

## 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

## Pastoral Team

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# The Parish of St. Raymond

*A Eucharistic Community of  
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, January 25, 2026

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

*“Come after me, and I will make you  
fishers of men.”*

**Matthew 4:20**



January 25, 2026

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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

**Men's Prayer Group:** Every Monday at 10:00am in the Rectory Basement.

### 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 Sunday at 11:00 in the Rectory Basement

### 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



## Please Pray for Our Sick

Tristan Hollenstein	Julianne Grennen
Baby Faith Madison	Herb McIntyre
Mary Lynch	Anthony Campanile
Linda Dagostino	Baby Cooper Graham
Karen Pagnotta	Maureen Condiss
Jodi Neckles	Timothy Murphy
Jim Marasco	Lauren Greco
Christine I.	Eileen Roberts
Jeanne Swanson	Betty McHale
Rosemarie Lombardo	Fran Halas
Elaine & Eddie	Eileen Appel
Corrado	Dianna Viglieta
	Sally Perry

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

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

**Cpl. Alex James Cooper US MARINE CORPS**

**Cpl. Dean Thomas Cooper US MARINE CORPS**

**Lt. Col. Mary P. King , M.D., US ARMY**

**Commander Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY**

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**Staff Sgt. Emily Golebiewski US AIRFORCE**

**Staff /Sgt. Matthew R. Hines - US ARMY**

**Cpl. Connor Thomas McHale US MARINE CORPS**

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**Sgt. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit**

**Lt. Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY**

**TSGT Curt Abdoool US AIRFORCE**

**2nd Lt. Nicholas J. Carinci US AIRFORCE**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR  
WOUNDED SOLDIERS.**



## Father Chuck's Corner

**Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Third Sunday In Ordinary Time!** The readings this Sunday focus on seeing Jesus alone as our source of hope and unity. The prophet Zephaniah tells the people to seek the Lord with a humility that desires to always do his will. If so than God will do the following: ***"But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of the Lord: the remnant of Israel."*** In the second reading from I Corinthians, Paul is pleading for the believers to be united not just in faith and belief, but in life and practice. ***"I urge you brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree to what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose."*** And finally, Matthew's gospel shows Jesus beginning his ministry by continuing John the Baptist's call to repentance and also calling his first apostles to join him. ***"Come after me and I will make you fishers of men."***

Do you really feel that you belong to God? Think about it. It's hard to know exactly how the people 2000 years ago interacted and understood their world. Truth be told, we are probably the same in some ways and different in others. Guessing, I would say that one way we are different is that people long ago relied more on community than we do. We place greater emphasis on the individual, individual thoughts, ideas and choices. Each of us sort of makes our own way in the world. This rugged individualism spills over into our relationship to the God we profess to believe in. So, what happens then is many of us, me included, don't necessarily truly believe that we belong to God. In fact, we act often as if we believe in the exact opposite. God belongs to us! Now this thinking is a problem because it places us in charge and we create a God who fits into our lives, our way of thinking. We create a God who is in step with us. Belong to God? Not a chance. How else explain why many Christians have ideas and opinions that are polar opposites? Some are doves while some are hawks. Some want to always help the poor and others want to mostly ignore them. Some see dignity in every human person, and some are suspicious of everybody.

Some forgive and some take grudges to the grave. Is Jesus divided? No! But we sure are. We should all take time to reflect on what we believe and the choices we make. Are they in line with the person we believe Jesus to be, the person we know through scripture, prayer and the teachings of the Church? Is Jesus the One who truly gave everything? Who is in charge, me or Jesus? Does my life truly reflect my belonging to Jesus? Something for all to think about and pray about.

Recently I found out that our good friend **Father Jim Isabakaki** has been trying to have a small school built in Uganda. He has succeeded to a degree but now faces a roadblock due to lack of funds. I said I would try to help so I am asking anyone who would like to donate to assist Father Jim in getting this project completed to please do so by dropping off any donation you wish to make at the rectory to my attention. If using a check, make it out to St. Raymond Church and write "**Fr. Jim's School**" on the memo line. I know that many people still keep in touch with Father Jim, and we all remember him fondly. The goal is to raise \$7000. I'm sure any amount over will also be put to good use. Thanks for your attention and help with this request.

**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), a registration form for the upcoming **Valentine's Day Dance** on Saturday, February 7th for all girls, first grade through eighth, the **Come and See Center-fold**, 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 week. ***Smile, share, keep belonging to God and remember: The evidence of God's presence far outweighs the opinion of his absence.*** God bless always.

**-Father Chuck**



# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JANUARY 25, 2026—THIRD 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

JANUARY 25, 2026—THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 8:23—9:3**

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles. Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

## SECOND READING

**1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17**

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you. I mean that each of you is saying, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14**

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**  
The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's  
refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**  
One thing I ask of the LORD; this I seek: To  
dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of  
my life, That I may gaze on the loveliness of  
the LORD and contemplate his temple.

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**  
I believe that I shall see the bounty of the  
LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the  
LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and  
wait for the LORD.

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 4:12-23**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: *Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen.* From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

## ALLELUIA

**Matthew 4:23**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom  
and cured every disease among the people.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION

*Lucy Ostermann, Director*



SWEETHEART VALENTINE DANCE SATURDAY 2/7/2026.

LOOK FOR THE FLYER IN THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN. RSVP DATE IS JANUARY 31ST, 2026.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!!!



## ATTENTION 2ND GRADE PARENTS

2nd grade students will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday 2/3/2026. There are no 2nd grade Religious Education classes that day. Parents are to bring their child directly to the Church between the hours of 3:30pm-5pm – they do not need their books that day. First Reconciliation certificates will be given to the students in class.

There is a 2nd grade First Holy Communion Parent meeting (parents only please) on Tuesday 2/10/2026 at 7:30pm in the school auditorium. Please make every effort to attend as details will be discussed regarding First Holy Communion. First Holy Communion Banner kits will be distributed at this meeting as well.

## ATTENTION 1ST GRADE PARENTS

The next 1st grade Parent/Student meeting will be held on Sunday 2/1/2026 at 10:30am in the school auditorium. After the meeting, all will go on to the 12 Noon Mass where the lesson continues.



Thank you to our students and parents  
for bringing in food for our Parish Social Ministry!



Parish Girls in Grades 1-8  
join us for our annual St. Raymond's

# SWEETHEART Valentine's Day Dance

Scan me to  
register and pay  
by Venmo



Payment is  
Non-Refundable

Saturday  
7  
February

From 6:00p-8:00p  
St. Raymond's  
School Cafeteria

\$20 per person  
Dinner, drinks  
dancing,  
desserts, & more

Tickets to be distributed at the 5p Mass on 2/7/26.

Must have a ticket for admittance.

Tickets are given on a first come, first serve basis as seating is limited.  
Dads, Grandfathers, Uncles, or any other adult figure is welcome to escort.

RSVP By January 31st, 2026. Cash or check made  
out to St. Raymond's Religious Education or scan  
the QR code above and Venmo @Jennifer-Saia

Girl(s) Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Escort's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please wear pink,  
red, or white

# *World Marriage Day*

## *February 8, 2026*

### *12 Noon Mass at St. Raymond*



**We invite you all to join us for our Annual  
Renewal of Sacramental Wedding Vows here  
at St. Raymond's on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>  
at the 12 noon Mass.**

**If you are celebrating an earmark anniversary this year, that is the year you were married ends in either a 1 or a 6, please call the rectory at 516-593-5000 giving your names, year you were married and the Church you were married at. After Mass, everyone is invited to a light refreshment reception in the school cafeteria.**

*Look forward to seeing you all!!*

# HEALING MASS

February 11, 2026

Celebrating the Feast Day of  
Our Lady of Lourdes &  
The World Day of  
Prayer for the Sick

St. Raymond Church  
263 Atlantic Avenue  
East Rockaway, NY

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Rosary begins 7:00pm  
Mass & Healing Service 7:30pm

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**CELEBRANT:**

**Fr. Michael Panicali**

St. Helen's Parish - Howard Beach (Brooklyn Diocese)

**MUSIC by Laura Garbitelli & Al Barbarino**

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME  
WEEKLY GUIDE FOR  
PERSONAL PRAYER



Come & See  
Until you do, you will  
never know



SUMMARY  
OF THE  
READINGS  
FOR THE  
WEEK

For the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus begins his public ministry in Galilee as the light of the world, fulfilling the prophecy that “the people who sit in darkness... light has arisen” and calling his first disciples to follow him, as he proclaims, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Monday of this week is the Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus (both Bishops), who were faithful companions of Saint Paul. They dedicated their lives to teaching and pastoral care in the early Church and are known for their courageous leadership in spreading the Gospel. Tuesday is the Optional Memorial Saint Angela Merici (Virgin), the founder of the Ursuline Sisters. Her lifelong work in educating young women reflected her deep commitment to Christian formation. Wednesday, is the Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Priest and Doctor of the Church) who is known for his synthesis of faith and reason and his enduring influence on Catholic theology. Saturday is the Memorial of Saint John Bosco (Priest) who is honored for his ministry to youth and the founding the Salesian orders of religious.

The First Readings this week are drawn mainly from the historical books of 1 and 2 Samuel, where God's faithfulness to His people and to the house of David is highlighted as Israel transitions from a tribal confederation to kingship; we see Hannah's fervent prayer and God's response in 1 Samuel, affirming the Lord's attentive care, and the promise to David that “your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever,” underscoring the divine covenant (2 Samuel), while the narratives emphasize obedience, trust in God's

word, and the establishment of God's plan through human history.

This week, the Gospels will teach us that faith deepens when we listen carefully, allowing God's word to take root, and placing our trust in Christ even amid confusion or fear, confident that the Kingdom is already at work beyond what we can see.

In Monday's Gospel in Mark (Mark 3:22-30), Jesus faces skepticism as the scribes claim he casts out demons by Beelzebul, to which he replies, “a kingdom divided against itself cannot stand,” and warns about the gravity of blaspheming the Holy Spirit. In Tuesday's Gospel (Mark 3:31-35), Jesus redefines family, proclaiming, “Who are my mother and my brothers?... Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother,” emphasizing the primacy of spiritual kinship. Wednesday's Gospel (Mark 4:1-20) features the Parable of the Sower, where Jesus teaches that “the seed is the word,” and its reception varies depending on the hearer's openness, illustrating different responses to God's word.

Thursday's Gospel (Mark 4:21-25) invites attentive discipleship as Jesus says, “A lamp is not lit to be hidden under a bushel,” teaching that the truth of the kingdom must shine forth and that measure given is measure received. In Friday's Gospel (Mark 4:26-34) presents the theme of the kingdom's mysterious growth with parables: “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed upon the ground...” and the mustard seed's growth from smallest to largest. Saturday's Gospel (Mark 4:35-41) culminates with Jesus calming a storm, revealing his authority, as the disciples ask in awe, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” highlighting Christ's divine power and presence with his followers.

For Sunday, February 1st (Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A), Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount with the Beatitudes, teaching that blessings belong to the humble and faithful, proclaiming, “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”



*“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”*  
-Matthew 4:19



### St. Raymond Church

🔥 Kindle The Fire Within

Each Day, the Church is open

for personal prayer until 5:00pm

Each Thursday - Eucharistic

Exposition from 1-4:00pm

Each First Friday

Nocturnal Adoration 7:30pm-8:30pm

### Daily Prayer This Week

This week's Gospels invite me to follow Christ with an undivided heart, allowing God's word to take root, shape my priorities, and bring calm and clarity to my family and work amid daily demands.

### Called

*“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”*  
(Matthew 4:17)

Jesus' call reminds me that conversion is not a one-time moment but a daily choice to turn my heart toward God in the ordinary rhythms of family and work. By responding generously, I learn to let Christ set my priorities rather than urgency or habit.

*My Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me hear your call each day and respond with trust and generosity.*

### Belonging

*“Who are my mother and my brothers?”*  
(Mark 3:33)

Jesus teaches me that true belonging is rooted in obedience to God's will, shaping how I love and serve those closest to me. This challenges me to see my family, coworkers, and community as gifts entrusted to my care.

*My Prayer: Father, unite my heart to your will so my relationships may reflect your love.*

### Listening

*“The sower sows the word.”*  
(Mark 4:14)

The Parable of the Sower calls me to examine the soil of my heart, especially when distractions and pressures threaten to crowd out God's voice. In prayer and reflection, I ask for the grace to receive the word deeply and bear fruit in patience and perseverance.

*My Prayer: Lord, prepare my heart to receive your word and let it grow within me.*

### Witness

*“Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket ...?”*  
(Mark 4:21)

Jesus reminds me that faith is meant to be lived openly, not hidden by fear or busyness. In my family life and work, I am called to let Christ's light shine through integrity, kindness, and quiet courage.

*Prayer: Holy Spirit, give me the courage to reflect your light in all I do.*

### Trust

*“Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?”*  
(Mark 4:41)

As Jesus calms the storm, I am invited to place my anxieties and responsibilities into his hands, trusting his presence even when life feels overwhelming. Faith grows when I choose confidence in Christ over fear, knowing he remains with me in every trial.

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, calm the storms of my heart and deepen my trust in you.*



## ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

### MONTH 7 – Developing Baby “I can look around!”

#### Spiritual Adoption Program

You are in the home stretch with your spiritually adopted baby.

Beginning this month the baby uses all four senses. He can see, hear, taste, touch, cough, yawn and hiccup. He now recognizes his mother's voice. During this time he will also receive antibodies from his mother protecting him from a wide variety of diseases.

If you are experiencing a pregnancy that you feel unable to handle at this time, feel alone and not sure what to do or whom to turn to, please call the following for free, caring, confidential and meaningful assistance. You are not alone. We are here to assist you at this time.

**Women First (aka The Life Center)**  
**#516-798-7100**

Please join with us each Thursday at Adoration between the 3pm-4pm hour as we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary of Our Lady for "an end to abortion and the return to the respect, dignity and protection of all God's children from conception until natural death."

### The Rose for Life Program

The Rose for Life Program began here at St. Raymond on Mother's Day, May 12, 1985. A rose is placed on the Offertory Table at the 5:00 pm Mass and is presented to the priest at the Offertory. The rose symbolizes the life of the preborn baby who dies from abortion. It remains at the tabernacle for the coming week.

The main purpose of the rose is to remind each of us to pray for babies who are in danger of abortion. Prayer is one of the most important ways to stop abortion. The rose also serves a special remembrance of the life of our loved ones, in whose name the rose is dedicated each week.

*For dedications, please call:  
Mary Caffrey at #516-887-2458*



**THE ROSE  
FOR LIFE**  
**In Loving  
Memory of**  
**Louise Coscia**

For Dedications call  
Mary Caffrey 516-887-2458

*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 THROUGH  
WEDNESDAY  
FROM 10AM TO 3PM  
(Suggested to call for  
an appointment)**

*"You know that your toil is not in vain when it is done in the Lord."*

*1 Corinthians 15:58*

During the month of December, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 81 households with food, personal care and household items and provided them with other services they needed through Department of Social Services, Catholic Charities and Saint Vincent DePaul. Food assistance is available to those in need who live within our Parish boundaries, including senior citizens who depend on their Social Security benefits as their only source of income.

**Pantry items still needed:**

**Mayonnaise, Mustard, Ketchup, White Rice, Pasta and Rice Side Dishes, Cold and Hot Cereal, Coffee, Tea, Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Canned Beets, Laundry and Dish Detergent.**

Food donations can be brought to the Ryan House during its open hours or non-perishable food can be left in the bin on the Ryan House porch or in the Altar Server's Sacristy.

**Recycled Christmas Cards - Please help us. We need your Christmas cards - the front cover only - to recycle and use for the 2026 Giving Tree tags. Every year we put over 300 tags on the tree and that is a lot of cards we need to gather. You can either drop the cards off at the Ryan House when it is open or place them in a plastic bag and put them in the bin on the porch. Every card makes a difference and thank you, as always, for all your support.**

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity,  
You are always in our prayers!*



## Stewardship *a way of life*

Jesus begins His mission by calling others to repentance. Jesus says that to us right now as well. What areas in your life need improvement? What sins in your life do you need to be forgiven and freed from? How can you be at service to others?



*“...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend ... ” Philippians 2:10*

### Pastoral Council Members

**Peter Chojnacki, Linda Daley,  
Julianne Gennen, Kimberly Moran,  
Mary Murphy, Dave Ohlsen,  
Linda Ohlsen, Secretary,  
Stephen Rochford, Chairperson,  
Fr. Chuck Romano,  
Monica Tobin, Vice Chairperson**

### JOIN THE FOLK GROUP!

#### A MINISTRY OF MUSIC, FAITH & COMMUNITY

Do you love music and want to be part of something joyful and meaningful?

The Folk Group offers a fun, modern take on traditional church music,

#### **WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU WITH US!**

We're a welcoming group of people who come together to share music, faith, and friendship. While some of us play instruments or have formal training, it's not required. What connects us is our shared love of music, community, and worship. Whether you sing, play, or just want to be part of a faith-filled musical group,

#### **YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN!**

Open to anyone from 7th grade and up—no upper age limit!

 **Rehearsals: Sundays at 11:00 AM**

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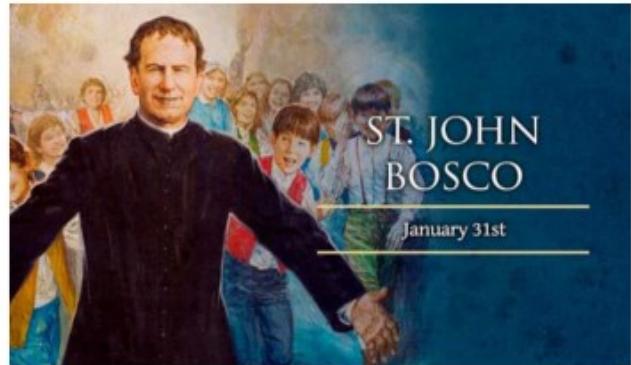
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## Saint Thomas Aquinas

Saint Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225 – March 7, 1274) was an Italian Dominican friar, priest, and influential philosopher-theologian in the Scholastic tradition. Known as the "Angelic Doctor" and the "Universal Doctor," he is celebrated for synthesizing Aristotelian philosophy with Christian principles, a system of thought now known as Thomism. He is the patron saint of students, scholars, and all Catholic educational institutions



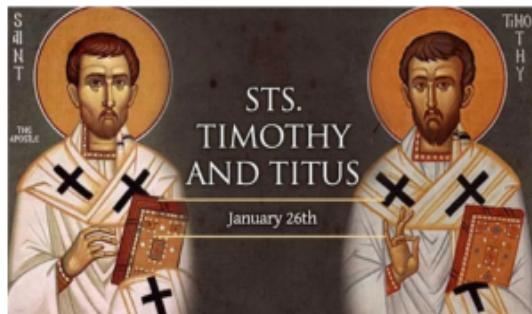
Saint John Bosco (1815–1888), popularly known as Don Bosco, was an Italian Catholic priest and educator who dedicated his life to the service of abandoned and at-risk youth. He is widely recognized for his innovative educational philosophy and for founding several religious orders that continue his work globally today. He is the patron saint of youth.



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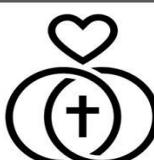
Saints Timothy and Titus were key companions and co-workers of St. Paul in the early Christian Church, serving as bishops, missionaries, and leaders to whom Paul addressed two of his letters in the New Testament. Timothy, known for his mixed Jewish/Greek heritage and dedication, became the first bishop of Ephesus, while Titus, a Gentile, was made bishop of Crete, tasked with organizing the church there. Both shared in preaching the Gospel, facing persecution, and establishing Christian communities, with Timothy martyred in Ephesus and Titus dying peacefully.

# St. Joseph, Defender of Life Prayer

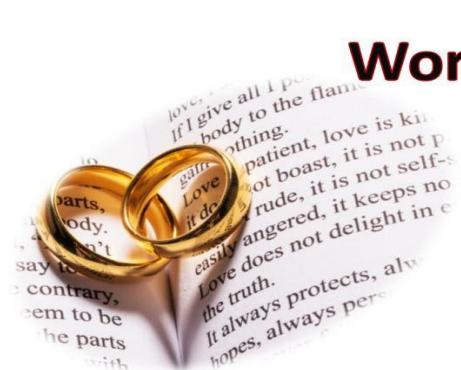
Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life –especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.

We ask Catholics to offer this prayer daily, from now until October 1, the beginning of Respect Life Month. Free online and print versions of the prayer can be found at [www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph](http://www.respectlife.org/prayer-to-st-joseph). Thank you for responding to this invitation to pray and for your support in protecting innocent children and their vulnerable mothers from the evil of abortion.

*St. Joseph, Defender of Life*, pray for us!



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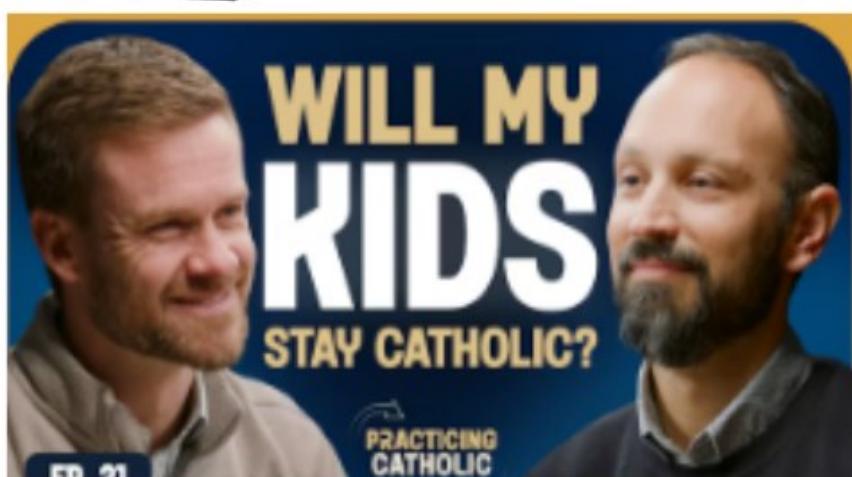
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## MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, January 26th

### Sts. Timothy and Titus

7:15am Michael Shinners

8:45am St. Raymond Church

Tuesday, January 27th

7:15am Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:45am Vincent & Geraldine Malone

Wednesday, January 28th

### St. Thomas Aquinas

7:15am Patricia Rochford

8:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, January 29th

7:15am Donald Laux

8:45am Elvira Barney

Friday, January 30th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Joan Cibellis

Saturday, January 31st

### St. John Bosco

8:45am Salvatore Darmetta

Maria Denaro

John Healey

Joseph Denaro

5:00pm Richard McInerney

Sunday, February 1st

7:30am Richard Legrady

9:00am Erin Clifford Gallagher

10:30am Joseph Migliaccio &  
Camille Brancato

12:00pm Anne Gallagher

Elizabeth Lucchini

Edward Murphy

Annmarie Nicholson

Catharine Curra

Michael Corrato, Jr.

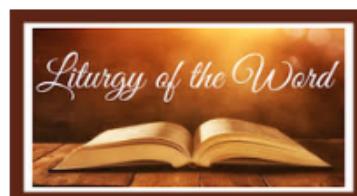
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



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PEACE**

*Patricia Ayers  
Angelica Barrientos  
Maryanne Dowling*

*May the souls of the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace. Amen*



## Scripture Readings for the Week

### Monday

2 Timothy 1:1-8/Mark 3:22-30

### Tuesday

2 Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19/Mark 3:31-35

### Wednesday

2 Samuel 7:4-17/Mark 4:1-20

### Thursday

2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29/Mark 4:21-25

### Friday

2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a/Mark 4:26-34

### Saturday

2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mark 4:35-41

### Sunday

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

1 Corinthians 1:26-31/Matthew 5:1-12a



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