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Saturday Eve 5:00PM

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,

12 Noon and 4:30 PM

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

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A Eucharistic Community of Faith, Iove and Friendship

Sunday, January 7, 2024

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"They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage."

-Matthew 2:11



January 7, 2024
The Epiphany of the Lord

Welcome To Our Parish Family!

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

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm; Saturdays from 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm

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Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm, or call for appointment.

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Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Please call the rectory to schedule.

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

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Engaged couples are encouraged to call the rectory a year in advance of their wedding date to assure adequate time to participate in preparation programs for the Sacrament of Marriage.

Prayer Groups

Charismatic Prayer Group: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm

in the rectory lower level.

Men's Prayer Group: Every 4th Friday at 8pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

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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.

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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!



The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis from the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome

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

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

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Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's Christmas blessing be vours once more as celebrate the Feast of the **Epiphany.** As we come to the end of the Christmas season, we come to the last part of the Bethlehem story. The Three Wise Men or Three Kings, the Magi come after a long journey to visit and pay homage to the newly born Christ child. Right from the beginning of Jesus' life we see the intention of God that his Son has come as a "light to the nations." The first reading from Isaiah speaks to the more universal scope of Jesus as savior. "Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your son's from afar and your daughters in the arms of their nurses." Then in Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he comes right out and says that what was not revealed in earlier generations has now been revealed by the Holy Spirit: "That the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel." And finally, Matthew's gospel presents the drama of the Magi's visit, first to Herod, then to Bethlehem where they saw Jesus and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Afterwards they too, like Joseph received direction from God in a dream: "...and having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.'

The idea that Jesus was not just for the Jewish people was a radical idea that the early followers of Jesus had a hard time wrapping their minds around. This Jesus was for everybody, and he died for everybody. This Jesus was a light for everybody too. The power of God, his presence as the Son of God is a "light" that draws people in. He illuminates the faithful path for all of us, a beacon of hope for the whole world. When we respond to his light, we find ourselves precisely where we should be. When we resist, we find ourselves a little lost, off the path and feeling distant from God. God is our light. Jesus is our Light. And not just ours, but everybody's. I think believing that Jesus is for everyone is very comforting and gives us a lot of hope. And it should make us want to share the joy of our faith with others, to share the gift of what we believe. Believers needed to do that 2000 years ago and we still need to do it today. It makes sense that we would want to encourage others to embrace the very things that give our life such meaning. However, we should never become self-righteous about what we believe, thinking other people have no right answers about God. The universality of Jesus doesn't mean that everyone everywhere must believe precisely the same things exactly the same way and to the exact same degree. Because we are all different, we will never all be on the same page.

The mystery is just too big. While we do believe in a certain fullness of the truth that has been handed down to us, our sharing of this belief should be done kindly, compassionately, humbly, and joyfully with a deep desire to listen, understand, and learn from others. Remember though people may see God in different ways, God sees all of us the same.

Many thanks to all who participated in the Countdown to Christmas Raffle that just recently concluded. There were 33 individual winning numbers with prize money totaling \$5750 awarded to all the winners. The bulletin contains the final calendar page with all the winning numbers and prize amounts for each day. *St. Raymond Parish realized a \$20,000 profit which is great.* Again, thanks to all who took some chances for the raffle. If you didn't win this year, maybe 2024 will be your lucky year.

The activities, both spiritual and social, that we had for December all went well. Our Religious Education Office sponsored a Breakfast With Santa morning that saw over 350 people attend. The Pajama Mass and Christmas Carols Mass were also well attended and today we have some of our children depicting the coming of the Three Kings for the Feast of the Epiphany at the 12noon Mass. The Gaudete Sunday celebration went well with all the Christmas Plants picked up and everyone enjoying some refreshments and friendship courtesy of the Sodality of Our Lady. Our Adult Choir and Folk Group did great jobs at both the 8pm and 11pm Masses on Christmas Eve. Thanks to all who made these gatherings both holy and happy times.

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, info from Religious Education (Faith Formation), 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 first week of Ordinary Time. Smile, share and remember. Question: How big are your troubles on a scale of one to God? God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JANUARY 7, 2024-THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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; vou 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

JANUARY 7, 2024-THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FIRST READING Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

The Epiphany of the Lord Jan. 7th, 2024



RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

ALLELUIA

Mt 2:2

R. Alleluia, alleluia. We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another wav.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION-FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director





Religious Education classes will resume this week - 1/8/2024.

Epiphany Sunday Procession

There will be an Epiphany Sunday Procession at today's 12Noon Mass.

All children attending this Mass will receive a 'star' to help guide the

Three Kings to visit the Savior of the world!!

ATTENTION 2ND GRADE PARENTS

There will be a 2nd grade First Reconciliation Parent meeting on Wednesday, 1/10/2024 at 7:30pm in the St. Raymond School auditorium. Please make every effort to attend—details regarding the children's upcoming First Reconciliation scheduled for Tuesday, February 6th, 2024 will be discussed.



ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS



There will be an 8th grade Parent and Student meeting on Thursday, 1/18/2024 at 7:30pm in the St. Raymond School auditorium. Important details regarding the children's 9th grade Confirmation will be discussed. At this meeting the following are due: Confirmation Information sheet, Confirmation Name report, Confirmation Sponsor report. These forms were given to parents at the October parent meeting and e-mail home on December 17th, 2023.





Mrs. Kelly Khan's 4th grade class putting the Nicene Creed in order.



St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry
The Ryan House
"The Heart of the Parish"

12 Roosevelt Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563 516-887-9197

Food Pantry Hours of Operation Monday - Wednesday from 10am to 2pm (Suggested to call for an appointment)

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your path straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. During the month of December, our Parish Social Ministry assisted 68 households with food, personal care items, household items and other services they needed. We also welcomed one new client into the Outreach Program. Also, if you are a senior citizen, living within Parish boundaries, and depend on your Social Security benefit as your sole source of income, please call our office and we can assist you with food.

Pantry items needed this weekCold Cereal, White Rice, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Jarred Pasta Sauce, Pasta, Canned Fruit, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Jello, Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent, Shampoo and Conditioner.

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.

May God's blessings shower upon all of you and
bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and
peaceful New Year!



ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON, D.C. FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH

We will not be sending a bus to the "March for Life" in D.C. For anyone who would like to attend the March, there is a bus leaving from St. Agnes. Please contact St. Agnes' rectory, #516-766-0205, to make reservations. Sign up by January 8th. Although we cannot be in D.C. physically, we are having a special day of Adoration in the Church beginning with Exposition pm concluding Benediction at 8:00 pm. At each hour of Adoration, there will be the praying of the Rosary and special prayers of reparation, mercy and trusting in God that He will hear our prayers and end the evil of abortion. The remainder of each hour will be spent in silent prayer. There are many threats looming in 2024 against the unborn, our rights to speak out against this evil and the rights of those in medical profession who refuse to participation in the killing the unborn babies abortion. We know the power of prayer is great. Please join with us in prayer. The unborn babies have no voice but ours. Will you be their voice?

HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH 7-8PM PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY HOUSE. ALL WELCOME AND NEEDED!!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS

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Countdown to Christmas Cash Raffle 2023

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

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Advent					Conception	
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The Second Reading

On Sundays and Solemnities, after the Responsorial Psalm, we always hear the proclamation of the Second Reading, which is taken from the New Testament books (other than the Gospels) and is generally continuous from one week to the next. While St. Paul is the most prolific of the New Testament writers, we also have readings from St. John, St. Peter, St. James, and others. Although the sentences in these readings are sometimes long and a little awkward (because they were originally written in Greek, not English), they are packed with great wisdom and directives for Christian living. Though often selected independently of the First Reading and the Gospel, these New Testament writings reflect on the ministry of Jesus Christ and his saving work and the meaning it has for our lives. They also draw out the practical applications of our life in Christ and exhort us evermore to 'put on Christ' and turn away from sin.

How to Live in Christ Every Day

As we look through the books of the New Testament, we see how each writer was addressing a person or particular community with their own strengths and weaknesses. The writer knew his audience and, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, taught these people what God asks of us and how to live in Christ every day. These readings call us to faithfulness and generosity in loving one another. Sometimes we hear joyful words of truth: "Beloved, see what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are" (1 Jn 3:1). We also hear words of consolation: "We always pray for you" (2 Thes 1:11). At other times, we will hear exhortations to holiness, such as, "Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" (1 Cor 3:16) and "do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh" (Gal 5:13).

These writings are beneficial to us because St. Paul and the other writers were all helping early Christians understand how to live in an anti-Christian world (recall that Christianity was illegal in the Roman Empire during the first centuries of the Church). The writers provided answers to difficult questions, gave explanations for why we do certain things and not others, and exhorted the people to holiness and fidelity even in the midst of daily struggles and persecutions.

How to Live as a Christian in the World

A couple of very common questions today are: "How do I really live as a Christian in the world? How do I make what I do on Sunday last all through the week?" Thanks to these New Testament Readings, we have answers to these questions. Look through the readings for any Sunday, and what do you see? "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Cor 11:1); "For you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Gal 3:28); "For he is our peace" (Eph 2:14); "Seek what is above" (Col 3:1); "that you may not grow weary and lose heart" (Heb 12:3); "Be doers of the word and not hearers only" (Jas 1:19); "Compete well for the faith" (1 Tim 6:12); "Children, let us love...in deed and truth" (1 Jn 3:18); "He will wipe every tear from their eyes" (Rev 21:4); "Always be ready to give an explanation...for your hope" (1 Pet 3:15). Does it feel like we could keep going and going? We really could! At every Sunday Mass and on Solemnities, the Second Reading is packed with wisdom from the saints to help us become saints, too!

For Reflection:

- Invite family members, friends, or fellow parishioners to study a New Testament text (other than the Gospels) together. Find a resource or mentor to guide your prayerful study. Commit to meeting regularly, and experience how these texts addressed to the early Christian individuals and communities can strengthen your community life today.
- Consider the significance of letter-writing in the early years of the Church's development. Which person(s) in your life could use some encouragement or exhortation by way of a letter? Take the time to reach out through this personal communication.
- 3. Popes and bishops still write letters to the faithful. Find the most recent letter your bishop has written, and prayerfully read his message. If you are moved to respond, go ahead!

Next Week: The Response After Readings

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
Friday, January 19th - March for Life Adoration / Eucharist
Exposition with Benediction 1:00-8:00 PM



Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord January 7, 2024

Learning True Worship from the Magi By FR. NNAMDI MONEME, OMV



Even in our abortion-obsessed times, many still recognize that the birth of a new child calls for new action and new priorities in the life of the family. Imagine the new action demanded by the birth of a baby whose only Father is the eternal God. Imagine the new way of life that the birth of the baby Jesus demands from us who are God's children. The magi allowed the birth of the baby Jesus to change their lives and move them to a new action. "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." The magi show us how the birth of the baby Jesus must impact our lives and move us.

Jesus has come looking for us.

The magi look for Jesus and found Him in a manger, "They saw the child with Mary His mother." They found Him only because Jesus has come looking for us first, "The Son of man has come to seek and to save what was lost" (Lk 19:10). Are we also looking for Him? We too can find Him anywhere and at any time because He has promised us, "Seek and you will find" (Mt 7:7). There is no place or situation in which He is not present and accessible to us.

Jesus has come to give us His own joy

The magi were doubly joyful as they searched for Jesus and found Him. They experienced that joy of finding the Lord Jesus, "So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22). They showed that joy by offering Him precious and appropriate gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Are we also ready to receive His own joy? Are we ready to forsake the false joys that we pursue that never satisfy us but only increase our desires? The Eucharist is always an epiphany, a privileged encounter with the baby Jesus who is always born on the altar at Mass. If the birth of this baby changes us and moves us as God intends, nothing can stop us from experiencing the peace and joy of the baby Jesus.

Glory to Jesus! Honor to Mary!

St. André Bessette Religious († 1937) Feast: January 6



The dioceses within the U.S, transferred the celebration of Epiphany to the Sunday after January 6. We in the U.S. are invited to celebrate the Optional Memorial of St. André Bessette, C.S.C. on January 6.

It was undoubtedly the combination of deeply-rooted faith and irresistible joy that drew people to Brother André. To those who came to his door, he was much more than a mere porter. He welcomed those who were searching, counseled those in distress, prayed with and even healed those who were sick. Still, in his characteristically humble way, Brother Andréeventually dubbed the "Miracle Man of Montreal"-redirected the glory many sought to bestow upon him, crediting St. Joseph's intercession with the healings that took place on his doorstep.

Like the earthly father of Jesus, Brother André embraced the lowliness, the hiddenness of his life. He never sought to rise above his station as porter; he never complained; he never compared himself to his fellow Holy Cross brothers whose intellectual abilities exceeded his own. Instead, as Pope Benedict XVI affirmed in his homily for the canonization Mass, St. André expressed his faith by "submitting purely and freely in love to the divine will." He wholeheartedly embraced his identity as a beloved child of God created in the divine image and likeness, and he rejoiced to live out that identity in hiddenness for love of the One who made even the smallest of creatures, who chose to become hidden himself, veiling his glory by taking on our flesh in Jesus Christ.

St. André Bessette is a vivid reminder that, to become a saint, one need not do great things, only small things with great love.



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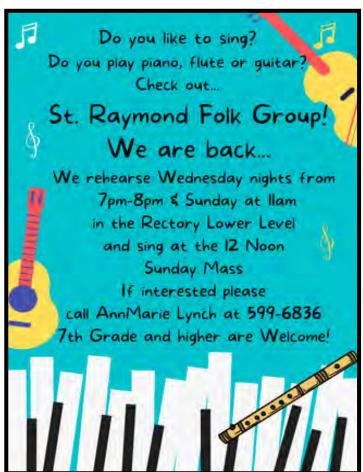
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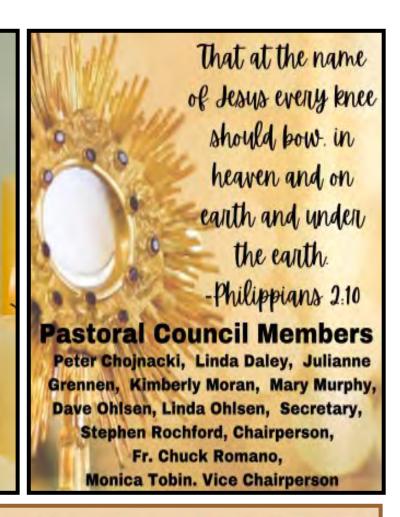
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Vocations Prayer

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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"Advent then is a time for overturning our perspectives ... for letting ourselves be surprised by the greatness of God's mercy."

-Pope Francis

Pause and Reflect this Advent Season

During the Advent Season we are called to slow down during the frenetic season of shopping, visiting friends and family, baking, wrapping gifts and perhaps even studying for finals.

Are you still struggling to get a unique present for someone special? Consider a gift for all seasons – a donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. It's a special gift that touches the lives of over 600,000 people by supporting programs that allow us to build of community of faith, hope and love in our diocese and beyond.

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Masses for this week

Monday, January 8th

7:15am Daniel O'Brien

8:45am Louise Coscia

Tuesday, January 9th

7:15am Noreen & Anne Sheehy

8:45am Fr. John McGratty

Wednesday, January 10th

7:15am Jane Elderbaum

8:45am Rosalie Monaco

Thursday, January 11th

7:15am Larry Dunn

8:45am Maria Tavella

Friday, January 12th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Jack Butler

Saturday, January 13th

8:45am Nocturnal Adoration

5:00pm Thomas Morris

Sunday, January 14th

7:30am Jimmie Braggs

9:00am Anthony & Rosemarie Simeti

10:30am Hermine Roussine

12:00pm Marie Tavella, Victor Martinez,

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4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week Monday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/

Jn 1:35-42

Please Pray for Our Sick James R., Baby Brady, Mike L., Jodi Neckles, Baby Faith Madison,

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Baby Cooper Graham, Michael McPike,

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



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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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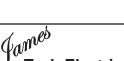
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