

## 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 19, 2023

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me bears much fruit”

-John 15:4



November 19, 2023

Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 23rd Happy Thanksgiving

## 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;  
Saturdays from 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm  
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### Pastoral Care Of The Sick

**Holy Communion**—Available to the homebound;  
call the rectory to schedule a visit

### Devotions

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursdays from 1-4pm in Our Lady's Chapel.

#### **Nocturnal Adoration**

First Fridays from 7:30pm-8:30pm

#### **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

### Confessions

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

### Baptisms

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.

### Marriages

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.

### 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

**The Rectory office will be closed  
Thursday November 23rd in  
observance of Thanksgiving Day!  
The office will reopen on Friday  
November 24th**

**The Parish Thanksgiving Day Mass  
will be on Thursday  
November 23rd at 9:30am  
Hope to see you all there !**



### **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

#### **St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY**

Monday – Friday at 8:30 am, 12:30 pm ET

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

#### **St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY**

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET



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

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Spec. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit  
Lt. JG Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY  
PFC Hunter Deets, #10 Mountain Division US ARMY  
***Please remember to pray for our  
wounded soldiers.***

## Father Chuck's Corner

**Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time!** Today we focus on the fact that God has created each one of us with gifts that differ and yet all express unique versions of God's own specific and varied gifts. Deep within our spirit God has planted interior heart-bound gifts to help magnify our faith. In the first reading from Proverbs, the ideal woman is praised for a variety of reason, but the chief reason for doing so comes from her deep respect for God in her life. This brings the motivation for all her other pursuits. **"Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."** Then in the second reading from 1 Thessalonians, Paul reminds the people that the Lord will come on a day that is least expected. Therefore, the people should walk in the light, constantly alert. **"We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober."** And finally, Matthew's gospel presents the parable of the **"talents"** as a way to give insight into the reality of the kingdom. A **"talent"** in this context is a very large sum of money. Now the three servants who received **"talents"** from their wealthy landowner each responded differently. Two were very industrious and made more money than they were given. But the third did nothing with his portion. Fear limited his perception of his master, causing him to lose even what he had been given. **"For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will grow rich, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."**

Just like the master in today's gospel parable, God has made an investment in each one of us. Jesus taught us a new law and covenant and lived among us as fully human, making our humanity important and precious. Today's gospel prepares us to see with the eyes of faith all that is to come. While the parable is about money to some extent, Jesus has no interest in gaining more money, rather he teaches us to look at the choices we make. The third servant buried his money, because fear limited his perception of the master, causing him to lose even what he had. Faith shares our daily life with God, removing the security of absolute outcomes as we learn to trust God while we live the message of the Gospel. It means growing in trust just as love is meant to be loved in trust. Too many people twist a love relationship into a fear relationship, finding their real security in the observance of laws and rituals. To those who have faith and who live it through investments of hope and love, greater and greater faith is received.

When we live in fear and hide from God's challenge to lay down our lives, faith can fall away. Remember, faith cannot be measured by earthly standards. It depends on a growing, prayerful relationship with Jesus. God offers the gift of faith and the grace to live it. We need to make the trusting leap to live Jesus' teachings.

**This coming Thursday, November 23rd is Thanksgiving Day.** We celebrate one parish Mass that day at 9:30am in the church. It is the most fitting way to start your family celebration of Thanksgiving by coming to Mass and giving thanks to the giver of all good gifts, our heavenly Father. Make plans to join us Thursday and bring some bread and wine to be blessed that you will have at your family meal later that day.

**Thanksgiving Day is also the start of our Countdown to Christmas Raffle.** The first winning ticket will be drawn that day with the winner receiving \$500. Then every day till Christmas a winning number will be picked, and a cash prize awarded. What! You're not entered in this raffle yet? Well right after Mass today you can purchase a winning ticket at the tables located in the Altar Server Sacristy or in the church vestibule. You don't want to miss out on over 30 chances to win some Cash for Christmas, do you? You can also use the order form from the bulletin. Just get it in to the rectory by Wednesday the 22nd so you don't miss any drawing days.

**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 are news and needs from **Parish Social Ministry**, info from **Religious Education**, an order form for the **Special One Year Memorial Candles**, 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 holiday week. **Smile, share, give plenty of thanks and remember: Thanks, and giving go together.** Have a great day.

God bless always.

**-Father Chuck**



# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

NOVEMBER 19, 2023 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## 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 19, 2023 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST READING

**Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5**

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord. Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; Your children like olive plants around your table.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord. Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

## SECOND READING

**1 Thes 5:1-6**

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

## ALLELUIA

**Jn 15:4a, 5b**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

**Mt 25:14-30**

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'"

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

*Lucy Ostermann, Director*



Faith Formation

There are no Religious Education classes on Wednesday 11/22/2023 and Thanksgiving Day 11/23/2023.

Attention 1st grade Parents

Today our First Grade Parent/Student meeting is being held at 11am in the auditorium. The entire group will attend the 12Noon Mass where Fr. Chuck will continue the lesson.

*"Wishing you a harvest of God's blessings, good health and good times."*

*Have a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving!*

*Lucy, Nancy & Liz*

## Our Fifth Grade Students Take a Tour of our Church





# Our Students are Thankful, Grateful & Blessed





# 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.

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## Pricing for the tickets is as follows:

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

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## Order Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.**

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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.

*Happy Thanksgiving and 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 25<sup>TH</sup> 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

Christmas Wreaths 12" - \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity

Grave Blankets 24" - \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity 42" - \$35 \_\_\_\_\_ Quantity

Poinsettias 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



## Penitential Absolution



Having spent a brief moment calling to mind our sins and acclaiming together God's mercy, the priest then says words that the Roman Missal calls "the absolution." Is this a "real" absolution, another version of the absolution we receive in the Sacrament of Reconciliation? The short answer is no, it is not the same. Let's look at it a bit more closely.

### Not a Sacramental Confession

In the past, some people (including priests) were incorrectly told that this prayer was the equivalent of the absolution prayer the priest says in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This is certainly not the case! To make this clear, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) directly says that this prayer "lacks the efficacy of the Sacrament of Penance" (GIRM, no. 51). The Penitential [Act] of the Mass is not a sacramental confession; therefore, it does not bring immediate remission of mortal sins. Forgiveness of mortal sins has to be obtained in the Sacrament of Penance. It is also important to remember that a person who has committed a mortal sin cannot go to Communion unless he goes to Confession beforehand.

If we think about the actual words of the prayer, this explanation makes sense. The priest here simply asks the Lord to have mercy on us, forgive us, and bring us to heaven. This is clearly different from the words of sacramental absolution where the priest, in the person of Christ, says the words, "God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church, may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we openly confess our sins and speak them to the priest, whereas in the Mass we review them interiorly. In the Mass, we certainly are acknowledging that we have sins and that we need the Lord's mercy, but we are not directly bringing those sins to God for forgiveness as we do in Reconciliation.

## Obtaining Pardon



Even though the words the priest says at Mass are not a sacramental absolution, that does not mean they are not important. As Belmonte says, "the Penitential [Act], if it is said with true contrition, helps to obtain pardon for present venial sins, as well as to stir up new sorrow for past sins that have already been forgiven. In this way, it helps us to purify ourselves and so to take better part in the Holy Mass". As we have reviewed previously, the Sacrifice of the Mass is our participation in the one perfect sacrifice of Jesus offered on the Cross for the forgiveness of sins. It is a fitting place for us to recall what a wonderful Savior we have and how powerful the gift of his forgiveness truly is in our hearts. Hopefully, it also helps us resolve to seek out the sacramental grace of Reconciliation whenever we need it!

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The Penitential Act of the Mass certainly can be an important opportunity to review how we have lived since our last time at Mass. It is also a great moment to realize that there might be sins that need sacramental forgiveness before we receive Communion.

**For Reflection:** Take some time for silent reflection on God's mercy in your life. Conclude by praying the Cantic of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79), which is part of the Church's daily Morning Prayer.

**Next Week: The Gloria**

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

Each day the Church is open 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**



**Why bring your children to Eucharistic Adoration?**

*"Let the little children come to me."*

BY NANCY BANDZUCH

If there is one Bible verse invoked more than any other in the effort to convince parents to bring their children to Eucharistic Adoration, it is this one:



*People were bringing little children to him so that he might touch them; the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."*

But then, as we attempt to picture our own children there around Jesus, the scene gets a bit messier. The IDEA of kids and the whole family at Eucharistic Adoration is beautiful, all gathered around Our Lord who is truly present there...but the reality is hard and loud and often accompanied by tears. But...pause and reread those verses from Mark with me. Notice that the disciples were annoyed that the children were there. Why? Likely because they were acting like children: they were throwing fits, wandering away, chattering without end, sucking on rocks, and whining for food. I brought my loud, rough kids to a weekly holy hour...and it wasn't easy.

I still prefer to go to adoration alone, but all these years of bringing the kids to Adoration have taught me a powerful lesson. They need to be there. As I read and reread this passage from Mark's Gospel, I noticed something else. Jesus doesn't JUST say, "Let the children come to me" He adds, "for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." And so, I beg you, listen to the words of Jesus and make time for Eucharistic Adoration as a family. Let the children come to Him, right now, in all their real-life kid-ness.

**All are welcome!**

**Saints Who Promoted the Eucharistic**

**St. Francis Xavier Cabrini**  
**Religious & Founder**  
**(† 1917)**

**Feast: November 13**



St. Frances' devotion to the Eucharist and the Sacred Heart gave her the strength to minister to the needs of the poor. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini was a remarkable religious sister who worked tirelessly for poor American immigrants. She started schools, hospitals and orphanages wherever she went, a true pioneer in the United States. Yet, she did not rely on her own strength to perform such wonderful deeds, but on the strength, she found in the Sacred Heart and in her times of prayer before the Eucharist.

St. John Paul II commented on this aspect of her life in a Message to the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in 2000.

*"Her extraordinary activity – as you well know – drew its strength from prayer, especially from long periods before the tabernacle. Christ was everything to her. Her constant concern was to discern his will in the directives of the Church's Magisterium and in the events of life themselves."*

If you want to do great things for God, do not rely on your own strength, but on the strength of God.

Adopting Mother Cabrini's words as our own can change the focus of our prayers... and the course of our lives:

*"I trust in you, my Jesus. I place my poor soul in your hands – mold me according to your divine will."*

# 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!



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Food assistance is available for those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. During the month of October, our Parish Social Ministry assisted 84 households with food, personal care, household items and other services they needed. We also welcomed 4 new clients into the Outreach Program. 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 the Parish Social Ministry and we can assist you with food.

**Pantry items needed this week:**

**Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Canned Fruit, Pancake Mix, Jello, Pudding, Tuna, Canned Soup (no creamed), Mayonnaise, Mustard, Ketchup, Cooking Oil, Laundry Detergent, Dish Detergent and Deodorant.**

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.*



**ST. RAYMOND'S  
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In June, 2022, New York State passed a law targeting pro-life pregnancy care centers for government investigations. This law would have allowed government officials to access sensitive internal documents and force the centers to turn over private information that would jeopardize the trusting relationships with women. It is very important that the women can feel safe with the knowledge that their information be kept confidential. Turning over their information would put the women at risk. The good news is that the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty represented the Sisters of Life, pro-bono, asking the federal court to protect them from government intrusion. "Over the past year, 'The Sisters of Life v. McDonald', did not go forward, because the State repeatedly delayed the case rather than defend it. But thanks be to God, the State of New York agreed to a court order that forbids them from demanding our information or punishing us for refusing to provide it. We are profoundly grateful for this victory...May we continue to pray for all pro-life pregnancy centers that, as they walk with pregnant women in their time of greatest need, their efforts may be protected and upheld by law." (The Sisters of Life)

**Please join with us each Thursday  
from 3:00-3:30 pm,  
during our parish's weekly Adoration,  
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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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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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Birth of Our Savior  
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.**

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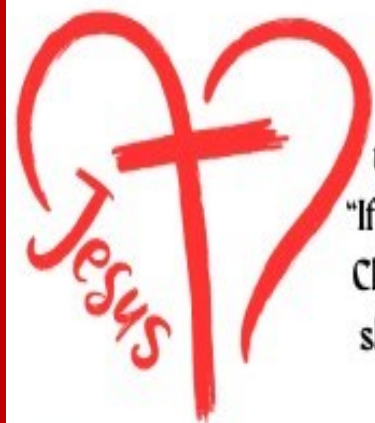
# THE PRESENTATION of the Blessed Virgin Mary



### *Hail Mary*

*Hail Mary  
full of Grace,  
the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed are thou among women  
and blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb Jesus.  
Holy Mary  
Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners  
now and at the hour  
of our death  
Amen.*

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Pray for the "Church  
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"If, then, we have died with  
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shall also live with him."

Romans 6:3-9

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# Masses for this week

## Monday, November 20th

7:15am Frances Siano  
8:45am Geraldine Moccia King

## Tuesday, November 21st

*Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
8:45am Dennis McDougal

## Wednesday, November 22nd *St. Cecilia*

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory  
8:45am Betty Moseman

## Thursday, November 23rd *Thanksgiving Day*

9:30am Marie Finken

## Friday, November 24th *St. Andrew Dung-Lac*

7:15am Muriel Henry  
8:45am Mark Charles

## Saturday, November 25th

8:45am Dennis Keane, John & Winifred Keane,  
John & Genevieve Courtney,  
John & Dorothy O'Connell,  
John & Mary Dick, Timothy McIntyre

5:00pm Jennie Gaeta

## Sunday, November 26th *Christ the King*

7:30am Maryann Mulroy  
9:00am William Mansfield  
10:30am Nocturnal Adoration  
12:00pm Barbara DiGregorio, Dcn. Roy Smith,  
Mario Rinaldi, Domenica Cuscino,  
Christopher Poppe, Noreen Helmstadt,  
Thomas & Mary Kate McCowley,  
Dylcelina de Rojas

4:30pm St. Raymond's Parish

### Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday

2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday

1 Mc 2:15-29/Lk 19:41-44

Friday

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday

1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40

Sunday

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

## Please Pray for Our Sick

James R., Baby Brady, Jodi Neckles, Mike L,  
Dawn, Baby Faith Madison, Rebekah Lyas,  
Baby Cooper Graham, Kevin O'Sullivan  
Michael McPike, Christine I., John Lynch  
Baby Daisy Ellen O'Neill, Jay Witemeyer,  
Bennett William Chevalier, Mary Perri, Samir  
Leo B., Caroline Saporito, Linda D'Agostino  
Mary Lou Hart, Marie Gay Oddo, Michael Sarro,  
Barbara, Nick S., Joseph Petraro, Nicole Brack,  
Rosalie Monaco, Maureen Condiss,  
Maureen McCarthy, Jane Gelson  
Baby Connor William, Mary Lynch

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



## Rest in Peace

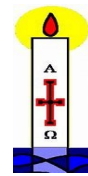
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# Parish Bulletin Board

*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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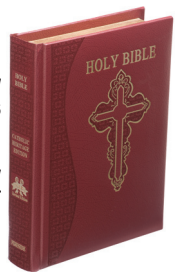
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