

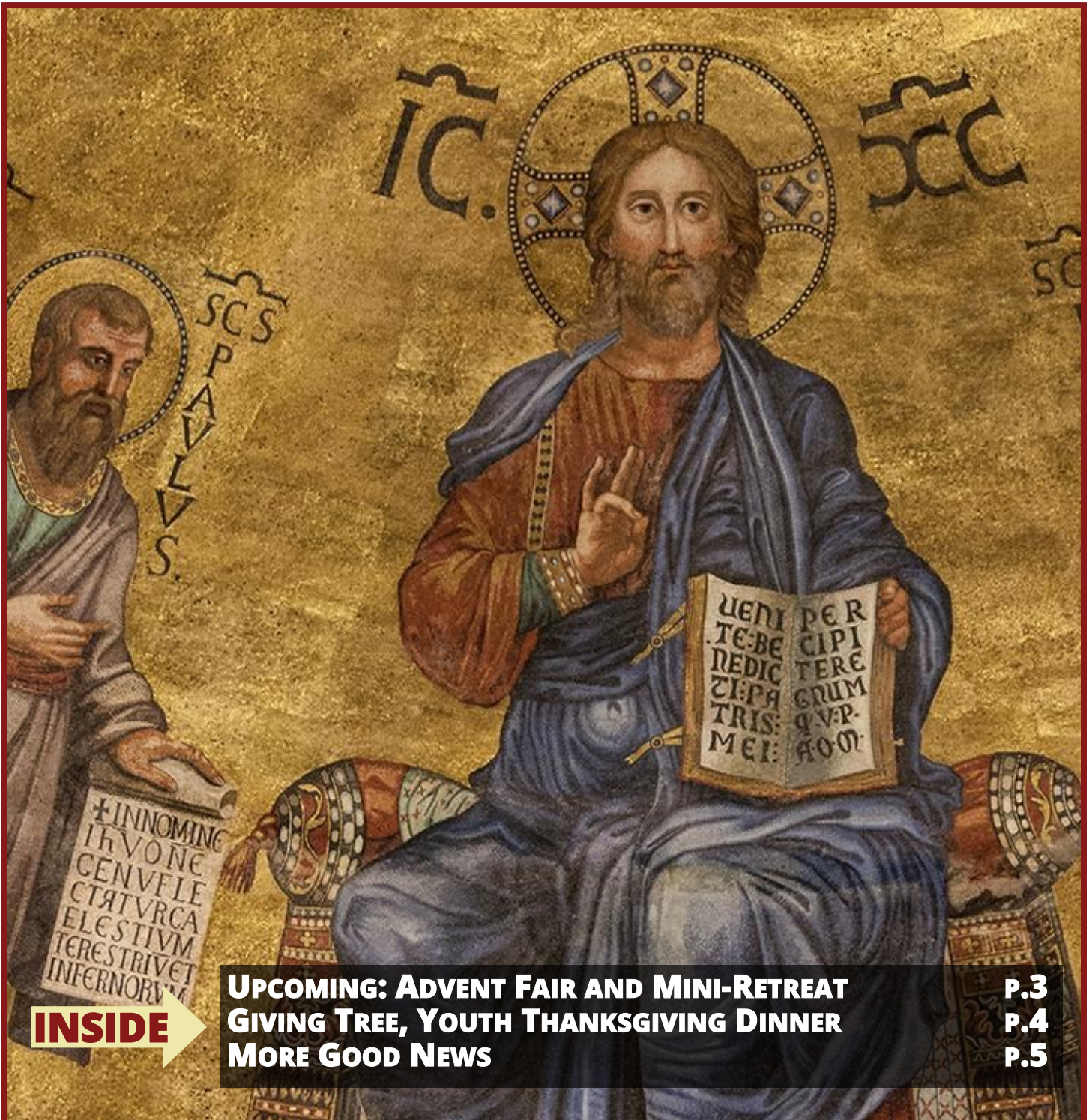


# ST. RAYMOND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | NOVEMBER 14, 2021



**UPCOMING: ADVENT FAIR AND MINI-RETREAT  
GIVING TREE, YOUTH THANKSGIVING DINNER  
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# This Week

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## MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass (Church)

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2021

9:00 am Legion of Mary (below)  
7:00 pm Matthew Bible Study (p.3)

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021

10:00 am Zoom Weekly Bible Study (below)  
7:00 pm Bible Timeline Bible Study with Br. David (p.3)

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021

12:00 pm Laudato Si' Group Zoom (p.6)  
7:00 pm Holy Hour: Confession & Adoration (Church)

## SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2021

8:15 am Mass (Church) followed by Adoration & Confession until 9:15 am  
3:30 pm Confessions  
5:00 pm Vigil Mass (Church)

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

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

# Upcoming Events

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021, 9:30 AM**—Thanksgiving Mass (church) followed by Blessing of the Bread.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021**—Advent Mini-Retreat—Details on page 3.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021, 11:00 AM**—Advent Fair & BBQ following the 10 am Mass.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021, 7:00 PM**—Simbang Gabi Mass. Details coming soon.

Christmas schedule coming soon!

## GET PARISH NEWS VIA EMAIL

Sign up for our parish email newsletter at [straymondmp.org/newsletter/](https://straymondmp.org/newsletter/).

# Liturgy

**Sat., Nov. 13, 5:00 pm**  Mary Ann Egging & Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary

*33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Day of Prayer*

**Sun., Nov. 14, 8:00 am** The Ruocco Family, Both Living & Deceased

**10:00 am** Charles Galdes †

**5:00 pm** St. Raymond Parish

**Mon., Nov. 15, 8:15am** Christopher Pesqueira

*St. Albert the Great, OP, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (M)*

**Tue., Nov. 16, 8:15 am** Carmen LeFevre †

*St. Margaret of Scotland (m); St. Gertrude, Virgin (m)*


**Wed., Nov. 17, 8:15 am** Gail Blach †

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious (M)*

**Thur., Nov. 18, 8:15 am** Elizabeth Ting †

*The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles (m); St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin (m)*

**Fri., Nov. 19, 8:15 am** The Galvez, Herborn, & Ritzen Families, Both Living & Deceased

**Sat., Nov. 20, 8:15 am**  Kenna Onyeneho

**Sat., Nov. 20, 5:00 pm** The Nelson Family, Both Living & Deceased

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (S)*

**Sun., Nov. 21, 8:00 am** St. Raymond Parish

**10:00 am** Leopold Mirek †

**5:00 pm** Armando Maestrini †

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

To request a Mass Intention, please call the parish office. Mass intentions are full for 2021 and now available for 2022.

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**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 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 [chriscalvez@aol.com](mailto:chriscalvez@aol.com).

**SATURDAY ADORATION RETURNS** following the 8:15 am morning Mass (approx. 8:45 am to 9:15 am). Confessions will also be held at this time.

**THURSDAY 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. There will be NO Holy Hour the week of Thanksgiving.

# Bible Studies

## MATTHEW: THE KING & HIS KINGDOM— WEEK 7

In this study we will learn how Jesus Christ fulfills God's promises to Israel and establishes his kingdom on earth. Through references to the Old Testament promises of God to His people and the messages God sent them through the prophets, this Bible study provides the key to understanding the rest of the New Testament and Christ as the fulfillment of God's plan.



The study will be going chapter by chapter through the entire Gospel of Matthew.

For week 7 (Tuesday, November 16, 7 pm):

Video: Session 7

Workbook: 191-194, then 47-50

Bible Reading: Matthew 7

You can purchase the book at <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/matthew-the-king-and-his-kingdom>. An online version of the book is also available.

## UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

Br. David will hold week 3 of this Bible study **Wednesday, November 17**. This is an 8-lesson course, but join at any time.

Upcoming session dates are: 11/17, 12/1 and 2022: 1/26, 2/9, 2/23, 3/9.



To order the material, please visit: <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/unlocking-the-mystery> and choose the "Unlocking the Bible Study Set" for \$26.95. Please order now because it will take about two weeks for the print material to arrive. There is also an option for the "Online Access Only" version which has an online workbook instead of a printed workbook.

# Thanksgiving Day Mass <sup>3</sup>

Our annual Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held on **Thursday, November 25 at 9:30 am in the Church**. Please note the new time. The collection for this Mass will benefit St. Anthony's Padua Dining Room in Menlo Park. *There will not be a 8:15 am Mass this day.*



There will be a Blessing of Food following Mass.

# Advent Mini-Retreat

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021**

**8:15 am**—Mass with Fr. Jerome

**8:45 am—9:15 am**—Adoration

\*Confessions will be offered continuously through the entire day

\*\* Participants will be invited to keep a spirit of silence and prayer in the Chapel. Socializing and refreshments is to be directed towards the parish hall.

**9:30 am**—Talk 1: Advent Readings and Forgiveness with Fr. John Winkowitsch, O.P.

**9:45 am**—Q&A

**10:00 am**—Break

**10:15 am**—Talk 2: Environment, Signs, and Symbols with Br. David Woo, O.P.

**10:30 am**—Q&A

**10:45 am**—Break

**11:00 am**—Talk 3: Advent and Liturgical Music with Lauri Hofstrom

**11:15 am**—Q&A

**11:30 am**—End

RSVP would be appreciated, but you can show up the day of the retreat. RSVP at <https://delivr.com/2p4uc>

# Advent

# Fair



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021, 11 AM  
OUTDOORS AFTER 10 AM MASS

Volunteers are needed to lead activities and booths. Contact Neri Miranda at [Neri.Miranda@straymondmp.org](mailto:Neri.Miranda@straymondmp.org). More details will be available in upcoming bulletins.

ST. RAYMOND YOUTH JAM  
**THANKSGIVING DINNER**  
*Giving is Thanksgiving*  
 NOVEMBER 20, 2021, 6PM - 8PM  
 PARISH HALL  
 GRADES 7-12  
 RSVP or Sponsor a Dish at  
<https://straymondmp.org/youth>

*St. Raymond*  
**Giving Tree 2021**  
 Nov. 28—Dec. 12, 2021  
 Benefitting the St. Francis Center in Redwood City  
 Select a gift tag from the Giving Tree in the Church beginning November 28th.  
 Bring NEW, unwrapped gifts by December 12th.  
 Complete details will be available on the fliers by the Giving Tree.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

You can also send your prayer requests to **Rosary Center:** [rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/request-prayers/](http://rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/request-prayers/) **Corpus Christi Monastery:** [opnunsmenlo.org/request-prayer](http://opnunsmenlo.org/request-prayer) **St. Jude Shrine:** [stjude-shrine.org/howweserve/prayer-requests/](http://stjude-shrine.org/howweserve/prayer-requests/)

Support St. Raymond Church on Amazon Smile. Currently, there are **19** supporters. Add St. Raymond as your charity at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-1156739>.

## God Moment

The Dominicans are doing a cosmetic overhaul (paint, carpeting, and rearranging of the liturgical items) in the small chapel we have in Arbor House. For those who do not know, Arbor House is the house where the Dominicans live on the other side of the property from the Church. One of the items we are adding to our chapel is a larger tabernacle that I found in our attic. Of course, no one could find the key for it, so I had to have the lock rekeyed. When I was picking up the tabernacle from the locksmith another customer asked me what it is. I said in a matter-of-fact way, "It is a tabernacle." Because I just assumed everyone knows what a tabernacle is. The man then replied in a friendly but snarky way, "And a tabernacle is...?" I thought I now have an opportunity to evangelize. I gave the man a four-minute explanation of the Israelites journey in the desert, the "tent of meeting" where God met with Moses during the 40 years in the desert, the Holy of Holies in the Temple in Jerusalem, the consecration at Mass, and why we repose the Eucharist in the tabernacle. When I finished, the man looked at me, gave an approving nod and said, "Cool." I guess we never know when God is going to give us the opportunity to share our faith.

—Fr. Jerome

## Requiesce in Pace

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

### Robert Ferrando

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

Funeral arrangements will be published in the bulletin at a later date.

**LIVE STREAMING**—Each 8:15 daily Mass (Mon.-Sat.) will be livestreamed at [straymondmp.org](http://straymondmp.org), our Facebook and YouTube channels. On the weekend, the Saturday 5:00 pm and Sunday 10:00 am Masses will be livestreamed.

## EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL WELLNESS MINISTRY – A GIFT FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY (PART ONE)

I begin with Christ as we throw open the doors into our newly formed Emotional and Mental Wellness Ministry. Christ always makes for a good beginning when we remember that He came to preach the “Good News” of the gospel and St. Raymond Parish was listening, heeding the call to serve our community with love and support and spiritual companionship. A new team of parishioners has assembled to lead the way and show us how to be present to one another.

We celebrate this team of eight for the next two Sundays in this column. It’s important that we know who they are and of their commitment to the wellness of our parishioners and their family members. They’ve been training for months as each recognized that the deep need in our larger Bay area and in Menlo Park had grown. Christ didn’t ask them to sit down and think about suffering. He said, “follow me” and they responded to His call. This team is the “good news.”



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I’d like to tell some of their stories. Where did Christ find them? From what I can tell so far, they are ready, ready to create a place of compassion and healing, to offer acts of love and understanding and friendship. This is where they place their hope. Let’s welcome them in our midst and begin to see their service lifting us from our own grief, our sorrow, our losses our brokenness, and even the stresses in our everyday lives that sometimes feel like mountains.

No less than Pope Francis has reminded us that prayer is a powerful source of healing and peace. “It can make a great difference when we move from praying for people to praying with people.” We shrink any distance, any divide between us, and we are met.

Christ is among us! Who heard his call?

**John Butler:** From his own lived experience in San Mateo County, John was witness to the customary separation between mental health therapy and spiritual healing. He learned he was not his diagnosis. His recovery began when his spiritual well-being began to support his

emotional and mental therapy. John is eager to pray with our parishioners. His particular love is for spontaneous prayer that goes right to the heart of individual needs. It’s personal. It’s powerful.

**Gabrielle Lou:** A psychologist, Gabrielle sees the direct connection between psychology and spirituality. In her words, she “tends to the soul.” Referencing the Greek definition of the word “psyche,” as the human soul or spirit, Gabrielle brings her knowledge as an integrator of mind and soul. What a hopeful path forward for all of us.

**Ken Doran** speaks of the excellent training the team received and what the team learned from each other. Charisms were explored – what were their natural gifts and what could they offer to this ministry? In numerous role-playing exercises, each saw the other’s strengths. Shared learning came from videos, well-researched documents from across the country, and practice in what he called “mental health first-aid.”

**Fr. John Winkowitsch, O.P.** seamlessly tied his homily on Sunday to the Emotional and Mental Wellness Ministry. He talked about the fundamental needs for “flour” (education), “oil” (practical

support), and “rain” (for growth and healing). The two widows in the gospel story who gave all they had in the temple were *animated* by their love of God. And then Father introduced the new team who are also *animated* by their love of God. Right there in our midst, blessed by God, he commissioned them to help us all overcome the stigma of mental illness, to notice and learn to recognize those who might be struggling. It was a blessing worthy of our new “disciples” and what we will learn from them.

In co-chair **Lori Mirek’s** words, “Most importantly, our team consists of loving and caring parishioners who are here to listen to and pray with our parishioners.”

**Good News** closes with Jesus’ words to his disciples, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

*If you are interested in assisting Pat in the Good News ministry or have a story idea for a future column, please reach out to Pat at [goodnews@straymondmp.org](mailto:goodnews@straymondmp.org).*

*For information on the Emotional & Mental Wellness Ministry, visit <https://straymondmp.org/emwm>.*



**BUT THE WISE SHALL SHINE BRIGHT...THOSE WHO LEAD THE MANY TO JUSTICE SHALL BE LIKE THE STARS FOREVER**

The readings this week speak of the darkest of times, but there is a definite message of hope as well. We are promised in Hebrews that God will be victorious; His enemies will be the footstool of Jesus.

In our time, with the news amplifying differences between us and the wider world struggling with the impact of a climate environment which is especially harming the poor, it is easy to feel hopeless; our energy can feel sapped. But we are comforted because we know God has already won. And we know He loves us. He proved His great love for us because He allowed His son to be the one perfect sacrifice for our sins, once, for all, so that there is forgiveness for those consecrated to him.

We need to recognize this, hold onto our hope. Then we need to do our job, even amidst emotional fatigue and fear. We need to do as God commanded. We need to invest our energy in loving God and our neighbor, in caring for the poor and vulnerable, and in tending creation, our common home which has been entrusted to us. We can do this. Each of us was made in the image of God with a deep desire for relationship with Him. And God wants to be in relationship with us, helping us as we seek to do His will.



The 'signs of our time' seem overwhelming but even now there are other signs. The COP gathering of nations in Glasgow to address climate change showed that most nations are taking climate change seriously at last. International youth movements are

energized and mobilized. They are inspiring (pushing) us to take decisive action to address issues of injustice, peace, and climate change.

Jesus is inviting us to trust God and to have hope. Take a walk this week and open yourselves to let God's creation show you signs of great joy and of God's love and care for you.

**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>.

**SUNDAY READINGS**

November 14, 2021 (33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: Daniel 12:1-3

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 16:5, 8-11

Reading 2: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/111421.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/111421.cfm)

November 21, 2021 (Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)

Reading 1: Daniel 7:13-14

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 93:1-2, 5

Reading 2: Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33b-37

[bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112121.cfm](http://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112121.cfm)



**INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

Discover the Catholic faith! Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). A schedule will be announced in the upcoming weeks. For more information or to sign up, please contact Deacon Tom Kelly at [tfk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tfk@sbcglobal.net) or 650-670-2200. We look forward to welcoming you.

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK** As a parish community we pray for the sick among us, including: Balvina Gonzalez, Bernice Corcoran, BM, CM, Diane Mojtehed, Erik Olsen, Janice Hagy, Luis Mederos, Lynn Bacon, Modesta Cintron, MS, Nony & Penny Bantug, NM, Ricardo Paule, William Cintron, those afflicted with COVID, the homebound, and those who wish not to be named.



**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](mailto:office@straymondmp.org) or register online at [www.straymondmp.org/register](http://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)

#### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 8:45-9:15 am & 3:30-4:30 pm,  
Thursdays 7:00-8:00 pm, or by appointment.

#### ADORATION

Saturday 8:45-9:15 am & Thursday 7:00-8:00 pm

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

*Please contact the parish office at 650-323-1755.*

#### BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, AND FUNERALS

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**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.