

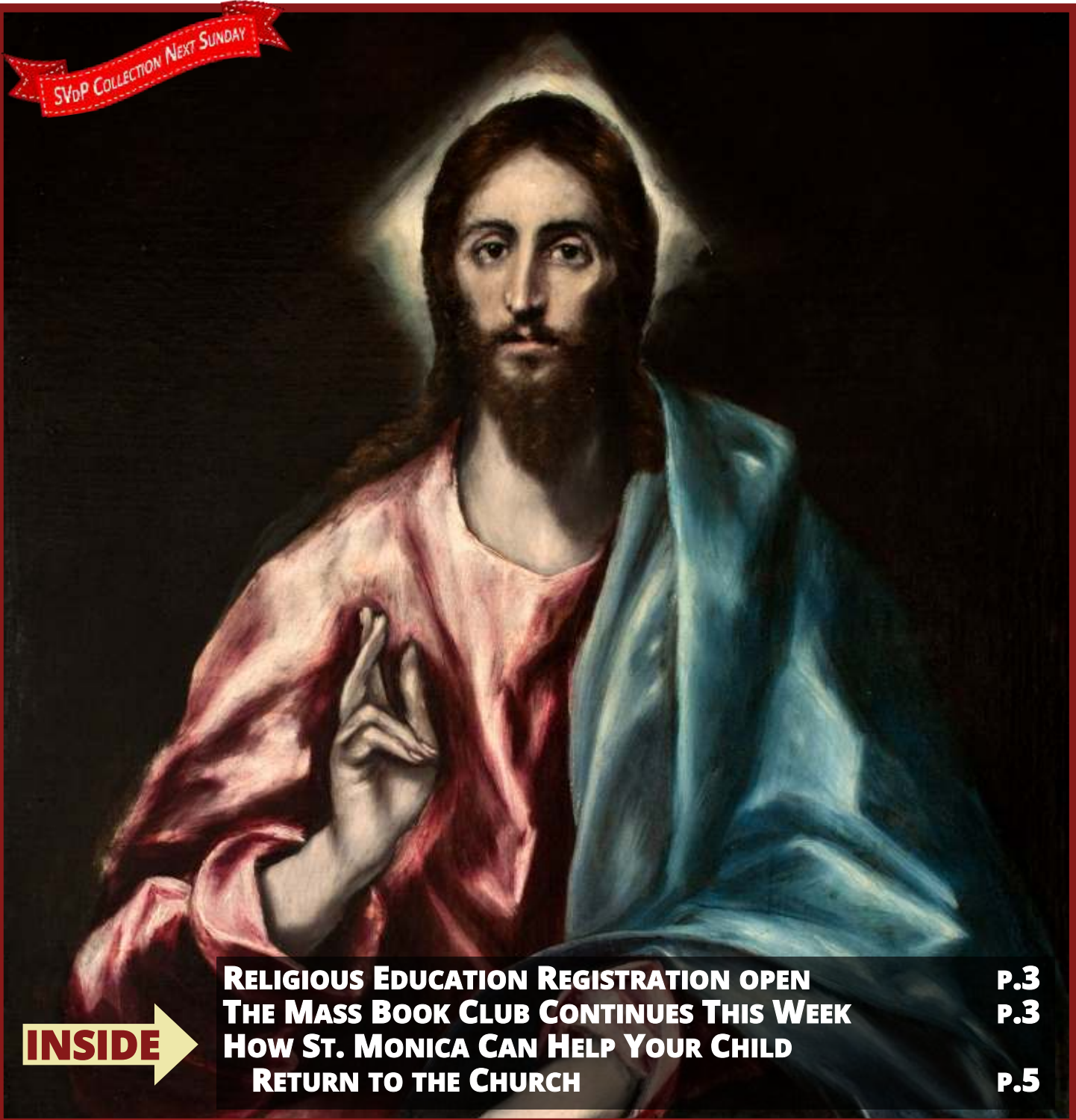


ST. RAYMOND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass (Church)

MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021

7:00 pm The Mass Book Club (p.3)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021

9:00 am Legion of Mary (below)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2021

10:00 am Zoom Weekly Bible Study (below)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021

12:00 pm Laudato Si' Group Zoom (p.3)
 7:00 pm Holy Hour: Confession & Adoration (Church)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021

8:15 am Mass (Church)
 3:30 pm Confessions in Rose Garden
 5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Church)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021

8:00 am Mass (Church)
 10:00 am Mass (Outdoors)
 5:00 pm Mass (Church)

SUNDAY READINGS

August 22, 2021 (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 34:2-3, 16-21

Reading 2: Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69 (The Words of Eternal Life)

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/082221.cfm

August 29, 2021 (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 15:2-5

Reading 2: James 1:17-18, 21b-22b, 27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/082921.cfm

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The 5th Sunday St. Vincent de Paul collection is next Sunday. Get a head start by donating at <http://straymondmp.org/donate>.

LITURGY

Sat., Aug. 21, 5:00 pm The Nelson Family, Both Living & Deceased

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Aug. 22, 8:00 am The Ruocco Family, Both Living & Deceased

10:00 am Gail Blach † & the Blach & Derry Families, Both Living & Deceased

5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

Mon., Aug. 23, 8:15 am  Jonathan Reyes &  Lu Yujuico

St. Rose of Lima, OP, Virgin (M)

Tue., Aug. 24, 8:15 am Harold Curtis †

St. Bartholomew, Apostle (F)

Wed., Aug. 25, 8:15 am  Fely Moore

St. Louis (m); St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest (m)

Thur., Aug. 26, 8:15 am Joe Rimas †

Fri., Aug. 27, 8:15 am Marge Giannetto †

St. Monica (M)

Sat., Aug. 28, 8:15 am Andrew Farkas †

St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (F)

Sat., Aug. 28, 5:00 pm Aurelio Maestrini †

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Aug. 29, 8:00 am Lillian & John Duzanica ††

10:00 am Margaret O'Hara †

5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

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

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

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday at 9:00 am in the Legion of Mary conference room opposite the Parish Hall. Feel free to join us and learn more about the Legion of Mary.



ZOOM WEEKLY 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. For more information, contact Christine at chrisgalvez@aol.com.



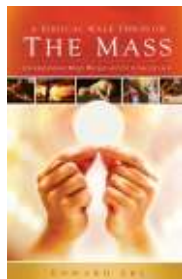
BOOK CLUB SUMMER SCHOOL

THE MASS BOOK CLUB

Why do we say the prayers we do at Mass? Where do they come from? What are we trying to accomplish by saying these prayers?

Zoom & In Person. Zoom links will be available on the parish website the day of the event.

Previous classes are available at straymondmp.org/the-mass/.



Discussion Groups

Monday, August 23, 7 pm

Monday, August 30, 7 pm

Part IV: B. Liturgy of the Eucharist – Eucharistic Prayer.
Part IV: C. The Communion Rite. Part V: Concluding Rites.

Available at <https://amazon.com/gp/product/1935940007/> or <https://www.keplers.com/book/9781935940005>.

DN. TOM'S LOURDES TRIP

Deacon Tom Kelly will be traveling to Lourdes, Frances, later this month with the Order of Malta. He invites parishioners to give him their written petitions to place at the Grotto where Mary appeared to St. Bernadette.



Our clear collection boxes will be available to collect your prayer intentions at this weekend's Masses. The last day to turn them in to the office is August 27. You can place them in our mailbox to the left of our front office door.

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COVER — *Christ as Saviour*, El Greco, El Greco Museum, Toledo, Spain. Public domain. **PAGE 3**—From the Deacon Tom Collection, 2019. **PAGE 5**—*St. Monica*—Stained glass from the church of St. Anne de Detroit. Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, OP. CC BY-NC-ND 2.0. <https://flic.kr/p/2jAy2zo>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ³

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We are now accepting REGISTRATION for our Religious Education Program.

To register, please visit straymondmp.org/religious-education.

PROGRAM BEGINS SEPTEMBER 19

Have questions? Please email Neri.Miranda@straymondmp.org.

ST. RAYMOND CATECHIST RETREAT

WHEN: TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 7 PM, PARISH HALL

WHO: ALL CATECHISTS AND THOSE INTERESTED IN BEING A CATECHIST

CATECHISTS STILL NEEDED

Contact Neri.Miranda@straymonmp.org for more info.

YOUTH MINISTRY

ST. RAYMOND
YOUTH JAM
Lemon Sunday
Brighten Your Life



AUG. 29TH
AFTER
10 AM
MASS

Lemonade & Lemon Sweets

LAUDATO SI' WEEKLY ZOOM

Please join our Zoom meetings each Thursday at noon to pray, learn, socialize, and serve and care for creation together. To join the Zoom Meeting, click here: <http://bit.ly/LaudatoSiZoom>.

4 MISSIONARY HOUSING NEEDED

To assist our parish with our “Pray, Serve, Social” initiative, our parish is excited to welcome Tina Augustine to serve our parish as a FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) missionary in the Fall. Tina is highly trained in helping individuals grow in their personal relationship with Jesus Christ, small group faith sharing and mentoring Christian leaders.



Tina has served with FOCUS for eight years, having spent the last five in Europe launching FOCUS' first international campus. She has served as a missionary, Team Director and most recently as the Director of Philanthropy in Europe.

Tina, her husband Mychal, and sons Ignacio (4) and Hugo (2) are excited to make Saint Raymond their home and will be moving here from Germany in October. As they make the transition to Menlo Park, **I would love to help them find housing. The Augustine family is looking for a 3-bedroom house in the surrounding area** that can be offered at a family discount. If you can assist, please let me know I am excited about this opportunity and thank you for any assistance you can offer.



The St. John Paul II Foundation and the Archdiocese of San Francisco Office of Marriage and Family invite all married and engaged couples to the 5th annual *Together in Holiness* marriage conference on **Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 8:45 am – 4:00 pm** at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Belmont, CA.

Dynamic Presentations | Mass | Childcare
Eucharistic Adoration | Reconciliation

Featuring: Damon Owens, Founder of *Joyfully Ever After*

Registration: \$59/couple and \$35/individual
Early Bird discount available until August 2.

At-home option also available: \$15
Scholarships available upon request.

On-site childcare (4-12yrs); pre-registration required.

For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org or email erin@forlifeandfamily.org.

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 and help us get in touch with those who need ministry.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

There are two listening device options inside our church.

1) LISTEN Assisted Listening Devices

These devices will be located at the side entrances of the church. Please return them after Mass so that we can recharge them. Please bring your own wired headphones.



2) The LISTEN Everywhere App

This app allows you to listen through your phone or tablet through wifi. You can download the app on the Google Play Store or Apple App Store and search for “Listen Everywhere” and look for the icon shown above.



Once you have the app, connect to the wifi network “St. Raymond ALS” while in the church. There is no password required. When you open the app, it will attempt to connect to our audio stream. You can then connect your phone or tablet with your own wired or wireless headphones.

Sometimes these things are easier to show how to do than they are to explain. Please see John Sanchez before or after Mass if you would like assistance with either of these options.

HOLY HOUR

Holy Hour is held weekly each Thursday from **7:00–8:00 pm** inside the Church. Holy Hour consists of Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

HELP AT-RISK YOUTH TRUST, GROW, AND BE KIDS AGAIN

Now Hiring Full-Time, Part-Time, and Seasonal Group Counselors

Are you, or someone you know, seeking a rewarding and meaningful career? Are you looking for a way to serve while earning income? Catholic Charities is now hiring Group Counselors to help at-risk youth living at our St. Vincent's School for Boys residential houses learn to trust, grow, and be kids again.

Help a child feel safe and cared for! See your potential impact at youtu.be/rDLw1yMSZY0. Apply now at <https://bit.ly/CounselorJob>. Contact Tim Bowen at tbowen@CatholicCharitiesSF.org.

How St. Monica Can Help Your Child Return to the Church⁵

BY BRANDON VOGT, WORDONFIRE.ORG
AUGUST 26, 2016

You probably know the pattern. A smart and gifted boy leaves home for school. He makes new friends. They spend most of their time partying, chasing girls, and embracing new philosophies. The son becomes drawn to a trendy religious cult. Eventually, he moves in with his girlfriend and they have a child, without being married. The boy's mother can only sit by in despair, heartbroken over his choices and helpless. The only thing she can do is pray.

That's the story of many Catholics today - and maybe your story. Parents think they're alone in facing these sorts of troubles, but this pattern isn't a new one. It stretches back for centuries, and in the case above, even more than a millennium. It's the fourth-century story of St. Monica and her young wayward son, Augustine. We'll celebrate St. Monica's feast day [August 27], so it's worth remembering how she led her son back to the Faith.

Monica was raised as a Christian, but like many people today, she married someone from a different faith. In her case, the man, Patricius, was an atheist politician. They had three sons together but their marriage was rocky. Patricius was a violent man and regularly abused her. He also was unfaithful to her throughout their marriage. But Monica remained patient. Other wives with marriage problems came to her for advice and she became a source of comfort for anyone suffering through difficult marriages. She served Patricius with selfless love and devotion, and she prayed for him every day. Eventually, her prayers bore fruit. A year before Patricius died, he converted to Catholicism—due mostly to Monica's prayers and powerful example.

Although the conversion of Monica's husband pleased her, she still worried about her son, Augustine. Though brilliant and gifted, he spent most of his time carousing the streets with friends, stealing food, and living promiscuously. He even fathered a son out of wedlock. Yet Monica refused to give up on her son, just as she committed to her husband. She prayed daily and intensely for Augustine, fasted for his sake, and begged God to help him return to faith. When Augustine traveled to Rome and Milan for his education, Monica followed him and continued praying.

While in Milan, she met Ambrose, the local bishop who would later be canonized a saint. Ambrose became a spiritual guide to her. He noted her restless longing for her son and the hours she spent praying for him. He promised her, "Surely the son of so many tears will not perish." His prediction would eventually prove correct.

Augustine and Ambrose struck up a friendship and began discussions about Christianity. Ambrose was the first high-level Christian thinker Augustine had met. As a result of their many back-and-forth dialogues, Augustine finally decided to

convert to Catholicism. Ambrose baptized the 32-year-old Augustine, who would eventually grow into one of the most influential thinkers in Western history, and one of the greatest saints in the Catholic Church.

Monica could hardly contain her enthusiasm after Augustine's baptism. She and her son began sharing beautiful conversations about God and heaven. As she lay on her deathbed, content at having seen both her husband and her son come back to the faith, she felt her whole life's mission had been accomplished. Today, the Church celebrates St. Monica and St. Augustine right next to each other in the liturgical calendar, with her feast day on August 27 and his on August 28.

St. Monica exemplifies the power of a praying parent. She wasn't able to convince Augustine with words, and in fact, whenever she tried to talk to him about religion, he brushed her away. But through her daily, committed intercession, over more than fifteen years, Augustine was able to journey into the Church.

What can we learn from Monica's example? First, don't stop praying for your child. When Monica complained that Augustine would not listen to her admonitions that he become a Catholic, Ambrose urged her, "Speak less to Augustine about God and more to God about Augustine." She took his advice and never gave up, even when things looked dark. Eventually, her persistence paid off.

Jesus tells of a widow who was upset that a judge refused to hear her case. The widow kept coming to the judge with her request, over and over, until he finally relented, saying, "While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me." Jesus explained the parable, saying, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them?" (Lk 18:1-8). In other words, God loves persistent prayer. He never tires of your requests, even if you bring the same needs to him every day.

Joan Hamill knows that from experience. Joan prayed weekly for 15 years for different family members to return to the Church. "I prayed for St. Monica to intercede for our family members," says Hamill. "As a result I had two brothers come back to the Church as well as my sister and brother-in-law."

So don't give up praying for your child. Like St. Monica and the persistent widow, have confidence that God will reward your perseverance. The more resilient your prayer, the more likely God will answer it.

The second thing to learn from St. Monica is not to just pray for your child—you should also pray for an "Ambrose" to step



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CHOOSE TODAY WHOM YOU WILL SERVE

Both climate change and environmental degradation have much to do with our lifestyle choices. Just as sweatshop labor is not readily visible in the clothes we buy in a department store, we may not be aware of the deforestation caused in a distant tropical country by the production of the palm oil in our shampoo or the beef in a hamburger.

Before we eat, we thank God for the “gifts” from “Thy bounty”. In the first reading from several Sundays ago, the man from Baal-shalishah brings Elisha twenty barley



loaves made from “the firstfruits” and “fresh grain in the ear” - wording that seems to imply the best of the crop. Yet with modern agricultural methods, our grocery stores seem to always have beautiful fruits and produce on display. We could take this for granted... or might we be encouraged to deepen our contemplation and prayer when we shop for groceries or when we sit down to eat?

Chicago Cardinal Blase Cupich addressed those too-often-overlooked connections during his keynote address at the July 13 opening of the conference on “*Laudato Si* and the U.S. Catholic Church” sponsored jointly by the Catholic Climate Covenant and Creighton University. Cardinal Cupich told the audience that truly embracing *Laudato Si* in the U.S. requires rejecting individualism, indifference and the “false idol of economic growth” that permits reckless exploitation of the environment.

Cardinal Cupich reminds us that to follow Jesus means to be willing to sacrifice, to shoulder the burdens He bore. “Ours is a radical spirituality, equal to the radical change necessary to save human society and our common home. Consequently, one vital element of Christian spirituality that must occupy a central role in the transition to a sustainable planet with a just economy is sacrifice. This is a topic that is usually avoided in discussions of how to meet the ecological crises that confront us for two reasons. The first is that speaking clearly about the level of personal sacrifice that will be required to move toward an equitable economy makes it more difficult to form a consensus supporting climate justice. The second is that any discussion of sacrifice will be distorted by climate deniers to make the pathway to sustainability seem impossible.”

For the full text of Cardinal Cupich’s address, visit: <https://www.ncronline.org/news/earthbeat/cardinal-cupich-laudato-si-calls-us-economic-and-spiritual-conversion>.

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into your child’s life. Perhaps there is just too much baggage between you and your child so that he will no longer hear truth from your lips. That’s understandable. Pray that God will bring someone else into his path, someone with just the right combination of personality, interests, motives, and heart. Just as Ambrose stepped in to help Augustine, so you might need someone to nudge your child along.

(Also, keep in mind that while you’re praying for someone to step into your child’s life, other parents are praying the same thing for their child. And you may be that person! Even if your child tunes you out, don’t be closed off to helping other children return to faith. You could be the Ambrose for someone else’s Augustine!)

The third takeaway is that you can ask St. Monica’s intercession for your child. A recent survey asked Catholic parents, “When you pray, how often do you pray to or ask the intercession of...” and then listed several options. By far, the most common responses were “God the Father” (74% prayed to him always or most of the time), “God the Son, Jesus Christ” (59%), and “God the Holy Spirit” (45%). But you know what the least common response was? The saints. Only one-in-five Catholic parents regularly asked the saints’ intercession. That means the most Catholic parents are missing out on some of the greatest spiritual support available to us.

For Catholics, the saints are not dead and gone. St. Monica didn’t cease to exist when she died in 387. Her body may have stopped functioning when her soul departed, but she remains alive in Christ, residing with him in heaven for all eternity. And because the Church is one, indivisible body (1 Cor 12:12), which neither death nor life can break apart (Rom 8:38), we can still connect with those holy men and women who have already passed into the next life and ask for their prayers.

Among all the saints in heaven, few know the gut-wrenching pain of a wayward child more than St. Monica. Reach out to her and ask her to pray for your child, just as she did for Augustine. We regularly ask our friends on earth to pray for us, and we can do the same with the saints. In fact, the saints’ prayers are generally *more* powerful than ours here on earth since they are closer to the mind and heart of God—the saints are already in heaven! So next time you pray, offer a short request to St. Monica such as this:

“St. Monica, I need your prayers. You know exactly how I’m feeling because you once felt it yourself. I’m hurting, hopeless, and in despair. I desperately want my child to return to Christ in his Church but I can’t do it alone. I need God’s help. Please join me in begging the Lord’s powerful grace to flow into my child’s life. Ask the Lord Jesus to soften his heart, prepare a path for his conversion, and activate the Holy Spirit in his life. Amen.”

In all these ways, St. Monica offers not only example but help in drawing our children back to the Church.

This is excerpted from Brandon Vogt’s new book and video series titled [*RETURN: How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church*](#). Learn more at ReturnGameplan.com.

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

As a parish community we pray for the sick among us, including: Balvina Gonzalez, Bernice Corcoran, Celeste Green, Diane Mojtehed, Emmanuel Barbariol, Glenn Macabuhay, Janice Hagy, Lynn Bacon, Modesta Cintron, Nony & Penny Bantug, William Cintron, those afflicted with 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, contact us at office@straymondmp.org or register online at www.straymondmp.org/register.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays 5:00 pm Vigil (Church)

Sundays 8:00 am (Church), 10:00 am
(Outdoors), 5:00 pm (Church)

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

Holy Days 8:15 am, 12:15 pm, 5:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the Rose Garden,
Thursdays 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm during Holy
Hour inside the Church, or by appointment.

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.

GET PARISH NEWS VIA EMAIL

Sign up for our parish email newsletter at straymondmp.org/newsletter/.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS—Low-gluten hosts are available at each Mass. Father will announce which line has the low-gluten host.