

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, May 3, 2026

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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**"I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except
through me." -John 14:4**



May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 10 am-5pm. 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

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

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



Please Pray for Our Sick

Tristan Hollenstein

Julianne Grennen

Baby Faith Madison

Anthony Campanile

Linda Dagostino

Baby Cooper Graham

Jodi Neckles

Maureen Condiss

Jim Marasco

Timothy Murphy

Christine I.

Lauren Greco

Jeanne Swanson

Eileen Roberts

Rosemarie Lombardo

Betty McHale

Nick S.

Dianna Viglieta

Rosemarie Salabini

Sally Perry

Connie Montesino

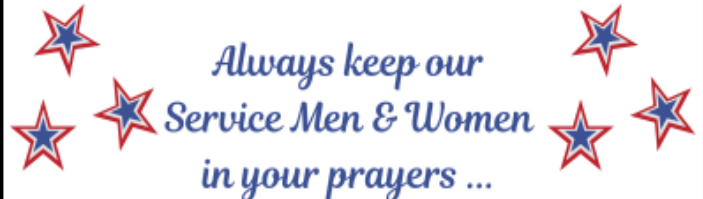
Caroline Saporito

Brian McGreevy

Michael Conconan

Nicolas Sarnelli

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



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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR
WOUNDED SOLDIERS.



Greetings and God's continued Easter blessings be yours on the Fifth Sunday of Easter! The readings today speak of trust in the face of adversity. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see the apostles extending their charism of service to more men so they can continue to preach and teach the Word of God. The result of this was: ***"The word of God continued to spread, and the number of disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith."*** Then in the second reading from the First Letter of Peter, the disciple exhorts the people to live up to their new identity as followers of Jesus. ***"You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."*** And finally, John's gospel is a section from the ***"Final Discourse"*** as Jesus tries to offer words of comfort to the apostles as he prepares them for his impending arrest and crucifixion. He wants them to trust in God and look forward to that day when they will be reunited in the Father's house. Even though the apostles remain confused, Jesus firmly declares his identity with the words: ***"I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."***

Some things we ***"say"*** are difficult to prove, right? At least it seems that way. Like when we say, ***"I'm sorry"*** and we wonder if the person really believes us. Or when we are going on and on at a job interview trying to convince the interviewer of our qualifications for the job and we see them looking at us wondering if we're really being straight with them. Or we tell our spouse over and over ***"I love you"*** but can't help wondering if they think it is just something husbands and wives have to say to each other. The point is that we often say a lot of important, sincere, heartfelt things to one another, even though those things don't come with any kind of guarantee of sincerity.

"Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves." So says Jesus in the ***"Last Supper Discourse."*** Jesus knows the end is near and he wants to say these things to his disciples because time is running out.

They heard a lot from him over the three years and now he is saying a profound and mysterious thing about his relationship with the Father. Are they really getting it? Will they even remember what he said? Jesus knew his actions would speak to them in ways his words couldn't. That's because what he said and did matched and were consistent with each other. He talked about forgiveness and then showed what it was like. He talked about compassion and showed them what compassion was like. He talked about what reaching out to the poor, lonely and forgotten was like and then showed what kindness was. He talked about love and then showed them what unconditional, selfless love looked like. And he even washed their feet, giving them a powerful image for the ages. A lot of words from Jesus, for sure. But all backed up with proof. Which will it be for you? Will actions match your words? Will the God within you not simply lie dormant, but actually shape the way you live our life? If so, people won't be saying ***"show me."*** Like Jesus you will have been doing it all along.

Congratulations to the children receiving their ***First Holy Communion*** this weekend. May you always know the great love Jesus has for you. Receive Jesus at Mass every week all your life. God love and bless you always.

Please remember to take home a copy of the bulletin when you leave Mass today. It contains many items of interest and invitation, with something for everyone. Of special note is news and needs from ***Parish Social Ministry***, info from ***Religious Education*** (Faith Formation), the availability of the ***Mother's Day Novena*** envelopes on the pew shelves by the church doors, the ***Come and See 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 Fifth Week of Easter. ***Smile share, follow up your words with action and remember: Stop accepting the things you cannot change and start changing the things you cannot accept.*** God bless always.

-Father Chuck



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

MAY 3, 2026—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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.

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.

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

MAY 3, 2026—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FIRST READING

Acts 6:1-7

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:4-9

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture: *Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.* Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and a stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall.* They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny. You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

ALLELUIA

John 14:6

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

Mother's Day Novena

As we celebrate Mother's Day **next Sunday, May 10th**, there will once again be the parish's **Novena of Masses** prayed for nine consecutive days starting on **May 10th**.

It is very fitting to remember our Mothers in prayer during this novena.



Envelopes for this novena were mailed to those who receive the weekly envelope mailing. They are **also available** near the doors of the church.



If you wish to participate in this novena simply fill out one of these envelopes, include your donation and place it in one of the boxes marked "**Mother's Day**" which are located on the pew shelves by the doors of the church.



Or you can return it by mail or just drop it off in the rectory mail slot.



Please do so by
Sunday, May 10th.



MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

ST. RAYMOND'S MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Our group was founded in the early 1990's by Father Tony Pascual. Originally it was for Deacons and Deacons in training who were learning how to pray the Liturgy of the Hours. We gathered once a month on a Friday evening in the chapel for prayer and the Rectory Dining Room for discussion.

Soon the group expanded to non-Deacons but continued the format of praying Evening Prayer, once a month. We also began reading and discussing books on spiritual topics.

The group grew and continued until COVID struck, and everything stopped.

We revived the Group in 2023 but changed the meeting day to Monday mornings and the venue from the Chapel to the Rectory basement. We also decided to meet every week rather than once a month.

Currently we have 11 active members, although not all come every week; we average 7 or 8 every week.

In 2025 we read and discussed a book that really touched us deeply; *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* by Edward Sri. When we completed reading it, we knew that there was much work to do. The sub-title of the book is *Understanding What We Say and Do at the Liturgy*. We felt that this is something that is needed at our parish. We proposed to our Pastor Father Chuck Romano that we set up a Lenten Series using this book, and he approved.

Currently we are reading another very inspirational book, *Walking with God* by Tim Gray and Jeff Cavins. The subtitle is *a Journey Through the Bible*. It is written in down-to-earth language and concentrates on key books from the Bible to tell the story of God's love affair with His creation (us).

Our role model is St. Joseph, who is the Patron Saint of Men's Prayer Groups and Father of the Church.

We feel that Small Groups which come together for prayer and dialogue are the future of the Church. We are one of a few small groups that have formed recently at St. Raymond. **If you feel inclined to join a small group or better yet start a new one, contact Deacon Bob at the Rectory.**

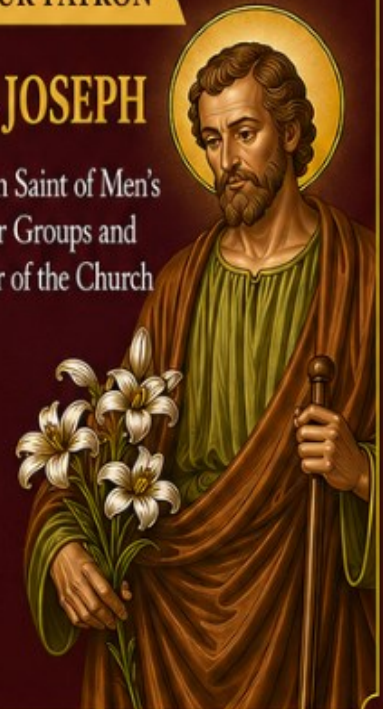
"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

– Matthew 18:20

OUR PATRON

ST. JOSEPH

Patron Saint of Men's Prayer Groups and Father of the Church



INTERESTED?

To learn more or to join a small group or start a new one, please contact

Deacon Bob at the Rectory.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
FAITH FORMATION**

Lucy Ostermann, Director



Faith Formation

REGISTRATION 2026/2027

Registration forms for the 2026/2027 Religious Education school year have been e-mailed to parents and can be found on the parish website. Please send in completed registration forms along with full payment as soon as possible.

ATTENTION 1ST GRADE PARENTS

Please plan on attending the 1st grade Graduation Breakfast on Sunday 5/3/2026. Everyone will attend the 9am Mass. After Mass, we will go to the cafeteria for breakfast (provided and prepared by our Knights of Columbus). The children will then present their completed book and be given a certificate of completion. The office staff will review each book. For any incomplete pages, parents will be asked to pick up the book for completion. The book will be due back to us no later than June 1st. Failure to return a completed book on that date will result in the child not being prepared enough to go onto 2nd grade.

First Holy Communion sacramental preparation is a 2-year program.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

It's that time of year where we are looking for catechists for our 2026/2027 Religious Education school year. Teaching our children is a wonderful opportunity for you to share your faith and to pass your wisdom and spiritual strength onto our children. Please consider joining our ministry.

HERE IS WHERE WE NEED CATECHISTS:

2nd grade – 1 catechists needed – Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm

3rd grade – 1 catechist needed – Mondays 3:30pm-4:30pm

1 catechists needed – Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm

4th grade - 1 catechists needed – Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm

5th grade - 2 catechists needed – Wednesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm

6th grade - 1 catechist needed – Tuesdays 3:30pm-4:30pm

7th grade - 1 catechists needed – Mondays 7pm-8pm

Please contact the Religious Education office if you have any questions to help you with your decision. Thank you for considering this beautiful and very important ministry!

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)

"Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice." Psalm 112:5

The Parish Social Ministry provides food assistance to those in need who live within our Parish boundaries. Also, if you are a senior citizen, living within the Parish boundaries, and depend on your Social Security benefit as your sole source of income, please contact the Parish Social ministry and we can help you with food.

During the month of March, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 120 households with food, personal care and household items and provided some clients with other services that are available to them through Department of Social Services, Catholic Charities and St.Vincent DePaul.

Pantry items needed this week: Peanut Butter, Grape Jelly, Canned Black Beans, Pasta & Rice Side Dishes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Carrots, Beets & Peas, Canned Fruit, Coffee & Snacks.

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.

Thank you all for your continued support and you are always in our prayers!

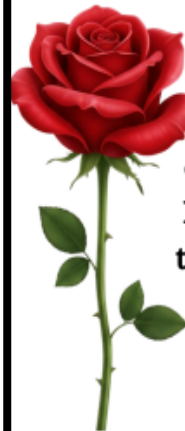


THE ROSE FOR LIFE

In Loving
Memory of
Louise Coscia

For Dedications call
Mary Caffrey 516-887-2458

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*



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER GUIDE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER DURING THE EASTER SEASON



Come & See

Until you do, you will
never know

SUMMARY OF THE READINGS FOR THE WEEK



The Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Easter (John 15:1–8) reveals Jesus as the true vine who sustains and nourishes the life of His disciples, calling

them into an intimate, life-giving union with Him that bears lasting spiritual fruit. Jesus says: ***“Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit”*** (John 15:5) emphasizing that apart from Him we can do nothing, inviting us to abide faithfully in His love so that our lives may reflect His presence in all we do.

The First Readings for this week are from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 14:5–18; 14:19–28; 15:1–6; 15:7–21; 15:22–31; 16:1–10). The readings trace the perseverance of Paul and Barnabas in mission, the Church’s Spirit-guided discernment at the Council of Jerusalem, and the continued spread of the Gospel to the nations.

For Monday through Tuesday, the First Readings (Acts 14:5–18; 14:19–28), tell of Paul and Barnabas’ missionary work as they proclaim the Gospel amid both welcome and persecution, including the healing of a crippled man and the crowd’s mistaken attempt to worship them as gods. These passages highlight the apostles’ steadfast faith as they endure suffering and continue strengthening the early Christian communities.

For Wednesday through Thursday, the First Readings (Acts 15:1–6; 15:7–21), focus on the early Church’s discernment at the Council of Jerusalem regarding the inclusion of Gentile believers and the role of the Mosaic Law. Through guided discussion and the witness of Peter and James, the Church affirms that salvation comes through the grace of the Lord Jesus, not through the full burden of the law.

For Friday through Saturday, the First Readings (Acts 15:22–31; 16:1–10), describe the apostles’ decision

to send guidance to the Gentile communities and the continued missionary expansion under the direction of the Holy Spirit. These passages emphasize unity in the Church and attentiveness to God’s call, as seen in Paul’s vision that leads him toward new fields of evangelization.

The Gospels readings this the week encourage us to abide in Christ’s love so as to bear fruit through faithful obedience, trusting His peace, and witnessing with courage in the world.

From Monday through Tuesday, the Gospels (John 14:21–26; 14:27–31a) emphasize love expressed through obedience and the promise of the Holy Spirit, who teaches and reminds believers of all that Jesus said: ***“Whoever loves me will keep my word”*** (John 14:23), and ***“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you”*** (John 14:27). These passages invite trust in Christ’s abiding presence and the peace that overcomes fear amid life’s uncertainties.

From Wednesday through Thursday, the Gospels (John 15:1–8; 15:9–11) present Jesus as the true vine and call His disciples to remain in His love so as to bear lasting fruit: ***“Remain in me, as I remain in you”*** (John 15:4), and ***“Remain in my love”*** (John 15:9). The focus is on deep union with Christ as the source of joy and fruitful discipleship expressed in love.

From Friday through Saturday, the Gospels (John 15:12–17; 15:18–21) center on the commandment of love and the reality of discipleship in a world that may reject Christ: ***“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you”*** (John 15:12), and ***“If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first”*** (John 15:18). These readings call believers to steadfast love and courage in the face of opposition, grounded in their identity as chosen and sent by Christ.

The Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter (John 14:15–21) assures believers of the gift of the Advocate and the enduring presence of Christ among them, strengthening them to live in love and obedience. ***“Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me”*** (John 14:21).



“... whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these ...”
-John 14:12



St. Raymond Church
 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

The Gospels this week encourage me to remain in Christ's love as the source of peace, strength, and mission in every aspect of life. By remaining in Him, I am empowered to live with faith, serve with love, and bear lasting fruit in my family, work, and spiritual journey.

SUNDAY- ABIDING IN CHRIST

“Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit” (John 15:5). Jesus calls me to remain deeply rooted in Him amid the demands of family and work, trusting that my fruitfulness flows not from my effort alone but from my union with Him.

My Prayer: Jesus, keep me close to You so that my life may bear lasting fruit in love and service.

MONDAY – LOVING OBEDIENCE



“Whoever loves me will keep my word” (John 14:23). I am invited to express my love for Christ through faithful obedience in daily responsibilities, allowing His word to shape my choices and relationships.

My Prayer: Jesus, help me to love You through faithful obedience in all I do.

TUESDAY – GIFT OF PEACE

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you” (John 14:27). In the midst of stress and competing priorities, Jesus offers a peace that steadies my heart and frees me from fear.

My Prayer: Lord, fill me with Your peace so I may face each day with trust and calm.

WEDNESDAY – REMAIN IN HIM

“Remain in me, as I remain in you” (John 15:4). I am reminded that true strength and purpose come from staying connected to Christ, especially when life feels busy or overwhelming.

My Prayer: Lord, draw me ever closer to You and keep me rooted in Your love.

THURSDAY – JOYFUL LOVE



“Remain in my love” (John 15:9). Christ invites me to live in His love so that my actions toward others—at home and at work—reflect His joy and generosity.

My Prayer: help me to remain in Your love and share it joyfully with others.

FRIDAY – SELF-GIVING LOVE

“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you” (John 15:12). Jesus challenges me to love sacrificially, placing others before myself in the ordinary demands of daily life.



My Prayer: Jesus, teach me to love with a generous and self-giving heart

SATURDAY – COURAGE IN WITNESS



“If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first” (John 15:18). I am called to remain faithful even when my beliefs are challenged, trusting that Christ strengthens me to stand firm.

My Prayer: Jesus, give me courage to witness to You with faith and perseverance.



We have been called out of darkness and into the light.

Let our lives reflect that calling as we live out our lives as Christian disciples. What is one thing you could do this week that says, "I am a Christian"?



*"Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world."
Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima (May 13th)*

Pastoral Council Members

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



O Holy and Blessed **SAINT JOSEPH,**

I consecrate myself to your honor and give myself to you, that you may always be my father, my protector and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. After your example, may I perform my actions for the greater Glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please pray for me, Oh Saint Joseph, that I may experience the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.





ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

"The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you'" (Isaiah 41:10).

He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness indicate the essence of our worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be a place where God manifests His victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new." (USCCB) For anyone suffering the effects of an abortion, please call the following for free, confidential, caring, healing assistance:

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Please pray for those suffering from an abortion that they may know that the Lord desires to bring healing and peace to them through His abundant Mercy and Love.

Please join with us each Thursday, from 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm, during Adoration, as we pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary of Our Lady for the intention of "an end to abortion and the return to the respect, dignity and protection of all God's children from conception till natural death."

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May they grow in *faith, hope, and love* all the days of their lives.

And may *God bless* their families as they nurture these precious gifts.

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Monday, May 4th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Jonathan Brand

Tuesday, May 5th

7:15am Charles Hess

8:45am Dominick Consolazio

Wednesday, May 6th

7:15am St. Raymond Parish

8:45am Holy Souls In Purgatory

Thursday, May 7th

7:15am Maureen Butler

8:45am George F. Carney

Friday, May 8th

7:15am Peter & Helene Mimnaugh

8:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, May 9th

8:45am Carol Fitzgerald

Teresita Lim Tam

Mary Lynch

Judy Lauria

Theresa Behr

5:00pm Jennie Gaeta

Sunday, May 10th

7:30am

9:00am Mother's

10:30am Day

12:00pm Novena

4:30pm



REST IN PEACE

Luis Zambrano

Theresa Behr

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



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Acts 14:5-18/John 14:21-26

Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28/John 14:27-31a

Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6/John 15:1-8

Thursday

Acts 15:7-21/John 15:9-11

Friday

Acts 15:22-31/John 15:12-17

Saturday

Acts 16:1-10/John 15:18-21

Sunday

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

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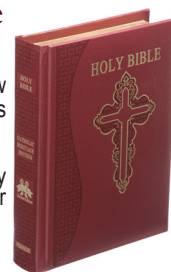
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