

Join us Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

Dec. 24 - 3:30 pm (Lawn) & 5:30 pm (Church)

Dec. 25 - 12 midnight (Church), 8 am (Church), 10 am (Lawn)



ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | DECEMBER 19, 2021



This Week

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MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass (Church)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2021

9:00 am Legion of Mary (below)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2021

10:00 am Zoom Weekly Bible Study (below)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2021

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

3:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass (Lawn)
5:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass (Church)

SATURDAY DECEMBER 25, 2021

12:00 am Christmas Midnight Mass (Church)
8:00 am Christmas Mass (Church)
10:00 am Christmas Mass (Lawn)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

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

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

WEEKLY EVENTS

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.

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., Dec. 18, 5:00 pm The Nelson Family, Both Living & Deceased

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sun., Dec. 19, 8:00 am Lily & John Duzanica ††

10:00 am Charles Galdes †

5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

Mon., Dec. 20, 8:15 am Herb Pickard †

Tue., Dec. 21, 8:15 am Betty Herle

St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church (m)

Wed., Dec. 22, 8:15 am Maurice Galvez †

Thur., Dec. 23, 8:15 am Maurice Galvez †

St. John of Kanty, Priest (m)

Fri., Dec. 24, 8:15 am Gregorio & Marta Moises ††

Fri., Dec. 24, 3:30 pm St. Raymond Parish

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (S)

5:30 pm Herb Pickard †

Sat., Dec. 25, 12:00 am The Galvez, Herborn, & Ritzen Families, Both Living & Deceased

The Nativity of the Lord (S)

8:00 am Harold Curtis †

10:00 am Neneve Polido (Birthday)

Sun., Dec. 26, 8:00 am The Ruocco Family, Both Living & Deceased

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

10:00 am The Papa Family, Both Living & Deceased

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.

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 or 650-670-2200. We look forward to welcoming you.

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 are now on sale IN PERSON after this weekend's Masses.

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

GIVING: ONLINE AND IN PERSON

eGiving provides an opportunity to simplify your stewardship donations through secure automatic giving. You can pay with a credit/debit card or your checking or savings account. Schedule or update recurring donations at straymondmp.org/giving.



CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY PARKING

LDS Parking Lot: The Church of Jesus Christ Latter-Day Saints (LDS), aka the Mormon Church, with whom we share a fence, has graciously allowed us to use their parking lot during our Christmas liturgies.

If you are able-bodied, please park in the LDS lot and walk past Arbor House, the rectory where the Dominicans live, to the field where the outdoor Masses will be held. This will help save the closer spaces for those whose physical needs don't allow them to walk very far.

One-way traffic: If you are parking in the St. Raymond lot, please use the Arbor Road entrance (by the school), and exit on Santa Cruz.

Please be cautious when driving and watch out for pedestrians.

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.

Bible Study

MATTHEW: THE KING & HIS KINGDOM— WILL RETURN IN THE NEW YEAR

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK As a parish community we pray for the sick among us, including: Balvina Gonzalez, Bernice Corcoran, Bonnie Morey, 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. To add a name to this list, please contact the parish office. Please make sure to have the person's permission.



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.



4 HYGIENE KITS CREATED FOR HOMELESS

The seventh grade confirmation class students put together hygiene kits for the homeless on Sunday, December 5th. The students experienced times when they did things with their families to help the homeless, including providing meals. We discussed ways that we all can do something to help others, including something as simple as looking directly into the eyes of someone homeless and saying hello. Small gestures such as these are ways we can show love and respect for others. The hygiene bags were delivered to the Opportunity Center in Palo Alto. The Opportunity Center has a wide range of services for individuals and families who are homeless or very poor in addition to 88 affordable apartments.

Cecilia & Rachel, 7th grade Catechists.



SUNDAY READINGS

December 19, 2021 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Reading 1: Micah 5:1-4a

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Reading 2: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/121921.cfm

Christmas Eve/Christmas Readings can be found at

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122521.cfm

December 26, 2021 (Holy Family)

Reading 1: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 128:1-5 or 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

Reading 2: Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:13-17 or 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/122621.cfm



LETTER FROM BR. DAVID

Dear St. Raymond Parish Community,

First of all, thank you. Truly, from the bottom of my heart, thank you. It has been a delight and joy to be a part of the wonderful parish community that is St. Raymond. I am edified and heartened by the presence of such faith-filled and wonderful men and women of God. You have been incredibly supportive and generous to me and the friars who minister at the parish. Thank you.

Thus, it is with a heavy heart, that I say good-bye. After careful discernment, God has made it clear to me that the road of a Dominican and a priest is not my vocation. Though I wrestled with this decision, I know that God is calling me to a different path. As to what that specific path entails, I await with the patience that marks the Advent season.

In your charity, I ask for your prayers. I ask that you continue to pray for many and good vocations to the Province and the Church. I ask that you continue to bear good fruit for the Church and be the wonderful living testaments of faith that I have been privileged to glimpse and journey with. Please know of my prayers for all of you and I pray that, God willing, we will cross paths in this life or at least in the next.

Thank you and God bless you.

David Woo



THANK YOU



THE PARISH WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE WHO SPONSORED THE YOUTH JAM THANKSGIVING ON NOVEMBER 20, 2021.

WEDNESDAY AFTER-MASS SOCIAL GROUP

Ed Kennedy invites you to breakfast after the Wednesday morning Mass. There's no membership dues or commitment—just food and fellowship.



HOMELESS FAMILY FUND

Please consider making a recurring monthly e-donation or a lump sum to help support the Homeless Family Fund. Please make donations payable to St. Raymond Homeless Family Fund. They may be placed in the collection basket, sent to the parish office or through the St. Raymond website at www.straymondmp.org/donate. Questions or want to get involved? Please reach out to: HFF@straymondmp.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES IMMIGRATION ⁵ CENTER REUNITES FAMILIES & SERVES INDIVIDUALS FROM ALL COUNTRIES

DID YOU KNOW that Catholic Charities offers our immigration legal services to reunite families and serve individuals from all countries?

With an experienced legal staff at our San Mateo and San Francisco offices, the Center provides family and marriage-based immigration as well as naturalization services for a reasonable legal fee. Call 650.727.8430 to schedule your free consultation today!

By choosing Catholic Charities to represent you, you will support the Center's invaluable work consistent with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops to help local immigrants participate in our society so that together we seek the common good and well-being of all.

LIFE-GIVING WOUNDS: A HEALING RETREAT FOR ADULT CHILDREN OF DIVORCED OR SEPARATED PARENTS

This is a retreat weekend that invites participants with divorced or separated parents to move past their parents' relationship to their own deepest origin and identity as God's beloved, capable of great love. It will be led by the Life-Giving Wounds traveling retreat team. The retreat will be held March 4-6, 2022 at Vallombrosa retreat center (250 Oak Grove Ave. in Menlo Park).

Cost per individual is \$350 (private room) if registered by Jan. 30 and includes lodging, meals and all materials. Must be 18 or older to attend. To register and for more information please visit <https://sfarch.org/event/life-giving-wounds-healing-retreat/>. Limited scholarships are available - contact Ed Hopfner (hopfnere@sfarch.org).

THE ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

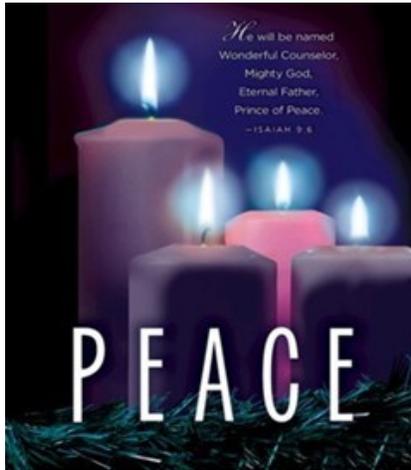
is a spiritual association of the Catholic Church, the members of which strive to pray the entire Rosary during the course of one week. They form a union of hundreds of thousands of the faithful throughout the world who, along with their own intentions, include the intentions and needs of all its members. To enroll and learn more, please visit www.rosary-center.org.



PEACE OF EARTH

In the first reading from the prophet Micah today, we hear the promise that from Bethlehem, too insignificant to be among the clans of Judah, shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel; He shall stand firm and shepherd His flock and his greatness shall reach the ends of the earth.; He shall be **peace**.

What joy we have as Christians this Advent as we celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world knowing our God loves us so much. And what awe and joy we feel as we consider the bravery of Mary, a poor insignificant young woman, who “believed that what was spoken to her by the Lord would be fulfilled” and said YES to carrying our Lord despite the great danger this could have brought upon her. As Christians, we are called to rethink the notion of significance and count all of life as being of immense value. All life has its origin in God, the loving Creator, who is present in all things making them of great value. May we learn to see ourselves in relation to God, and His creation.



Pope Francis wrote in *Laudato Si'*; “Our insistence that each human being is an image of God should not make us overlook the fact that each creature has its own purpose. None is superfluous. The entire material universe speaks of God’s love, his boundless

affection for us. Soil, water, mountains, everything, as it were, a caress of God. (84) When we can see God reflected in all that exists, our hearts are moved to praise the Lord for all his creatures and to worship him in union with them. (87)”. If we are careless with God's creation our praise for Him is muted.

We celebrated this season of Advent together during the fair 2 weeks ago. Let us rejoice in God's great love for us and in the beautiful, caring, and lively St. Raymond community we are blessed to be a part of. In love for one another, may we be moved to respect and protect all life as a reflection of gratitude for God in our midst.

LAUDATO SI' WEEKLY ZOOM

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



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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/

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, 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.