

Masses

Saturday Eve 5:00PM
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,
12Noon and 4:30PM

Daily 7:15, 8:45 AM
Saturday 8:45 AM

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The Parish of St. Raymond

*A Eucharistic Community of
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, November 26, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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*“Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one
of these least ones, you did not do for me.”*

-Matthew 25:45



November 26, 2023

Christ the King

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Not registered? Please stop by our rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family.

Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;
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Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm, or call for appointment.

Baptisms

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Prayer Groups

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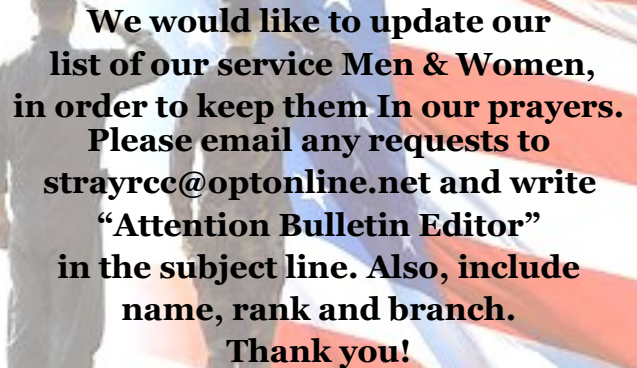
Music Ministries

Choir (Adult): Sings at 10:30am Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church.

Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the rectory lower level.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Interested in becoming a Catholic or an adult Catholic seeking Eucharist or Confirmation? Call the rectory and ask for Fr. Chuck Romano



We would like to update our list of our service Men & Women, in order to keep them In our prayers. Please email any requests to strayrcc@optonline.net and write "Attention Bulletin Editor" in the subject line. Also, include name, rank and branch. Thank you!



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Monday - Friday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Saturday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Sunday at 1:30 pm, 8:30 pm ET

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

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Sunday at 11:00 am, 7:00 pm ET

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Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET



Always keep our Service Men & Women in your prayers ...

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Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.

Greetings and God's closing blessings for this Church year be yours on the great Feast of Christ the King! Today we reach the final Sunday and last week of the liturgical year. Next Sunday we begin the holy season of Advent. Today's readings are aimed at helping us to understand sin and freedom as Jesus does. In the first reading from the Prophet Ezekiel, we see the leaders of Israel being denounced as failed shepherds. God now assumes the role that they should have carried out. Through misguided leadership the kingdom has not been protected. Instead of staying true to God the leaders chose other alliances to ensure security, and they failed. Now it is time for God to take over. **"Thus says the Lord God: I myself will look after and tend my sheep."** Then in the second reading from 1 Corinthians, Paul proclaims Jesus as a king who will hand over the kingdom to his heavenly Father. All this will be accomplished because of Jesus' resurrection.

"Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep." And finally, our last gospel for this year coming from Matthew portrays Jesus coming on earth to render final judgment on all the nations. The sheep will inherit the kingdom while the goats will be left to eternal damnation. Why? Because it all comes down to how we treat those in need.

"Whatever you did for these least brothers of mine, you did for me." The goats missed all the opportunities not knowing that in the least is found Jesus.

"Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me."

In today's gospel we can identify six sins of omission: failing to feed the hungry, not giving drink to the thirsty, not welcoming a stranger, not clothing the naked, nor caring for the sick, nor visiting those in prison. This is the yardstick Jesus uses to describe who will be saved and who will not. We tend to think of sin as an action, like stealing or murder. It is easy to ask forgiveness **"for what I have done"** but not as easy **"for what I have failed to do."** Many Christians reject **"social sin"** but that is highly selective and individualistic. Throughout the Old Testament scriptures social sin is denounced and the New Testament is equally concerned with social justice. Some people felt that Jesus needed a much shorter list of people who truly matter and a greatly expanded list of those who do not. Our constant temptation is to worship a God with whom we are very comfortable, a God who doesn't challenge us out of our comfort zones. Some people like to believe that God is a member of the same political party, belonging to the same ethnic group, has the same tastes in music and food-in short, a mirror image of themselves.

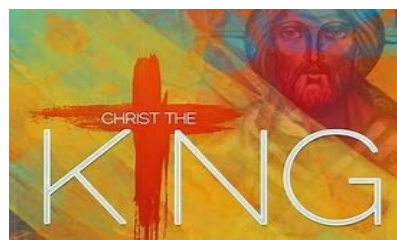
Or we may just complain a lot that God is asking too much of us. We are more realistic than God is! But remember that although no one can truly cure all the world's ills, everyone can do something to alleviate the suffering of others. A life that revolves exclusively around my comfort will make me deaf and blind to the needs of others. And you just read where that leads you.

Our Countdown to Christmas Raffle began on Thanksgiving with the first winning number receiving \$500. Every day since then there has been another winning number picked and awarded a cash prize. This will continue right up to Christmas day. Starting next Sunday, you will see the winning numbers printed on the calendar page for the drawing. Now, you can still get in on the raffle. There are plenty of days left to win some cash for the holidays. Simply fill out the order form found in the bulletin and return it to the rectory as soon as possible. Don't miss out. Get in on the action.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and invitation, with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry** (the annual Giving Tree starts next Sunday), info from **Religious Education**, an invitation to a special Eucharistic Revival evening of prayer hosted by our Light of the World ministry on Tuesday evening, December 5th, an order form for the special **One-Year Memorial Candles** that begin December 3rd, the First Sunday of Advent, the order form for the **Countdown to Christmas Raffle** (plenty of days left to be a big winner), the order form for the **Christmas Plant Sale**, the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover), an invitation to join **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great last week of the Church liturgical year. **Then get ready to start the holy season of Advent next Sunday. Plus remember: Apply yourself to the Bible and the Bible to yourself.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

NOVEMBER 26, 2023 - CHRIST THE KING

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,**

**we give you thanks for your great
glory, Lord God, Heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Father, You take away the sin of the
world, have mercy on us;**

**You take away the sin of the world,
receive our prayer; You are seated
at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One;
you alone are the Lord.**

**You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, the Father.
Amen**

Penitential Act

**I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and
in what I have failed to do,**

**[Pray while striking the breast 3 times.]
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
with the Father; through him all things
were made. For us men and for our
Salvation he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father. He will come again in
Glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the
Son, who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and
apostolic Church. I confess one
Baptism for the forgiveness of
Sins and I look forward to the
resurrection of the dead and the
life of the world to come.**

Amen.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

NOVEMBER 26, 2023 - CHRIST THE KING

FIRST READING

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

GOSPEL

Mt 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

ALLELUIA

Mk 11:9, 10

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



Before classes begin this week, we will be conducting a short Advent prayer service at each session.



Attention 3rd & 4th grade Parents
We have scheduled a 3rd & 4th grade level Mass for next Sunday 12/3/2023 (First Sunday of Advent). We ask that both parents and students come to the auditorium at 11am then the entire group will go onto the 12Noon Mass. The children do not need to bring their Religion workbooks.



Christmas PJ Mass
Sunday 12/10/2023 we invite our parish children to attend the 10:30am Mass dressed in their Christmas Pajamas.



Our Students Crafts



Our First Graders Celebrate



Mass Together





Countdown to Christmas Raffle

Once again, we are having the exciting Countdown to Christmas Raffle where you have 33 chances to win some "Cash for Christmas." This raffle starts on Thanksgiving Day and concludes on Christmas Day. Each day a money prize will be awarded to the winning number drawn. Starting with \$500 on Thanksgiving Day and culminating with \$1000 on Christmas Day there will be 33 cash prizes awarded totaling over \$5000. Now to get in on the action all you have to do is fill out the tear-off found on this page, include the number of tickets you wish to purchase, the payment amount and return it to the rectory ASAP. Your control number will be sent to you and depending on how many tickets you purchase, that number of tickets, all with the same number, will be entered into the drawing.

Pricing for the tickets is as follows:

1 Ticket for \$25- 5 Tickets for \$50- 10 tickets for \$75- 15 Tickets for \$100



Order Form



Name: _____ Telephone Number _____

Address: _____

Number of Tickets requested: _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Please include payment for your ticket(s) with this form. Upon receipt, you will be mailed the number assigned to all your tickets. If you request more than 15 tickets an additional number will be assigned to you.

You may mail your order form to the rectory, place it in the collection basket at Mass, or drop it in the mail slot at the rectory at any time. Winners will receive a telephone call on the day they win. Winning tickets will be put back in the drum to possibly win again. You can join the raffle at any time but to be included in all 33 drawings, we must receive your entry and payment by Wednesday, November 22nd. Winning numbers will be added to the calendar that is printed in the weekly bulletin.

Merry Christmas to all. and Good Luck!

Let's have a peaceful and grace filled Thanksgiving Day, a holy and happy Advent, a joyous Christmas season, and a hope filled New Year. Thanks for your support in this fundraiser for St. Raymond Parish!


Father Chuck Romano



Merry Christmas

Countdown to Christmas Cash Raffle 2023

Over \$5,000.00 in Prizes – 33 Cash Prizes to be Awarded.

December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent Prize: \$500.00	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25TH PRIZE \$1000</p> </div>			November 23 Thanksgiving Day Prize: \$500.00	November 24 Prize: \$100.00	November 25 Prize: \$100.00
November 26 Prize: \$250.00	November 27 Prize: \$100.00	November 28 Prize: \$100.00	November 29 Prize: \$100.00	November 30 Prize: \$100.00	December 1 Prize: \$100.00	December 2 Prize: \$100.00
December 3 First Sunday of Advent Prize: \$250.00	December 4 Prize: \$100.00	December 5 Prize: \$100.00	December 6 Prize: \$100.00	December 7 Prize: \$250.00	December 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Prize: \$100.00	December 9 Prize: \$100.00
December 10 Second Sunday of Advent Prize: \$250.00	December 11 Prize: \$100.00	December 12 Prize: \$100.00	December 13 Prize: \$100.00	December 14 Prize: \$100.00	December 15 Prize: \$100.00	December 16 Prize: \$100.00
December 17 Third Sunday of Advent Prize: \$250.00	December 18 Prize: \$100.00	December 19 Prize: \$100.00	December 20 Prize: \$100.00	December 21 Prize: \$100.00	December 22 Prize: \$100.00	December 23 Prize: \$100.00

Special One year Memorial Candle

As you know, several years ago we have upgraded our devotional candles by both the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph. The older ones were outdated and ready to break down. In addition we have added four new statues in the rear of the church with smaller new candle stands. They are Mother Teresa, St. Therese of the Little Flower, St. Anthony and St. Jude. Hopefully they have enhanced people's prayer and desire to light candles as a sign of their devotion.



Once again we will be having special one year devotional candles at both the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph Statues in the front. These candles surround the base of each statue. There are 24 candles available for each statue. The cost is \$300.00 for an entire year of having a candle lit for your intention. A small name plate will be placed at each candle that has been taken for the year. Only the name of the person you are remembering will be on each name plate. These candles will be lit from the first Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2023 for the entire Church Liturgical Year. If you are interested in one of these candles for one of these statues, simply fill out the following information, include your donation and bring it to the rectory. This also includes existing candles for this past year that have been lit. They need to be renewed if you so wish.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Pick one: Blessed Mother _____ St. Joseph _____

Name for the candle name plate (please print) _____



JOY

Christmas Plant Sale

Once again, we are offering beautiful Christmas Plants for sale. Below is an order form. Simply fill it out and return to the rectory by Sunday, December 3, 2023. All orders will be picked up on December 17th during Gaudete Sunday Hospitality in the school cafeteria. All orders are to be paid up on Sunday December 17th.

Name: _____

Address _____

Phone # _____

<u>Christmas Wreaths</u>	12" - \$15 _____	Quantity		
<u>Grave Blankets</u>	24" - \$25 _____	Quantity	42" - \$35 _____	Quantity
<u>Poinsettias</u>	6" - \$10 _____	Quantity	8" - \$20 _____	Quantity
	Red/White/Pink (circle one)		Red/White/Pink (circle one)	

Decorated Crosses 24" - \$20 _____ Quantity

Decorated Candy Canes 24" - \$25 _____ Quantity

Order Total: Number of Items _____ Total Cost \$ _____



STEP BY STEP WALK THROUGH THE MASS
DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME
FATHER LUKE SPANNAGEL
NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL BLOG



The Gloria

Glória in Excelsis Deo

To review what we have covered so far regarding the Mass, we have recalled our baptism with the Holy Water, genuflected to honor Jesus in the tabernacle, quietly and prayerfully prepared for Mass, sung the opening hymn, made the Sign of the Cross, and humbly called to mind our sins and praised God's mercy in the Penitential Act. Now, it is time for another one of my favorite parts of the Mass: The Gloria.



A Song of Praise

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will." Many of us may recognize these words from St. Luke's Gospel as the song the angels sing in praise announcing the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem (Luke 2:14). Each year on Christmas Eve, I recall our family traditions from when I was young, including Christmas Eve Mass together as a family. One year, we went to bed very early so that we wouldn't be too tired for the Mass at midnight. In my memory, I still hear very clearly my grandparents singing in the choir and the bells ringing with joy as we sang together the news of Christ's birth. As we grew older and became altar servers, my brother and I would practice so that we could ring the bells steadily throughout the Gloria. It took a lot of endurance!

As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal indicates (GIRM), "The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is a most ancient and venerable hymn by which the Church, gathered in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb" (GIRM, no. 53). The Gloria is full of phrases and titles from the Bible. Edward Sri explains, "one could describe this prayer, which goes back to early Christianity, as a mosaic of biblical titles for God and common biblical expressions of praise." The list of the many Scripture references to these titles are, "Lord Almighty" (Baruch 3:1; 2 Corinthians 6:18), "Lord God Almighty" (Revelation 4:8; 11:17; 15:3; 19:6), and "King of Glory" we are not directly bringing those sins to God for forgiveness as we do in Reconciliation.



Three Acts

From the context of the Gloria, we are clearly singing the first part to God the Father and then the second part to God the Son. The next part of the Gloria, in a sense, tells a story—the story of Christ. Like a three-act play, the Gloria sums up the story of Christ's saving work moving from 1) his coming, to 2) his redeeming death, to 3) his triumphant resurrection and ascension into heaven. The many references to the Scriptures are: the Divine Sonship of Christ (John 5:17-18; 10:30-38; 2 Corinthians 1:19; Colossians 1:13; Hebrews 1:1-2); the Lamb of God (John 1:29, Revelation 5:6-14; 12:11; 17:14, among many others); and Christ's position at the right hand of the Father.

Notice how the whole mission of Jesus is summed up in this section of the Gloria. We move from the Son's Incarnation, to his Paschal Mystery, to his enthronement in heaven. We move from praising Jesus as the 'Only Begotten Son' of the Father who became flesh and dwelt among us; to worshipping him as the 'Lamb of God' who by his sacrifice takes away the sin of the world; to praising him in his triumph over sin and death as he is 'seated at the right hand of the Father.' Indeed, the very climax of salvation history can be summed up in the Gloria.

Fittingly, we probably most often think of the Gloria as a hymn of praise. The Mass is our participation in the one perfect Sacrifice of Christ—the act of perfect worship of the Father. That certainly does call forth praises! The Gloria can truly be a great model of prayer for us and hopefully strengthens our readiness for the many fruits that will continue to come in the Mass. As we sing the Gloria together, it is a great lead into what comes next: The Collect, which gathers our prayers and presents our focus for the celebration of each Mass.

For Reflection: Pray again with Luke's account of the angels appearing to the shepherds announcing Christ's birth and proclaiming the first line of the Gloria (Luke 2:9-14). Next time you participate in Mass and sing the Gloria, consider yourself to be singing with the angels.

Next Week: The Collect

St. Raymond Church
Opportunities for a Holy Hour / Adoration
and Eucharistic Exposition

The Church is open daily for personal prayer until 5:00
Each Thursday
Adoration/Benediction from 1-4:00 PM
Each First Friday
Nocturnal Adoration from 7:30-8:30 PM
December 5th: Advent Holy Hour with Eucharistic
Exposition, Benediction & Confession 7:00 PM

THE VEIL REMOVED

The Veil Removed is a 7-minute film that reveals the coming together of heaven and earth at Mass, as seen by saints and mystics, revealed by scripture and in the Catechism of the Catholic Church.



The video can be viewed on YouTube.

The Eucharist as Thanksgiving
BY Dr. Richard DeClue, Word on Fire

For those living in the United States, November is the month that we celebrate the federal holiday of Thanksgiving. This American holiday traces its roots back to the Pilgrims' first autumn harvest. It was a means of giving thanks to God for the gifts of his creation. The center of the celebration is a large meal consisting of foods native to this land. While this holiday is not technically a religious holiday, it certainly contains connections to our faith. In the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "thanksgiving" is listed as one of the various genres of prayer: 1) blessing and adoration, 2) petition, 3) intercession, 4) thanksgiving, and 5) praise.

In prayers of thanksgiving, we express to God our appreciation for the many blessings that he has given to us through nature, as well as through the supernatural graces won for us by Christ. By offering our prayers of thanksgiving to God, we fulfill the exhortation of St. Paul: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thes 5:18).

Through the celebration of the Eucharist, prayer of thanksgiving has a particularly prominent role within the Catholic Church. The very term Eucharist is derived from the Greek word eucharistein, which means "thanksgiving." This word is used in the New Testament in a way that recalls "the Jewish blessings that proclaim—especially during a meal—God's works: creation, redemption, and sanctification" (Luke 22:19 & 1 Cor 11:24). This sacrament is called the Eucharist precisely because it is a thanksgiving offered to God for these gifts. The Sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life", and as such, it is the highest form of thanksgiving that we can offer.

The Eucharist truly is the sacrifice by which we give thanks to Almighty God for saving us from death and giving us new and eternal life. As such, it is infinitely more important than our venerable federal holiday. We should therefore celebrate every Divine Liturgy with an even greater sense of gratitude and sincerity of heart.

I encourage all of us—especially during this month of Thanksgiving—to contemplate this oft-neglected aspect of the Eucharist. May these reflections lead to a deeper appreciation for what the Eucharist truly is. And may we who are blessed to participate in the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Altar humbly and sincerely give thanks to Almighty God, the source of all grace and goodness!



American Eucharistic
Witness Venerable John
August Tolton
Priest († 1897)

As the Catholic Church concludes November as Black Catholic History Month, we honor Father John Augustus Tolton, the first black priest in the U.S. He was born in Missouri on April 1, 1854, as a slave of a white Catholic family. In 1862, his family escaped slavery and settled in Illinois.

With the help a kind pastor of an all-white parish, he received his first sacraments and was admitted into the parish school. As he grew older, his love of the Eucharist led to his desire to become a priest. When no American seminary would accept him, the same pastor helped John to gain acceptance to a seminary in Rome where he excelled academically.

Returning to the U.S. after ordination, Fr. Tolton faced discrimination and rejection from parishioners. He was later assigned to Chicago, where he led the construction of St. Monica's Catholic Church as a black "national parish church," in 1893. His reputation as holy priest spread among the American Catholic hierarchy, paving the way for more black Catholic men to enter seminaries around America and in Europe.

Fr. Tolton's life was one of deep faith and of perseverance. Despite the opposition he faced, he never lost his love of the Church or of the priesthood, and never did he condemn those who rejected him. Throughout his life, Father Tolton remained "content with weakness, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ" (II Corinthians 12:10).

The Giving Tree

“It’s that Wonderful Time of the Year”

The Giving Tree, sponsored by the Parish Social Ministry, will be set up on the weekend after Thanksgiving in St. Raymond’s Church. If you would like to share a little Christmas cheer with someone in need, please take a card from the Giving Tree. The card will have a gift request from someone’s “wish” list that they would like to receive for Christmas.

When you return your wrapped gift, please be sure to attach the card, which you removed from the tree, securely to the outside of the package.

Please deliver your gift back to the Giving Tree no later than Wednesday, December 6th, to allow time for distribution of the gifts.

Thank you for your never-ending generosity and for making someone’s Christmas a little brighter!



Vocations Prayer

Almighty Father, we beg you for an increase in religious vocations and holy marriages in our Parish of St. Raymond. Help us to be generous in our response to Your call. Choose from our homes those who are needed for Your work and strengthen us with the courage to say “yes” and to follow You. Help us as a diocese, as a parish, as families to encourage and foster vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, and consecrated life. We commend our prayers to Mary, the Mother of God, and ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Corinthians 9:11

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Pantry items needed this week:

Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Sugar, Jello, Canned Fruit and Mayonnaise.

Thank you as always for helping us serve the people in need in our community. Food donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Ryan House when it is open or donations can be left in the bin on the porch. Also food donations can be left in the Altar Servers Sacristy.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. You are always in our prayers.



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Tuesday, December 5th
7:00pm
In the Church

During Eucharistic Exposition, Father Robert Landry will offer a reflection on Advent in this Parish Year of the Revival followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Benediction. Fr. Landry is a priest of the Diocese of Fall River and serves as the Catholic Chaplain to Columbia University in New York City and to the Thomas Merton Institute for Catholic Life.

He has been designated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as a Eucharistic Preacher.



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Your baby weighs over one pound now. Her mother regularly feels little feet and elbows poking her. It seems when her mother is quiet and still that your little baby likes to stir things up! Your baby is developing her own sleeping habits as well as her fingernails and toenails. If she were to be born now, your baby would have a chance of surviving with lots of medical help. We are mid-way through the pregnancy now. Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

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AT THIS TIME, WE ARE SETTING UP THROUGH OUR PARISH ROSTER A WAY TO SEND EMAILS FROM ST. RAYMOND CHURCH STRAIGHT TO ALL REGISTERED PARISHIONERS OR EVEN SELECTED GROUPINGS OF PEOPLE IN THE PARISH. IT IS A FEATURE THAT OUR PDS PROGRAM OFFERS, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ITS CAPABILITIES GOING FORWARD. WE CAN SEND OUR REMINDERS, SCHEDULES, EMERGENCY NEWS AND OTHER TIMELY BITS OF INFORMATION. BUT, IN ORDER TO REACH THE LARGEST GROUP OF PARISHIONERS AS POSSIBLE, WE NEED TO GROW OUR PARISHIONER E-MAIL LIST. CURRENTLY WE HAVE ONLY ABOUT 500 EMAILS OUT OF 3800 REGISTERED PARISHIONER FAMILIES. SO, IN ORDER TO REACH AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE WITH THESE MESSAGES WE NEED MORE EMAILS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THIS LISTING FOR PARISH MESSAGES, PLEASE EITHER CALL THE RECTORY TO GIVE US YOUR EMAIL, SEND IT IN TO THE PARISH EMAIL (STRAYRCC@OPTONLINE.NET), OR FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO THE RECTORY. YOUR EMAIL INFORMATION GOES NO FURTHER THAN BEING A PART OF YOUR REGISTRATION PROFILE FOR THE PURPOSE STATED ABOVE.

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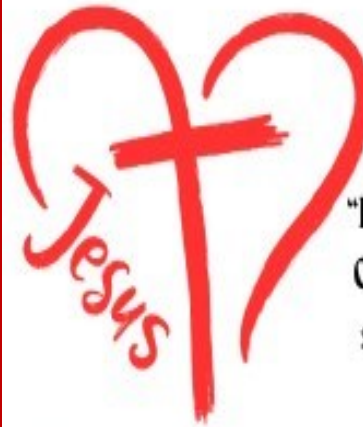
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Romans 6:3-9

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MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

7:15AM ERIC GUZZO

8:45AM DOLORES GOODHUE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

7:15AM HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY

8:45AM JENNIE GAETA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

7:15AM NICHOLAS MEDORO

8:45AM DENNIS JOHN MCDOUGAL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH ST. ANDREW

7:15AM ST. RAYMOND PARISH

8:45AM DOLORES GOODHUE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

7:15AM MARY GUILIANO

8:45AM JOSEPH NINIVAGGI

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

8:45AM ROBERT J. CHOJNACKI

5:00PM BARBARA PATERNO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30AM JIM MCHUGH

9:00AM BABE IARRABINO

10:30AM JOELLE JONS KHEEL

**12:00PM ACHIELLES MORAN, FRANCES RINALDI,
PATRICK HEANEY, LESLIE MARRO,
DENNIS MCDOUGAL**

4:30PM ST. RAYMOND'S PARISH

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY

DN 1:1-6, 8-20/LK 21:1-4

TUESDAY

DN 2:31-45/LK 21:5-11

WEDNESDAY

DN 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/LK 21:12-19

THURSDAY

ROM 10:9-18/MT 4:18-22

FRIDAY

DN 7:2-14/LK 21:29-33

SATURDAY

DN 7:15-27/LK 21:34-36

SUNDAY

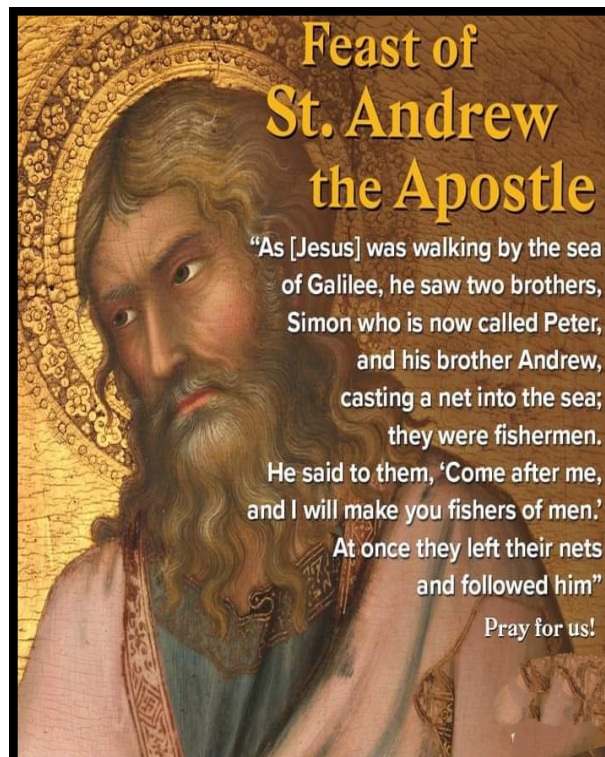
IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7/1 COR 1:3-9/MK 13:33-37



Please Pray for Our Sick

**James R., Baby Brady, Mike L.,
Jodi Neckles, Baby Faith Madison,
Baby Cooper Graham, Michael
McPike, Christine I., Samir.
Bennett William Chevalier,
Leo B., Maureen Condiss,
Maureen McCarthy, Jane Gelson,
Baby Connor William,
Mary Lynch, Nina Gangi**

**(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless
the rectory is notified otherwise)**



Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle

**"As [Jesus] was walking by the sea
of Galilee, he saw two brothers,
Simon who is now called Peter,
and his brother Andrew,
casting a net into the sea;
they were fishermen.
He said to them, 'Come after me,
and I will make you fishers of men.'**

**At once they left their nets
and followed him"**

Pray for us!

Parish Bulletin Board

*Dear Lord,
Please help me to accept myself for who I am. Help me to see and appreciate the wonderful person You have created. Let me recognize the importance of my birthright as Your child and realize my significance in the universe. Help me to understand that the opportunities I possess are limitless... For You have given me the chance to achieve all things for my own good and that of the whole world. Make my life, starting today, starting now, a worthy testament of Your wondrous glory and infinite love. For with You all things are possible.*

Communal Prayer Before Mass

Father in heaven, we wish to prepare well for participation in this Mass, in which we enter the Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. He is as present to us today in his Word and in the Eucharist, as he was with his apostles. Holy Spirit please quiet our minds from the busyness and distractions of our day, so that we will have hearts and minds attentive to the words of Jesus and ready to receive his Body and Blood in Holy Communion. Blessed Mother, take our hearts and give us yours, that like you, we may ponder Jesus' words and do whatever he tells us to do. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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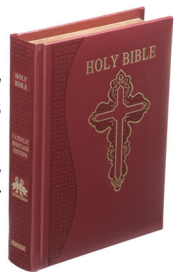
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