

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, August 2, 2026

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

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**"They all ate and were satisfied, and they
picked up the fragments left over-twelve
wicker baskets full."**

-Matthew 14:21



August 2, 2026

18th 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;
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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

Holy Communion—Available to the homebound;
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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

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

Baby Faith Madison

Jodi Neckles

Jim Marasco

Christine I.

Rosemarie Lombardo

Nick S.

Rosemarie Salabini

Connie Montesino

Brian McGreevy

Mary Caffrey

Kinley S.

Logan Kaplan

Julianne Grennen

Anthony Campanile

Baby Cooper Graham

Maureen Condiss

Lauren Greco

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Caroline Saporito

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Piper Clements-

Coogan

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Focarino

(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 blessings be yours on the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time! The theme of today is realizing that God answers all our needs. And he wishes to answer in abundance. In the first reading from the prophet Isaiah, the Israelites are told to come to God, who will fulfill all their hungers and thirsts, and he will also give life. ***"Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew you with the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured David."*** Then in the second reading from Romans, Paul tells of God's overwhelming generosity. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. ***"No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us."*** Then Matthew's gospel tells the miracle story when Jesus fed over 5000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. "They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over-twelve wicker baskets full."

What is on display in our scriptures today is the burning desire of God's heart to provide for our needs in abundance. All three readings point to the same deep truth, that in the end, the only one who can truly satisfy us in the way we need to be satisfied and provide for in the way we need to be provided for, the only one we can truly count on is God. If thirsty, come to the water and be quenched. If we have no money, no problem, we will be fed. If it seems like we don't have enough to nourish us, no worry for God will take what little we have and make it more than enough. God is the only one who will be there for us in a complete, faithful and unconditional way. The world doesn't provide the things that ultimately matter. Not material things. Not money. Not fame or status. Not even parents, children or spouses (for we can be neglected by those too.)

Ultimately what we are talking about is God's love, a love made manifest in every good thing, from the food we eat to the planet we live on, to the forgiveness he extends to us, to the Church that unites us, to the friends and family and even strangers who encourage us and show us compassion and who dry our tears and listen to our hopes and fears and who embrace us when no one else will. As St. Paul tells us in the second reading there is nothing that can separate us from the love of Jesus.

Not the worst thing. Not the best thing. Not the future. Not any person. That's how powerful God's love is. It is the only thing that can truly satisfy the needs we need to be met, healed and transformed. It is our loving God who is the Great Provider, the Great Protector, the Great Comforter, the Great Forgiver. Believing in this kind of love and embracing it in a full way means we ***"take a leap of faith."*** This is a belief that God is present in the deepest recesses of your being.

Our God is revealed in Jesus, through his teachings, his stories and through his lifetime of action showing kindness, compassion, mercy, understanding, healing and you name it. This is the God we put our trust in, our hope in and turn our lives over to. It takes that ***"leap of faith"*** into the unknown and embrace God who sees the complete picture. Is this enough? Maybe if you believe deeply enough. But one thing for sure is that if you keep putting your trust in the things of this world, you will continue to grasp things that can't provide for you what you really need. Think of this when you receive the richest of God's foods, the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The 2026 Backwards Money Drawing is in full swing. Today after all the Mases I am asking people to be ***"ticket agents"*** and get some tickets sold over the next several weeks. It is not that hard. Stop by the Backwards Money Drawing table after Mass and sign up. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

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***, an order form for the ***2026 Backwards Money Drawing***, the ***Come and See Centerfold***, the ***Communal Prayer Before Mass*** (on the inside back cover), an invitation to join ***FORMED*** (your Catholic Faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great first week of August. ***Smile, share and remember: You are what you eat, both physically and spiritually.*** God bless always.
-Father Chuck



Ordinary Time

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

AUGUST 2, 2026— 18TH 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.

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

AUGUST 2, 2026—18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALLELUIA

Matthew 4:4b

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Then he said, "Bring them here to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness. The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Ministry SPOTLIGHT

PRE-CANA

The Pre-Cana Ministry takes its name and inspiration from the Gospel of John, where Jesus performs His first public miracle at the wedding feast at Cana, turning water into wine. In this joyful moment, Our Lord reveals the beauty and sacredness of marriage, showing that the love shared between husband and wife reflects Christ's faithful love for His Church.

At St. Raymond's, the Pre-Cana Ministry is blessed to be supported by several faithful married couples, many of whom have served for more than 30 years. Their witness, wisdom and generosity have helped guide engaged couples as they prepare to enter into the Sacrament of Matrimony. We would warmly welcome additional married couples who feel called to share their faith and experience in this meaningful ministry.

Like many parish ministries, Pre-Cana has adapted in recent years, but it continues to be a vital and fruitful part of parish life. Typically, sessions are offered twice each year. The program begins with an opening presentation by Father Chuck in the rectory basement on the Sacraments and the vocation of marriage. Afterward, engaged couples meet in small groups with one or two married couples once a week for two hours over five weeks. The experience concludes with a closing Mass celebrating their completion of Pre-Cana and the beginning of their journey toward a Catholic marriage.

Throughout the sessions, couples reflect on important topics including the Sacraments, communication, family of origin, preparation for marriage, God and decision-making, finances, and obstacles they may encounter in married life. There is also time to discuss questions related to planning the wedding liturgy and preparing for the vocation of marriage.

Serving in Pre-Cana is not only a wonderful way to accompany engaged couples as they prepare for this sacred vocation, but also a blessing for the married couples in the ministry themselves. Many find that sharing their experiences and reflecting on the grace of the Sacrament of Matrimony strengthens and enriches their own marriages. It is also a ministry that does not require an extensive time commitment, making it a meaningful and manageable way to serve the parish.

If you believe in the sanctity of marriage and would like to help support couples as they prepare for a Christ-centered married life, please prayerfully consider joining this important ministry.



“Therefore what God has joined together,
let no one separate.”

MARK 10:9

ON THE EVE OF THE Assumption

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026



There will be a
**BLESSED MOTHER
STATUE**

— and —
SALT WATER

for all to bless
themselves at
the beach –
which is an
ancient custom.

TIME:

**5:00pm to
8:00pm**

PLACE:

Bay Park Beach

8 East Cooke St.
Bay Park,
East Rockaway

All are welcome to visit.

"Backwards Money Drawing!"

Back by popular & necessary demand, our special fundraiser for
St. Raymond Parish

This special fundraiser will be held
on **Sunday, August 30, 2026**

Tickets for the Backwards Drawing
are **\$100 each, with only 500**
tickets available.

The grand prize of **\$10,000** will be
awarded to the last ticket drawn.
There will also be an additional
\$10,000 in prize money spread
amongst other tickets as they are
drawn. **For us to be successful, we**
need to sell all 500 tickets! While
\$100 may be high, the price can
easily be shared with family, friends,
or co-workers. The key is to be in it
for a chance at the grand prize of
\$10,000. Winners need not be present
at the drawing. Tickets are available
at the rectory during regular office
hours and you may also use the
tear-off below to order a ticket.

***Enter
to Win***



BACKWARD DRAWING

PRIZES:

Ticket #1-\$500
Ticket #50-\$200
Ticket #100-\$200
Ticket #150-\$200
Ticket #200-\$200
Ticket #250-\$200
Ticket #300-\$200
Ticket #350-\$200
Ticket #400-\$200
Ticket #450-\$200
Ticket #491-\$300
Ticket #492-\$400
Ticket #493-\$500
Ticket #494-\$600
Ticket #495-\$700
Ticket #496-\$800
Ticket #497-\$900
Ticket #498-\$1,000
Ticket #499-\$2,500

Ticket #500-\$10,000 Grand Prize

Backwards Money Drawing Ticket Order Form - August 30, 2026

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ **Number of Tickets:** _____



ST. RAYMOND PARISH

250 HOURS OF LOVE IN ACTION

As each one
has received a gift,
use it to serve one
another as good
stewards of God's
varied grace.

— 1 PETER 4:10

As a parish family, let us come together
in prayer and in service to our neighbors in need.



250 HOURS OF ADORATION

Be with Him.

Spend time in the real
presence of Jesus in
the Eucharist. Attend a
monthly special Holy Hour
or our regular weekly
adoration.



OUR GOAL:
250 COLLECTIVE HOURS



250 HOURS OF CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Be His hands.

Serve those in need through
acts of charity such as donating
food, tutoring children,
sponsoring a family, visiting
the homebound, and more.



OUR GOAL:
250 COLLECTIVE HOURS



TOGETHER BETWEEN JULY 4TH AND LABOR DAY!

As we celebrate the **250th Anniversary** of the United States of America,
let us thank God for our freedom by giving Him our time in prayer and service.

250
1776-2026

— Pray. Serve. Transform. —



MY PROMISE TO ST. RAYMOND PARISH

I will help our parish reach our goal of 250 hours of Adoration
and 250 hours of Corporal Works of Mercy.

Name (Please Print): _____

I commit to: ☐ ADORATION ☐ CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

I will contribute approximately: _____ hour(s) (per month / per week / one-time)

Signature: _____ Date: _____



TOGETHER IN
FAITH AND LOVE

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH FORMATION

Lucy Ostermann, Director



Faith Formation

**OUR 2026/2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM IS IN NEED OF TWO MORE CATECHISTS FOR
THE FOLLOWING GRADES AND DAYS:**

5TH GRADE - 1 CATECHIST NEEDED – WEDNESDAYS 3:30PM-4:30PM

7TH GRADE - 1 CATECHIST NEEDED – MONDAYS 7PM-8PM

The Religious Education school year goes from September 28th, 2026 - April 21st, 2027. Please consider teaching one of these classes. An option to think about is team teaching - two teachers can split the year, alternate weeks or alternate months.

Whatever you decide to do so that the commitment is not overbearing. There is no Registration fee for Catechists. The teacher manuals are very user friendly and geared to adults who are not professional teachers. Please let us know if you are able to help us - our Ministry is one of extreme importance because it keeps our faith strong and alive for years to come.

Please contact the Religious Education office if you have any questions to help you with your decision.

Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. Please fill them out in their entirety and mail to the Religious Education office with full payment. Our address is: 263 Atlantic Ave., East Rockaway, NY 11518. Registration forms can be found on the Parish website. The forms can also be dropped off at the Rectory – simply put your paperwork in an envelope marked "Religious Education" along with payment and drop it in the mail slot. The mail slot goes into a locked box so payment will be secure. The registration process is ongoing throughout the summer. Registration fee for paperwork received after July 31st, 2026 goes to \$275.00.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR 2026/2027 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2026.

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)**

*"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart not reluctantly or under compulsion,
for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

Food assistance is available for 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 June, the Parish Social Ministry helped 96 households with food, personal care and household items and provided some clients with other services that are available to them through the Department of Social Services, Catholic Charities and St. Vincent de Paul.

**Pantry items needed this week: Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Tooth Brushes,
Shaving Cream, Razors, Small Cooking Oil, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Coffee, Tea,
Canned Fruit, Canned Beets, Carrots and Peas.**

Donations of food 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.

*Thanks to all of you for always helping us serve the people in need in our community. You are
all in our prayers and may God's blessings shower upon all of you!*



EIGHTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME GUIDE FOR PERSONAL PRAYER



Come & See

Until you do, you will
never know

SUMMARY OF THE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

In the Gospel for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 14:13-21), Jesus reveals His compassionate heart by feeding the five thousand with five loaves and two fish. His command, **"Give them some food yourselves,"** reminds us that when we generously place our lives into His hands, Christ multiplies even our smallest offerings for the good of others.

This week the Church celebrates the Memorial of Saint John Vianney, known as the Curé of Ars and is the patron saint of parish priests, on Tuesday. Wednesday is the Optional Memorial of the Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, the the largest Catholic church in Rome dedicated to the Blessed Mary as the Mother of God.

Thursday is the **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**, when Jesus revealed His divine glory before Peter, James, and John, strengthening them for the scandal of His coming Passion and revealing the glory of His Resurrection.



Friday is the First Friday of August. Jesus asked that the faithful receive Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months, as an act of reparation to His Sacred Heart. Saturday is the Memorial of Saint Dominic, priest and founder of the Dominican Order or Order of Preachers, whose love for Sacred Scripture and zeal for proclaiming the truth continue to inspire the Church.

The First Readings from Monday through Saturday are taken from Jeremiah 28:1-17; Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Jeremiah 31:1-7; Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; and Habakkuk 1:12-2:4. Through the preaching of Jeremiah, the Lord calls His people to reject false security, trust His covenant promises, and find hope in His promise of restoration. Daniel's vision of the Son of Man reveals God's

everlasting kingdom, while Nahum and Habakkuk proclaim that the Lord's justice will ultimately triumph over evil and that **"the just one, because of his faith, shall live."**

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord includes the Second Reading from 2 Peter 1:16-19, in which Saint Peter bears witness to the glory he beheld on the holy mountain.

In this week's daily Gospel passages Jesus teaches us that steadfast faith, humble obedience, and unwavering trust allow His grace to transform our lives.

In Monday's Gospel (Matthew 14:22-36), Jesus comes to His frightened disciples walking upon the sea and gently reassures them, **"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."** Tuesday's Gospel (Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14) reminds us that genuine holiness flows from a heart devoted to God, as Jesus teaches, **"Hear and understand."**

In Wednesday's Gospel (Matthew 15:21-28), the persistent faith of the Canaanite woman draws forth Christ's joyful praise, **"O woman, great is your faith!"** On Thursday, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (Matthew 17:1-9), Jesus reveals His divine glory before Peter, James, and John as the Father's voice proclaims, **"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."**

In Friday's Gospel (Matthew 16:24-28), Jesus teaches that authentic discipleship requires self-denial and faithful perseverance: **"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself."** Saturday's Gospel (Matthew 17:14-20) concludes the week with Christ's encouraging promise that even faith as small as a mustard seed can accomplish what seems impossible through the power of God: **"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed... nothing will be impossible for you."**

In the Gospel for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Matthew 14:22-33), Peter courageously steps from the boat at the Lord's invitation, reminding us that faith grows when we keep our eyes fixed on Christ, who lovingly reassures us, **"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."**



"There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves."

Matthew 14:16



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

In the Gospels this week, Jesus gently teaches us that every challenge becomes an opportunity to trust more deeply in His loving care. Whether He feeds the hungry, calms the storm, reveals His glory upon the mountain, or strengthens faith as small as a mustard seed, Christ continually invites us to place our lives confidently into His hands and follow Him each day.

SUNDAY – TRUSTING HIS PROVIDENCE

"Give them some food yourselves." (Matthew 14:16). Faced with an impossible situation, the disciples saw only their limitations, while Jesus saw an opportunity to reveal the Father's abundant love. When I generously offer the little, I have, Christ blesses it and uses it to nourish others beyond anything I could accomplish alone.

My Prayer: Lord Jesus, help me trust that You can accomplish great things through even my smallest acts of faith and generosity.

MONDAY – COURAGE IN THE STORM

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." (Matthew 14:27). Life's uncertainties often tempt me to focus on the wind and the waves rather than on Christ who never abandons me. When I keep my eyes fixed upon Him, He strengthens my heart with His peace and leads me safely through every trial.

My Prayer: Lord, strengthen my faith whenever fear or uncertainty threatens to overwhelm me.

TUESDAY – A FAITHFUL HEART

MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN VIANNEY

"Hear and understand." (Matthew 15:10). Jesus reminds me that holiness begins within the heart and is revealed by the way I love God and my neighbor. Saint John Vianney devoted his priesthood to leading souls back to Christ through the mercy of Confession and the transforming power of God's grace.

My Prayer: Merciful Savior, purify my heart and help me reflect Your goodness in all that I say and do.

WEDNESDAY – PERSISTENT FAITH

DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR

"O woman, great is your faith!" (Matthew 15:28). The Canaanite woman never gave up asking Jesus for His mercy because she trusted completely in His goodness. Her perseverance encourages me to continue praying with confidence, believing that God always hears the prayers of those who seek Him with humble hearts.

My Prayer: Jesus, strengthen my faith to persevere with hope and unwavering confidence in Your loving care.

THURSDAY – LISTENING TO THE BELOVED SON

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

"He was transfigured before them." (Matthew 17:2). On the holy mountain, Peter, James, and John behold Christ's divine glory as the Father proclaims, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." (Matthew 17:5). As I listen more attentively to Jesus each day, His light transforms my heart and gives me strength to follow Him with renewed faith.

My Prayer: Heavenly Father, open my ears to hear Your beloved Son and help me faithfully follow wherever He leads.

FRIDAY – TAKING UP THE CROSS

FIRST FRIDAY HONORING THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Matthew 16:24). Jesus teaches that authentic discipleship is found not in comfort but in generous love, faithful sacrifice, and daily trust in God's plan. Every cross carried with Christ becomes a path that leads toward the joy of His Resurrection.

My Prayer: Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in You

SATURDAY – FAITH THAT TRUSTS

MEMORIAL OF SAINT DOMINIC

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed... nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20). Jesus reminds me that God accomplishes extraordinary things through hearts that trust Him completely.

My Prayer: Lord Jesus, strengthen my faith and, help me proclaim Your truth with humility, courage, and joyful confidence.



St. Raymond Human Life Committee Spotlight on Project Rachel Ministry

Founded in 1984 by Vicki Thorn in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, **Project Rachel** is the Catholic Church's ministry of hope and healing for those suffering after an abortion. Inspired by the words of the prophet Jeremiah,

"Rachel weeping for her children" (Jeremiah 31:15),

the ministry proclaims that God's mercy is greater than every wound and that no one is beyond His love and forgiveness. Today, **Project Rachel** is coordinated nationally through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and is offered through Catholic dioceses across the country.

Project Rachel provides confidential, compassionate care to women, men, grandparents, siblings, and anyone carrying the emotional, psychological, or spiritual pain that can follow an abortion. Through specially trained priests, licensed counselors, spiritual directors, and lay volunteers, the ministry offers opportunities for counseling, referrals, sacramental reconciliation, spiritual accompaniment, and healing retreats. Every conversation is held in complete confidence, and services are available to individuals of every faith background—or no religious affiliation at all.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre offers **Project Rachel** through its Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics, providing a safe and welcoming place where individuals can begin a journey toward peace, healing, and renewed hope. Whether the abortion occurred recently or many years ago, no one is judged or condemned. Instead, those seeking help are gently accompanied with Christ's compassion and the assurance that healing is always possible.

If you or someone you know is struggling after an abortion, or would like more information about **Project Rachel**, please contact the Diocese of Rockville Centre Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics at 516-678-5800, Ext. 381. Please keep this important ministry in your prayers and consider sharing its message of hope with someone who may be silently carrying this burden. God's mercy is always waiting, and healing can begin with a single confidential phone call.

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God Bless our Newly Baptized Children

With joyful hearts, we welcome these children into the family of faith.
May God's grace shine upon them always,
guiding them in love, light, and truth.

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May the *Holy Spirit* fill them with wisdom and peace.
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.

Amen

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**St. Francis and St. Dominic Meeting,
Fra Angelico, c. 1427**

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About the artist: Fra Giovanni da Fiesole (born Guido di Pietro, c.1395-1455), known posthumously as Fra Angelico, was an Italian Dominican friar and painter active during the early Florentine Renaissance. He created a series of frescoes for the Dominican convent of San Marco in Florence, where he received the patronage of Cosimo de' Medici.



**Vision of St. Dominic and Meeting of
St. Francis and St. Dominic,
Benozzo Gozzoli, 1452**

Apsidal Chapel of the San Francesco Monastery Church in Montefalco, Italy.
It is part of a larger cycle of frescoes detailing the life of St. Francis.

About the artist: Benozzo Gozzoli (1420-1497), was an Italian Renaissance painter from Florence and a pupil of Fra Angelico.

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The Transfiguration

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Monday, August 3rd

7:15am Ellen McCaffrey

8:45am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, August 4th

St. John Vianney

7:15am Colleen Rochford

8:45am Danny Finneran

Wednesday, August 5th

7:15am Angela McMorrow

8:45am Joyce & Ralph Sellitti

Thursday, August 6th

Transfiguration of the Lord

7:15am Esteban Ruiz Esparza

8:45am Jane McElroy Gilhooly

Friday, August 7th

7:15am Rose Thies

8:45am Anne Sheehy

Saturday, August 8th

St. Dominic

8:45am St. Raymond Parish

5:00pm Helene Mimnaugh

Sunday, August 9th

7:30am Josef Turski

9:00am Lawrence Dower

10:30am Kristina Dillard

12:00pm Harriet Goldenberg

Therese Auguste

Terri Martinis

Barbara Smith

Noemi Roa

Edward Ricottone

Luigi Cuscino - 100th Birthday

Yvonne Louise Jones

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish



REST IN PEACE

Clara Soto

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



Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

Jeremiah 28:1-17/Matthew 14:22-36

Tuesday

Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22

Matthew 14:22-36

Wednesday

Jeremiah 31:1-7/Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14/Matthew 17:1-9

Friday

Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7

Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday

Habakkuk 1:12-2:4/Matthew 17:14-20

Sunday

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a/Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

Communal Prayer ➔ BEFORE MASS ➔

Father in heaven, we wish to prepare well for participation in this Mass, in which we enter the Last Supper, Passion, Death and Resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. He is as present to us today in his Word and in the Eucharist, as he was with his apostles.

Holy Spirit please quiet our minds from the busyness and distractions of our day, so that we will have hearts and minds attentive to the words of Jesus and ready to receive his Body and Blood in Holy Communion.

Blessed Mother, take our hearts and give us yours, that like you, we may ponder Jesus' words and do whatever he tells us to do.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

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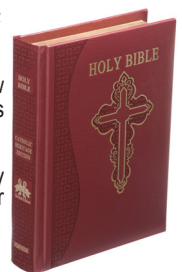
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