

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*

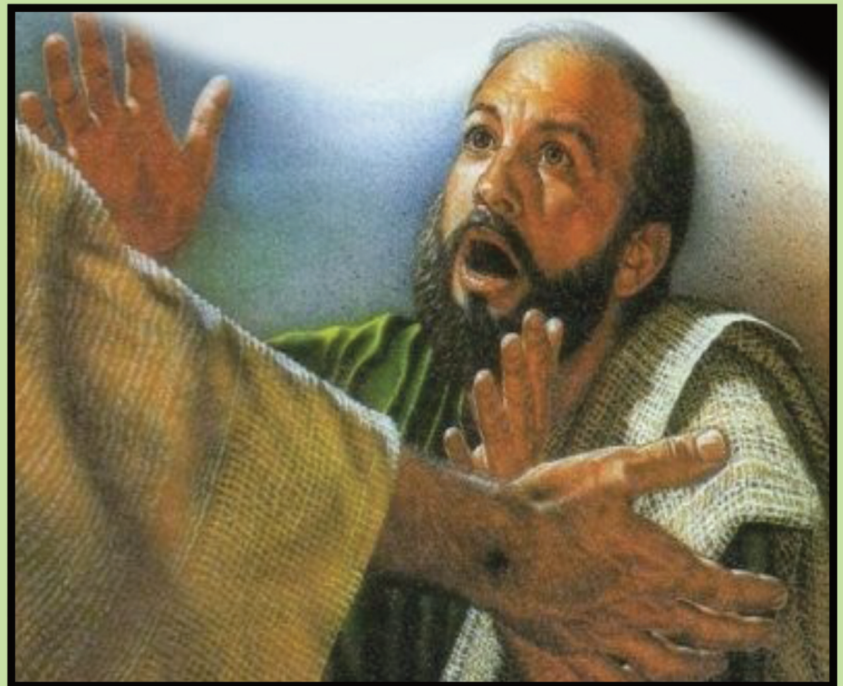
Sunday, April 7, 2024

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

"My Lord and my God!"

-John 20:28



April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

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.

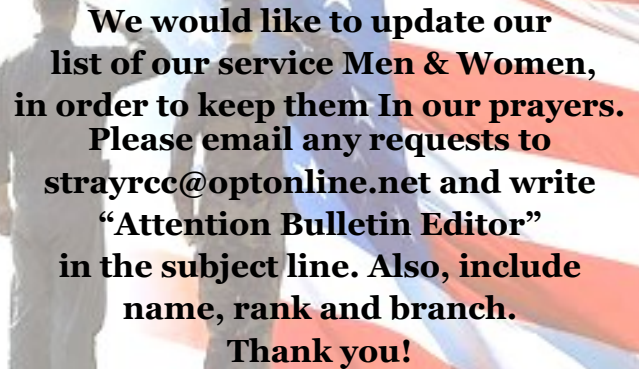
Music Ministries

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



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

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

Sunday at 3:30 pm ET



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

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LC Connor Thomas McHale US MARINE CORPS
Sgt. Gerard Moran
Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY
Sgt. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit
Lt. JG Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY
Sgt. Hunter Deets, 10th Mountain Division, US ARMY
TSGT Curt Abdool US AIRFORCE

Please remember to pray for our wounded soldiers.

Greetings and God's Easter blessings be yours on the Second Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy Sunday! The first readings during the Easter season are taken from the Acts of the Apostles which describe how the early Church got started and went through its growing pains. Today we hear: **"With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all."** Then in the second reading from the First Letter of John, we hear what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ. **"In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments."** And finally, today's gospel from John is heard every year on this Sunday. It is the story of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. This familiar story leads us to focus on faith and the nature of belief. What it means to believe is of tremendous importance. And though we may never fully understand our belief completely, we should still reflect on it. That's why we have this gospel passage year after year. What we believe as Christians is in a God called Father and in God the Son, and in God the Holy Spirit. Yet there is only one God, for our Triune God is such a deep mystery. I guess you could say that belief in God is behind everything we see and experience. It says the world can't be some sort of **"accident."** Something beyond us must be responsible for its very existence. Many people just stop there with a belief in God but with little specifics. And that's fine, because it is the same voice of God speaking to them as speaks to us and who gifts us with faith. So, if we believe in God in a simple way or in a more complicated way, just know that to say: **"I believe in God"** says something very profound, personal and demanding. You see, our **"faith"** invites us to expand what it means to believe. This means embracing and accepting a much deeper commitment. For when we Catholics say, like Thomas: **"My Lord and my God,"** we are also saying that: **"We love the God we believe in."**

What is this love of God? It is nothing less than that we keep his commandments. That's when our belief in God leads to challenges. That's when our belief leads to serious responsibilities. That's when our belief leads to action on our part. It is our response to a God who has shown us how much he loves us, and how merciful he is to us, how generous, understanding and compassionate he is with us. So, when we get to this profound realization of how incredible our God is, revealed perfectly in the person of Jesus, that becomes the catalyst for all we say and all we do.

This is what enabled the apostles, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to not simply remain behind locked doors and **"think about"** Jesus. Rather it was their deep faith and desire to return love for love that gave them the courage to put into practice the love Jesus had showed them. And that's why the world was never the same. So, when you read the response of Thomas; **"My Lord and my God,"** don't just stop there. Share God's great love and demonstrate the depth of your belief through countless acts of goodness, kindness, mercy and love.

Today we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday** when we are encouraged to trust in God's merciful love for us and draw nearer to him. We should also perform corporal works of mercy out of love for God, who redeemed us by his suffering and death. We will celebrate this feast in our church from 2-4pm. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Rosary, a spiritual reflection and Benediction. All are invited.

It is with a touch of sadness and appreciation that I announce that Father Theo Iloh will be leaving St. Raymond Parish at the end of April. Father Theo is being called back to Nigeria by his bishop to take up a position as a seminary and college professor. We will all miss Father Theo and wish him well in his next priestly assignment. Father Theo will celebrate the 12noon Mass on Sunday, April 28th after which there will be a parish reception in the school cafeteria. All are most welcome to come and give your personal best wishes to Father Theo both at the Mass and reception.

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), info about **Adult Confirmation** on Pentecost, the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week.

Have a great second Week of Easter. **Keep that joyous Easter smile going. Remember: If you want your kids to follow in your footsteps, make sure your shoes have strong souls.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

APRIL 7, 2024-DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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

APRIL 7, 2024-DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

R. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING

1 Jn 5:1-6

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

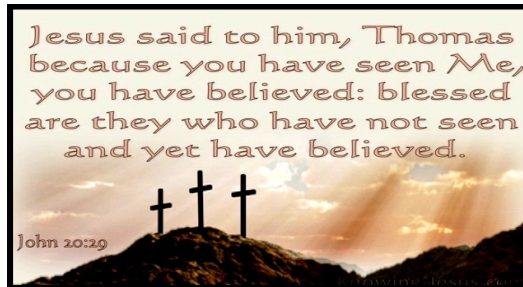
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20:29

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



GOSPEL

Jn 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



During this season of Lent, our Religious Education students focused not just on 'giving up' but on giving. Our 2nd & 3rd grade students brought in items that were needed by our Social Ministry. They brought in toothbrushes and toothpaste, small size laundry detergent, small size sugar and pancake mix or syrup. Our 4th, 5th & 6th grade students brought in the following items for Social Ministry – shampoo and conditioner, bar soap, cans of coffee, peanut butter or jelly. For our 7th & 8th grade students, we partnered with Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities was so pleased that we reached out to them and were touched by the generosity of our 7th & 8th graders. The students made up over 150 toiletry bags for the homeless that Catholic Charities helps take care of. The toiletry bags were filled with travel-size personal items that can be carried around and used whenever they have the chance to use a shower. Special thanks to Caitlyn Perez and her class – they made up a large amount of the bags. Our children and their families are very generous and it was shown throughout this Lenten season.

The last day of Religion classes is Thursday 4/18/2024. All Mass reflections are due on or before that date for students in grades 2-8. 7th & 8th grade students in addition to Mass reflections are to hand in their Confirmation Service Hours form. The Stations of the Cross by Teens reflection paper was due in by 3/25 or 3/26.





PENTECOST CONFIRMATIONS



At this time I am accepting requests for the Sacrament of Confirmation from any adult Catholics of college age and older. The appropriate date each year for the conferring of Confirmation to adults is at a Pentecost Mass which signals the end of the Easter season.

I will be celebrating Confirmation for all those adults wishing to receive their Confirmation on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 5:00pm. Pentecost Eve Mass.

There will be a period of preparation before this date that is required of all candidates. If you are interested, please call the rectory at 516-593-5000 by Friday, April 26th, and ask to be placed on the Adult Confirmation list. I will then get in touch with you. So if you meet the requirements and have not yet been Confirmed, here's your chance. Hope to hear from you.

-Father Chuck



ASK Jesus what He wants from you and be BRAVE.

-Pope Francis I



**Because no marriage is beyond hope...
A marriage-saving program her in the
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-Is your marriage tearing you apart?

-Do you feel hurt and angry?

-Does talking make it worse?

-Thought of leaving or divorce?

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Retrouvaille can help.

Our Next Weekend is April 26-28, 2024

Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington

To register of for more information:

1-800-470-2230 HelpOurMarriage.org

HelpOurMarriage.org Retrouvaille is a practical program for married couples facing difficult challenges It is not a marriage retreat, or counseling. You will not be asked to share the personal details of your story.

Retrouvaille is different; it's a way to improve your communication, help you reconnect, and build a healthy, happier, stronger marriage.

Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths, or no faith background, are welcome to attend. We are a Christian Peer Ministry offering tens of thousands of marriages hope in over 160 communities world-wide.

EASTER FLOWER OFFERINGS

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Ms. L. Lauria	Claire Joseph Philip Lauria Antoinette Lauria	Mrs. J. McHale	Deceased members of McHale, Max & Scarlatta Families
M/M J. Lonergan	Joseph Lauria Joseph Feretic George Kingsley Anthony Eileen Feretic	M/M B. McLafferty	William Ryan Betty Ryan Joe McLafferty, Sr. Joe McLafferty, Jr.
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JOIN ST. RAYMOND'S

EASTER EGG HUNT



FOR 4TH GRADE
AND UNDER



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NON-REFUNDABLE



SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH
AT 1:00PM



**MEET IN CHURCH AND THEN A SHORT
WALK TO THE BACK LAWN**
CHILD MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES
Bring your own baskets.
Activities will include an egg hunt, pictures with
the Easter Bunny, and a sweet treat from an
ice cream truck!



RSVP by 4/5/24. Scan the QR code above to register and to pay via Venmo @Stephanie-Paul-34. Or register by sending the form below with cash or check made out to St. Raymond's Religious Education.

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Cell #: _____

Parent's Email: _____



ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

NYS CONSTITUTION EQUALITY AMENDMENT BILL

There is a ballot proposal this coming November to amend the NYS Constitution. The Equality Amendment Bill (S.108-Krueger, A.1283-Seawright) states that no person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws of the state or be subjected to any discrimination in their civil rights based on a list of protected classes. The current clause includes race, color, creed and religion. The proposed changes add: "pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare autonomy." It also adds "age" without the any exclusion of minors. The following are comments alerting the voter to the danger of the

Equality Amendment Bill:

The Coalition to Protect Children "The State Constitution supersedes any current law on the books....The NYS Government could have more authority than parents in making medical decisions for their minor children."

Feminists Choosing Life of New York

"While there is no explicit reference to abortion, some of the ramifications & impact include: abortion will be officially codified in NYS. Abortion will be woven into the fabric of our neighbor-hoods, communities, towns and cities. Perhaps, most poignantly, the 'right to kill' the unborn children will be sewn into the hearts and minds of future generations and government policies and practices".

NYS Catholic Conference

"The Amendment is gratuitous, as abortion is already legal in NYS with virtually no exceptions, and has, in fact, been declared a 'fundamental right' by the Reproductive Health Act of 2019. Unfortunately, this bill solidifies the message that New York has been sending women for some time now: that abortion is positive, empowering, and the key to success. This couldn't be further from the truth." Please let others know about the dangers of this bill. Help protect the unborn by voting against this bill.



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 THRU WEDNESDAY FROM 10AM TO 3PM

(Suggested to call for an appointment)

"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them" Hebrews 6:10

The Parish Social Ministry would like to sincerely thank the students of St. Raymond's Religious Education Program, in grades 2 through 6, and their parents, for the overwhelming donations to the food pantry. The students' donations helped restock the food pantry shelves with various toiletries, peanut butter, jelly, coffee, laundry detergent, sugar, pancake mix and syrup. Their generosity is surely appreciated and their donations will help our clients in need. Thank you also to the staff of the Religious Education Program for organizing this Lenten service project. Food assistance is available to those in need who live within our Parish boundaries, including seniors who depend on their Social Security benefit as their only source of income and need help with food assistance.

Pantry items needed this week: Dish Detergent, Razors, Shaving Cream, Juice, Soup, Jarred Pasta Sauce, Pasta, Instant Mashed Potatoes, White Rice, Broth 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. Also, donations can be left in the bin on the porch or in the Altar Servers Sacristy.

You are always in our prayers and may the risen Christ bring peace and blessings to your life this Easter season and always.

STEP BY STEP WALK THROUGH THE MASS

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

FATHER LUKE SPANNAGEL

NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL BLOG



The Liturgy of the Word & the Liturgy of the Eucharist

As we conclude the Liturgy of the Word and prepare to transition to the Liturgy of the Eucharist, it is a fitting time to reflect on how these main parts of the Mass are united and complement each other. We previously touched on this unity in our reflection on the homily. This time, we will hear from a couple of our recent popes. As The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states, "The Mass consists in some sense of two parts, namely the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, these being so closely interconnected that they form but one single act of worship. For in the Mass is spread the table both of God's Word and of the Body of Christ, and from it the faithful are to be instructed and refreshed" (GIRM, 28, also cf. SC 56, 48, 51). Perhaps the two main parts of the Mass seem obvious, but how are they "so closely interconnected"? How are the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist related? As two examples, they both strengthen us in understanding our faith and living it out in the world, and they both draw us deeper into true unity with Christ.

The Two Ways Our Lord Nourishes Us



Pope St. John Paul II reflected on how the unity of the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist goes back to the early Church: "We are well aware that from the earliest times the celebration of the Eucharist has been linked not only with prayer but also with the reading of Sacred Scripture and with singing by the whole assembly. As a result, it has long been possible to apply to the Mass the comparison, made by the Fathers, with the two tables, at which the Church prepares for her children the word of God and the Eucharist, that is, the bread of the Lord" (Dominicae Cena, 10). This image of the two tables illustrates for us that we are fed in two main ways through the Mass: through the hearing of God's word to us and through the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. As we have reflected before, through the Scriptures we come to know God as he reveals himself to us; we learn who we are as his people; and we learn how to live our lives in him and



with one another. As we will see as we continue through the Mass, in the Eucharist we are nourished in a unique way through the true presence of Jesus and his dwelling with us through Holy Communion.

Pope Benedict XVI, reflecting on these two tables of the Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist, emphasizes the unity between them: "First of all, there is a need to reflect on the inherent unity of the rite of Mass. Both in catechesis and in the actual manner of celebration, one must avoid giving the impression that the two parts of the rite are merely juxtaposed... There is an intrinsic bond between the word of God and the Eucharist. From listening to the word of God, faith is born or strengthened (cf. Rom 10:17); in the Eucharist the Word made flesh gives himself to us as our spiritual food. Thus, 'from the two tables of the word of God and the Body of Christ, the Church receives and gives the faithful the bread of life.' Consequently it must constantly be kept in mind that the word of God, read and proclaimed by the Church in the liturgy, leads to the Eucharist as to its own connatural end" (Sacramentum Caritatis, 44).

Relationship and Unity

Pope Benedict's words remind me of the way we grow in relationships. Over time, a friendship grows and deepens, and with that depth comes greater love and intimacy. Our love helps us to understand each other more fully and our ongoing communication helps us deepen our love. This helps me realize more concretely what I think the popes are teaching us: in the Mass, we encounter Jesus both through the Liturgy of the Word and through the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Both tables bless us with growing deeper in our relationship with him. Both lead us deeper in unity. Both invite us to share the fruits of that unity with one another.

For Reflection:

- How do you experience the Liturgy of the Word as nourishment? Pray with Ezekiel 3:1-3, in which the Lord instructs Ezekiel to eat a scroll. Meditate on the image of "tables" set for a feast as a way to awaken your "appetite" for worship as you prepare for Mass.

Next Week:

The Parts of the Liturgy of the Eucharist

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Opportunities for a Holy Hour / Adoration and Eucharistic Exposition

The Church is open daily for personal prayer until 5:00
Each Thursday - Eucharistic Exposition from 1-4:00 PM
Each First Friday - Nocturnal Adoration 7:30-8:30 PM



*"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a
refuge and a shelter for all souls, and
especially for poor sinners."*

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th 2:00-4:00
Eucharistic Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary & Benediction

The Three-Fold Sacrament of the Eucharist

by *Servant of God, Fr. John A. Hardon, S.J.*

Pope John Paul II will go down as one of the greatest minds in the history of the papacy. It was John Paul who explained at length that the Eucharist is a sacrament three times over. It is the Sacrifice-Sacrament of the Mass, the Communion-Sacrament of Holy Communion, and the Presence-Sacrament of the Real Presence. On all three levels, the Eucharist is the Risen Jesus Christ whose humanity is a channel of divine grace to the world. It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of this truth of our faith. Even as we say this, we must remember that the Holy Eucharist is Jesus Christ who rose from the dead on Easter Sunday.

Sacrifice-Sacrament.



The Risen Christ offers Himself during the double consecration in the Sacrifice of the Mass. He is on the altar as the Incarnate God in His human nature. He can no longer die a bodily death because He is now in His glorified Body. But He is ready to die because He has a truly human will by which He would die if He could.

Communion-Sacrament.

In Holy Communion, the Risen Christ gives us Himself in the fullness of His divinity and humanity. The benefits of Holy Communion are beyond human calculation. When we receive our Lord, He strengthens our supernatural life, He gives us the ability to resist the unruly passions of our fallen human nature, He increases our virtues of faith, hope and charity, He removes the guilt of our venial sins and reduces the temporal punishment due to our forgiven sins.



Presence-Sacrament.

During His visible presence in Palestine, Christ did mainly two things: He preached God's truth to the people and performed many miracles. Moreover, He foretold that those who believed in Him would witness even greater miracles in the future. In the Blessed Sacrament, it is the same divine Teacher and the same Miracle Worker who taught and worked wonders during His visible stay before His ascension into heaven. Jesus Christ is on earth in every tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, and on every altar where the Holy Eucharist is exposed for the adoration of the faithful.

*The measure is our belief that Jesus Christ is now
on earth in the Holy Eucharist.*

The Eucharist in the Life of St. Faustina

By *Kathleen Beckman*

Saint Faustina's full religious name was Sister Maria Faustina of the Most Blessed Sacrament and her whole life revolved around the Holy Eucharist. What does Saint Faustina teach us about the Eucharist?

Jesus wanted to stay with us and opened His heart of mercy:

Jesus gave St. Faustina a clear love of the mystery of the Eucharist. She wrote that during Mass, "I thanked the Lord Jesus for having redeemed us and for having given us the greatest of all gifts, the Holy Eucharist." (Diary 1747).

Love's sacrifice was fully consummated at the consecration:

During a Holy Hour, in a vision of the cenacle, Sr. Faustina saw the institution of the Holy Eucharist. She came to understand that, "At the moment of consecration...the sacrifice was fully consummated. Hereafter, only the external ceremony of death will be carried out. Never in my whole life had I understood this mystery so profoundly as during that hour of adoration." (Diary 684, 757, 832).

The mercy that gushed from His Heart:

St. Faustina asked God to bring the world to understand more the mystery of divine mercy and the Eucharist. She said, "Who will ever conceive and understand the depth of mercy that gushed forth from His Heart? It is only in eternity that we shall know the great mystery given to us in Holy Communion. One day we will know what God is doing for us in each Mass, and what sort of gift He is preparing through it for us."

Eucharist:

Transform me into a living host to atone for sinners: Through our communion with Christ we grow in self-emptying love that desires to offer reparation for sinners. The Eucharist moves us to an ever-greater thirst for the salvation of souls.

In the Host is the power: Jesus told her: "In the Host is the power; it will defend you always" (Diary 616). Eucharistic love is infinitely powerful to defend us from all that is harmful to our salvation.

*I offer myself to the Heavenly Father as a sacrificial
host, abandoning myself totally and completely to
the most merciful holy will of my God.
Diary of St. Faustina, 1264, 456*

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“... he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.”
 Luke 24:35

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This weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday, learn about the extraordinary graces that are available to you on this day. Also, take time to read about St. Faustina and Jesus' Divine Mercy.



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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Tuesday, June 4 - St. Christopher/Baldwin – McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm.

If you are interested in becoming An Extraordinary Minister, please contact me at the rectory in writing expressing your desire to serve St. Raymond Parish as an Extraordinary Minister. I will then reserve a place for you at the chosen session. Father Chuck

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**DIVINE
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SUNDAY
APRIL 7, 2024**



The Divine Mercy Message

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and the whole world.

Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

Plenary Indulgence prayers at all Masses

2:00pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

2:10pm: Speaker - Al Barbarino

3:00pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:20pm: Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary

3:50pm: Benediction

Speaker Al Barbarino will give reflections on Divine Mercy, Eucharistic Miracles and Eucharistic Revival

“On this day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open, I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment”

- Diary of St. Faustina, 699

**The Chaplet
of the Divine Mercy**

*Eternal Father, I offer You
the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity
of Your dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
in atonement for our sins
and those of the whole world.*



*For the sake of His sorrowful Passion
have mercy on us
and on the whole world.*



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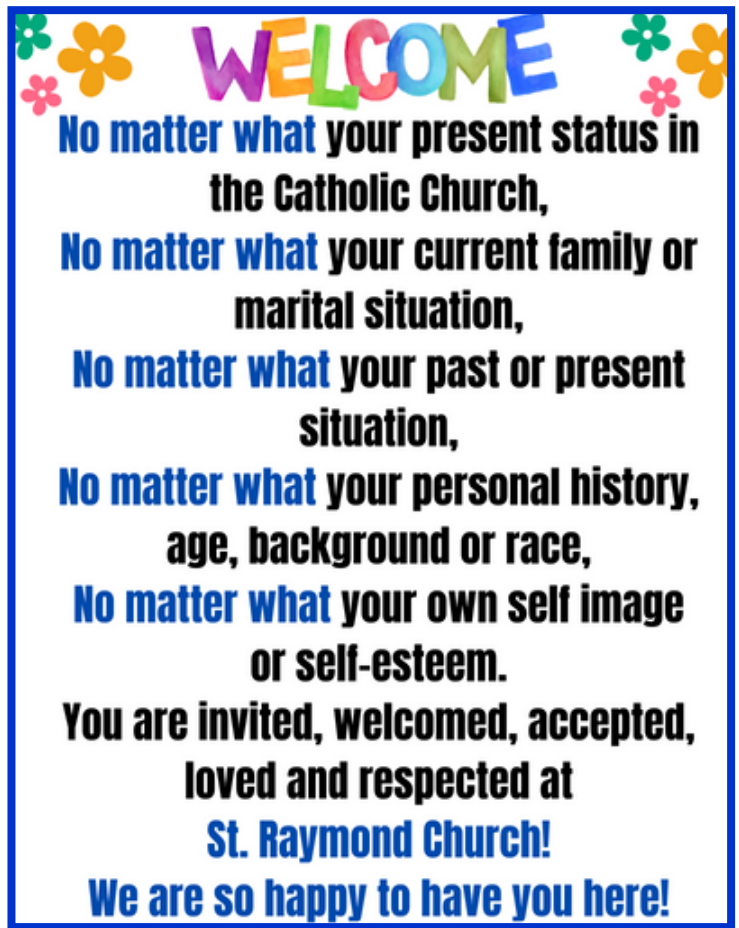


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Masses for this week

Monday, April 8th

Annunciation of the Lord

7:15am Xavier Lazar (living)

8:45am Barbara Speciale

Tuesday, April 9th

7:15am Lorraine Grosso

8:45am Anna Petrucci

Wednesday, April 10th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Donald Laux

Thursday, April 11th St. Stanislaus

7:15am Herbert Higgins

8:45pm Robert Peter Schreiber

Friday, April 12th

7:15am Marie Dempsey

8:45pm All The Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, April 13th

8:45am Frankie Coppola, John Keanna, Jr.
Vanessa Miceli, Marie Dempsey

5:00pm Hugh McGrane

Sunday, April 14th

7:30am Steven Albergo

9:00am John & Nancy Nucci

10:30am Roula Papamakariou

12:00pm Elizabeth Griffin, Julius Goldenberg,
Mildred Murray, Jane Donlon,
Anne & Francis Gallagher,
Helen DelPezzo

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

Sunday

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Lk 24:35-48

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Mary Lynch, Maureen McCarthy,
Fr. Don Hansen, Nick S., Dawn,
Jay Witemeyer, Christine Gillidan,
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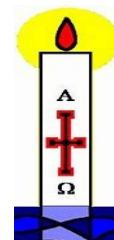
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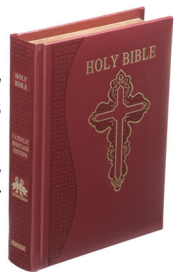


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