender my life to God] like you. . . how do I start?"

The man who spoke these words couldn't have reached his 40s yet, but his searching gaze looked as if those eyes had seen a lifetime of futility. "If the Lord does not build the house, in vain does the builder labor. If the Lord does not watch over the city, in vain do the watchmen keep vigil. In vain is your earlier rising; your going later to rest when the Lord pours gifts on His beloved while they slumber." So runs Psalm 127, whose words immediately came to mind. The man was lacking not human effort or will, but the grace of God and an openness to receive it to allow it to change his life. As for his question, "how do I start," St. John Vianney can point out the answer: prayer.

"Prayer is to our soul what rain is to the soil. Fertilize the soil ever so richly, it will remain barren unless fed by frequent rains." St. John Vianney knew first hand of long-term struggles in life and the importance of prayer as the means of lifting to God his personal problems along with all his efforts to overcome them. Not a natural scholar, he struggled with the studies needed to become ordained. When these were interrupted by Napoleonic wars and being drafted into the army (at least twice), it only became harder to return and complete them. Yet it was surely his constancy in prayer that transformed all his hardships into sources of sanctity.

Prayer – lifting the heart to God and entering into communion with Him – is meant for every one of us. Regular prayer was Jesus' own habit, as we see in today's gospel: "[Jesus] went up on the mountain by himself to pray" (Matthew 14:23). We can see also the role that an area of calm solitude plays – Jesus deliberately dismisses everyone, even His disciples, and goes off by Himself. In the midst of our very interconnected lives, such a place of peace and quiet may seem impossible to achieve. This atmosphere of quiet reverence is readily found closer than we think – churches, chapels, and

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WELCOME BR. JOHN

BR. JOHN'S ZOOM CALL

Br. John Winkowitsch, O.P., joined the St. Raymond community on a Zoom call on July 20. Watch Br. John tell his vocation story at youtu.be/p4U_Z7cvFE.

Br. John, a student brother with the Western Dominican Province, will be joining our community and pastoral staff in September.



(St. John Vianney continued from page 4)

even a small corner of our living quarters can easily lend themselves to this holy silence in which to pray. Once we climb away from the busy-ness of life, particularly from information traffic flow – shutting off our cell phone and computers – once we deliberately suspend our concerns for whatever work or projects clamor for attention on our to-do list, then we are ready to communicate with God.

Once we begin to speak with (and especially listen to) God, we can directly share with Him all that we are struggling with and all that we find joy and gratitude in. St. John Vianney reminds us that in prayer we receive what we need to strengthen us as well as the joy of knowing that we are united with God: “Man has a beautiful office, that of praying and loving. You pray, you love – that is the happiness of man upon the earth. Prayer is nothing else than union with God. When our heart is pure and united to God, we feel within ourselves a joy, a sweetness that inebriates, a light that dazzles us.” Connecting to God in prayer establishes a lifeline through which His grace can reach us, sooth our fears, and divinely supplement our own human nature so as to turn our lives completely towards God.

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SVDP

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August has 5 Sundays which means we will have the **St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection** on the weekend of August 30. Afraid of forgetting? Donate now at straymondmp.org/donate and look for “Outreach”.

SVdP Catherine Center's twilight fashion show virtual fundraiser

celebrating the transformation & empowerment of women

This year's event will take place online via Facebook live. Check out [Cat's video](#) to hear about what you can expect to see at this fun event on **Tuesday, August 11th**. No tickets required. Please consider making a donation in lieu of tickets.

Grab your popcorn and enjoy a preview of [cabi](#) clothing's Fall 2020 line. Many of our residents go from hiding in the shadows to becoming proud, passionate women. They feel free to express themselves and their newfound happiness through their own personal style.

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For more information, visit www.facebook.com/events/1616564621841605/.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Who Do You Say That I Am?
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Who Do You Say That I Am?

Bishop Barron illuminates with conviction that Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah and revelation of God become man. He shows how Jesus fulfills the four tasks of the Messiah according to the Old and New Testaments and how the living legacy of Christ is proclaimed by the Church.

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6 VIRTUAL RETREATS

VALLOMBROSA RETREAT CENTER

On July 17 the director of Vallombrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park announced that due to the restrictions imposed by Coronavirus health and safety measures, the Center will close immediately. The closure will remain in effect until next January, when the situation will be reevaluated. Those who would like to support the Center during this time will find suggestions for doing so in [the official announcement](#) from Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P. Please keep the staff and those who would normally benefit from retreats at the Center in your prayers.

Homilies by Zoom—30-minute reflections or homily with various presenters. Every Tuesday, 10:00 am

“E Pluribus Unum – From the Many, One”
A 1-Day ZOOM Retreat with Nathan Castle, O.P.
August 9, 2020, 10:00 am—4:00 pm, \$80

“The Ups and Downs of Our Faith”
A 1-Day Zoom Retreat with Ron Rolheiser
September 26, 2020, 9:00 am—4:00 pm, \$100

For more information on all these events, visit vallombrosa.org/calendar.

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<https://vimeo.com/user82763584/videos>

BOSTON COLLEGE THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY COURSES ONLINE

The Boston College School of Theology and Ministry (STM) has announced that a number of courses will be offered this fall either fully online (asynchronous) or remotely (synchronous). You are welcome to apply for a particular course (non-degree application) or as a degree student. Financial aid is available. Visit the website (above) to learn more about what makes STM distinctive in its approach to integrating rigorous academics with transformative ministry. Visit www.bc.edu/bc-web/schools/stm.html or email stmadm@bc.edu.

FR. JEROME'S TALKS



Fr. Jerome's **FIVE** talks— **May Marian Talks** (3 parts), **The Miracles in the Gospel of Mark**, **Near Death Experiences**, **The Characters of the Passion** (3 parts), and **The Three Stages of Christian Life** (3 parts)— are available online at straymondmp.org/fr-jerome-talks.

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 ⁷

OUTDOOR MASSES ON SCHOOL LAWN

Saturdays 5:00 pm Vigil

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

Weekdays 8:15 am (Mon.-Sat.)

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, Celeste Green, Diane Mojtehed, Emmanuel Barbariol, Gail Blach, Gayland Hagy, Janice Hagy, Lorraine Macchello, Lynn Bacon, Lynn Cintron, Margaret McSweeney, Modesta Cintron, Penny Bantug, 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.



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