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ST. RAYMOND CATHOLIC CHURCH

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 30, 2020

SVdP 5TH SUNDAY

Celebrating 50 Years



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SCHEDULE

ALL EVENTS ARE STREAMED ON FACEBOOK AT [facebook.com/straymondmp/live](https://www.facebook.com/straymondmp/live)

ALL MASSES ARE ALSO STEAMED ON FACEBOOK [facebook.com/fatherjerome.cudden/live](https://www.facebook.com/fatherjerome.cudden/live) and YouTube [straymondmp.org/youtube](https://www.youtube.com/straymondmp.org/youtube)

* 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 |
| 10:00 am | W | Bible Study (below) |
| 1:30 pm | T&Th | Rosary with Lauri |
| 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, SEPTEMBER 5, 2020

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

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](https://www.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.



LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Aug. 29, 5:00 pm Armando Maestrini †

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Aug. 30, 8:00 am Otis Cochran †

10:00 am  Mia Locsin

5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

Mon., Aug. 31, 8:15 am The Doherty & Hjelm Families, Both Living & Deceased

Tue., Sept 1, 8:15 am Aurelio Maestrini †

Wed., Sept. 2, 8:15 am  John Sanchez

Thur., Sept. 3, 8:15 am Norma Spingola †

St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church (M)

Fri., Sept. 4, 8:15 am Marianne Constantino †

Sat., Sept. 5, 8:15 am Anniversary of the Benefactors & Families of the Order of Preachers

Sat., Sept. 5, 5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Sept. 6, 8:00 am  Bobbie Seagren

10:00 am Charles Galdes †

5:00 pm  Don Potter

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

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

É-TAIZÉ!

Join Ronnica and Lauri for our Taizé prayer service on **Monday, September 14 at 7:00 pm** (date corrected!) on the St. Raymond Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/straymondmp/



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.

SUNDAY READINGS

August 30, 2020 (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Reading 2: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/083020.cfm

Sept 6, 2020 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Reading 2: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/090620.cfm

PARISH SURVEY

PARISH-WIDE SURVEY BEGINS SEPTEMBER 1ST

It's official! The Disciple Maker Parishioner Survey opens this Tuesday, September 1, and we need your help.

Please help us learn how our parish can best grow our community's faith lives by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.

- Go to www.disciplemakerindex.com
- **If you don't use the computer** - there will be opportunities to complete the survey after weekend Masses, and you can obtain a paper copy by contacting Ronnica in the parish office at 650-323-1755.

The survey will only be **available from September 1 – October 15** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

We are trying to get the **highest response rate possible**. This information will be invaluable to Father Jerome, our Pastoral Council, and our various ministries as we plan for our church's future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results later this year at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

TAKE A WALK WITH THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Join Fr. Xavier Lavagetto, O.P., from the Catholic Community at Stanford, for small group discussions and information on the 1st century cultural world. We will be asking **What does Mark have to say to our situation and world?**

Please join any classes or all on Zoom at bit.ly/TakeAWalkGospelofMark

Sept. 1st—Mark 3:7- 6:13, Jesus in the Galilee
Sept. 8th—Mark 6:14-8:21, The Feeding Cycle
Continues to Oct 6th.

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5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This Sunday is the **5th Sunday of August!** We again are blessed by a donor who will match each dollar we receive up to \$2,500. Please be as generous as you can. A separate collection bucket will be available at each Mass this weekend.



If you're reading this after the fact, you can still donate at straymondmp.org/giving and enter the amount you wish to donate under "St Vincent de Paul".

PRAY SERVE SOCIALIZE

How can we, as a parish family, pray, serve and socialize during the COVID era? In spite of sickness, death, loneliness, and any kind of calamity, we are the Body of Christ. We are in this together and will continue to love the Lord, our God, with all our hearts, minds, souls and strength!

Some of us are great at praying, or being active in service, or at being social; some of us wish we were better at praying, or at finding and participating in service opportunities, or at socializing/sharing community. With God's own help, we can have the confidence to grow in our ability at all three, especially exploring NEW ways to pray, to serve, and to socialize when so many of the "usual" ways are not available to us at this time.

Be sure to participate in the survey taking place from Sep 01-Oct 15; and, be on the lookout for the parish-wide **October Special Event: Pray! Serve! Socialize!**

IMAGE CREDITS

Cover—George and Michele Otte at their 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass held in the Rose Garden on August 22, 2020. Page 5—Photo courtesy of the Anderson Family.



SEASON OF CREATION

SEPTEMBER 1-OCTOBER 4

My soul is thirsting for you my God. (Psalm 62)

Today's Scripture tells how the will of God works in our lives.

Earth's cycles of life and death, rebirth and transformation are God's first teaching.

Have we rebelled against God's plan for us?

The **Season of Creation** is a month-long period, culminating on October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, in which Pope Francis calls on us to PRAY, REFLECT and ACT with wonder and awe at the beauty of Creation, and how we may better protect all its parts: air, water, plants, animals, and all human life.

Look for weekly suggestions from the Laudato Si' Care for Creation Group, on how you can follow our Holy Father's invitation to PRAY, REFLECT, and ACT as caretakers of God's creation. We rejoice in this opportunity to care for our common home and the sisters and brothers who share it.

PDF of *Laudato Si'* is available here: https://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si_en.pdf

Pray, Reflect, Act

<https://www.columban.org.au/media-and-publications/educational-resources/a-catholic-season-of-creation-sundays-of-september-year-a>

VALLOMBROSA RETREAT CENTER

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

"Living the Ups and Downs of Our Faith"
A 1-Day Zoom Retreat with Ron Rolheiser
September 26, 2020, 9:00 am—4:00 pm. \$25.
Recording available for ticketholders who cannot attend.

Register at vallombrosa.org/calendar.

Becoming Catholic

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the 2020-2021 Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) beginning **Sunday, Sept. 13, 12:30 p.m.** Classes will be held via Zoom until further notice. We may change the day and time depending on class preference.

RCIA is a faith formation series for adults who have never been baptized, or were baptized in another faith and are now considering becoming Catholic. It is also for Catholic adults who never received First Communion and Confirmation. We also welcome those who've been away from the faith and who wish to return, and those who just want to "brush up" on their faith.

The classes are led by Deacon Tom Kelly and Charlotte Pace from Nativity Parish. For more information, contact Charlotte Pace at 650-799-9164 or charmenlo@outlook.com.

PROVIDE HYGIENE KITS FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES CLIENTS

With the COVID-19 pandemic, vulnerable families and adults are more at-risk than ever with increased challenges to their health and well-being. Yet, they are not alone. Catholic Charities is on the frontlines, keeping the doors of our residential communities for the chronically ill open; and hosting three shelter-in-place hotels in San Francisco and Marin during the pandemic to provide safe and secure rooms for people experiencing homelessness, including families, pregnant mothers and seniors with disabilities.

Catholic Charities continues to move people out of homelessness through our Access Points, Homelessness Prevention, and wraparound case management services for formerly homeless families, seniors, and adults with chronic illness.

We invite you to join us in our work. While we are not offering **in-person** volunteering for the health and safety of the people we serve and our valued volunteers, we do have **remote** volunteer opportunities that you can do at home to assemble hygiene kits for our vulnerable clients. Contact Carol Laughlin at claughlin@CatholicCharitiesSF.org for a complete list of needs and instruction, or visit catholiccharitiessf.org/how-to-help/volunteer.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS

Sunday, August 23, 2020

Kyan Matthew Caldbeck

Saturday, August 29, 2020

Andrea Elizabeth Harter



CONFIRMATION

August 2020

Helena Bache

Matthew Bannon

Mauricio Bell

Caroline Cioffi

Kate Connaghan

Stephanie Ann P.

Dagudag

Kate Dioli

Paolo Freccia

Marian Gamez-Diaz

Charlotte Graham

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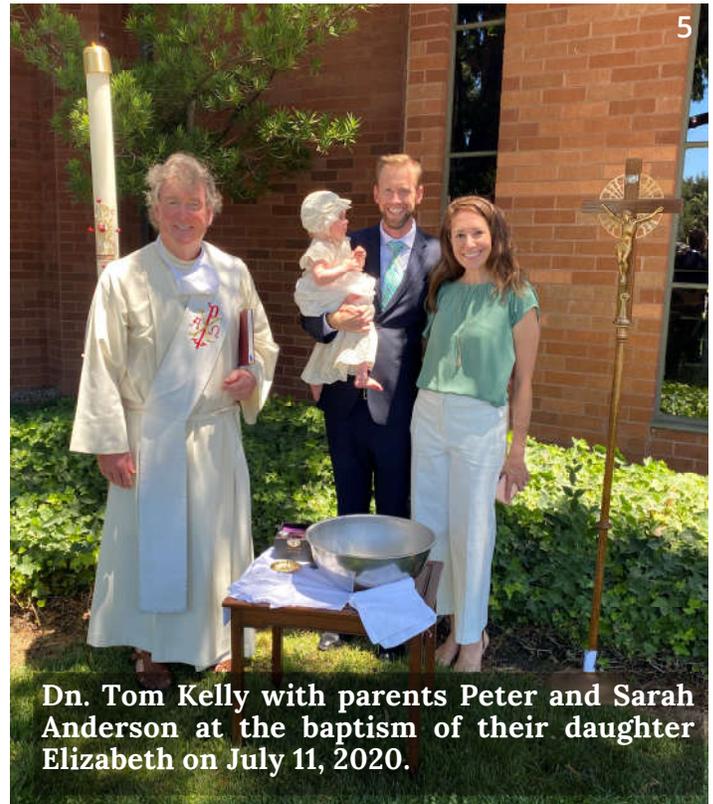
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CONGRATULATIONS!



Dn. Tom Kelly with parents Peter and Sarah Anderson at the baptism of their daughter Elizabeth on July 11, 2020.

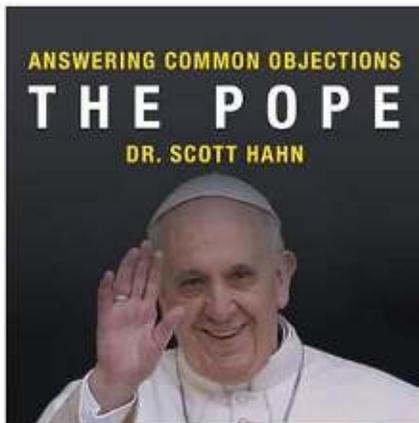
FR. JEROME'S TALKS



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.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK



The Pope

Covering the Biblical evidence for the authority of the Pope, the doctrine of Purgatory, devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints, the Sacrament of Confession, the Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist, and more, the remarkable set is an essential resource for answering the various objections that Protestants makes to the Catholic Faith.

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EMAIL SCAMS

A familiar e-mail scam is operating again. It generally involves an e-mail purporting to originate from a priest or bishop and asking for donations or contributions in the form of **gift cards**. No priest or bishop will ever ask for money in this way. Anyone who receives such a message should ignore it and delete it. Anyone with a concern should phone the parish or the archdiocese.

To learn more about common scams and how to protect yourself, visit <https://www.usa.gov/common-scams-frauds>.

GOSPEL COMMENTARY BY ST. AUGUSTINE

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself. ([Matthew 16:24](#)).

“If anyone wished to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and come after me.”

Our Lord’s command seems hard and heavy, that anyone who wants to follow him must renounce himself. But no command is hard and heavy when it comes from one who helps to carry it out. That other saying of his is true: “My yoke is easy and my burden light.” ([Mt 11:30](#)). Whatever is hard in his commands is made easy by love.

We know what great things love can accomplish, even though it is often base and sensual. We know what hardships people have endured, what intolerable indignities they have borne to attain the object of their love.

What we love indicates the sort of people we are, and therefore making a decision about this should be our one concern in choosing a way of life.

Why be surprised if people who set their hearts on Christ and want to follow him renounce themselves out of love? If we lose ourselves through self-love we must surely find ourselves through self-renunciation.

Who would not wish to follow Christ to supreme happiness, perfect peace, and lasting security? We shall do well to follow him there, but we need to know the way.

The Lord Jesus had not yet risen from the dead when he gave this invitation. His passion was still before him; he had still to endure the cross, to face outrages, reproaches, scourging; to be pierced by thorns, wounded, insulted, taunted, and put to death.

The road seems rough, you draw back, you do not want to follow Christ. Follow him just the same. The road we made for ourselves is rough, but Christ has leveled it by passing over it himself.

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.

Who does not desire to be exalted?

Everyone enjoys a high position. But self-abasement is the step that leads to it. Why take strides that are too big for you—do you want to fall instead of going up? Begin with this step and you will find yourself climbing.

The two disciples who said: “Lord, command that one of us shall sit at your right hand in your kingdom and the other at your left” had no wish to think about this step of self-abasement. They wanted to reach the top without noticing the step that led there.

The Lord showed them the step, however, by his reply: “Can you drink the cup that I am to drink?” You who aim at the highest exaltation, can you drink the cup of humiliation?

He did not simply give the general command: “Let him renounce himself and follow me” but added: “Let him take up his cross and follow me.”

What does it mean to take up one’s cross?

It means bearing whatever is unpleasant—that is following me. Once you begin to follow me by conforming your life to my commandments, you will find many to contradict you, forbid you, or dissuade you, and some of these will be people calling themselves followers of Christ.

Therefore if you meet with threats, flattery, or opposition, let this be your cross; pick it up and carry it—do not collapse under it. These words of our Lord are like an exhortation to endure martyrdom.

If you are persecuted you ought, surely, to make light of any suffering for the sake of Christ.

Sermon 96, 1-4: PL 38, 584-586

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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. in the
courtyard outside the Parish Hall)

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, Bill Pflaum, 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, 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.



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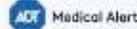
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