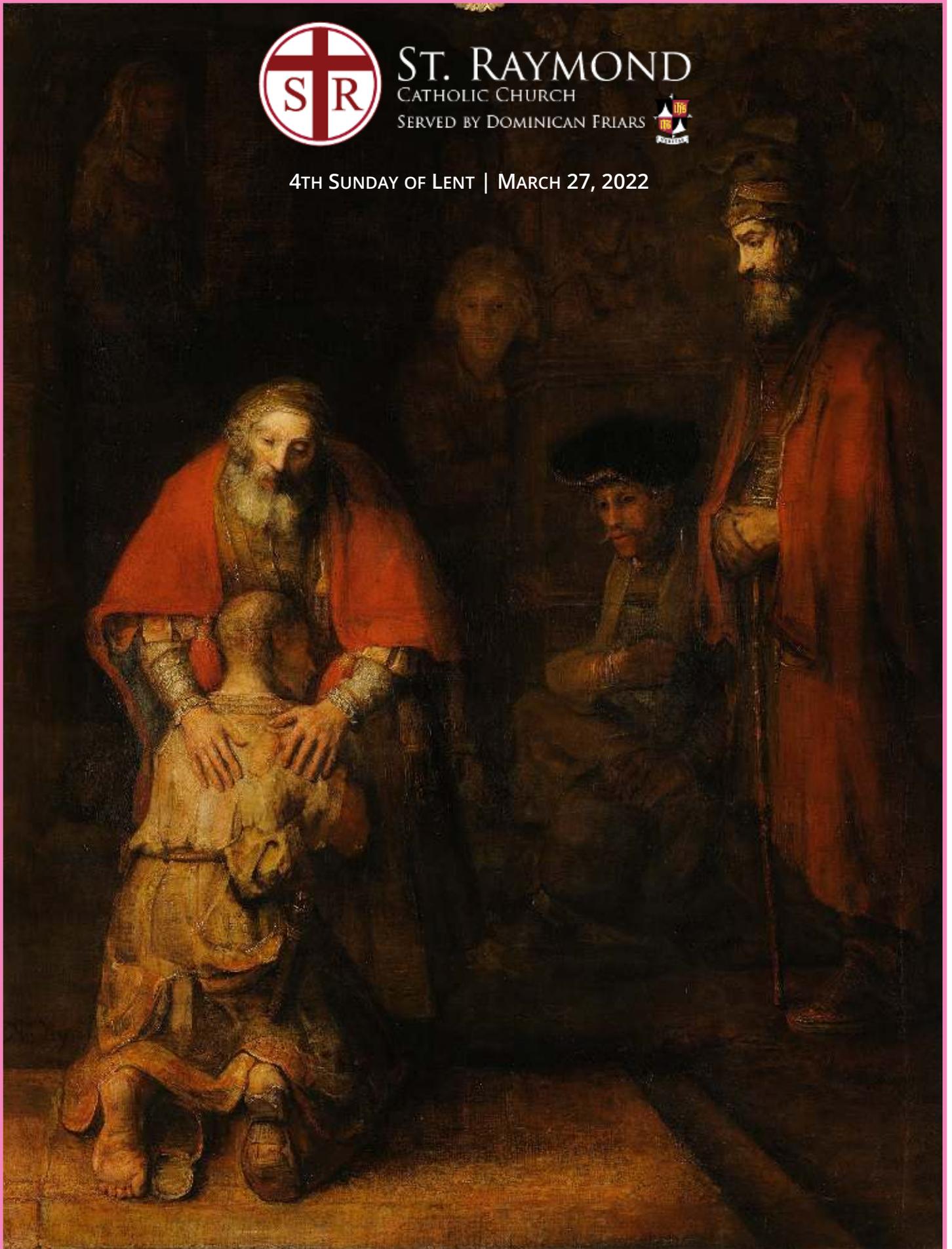




ST. RAYMOND
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 27, 2022



This Week

MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022

12:00 pm Lenten Small Group (p.3)

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2022

10:00 am Weekly Bible Study (Parish Hall)

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022

9:00 am Lenten Small Group (p.3)
12:00 pm Laudato Si' Group Zoom (p.6)
7:00 pm Holy Hour (Adoration & Confession)

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross followed by
Soup Supper

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022

8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration
& Confession
5:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

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

* Livestreamed Masses Mon-Sat 8:15 am, Sat. 5:00 pm and Sun. 10:00 am. All Masses indoors except where noted.

WEEKLY EVENTS

WEEKLY SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY meets on **Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 11:30 am** in the Parish Hall. The group discusses the readings for the upcoming Sunday. For more information, contact Christine at chrisgalvez@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.

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

Liturgy

Sat., Mar. 26, 5:00 pm Gail Blach † & the Blach & Derry Families, Both Living & Deceased

4th Sunday of Lent

Sun., Mar. 27, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish

10:00 am Charles Galdes †

5:00 pm Aurelio Maestrini †

Mon., Mar. 28, 8:15 am Sr. Rita McCloskey, O.P. †

Tue., Mar. 29, 8:15 am Dale MacRunnels †

Wed., Mar. 30, 8:15 am Paddy Andrews †

Thu., Mar. 31, 8:15 am James Cremin †

Fri., Apr. 1, 8:15 am Caterina Maestrini †

Sat., Apr. 2, 8:15 am Gail Blach † & the Blach & Derry Families, Both Living & Deceased

St. Francis of Paola, Hermit (m)

Sat., Apr. 3, 5:00 pm The Nelson Family, Both Living & Deceased

5th Sunday of Lent

Sun., Apr. 4, 8:00 am Sosefo Afu Veatama †

10:00 am Bob Ferrando †

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.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022

5:00 pm (Saturday Vigil), 8:00 am, 10:00 am (Outdoors), 5:00 pm

Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022

7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 15, 2022

7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, April 16, 2022

8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

8:00 am, 10:00 am (Outdoors) and 10:00 am (Church)

ON THE COVER—*The Return of the Prodigal Son*, by Rembrandt, c. 1661-1669, Hermitage Museum, Saint Petersburg. Public domain. For a detailed analysis of this painting, visit <https://review.catechetics.com/inspired-through-art-return-prodigal-son-rembrandt-van-rijn-c-1668>

LENTEN FAITH-SHARING SMALL GROUPS CONTINUE

Looking to deepen your relationship with God this Lent? Consider joining a Faith-Sharing small group. Groups will meet weekly throughout Lent and will have an opportunity to grow in prayer and deepen one's personal relationship with God during this time of preparation before Easter. Contact Tina Augustine to sign up: taugustine@straymondmp.org or 650-656-0505.

All groups will meet in the St. Raymond Parish Hall.

Mondays at 12-1:15pm
Tuesdays at 7-8:15pm
Thursdays 9-10:15am

Bible Study

MATTHEW: THE KING & HIS KINGDOM



Tuesday, March 29, 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Video: Session 22
Workbook: 261-264, then 157-160
Bible Reading: Matthew 27

GIVING: ONLINE AND IN PERSON

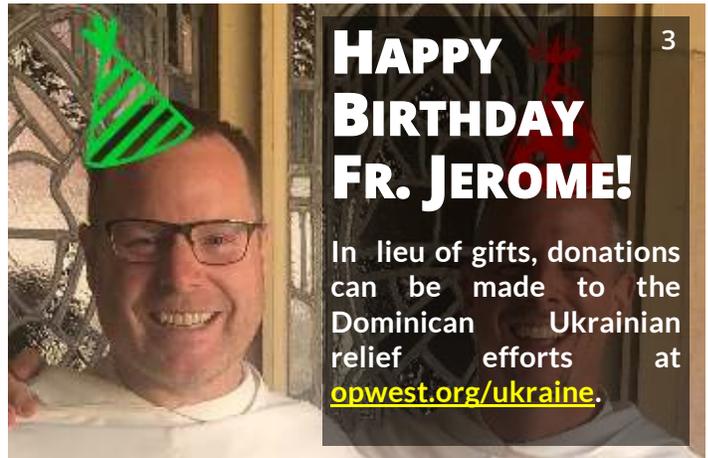
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SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND SUPPORTING CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS 6:00 PM, OUTDOORS

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS
IN THE PARISH HALL
FOLLOWING STATIONS OF THE CROSS



GIVE TO HELP THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE

Our Polish Dominican brothers are working tirelessly to provide food, clothes, medical care, and housing in their priories for refugees streaming across the border from Ukraine. Our brothers in Ukraine are also at work providing food and medical supplies to Ukrainians who remain in their homeland.

God bless you for your kindness! Donate at <https://opwest.org/ukraine>.

ST. RAYMOND PARISH CRAFTERS

Come join us and add your ideas and talents to our group. Our next gathering will be Monday, March 28, at 11 AM. We will again be meeting at the home of Michele Otte on Santa Cruz Avenue.

For more information contact Michele at 650-328-1318 (home) or 650-575-1431 (cell).

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK As a parish community we pray for the sick among us, including: Balvina Gonzalez, Bernice Corcoran, Bonnie Morey, Connie Alvidrez, Diane Mojtehed, Erik Olsen, Gayland Hagy, Janice Hagy, Larry, Luis Mederos, Lynn Bacon, Modesta Cintron, Mary Shepherd, Nony & Penny Bantug, NM, 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.



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JOHN DENNISTON—WE GROW WHEN
WE HAVE A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH
THE POOR**

Join the Catholic Community of Stanford's Lamplighters Series on **March 28 at 7 pm (Zoom)** to hear **John Denniston** chatting with Ted Robinson. John's encounters with the poor have shaped his life. He has been quoted: "We must let the poor evangelize us" and "we grow when we have a personal encounter with the poor."



John co-founded Shared-X, an agricultural impact company after a successful career as a venture capitalist. He has been President of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in San Mateo where he helped develop the Catalyst Program which helps the marginalized of San Mateo County. He has spoken at the Vatican in the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace - his topic: Impact Investing for the Poor. He's a lawyer, economist, and St. Raymond parishioner.

Email John Sanchez (jsanchez@straymondmp.org) for the Zoom link and password.

**THREE-DAY RETREAT: WALK WITH
JESUS THROUGH THE LAST SUPPER, THE
CRUCIFIXION, AND THE RESURRECTION**

St. Raymond Parish Retreat is taking place on the three holiest days of the year—All are encouraged to make this pilgrimage of faith by celebrating the Sacred Paschal Triduum. (April 14-16, 2022.)

Triduum is a three-day period of prayer, typically with a culminating event or goal achieved on the third day. The Paschal Triduum, therefore, has Easter as its pinnacle moment. Interestingly, this third day, this Easter celebration takes place not on Sunday morning, but in the dark of the night which precedes the dawn. It is on Sunday morning that the women discover that He is Risen; but as with all high-holy celebrations, the celebration of the fact begins at sundown on the day before, in keeping with the Jewish tradition which our Lord lived so faithfully throughout his earthly life. How appropriate that we should keep the faith in this way! And like the excited children of God that we are, who can wait until morning when we already know how it turns out: As the prophets foretold, His light shines in the darkness, and we are there to be His witnesses, lighting the Great Easter Fire in the night, and sharing His light with one another! (Yes, every congregant receives their own candle and literally shares the light, passing the flame from one to another until the whole church is filled with His light!)

But that's on day three... There's so much that happens in order to get there. Our Lord shares the bread and the wine with the twelve at the Passover Feast in the Upper Room. He washes the feet of his disciples—an event that is enacted again, right there in our presence, by the priest in the person of Christ. When the meal is finished, he goes out to the garden to pray, and he asks us to stay with him: "Remain here and keep watch with me." (Matthew 26:38). In like manner, we literally walk with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament from inside the church away to another place where He will remain throughout the night (in our case, at St Raymond School). He reposes there, just as in the garden, and we keep watch with Him (stay as long as you like). This is Holy Thursday. The next day, Day Two of our retreat, we gather again to bear witness to His pursuant passion and death, and we venerate the cross itself. We will have opened our retreat with these words: "We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered." (Cf. Galatians 6:14). This is a reminder, before we go down into it, of what the cross ultimately represents and how the three days will end:

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**40 DAYS FOR LIFE/
REDWOOD CITY
March 2 - April 10, 2022
PRAYING FOR AN END TO ABORTION**

Daily: 7am - 7pm
Planned Parenthood Redwood City
2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City (on sidewalk)
(650) 918-9119
Sign up: 40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity

SUNDAY READINGS

March 27, 2022 (4th Sunday of Lent, Year C)

Reading 1: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 34:2-7

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/032722-YearC.cfm

April 3, 2022 (5th Sunday of Lent, Year C)

Reading 1: Isaiah 43:16-21

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 126:1-6

Reading 2: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/032022-YearC.cfm

TK PRAYS TO MOTHER MARY

A beautiful thing happened in our parish at the start of Women's History Month. Two Transitional-Kindergarten teachers at St. Raymond school led their eighteen children to Mother Mary in her refurbished grotto behind their classroom. Together in prayer, they honored the "highest" and most important woman of all. And then, in a guided discussion, they talked about the other important women in their lives: their mommies, their grandmothers, their teachers. "Mother Mary's love is present in your families and in our school. She breathes love," they were told. And they practiced breathing in and out, in and out, inhaling love and exhaling love. Seeds were nourished that day.

Our St. Raymond TK children are the seeds. They are potential. They are hope. Teachers, Dora Arredondo and Pam Welte, are the gardeners of these precious seeds. We are fortunate to have them in our midst. I visited their classroom recently. Fr. Jerome had sent me the picture of the children and suggested, "maybe there's a story in it." Yes. There's a story, a story with metaphors at the heart of it, metaphors that have everything to do with seeds and gardeners and beginnings.



The story began with the renovation of the lovely grotto. Gardeners pruned, rocks were added, a garden floor was laid with paving stones, and the early visitors were children marking the beginning of International Women's History Month with Mother Mary. That's what inspired teachers do, they make simple connections to profound truths and make them accessible to children. They use a curriculum titled "Seeds." Pam told me the "Seeds" lessons break down the Bible for children with age-appropriate stories and activities. I asked Dora how faith is taught in these early stages of seed-care. "We introduce the meaning of faith in very simple terms," she said. "Faith is wishing for something good to happen.

Prayer is our expression of that wish."

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The role of the Holy Spirit is foundational to the Seeds Program and to Dora and Pam. An unseen force of Love, the Holy Spirit is present in their classroom. When good things happen, the Holy Spirit is honored. When a student is angry or sad, the Holy Spirit sits with the attentive teacher and tenderly holds the student's attention. It's planting and gardening at its best. Dora was quick to add, "Many of us are watering the seeds. It's what we do at this school, all of us, at every grade level." Fr. Jerome and Fr. John are gardeners too. They see into the future. They see the potential of our precious seedlings and offer their own spiritual nourishment. And Mother Mary on a chilly March day, hears the prayers of her children and blesses them and their teachers with her abundant love.

Pat Clough

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The Victory of the Resurrection. But between this opening and the third day, that is on this second day, we have an experience of the cross for what it temporally is: man-made instrument of tortuous death-- and we mourn appropriately. This is Good Friday.

Knowing how it all ends ought not desensitize us to the wonder of it: To rise from the dead! To live forever! The opening of the gates of heaven for every soul that was, is, and will be to have Eternal Life! Perpetual joy in the light of God's face. On this third day of the retreat, Saturday of the Holy Night of Easter, even more souls are claimed for Christ as we witness the baptism, First Communion and Confirmation of people who have even in recent days been called by Christ to walk in His Way. Many do not remember our (infant) baptisms; yet, we know we are linked to one another by virtue of this fact. Now we see and remember how we are made brothers and sisters in Christ in these Sacraments of the Church, happening all at once and in conjunction with the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection and his gift of our immortality. *Immortality!*

Here's to the Paschal Triduum, our own St. Raymond Parish Three-Day Retreat, on April 14, 15, and 16, 2022. It is unmissable!

Register at <https://forms.gle/hGRfYm4V6GXFo11o6>

(Registration is not required! ...but does aid the Parish Office in preparation for these events.)



Everything I have is yours; But now we must celebrate and rejoice because your brother was dead and came back to life again; he was lost and has been found.

Rebellion, loss, repentance, and restoration are the themes of today's readings. And running through them are images of food and life.

- The Israelites, lost and wandering in the desert, repeatedly rebelled against God, yet God did not abandon them. How tenuous was their survival, but God did not let them go hungry; He fed them with manna until they could walk into the Promised Land, a land "flowing with milk and honey."
- In the Psalm, we hear that "The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing."
- The rebellious son in the Gospel does indeed know hunger, as his reckless lifestyle and spending have left him only the scraps of the pigs to eat. [The older son is starving spiritually with bitterness and judgmental arrogance, but the loving father is gentle and understanding with both.]

During Lent, the Laudato Si' group is reading *Wild Hope: Stories of the Vanishing* by Gayle Boss. We reflected and prayed over the first week of Lent focusing on "The Hungry." Because of warming ocean waters, red knots, an amazing bird species that migrates seasonally from pole to pole, are struggling as their necessary food sources are dying; Galapagos penguins perish when algae-eating plankton and their predators die from warmer waters; staghorn coral reefs, burn in waters too hot to sustain their larvae—these and more are sentinels, signals of the disruption to winds and oceans by climate change. Amun leopards perish from fires set by villagers to clear fields for farming. Although organizations have created safe spaces, there is not enough room for the leopards, so they are hunted and killed as they stray from their preserves.

God always loves and forgives us, when we open our eyes to what we are doing to His creation. Like the Prodigal Son, when we come to our senses, we can return to our Father, mend our ways, and try to make restitution for the harm. Or, like the older son, we can turn away, heedless of the needs of those around us, more concerned with our own comforts, possessions, and prestige.

"Yet all is not lost. Human Beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good and making a new start... An awareness of the gravity of today's cultural and ecological crisis must be translated into new habits. Many people know that our current progress and the mere amassing of things and pleasures are not enough to give meaning and joy to the human heart, yet they feel unable to give up what the market sets before them." (LS 205, 209)

This Lent, let us fast from throw-away culture and consumerism so others can have enough.

<https://www.kqed.org/quest/50870/penguin-sentinels>

Save the dates

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
Saturday, April 30, 2022, 5:00 pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Saturday, May 14, 2022, 9:30 am

As a community, let us pray for those preparing to receive their First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

HOPE & Healing

MENTAL HEALTH CONFERENCE

Sponsored by Archdiocese of San Francisco

For anyone interested in learning more about mental health challenges and how to support those struggling with mental health issues

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

- PSYCHOLOGICAL HARDINESS AND THE SPIRITUAL LIFE
Robert Walters, Ph.D.
- SPIRITUAL RESPONSE TO AN UNHEALTHY CULTURE
Gabrielle Lou, Psy.D.
- ADDICTION/SUBSTANCE ABUSE
Scott Bobrow, MA, LMFT
- SUICIDAL PREVENTION
Star Vista
- MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES IN CHILDREN & YOUTH
Rocio Rodriguez, LMFT
- DEPRESSION, ESPECIALLY RELATED TO COVID
Renee Duffay, Psy.D, LMFT

MAIN SESSIONS:

- MENTAL HEALTH 101**
Anne Fisher, Executive Director NAMI, San Francisco
- COPING SKILLS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS**
Vic Marzarian, Mind Heart Soul Consulting

9:00AM TO 4:00PM
(CHECK IN BEGINS AT 8:15AM)

Questions: Contact Dick Collyer at 415-614-5593 or collyern@starch.org

Our Lady of Angels Parish
1721 Hillside Drive, Burlingame, CA 94010
\$35 (includes lunch) - Scholarships available

Register at: https://starchdiocese.org/event/mhc_2022

Space is limited: preregistration is required
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 5, 2022

April 9th 2022

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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, 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)

Ash Wednesday 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.