

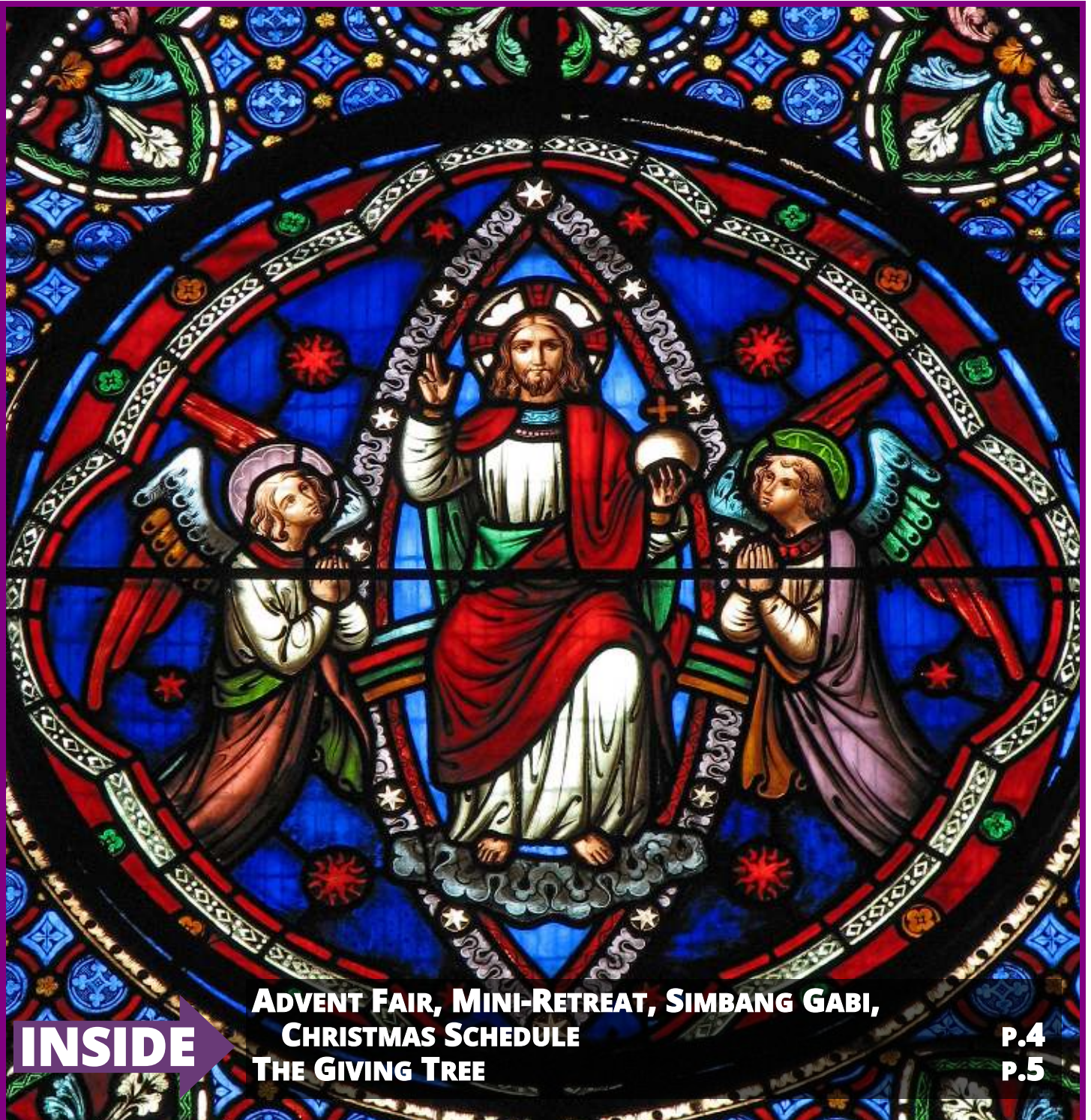


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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | NOVEMBER 28, 2021



**ADVENT FAIR, MINI-RETREAT, SIMBANG GABI,
CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
THE GIVING TREE**

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This Week

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MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass (Church)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021

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

SATURDAY DECEMBER 4, 2021

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

8:00 am Mass (Church)
10:00 am Mass (Outdoors), followed by Advent
Fair & BBQ
5:00 pm Mass (Church)

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 chrisgalvez@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.

Liturgy

Sat., Nov. 27, 5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

First Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Sun., Nov. 28, 8:00 am Lily & John Duzanica ††

10:00 am Aurelio Maestrini †

5:00 pm Jide & Kiesha Onyeneho

Mon., Nov. 29, 8:15am Gail Blach † & the Blach & Derry Families

Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Raymond Church (1959) (S)

Tue., Nov. 30, 8:15 am Sheila Holland †

St. Andrew, Apostle (F)

Wed., Dec. 1, 8:15 am Mother Cabrini in thanksgiving

Thur., Dec. 2, 9:30 am Wan-Lan Lee †

Fri., Dec. 3, 8:15 am Milo Pitera

St. Francis Xavier, Priest (M)

Sat., Dec. 4, 8:15 am Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P.

St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church (m)

Sat., Dec. 4, 5:00 pm Sharon Kennedy Gerlach †

Second Sunday of Advent

Sun., Dec. 5, 8:00 am Sosefo Afu Veatama †

10:00 am Olga Mirek †

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. Mass intentions are full for 2021 and now available for 2022.

SUNDAY READINGS

November 28, 2021 (First Sunday of Advent)

Reading 1: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 25:4-5, 8-10, 14

Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/112821.cfm

December 5, 2021 (Second Sunday of Advent)

Reading 1: Baruch 5:1-9

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 126:1-6

Reading 2: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/120521.cfm

Bible Studies

MATTHEW: THE KING & HIS KINGDOM— WEEK 8

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 8 (Tuesday, November 30, 7 pm):

Video: Session 8
Workbook: 54-56
Bible Reading: Matthew 8

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 session 4 of this Bible study **Wednesday, December 1.**

Session 4: Egypt, Exodus, Desert Wanderings (Exodus; Numbers)

Before the Meeting: Watch/do Session 4, Workbook p. 25-28

After the Meeting: Looking Ahead, p. 29

Upcoming session dates are: 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".

GIVING: ONLINE AND IN PERSON

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God Moment

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A few weeks ago, I was giving blood and the phlebotomist said, "OK. I have to ask. What are you?" I explained to her I am a Catholic priest in the Dominican tradition. She asked if she could ask me some questions. I said, "Of course." She wanted to know about my schooling, if I can get married, do I live alone, what is my ministry day life, where is my church, do I own a car, do I have to cook for myself, do I have health insurance, and on and on and on... Now, you know I love to talk but she was even giving me a run for my money. However, when you have a needle stuck in your arm, it is nice to have someone to talk to distract you. [If you have never given blood, it is not that bad.] She did make one very funny comment when she was talking about the church of her youth. I was explaining the divisions in the Church particularly the Protestant Reformation. She said she was raised a Lutheran and that means the founder of her Church was Lucifer. While I believe that to be true, I said, "I think you are thinking about Luther, Martin Luther." When she realized the gravity of her misspeak, we both had a good laugh. I told her about our outdoor Masses and invited her to our next BBQ. Tertullian, one of the early Church fathers of the second century coined the phrase, "the blood of the martyrs is seed for the church." Maybe the blood of Fr. Jerome is the seed for this woman finding her way to the Church.

—Fr. Jerome

EXPERIENCED GOD RECENTLY?

We would love to add brief, personal, parishioner stories to our weekly bulletin! Titled "God Moments," these short reflections will help our parish family get to know one another better. If you have been blessed by a special grace recently, received an answer to prayer, or experienced a moment of divine peace, please consider sharing it by emailing your "God Moment" to bulletin@straymondmp.org.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Advent Fair



Crafts, Silent Auction, Hot Drinks, Treats, Eco-Friendly Gift-wrapping, Advent Wreaths, and more.

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

NEXT SUNDAY!

Advent Mini-Retreat

Saturday, December 4, 2021

8:15 am—Mass with Fr. Jerome

8:45 am—9:15 am—Adoration/Confession*

*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., followed by Q&A.

10:15 am—Talk 2: Environment, Signs, and Symbols with Br. David Woo, O.P., followed by Q&A.

11:00 am—Talk 3: Advent and Liturgical Music with Lauri Hofstrom, followed by Q&A.

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

Simbang Gabi

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021,
7:00 PM

Please join us in celebrating Simbang Gabi, a Filipino Christmas tradition. Our Mass is part of a 9-day Novena of Masses as a spiritual preparation for the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Mass will be followed by dinner and fellowship. (Photos from 2016.)



Christmas at St. Raymond

Friday, December 24, 2021

3:30 pm (Lawn)

5:30 pm (Church)

Saturday, December 25, 2021

12:00 am (Church)

8:00 am (Church)

10:00 am (Lawn)

Sunday, December 26, 2021

8:00 am (Church)

10:00 am (Lawn)

5:00 pm (Church)

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias will once again decorate the altar this Christmas season. You can place your order online at <https://straymondmp.org/poinsettias> for \$20 each. You can purchase a poinsettia in the honor of or in remembrance of a loved one.

Poinsettias will go on sale IN PERSON starting the weekend of December 4-5 after all of the weekend Masses.

Names will be published in a bulletin in January. Proceeds will go toward Christmas decorations.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Sunday, December 12, after the 10 am Mass.
Thursday, December 16, 7:00 pm during Holy Hour.

Additional priests will be available for both of these dates.

Dominican Corner

GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS

BY BR. ATHANASIUS THOMPSON, O.P.

The season of Advent is here, and now that we're getting some cold weather, it's finally starting to feel like winter! For me, this weather gets me thinking about all the familiar experiences of the holiday season: hanging Christmas lights, putting up the Christmas tree, picking out gifts for our friends and family, and other December activities.

I certainly hope we all get to experience the warmth and comfort of this aspect of the time leading up to Christmas, but of course as Christians we know that the real meaning of the season lies in celebrating the Incarnation and Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Savior of the World. Just like going through all of the familiar rituals leading up to Christmas helps to put us in the holiday spirit on a secular level, so the Church gives us the season of Advent as a special preparation for the great feast of the Lord's Nativity.

There are many things that we can do during Advent to get ready for Our Lord's Nativity, but I think there is one practice in particular that is custom-built for the season: praying the Rosary. Every time we pray the Rosary, we say fifty Hail Mary's. St. Louis de Montfort, the great preacher of true devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, points out that, in a way, the Hail Mary is THE prayer of the Incarnation: when we say "hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you", we use the very same words the angel Gabriel used to announce the mystery of the Incarnation to the Blessed Virgin on that fateful evening.

Mary's "yes" to the message of the Angel that evening led to her becoming the Mother of God. Through her "yes", our salvation was brought into the world. When we say the Rosary, we say "yes" to the Incarnation of the Son of God, just like Mary did that night. The Lord wants to use us to bring His Son into the world, just like he used the Blessed Virgin on that sacred evening so long ago. Let us help bring the Grace of God into this world which needs it so much, by praying the Holy Rosary with devotion and fervor. †

'Tis the Season for Holiday Scams! If you receive a phone call, email, or text message asking you for money, or saying you won a prize and to click a link to redeem, or anything suspicious, just ignore it.

St. Raymond Giving Tree 2021

NOW UNTIL DEC. 12, 2021

Benefitting the St. Francis Center in Redwood City

Select a gift tag from the Giving Tree in the Church.

Purchase a NEW gift for that child and bring the **unwrapped** gift to the Church (before or after weekend Masses) on or before December 12, 2021.

CHILDREN'S
AGE
GROUPS
(BOYS &
GIRLS)

0-2

3-5

6-9

10-12

13-17

NO WAR
TOYS,
STUFFED
ANIMALS,
PUZZLES, OR
USED ITEMS

Your donations help to make a very merry Christmas for many local families. Thank you for your support and have a blessed Christmas!

SUGGESTED GIFTS

- Dolls—baby dolls and clothing, toy pets (dogs, horses, cats, etc)
- Cars and Trucks—Tonka trucks, Hot Wheels, remote control cars
- Sports Equipment—soccer balls, basketballs, footballs, baseballs and bats, volleyballs, yoga balls, pull-up bars, jump ropes
- Sports attire (no blue or red) - caps, t-shirts, sweatshirts
- Clothing—t-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, jeans
- Accessories—hair clips & ties, jewelry, watches, make-up, blow dryers, curling irons or straighteners, scarves.
- Arts & Games—paints, markers, crayons, craft kits, games
- Books—Spanish and English

St. Raymond Emotional &
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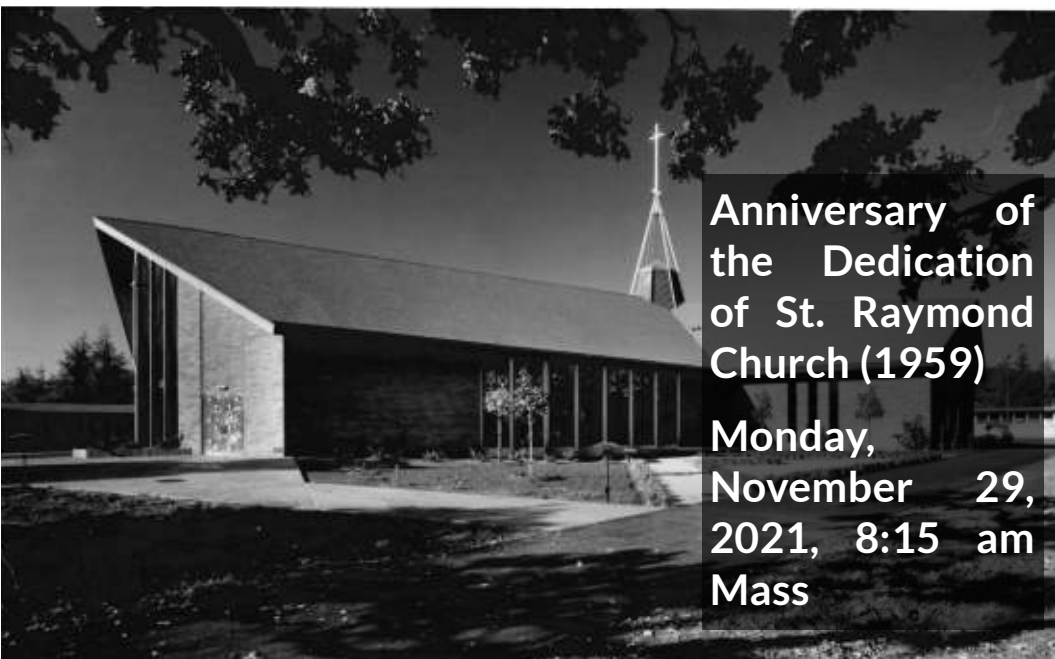
Confirmation—Rite of Recognition



All Hallows' Eve Young Adult Social



All Saints Day



Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Raymond Church (1959)
Monday, November 29, 2021, 8:15 am Mass

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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 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)

Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8)
8:15 am, 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm

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

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.