

This Week

MONDAY TO SATURDAY EACH WEEK

8:15 am Mass (Church)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022

9:00 am Legion of Mary (below) 7:00 pm Matthew Bible Study 7:00 pm Catholics Return Home

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022

10:00 am Zoom Weekly Bible Study (below)

Thursday, January 20, 2022

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022

8:15 am Mass (Church) followed by Adoration

& Confession

5:00 pm Mass (Church)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

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 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.

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.



Liturgy

Sat., Jan. 15, 5:00 pm David Scholz ❖

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Jan. 16, 8:00 am Pete Ciardella ⊕

10:00 am Olga Mirek ↔ St. Raymond Parish

Mon., Jan. 17, 8:15 am Alan Guertin ↔

St. Anthony, Abbot (M)

Tue., Jan. 18, 8:15 am Gail Blach & the Blach &

Derry Families, Both Living & Deceased

St. Margaret of Hungary, OP, Virgin (m)

Wed., Jan. 19, 8:15 am Frances Gutierrez ⊕

Thu., Jan. 20, 8:15 am Marti & Anne Welsh 💠 🕆

St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr (m); St. Sebastian, Martyr (m)

Fri., Jan. 21, 8:15 am Frances Gutierrez 🕆

St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr (M)

Sat., Jan. 22, 8:15 am Kali Grogan ⊕

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Sat., Jan. 22, 5:00 pm Hans Roehr &

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday of the Word of God)

Sun., Jan. 23, 8:00 am Margaret McSweeney

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10:00 am Anthony Treacy ₽

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.

SUNDAY READINGS

January 16, 2022 (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: Isaiah 62:1-5

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 96:1-3, 7-10 Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Gospel: John 2:1-11

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/010222.cfm

January 23, 2022 (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading 1: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Resp. Psalm: Psalms 19:8-10, 15

Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/012322.cfm

CONNECT IN 2022

St. Raymond Parish is adopting a new and improved communication platform that will make it much simpler for you to get information from the parish. The service is called Flocknote - like sending a note to your flock - and allows you to choose to receive messages via email or text or both.

St. Raymond has many opportunities to enrich your spiritual life, serve those in need, and meet your fellow parishioners while participating in events and activities. We want to provide you the ability to get involved in as many of these opportunities as you choose.

When you sign up, you will designate the groups or ministries that you want to receive news from and the information comes to you.

Sign up Sundays will be January 23rd and 30th. Be sure to bring your cell phone!

Bible Study

MATTHEW: THE KING & HIS KINGDOM

Tuesdays 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

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.



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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.



An Invitation for Non-Practicing Catholics

- Were you raised Catholic but do not come or seldom come to Church anymore?
- Are you a Catholic who now feels separated from the church?
- Would you like to know more about the Catholic church as it is today?
- Would you like to feel at home in the Catholic Church again?

No matter how long you have been away and no matter what reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church. Please join us for a 6-week program of informal sessions and engaging conversations of the Catholic faith. The sessions are held Tuesdays beginning January 18th at 7:00 pm in the St. Raymond Parish Hall. For more information or to register, contact Tina Augustine at taugustine @straymondmp.org or 650-656-0505.

Catholics Returning Home 2022 Schedule

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January 18, 2022	Welcome & overview of series
January 25, 2022	Stories of Faith from Catholics Returning Home Discussion & Sharing
February 1, 2022	Who is God and why does it matter?
February 8, 2022	Walk through of the Mass (along with explanation and historical overview)
February 15, 2022	Explanation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession)
March 1, 2022	The Creed: What Catholics Believe

This month has 5 Sundays! You know what that means!

You can donate at straymondmp.org/ giving and enter the amount you wish to donate under "St. Vincent de Paul".

4 Pope Francis' Synod

The Church is much more than a building. It is an assembly of the People of God, a place for worship and spiritual growth. It has changed over the years to meet the needs of time, listening to the people of God in order to identify ways to support them.

A synod is a council of the church, usually convened to decide an issue of doctrine, administration, or application. There has been a long tradition of organizing ecclesial assemblies to deliberate on the most pressing issues of the times. In the words of Pope Francis, "a synodal Church is a listening church, knowing that listening 'is more than feeling'. It is a mutual listening in which everyone has something to learn...we are one in listening to others; and all are listening to the Holy Spirit, the 'Spirit of truth' (Jn 14:17), to know what the Spirit 'is saying to the Churches' (Rev 2:7)."

Pope Francis has planned the next World Synod of Bishops in October 2022, with the theme "Synodality" which means "Walking Together", and invites the whole Church to participate in the preparatory process. The goal of this Synod is to provide an opportunity for the entire People of God to discern together how to move forward on the path towards being a more synodal church in the long term. This unprecedented opportunity will facilitate discussion and reflection to help shape the Church's understanding of herself and her mission of evangelization and forming disciples.

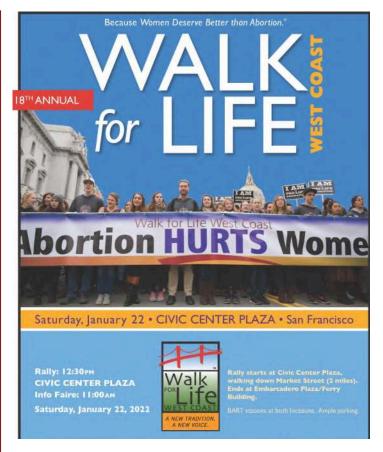
The Archdiocese of San Francisco will kick-off the local synodal process in January by asking every Catholic to participate in the Disciple Maker Index survey. This survey is a nationally recognized survey administered at parishes around the United States and Canada since 2013 by the Catholic Leadership Institute. At St. Raymond, we are ahead of the game and completed the survey in 2020. Those results will be shared with the Archdiocese.

In February and March, engagement/listening sessions will be offered throughout the Archdiocese. We welcome and encourage all of you to attend one of the engagement sessions, in-person or virtually.

San Mateo County in-person sessions: **February 26th 9-11 am**, St. Augustine Church, South San Francisco; **March 5th 9-11 am**, St. Veronica Church, South San Francisco; **March 5th 9-11 am** St. Matthew Church, San Mateo: **March 6th 1-3 pm** St. Pius Redwood City.

The schedule for the virtual sessions will be available soon. Registration is required for a virtual session. More details are available through the Archdiocesan website at www.sfarch.org/synod.

After these sessions are complete and the data gathered, attentive to the faith of the people of God, the Synod Bishops will work together for ecclesial consensus. The results will be submitted to the Holy Father and an implementation plan will follow in each diocese. This is a way for everybody to participate in the "Listening Church" and its further growth in this century and beyond.



Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the **18th Annual Walk for Life West Coast** in San Francisco on **January 22**, **2022**. There will be Mass at 9:30 am celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30 pm in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30 pm. For more information about the Walk, visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.

Support St. Raymond Church on Amazon Smile. Currently, there are 20 supporters! Add St. Raymond as your charity at https://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-1156739.

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.

Promise

Rita

LETTER FROM FR. EDWARD

Dear St. Raymond's Parishioners,

I write to thank you immensely for your continued generosity to St. Patrick Parish Uburu Amachi Abakaliki, through the Mother of Mercy Charitable Foundation. The parish has been blessed these past 5 years with your donations for food, medicine, and education. The Foundation is grateful to you for this continued support to St. Patrick parish community and it will continue to use the funds that you send through it to assist the needs of this parish community.

We are grateful for your most recent donation of \$16,000 to The Mother of Mercy Charitable Foundation. As you know, our mission statement is "Helping to provide for the Health Care, Educational and Humanitarian needs of the Nigerian people."

The board is spending \$6,000 for 2 scholarships this year. This will provide scholarships for 2 High School students (a boy and a girl) for the next 6 years. The recipients of the 2021 scholarships are, Rita Oluomachi Edeh and Promise E. Awam. Both began High School this past September at St. Theresa Secondary School, Okpaugwu-Abakaliki. In the year 2022, we will again be able to provide additional scholarships to 2 students to attend High School. None of this would have been

possible without your support.

The remaining balance will be used to provide food and to pay for any medical expenses that members of St. Patrick's Parish Uburu-Amachi Abakaliki, may need at this moment. 1/4 of the balance is being used for food fund and is being utilized as needed by the poorest of the poor in the

parish. Food was distributed to 50 families in July of this year at the height of the COVID pandemic.

The remaining 3/4 of the funds is being earmarked for medical expenses and is being disbursed as needed. The initial recipients of the medical funds are: Mr. Sunday Nwonumara (45 years old) who had a gas explosion accident 4 years ago and which has led to the amputation of his left hand. (2) Mr. Samuel Aga, glaucoma surgery on both eyes. (3) Mr. Ogbonna Ojiji, glaucoma surgery on one eye (already lost sight in one eye).



We would like to thank you again for this aid that will help us change the future of so many people in need in our community. May God bless and reward you all abundantly.

Wishing you all a blessed Advent season, and joyful celebration of the birth of our Savior at Christmas.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Edward Inyanwachi

President, The Mother of Mercy Charitable Foundation (https://www.mmcharitablefoundation.org/)



CARING ABOUT OUR FRAGILE ENVIRONMENT STARTS AT HOME

I am a member of the Laudato Si' Ministry. We live in a neighborhood that is surrounded with carefully trimmed and pristine front lawns. Last spring, a few of us in the neighborhood discovered a sign posting that all of our lawns and parks would be sprayed with HERBICIDES. As we read further we noticed that there was an EPA CAUTION about the toxicity of these chemicals.

In the next few months there were even more signs posted about the PESTICIDES scheduled to be used in our lawns. Many of our families began to wonder and become concerned about the effects of these herbicides and pesticides.



As a result, a few neighbors

began to do significant research. Before joining Laudato Si', and experiencing the encouragement our group gives, I might not have become involved. But I joined in and personally did a lot of research. The more we learned the more we became deeply concerned about the health and

safety of our entire neighborhood with children, adults, elderly, and our pets.

As information was shared, more people in the neighborhood become concerned about health issues, and a team of 4 women spent several months exploring and collaborating about ways to:

- Protect our fragile neighborhood environment;
 Protect our family neighborhood's health and wellness.

here is a nobility in the duty to care for creation through little daily actions, and it is wonderful how education can bring about real changes in lifestyle. (L.S.211)

We brought our research to

our board. We identified the potential harm of the planned pesticides and presented safer alternatives that are available. We were able to negotiate a new plan with the gardeners using only safe chemicals and natural methods.

Finally, our neighborhood is much more aware of what is healthy for families and healthy for our plants and trees as well. - Danielle Draper

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.

St. Raymond Emotional & Mental Wellness Ministry straymondmp.org/emwm

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.

IMAGE CREDITS

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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/
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PRAYERS SICK **FOR** THE As a parish community we pray for the sick among us, including: Balvina Gonzalez, Bernice Corcoran, Bonnie Morey, Diane Mojtehedi, Erik Olsen, Gayland Hagy, Janice Hagy, 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. Please make sure to have the person's permission.

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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.

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

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays 5:00 pm Vigil (Church)

www.straymondmp.org/register.

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.