

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, March 7, 2021

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

“Destroy this temple and in three days
I will raise it up.”

John 2:21



March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

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-5pm;
Saturdays from 9:30am-1pm.

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Pastoral Care Of The Sick

Holy Communion—Available to the homebound;
call the rectory to schedule an appointment.

Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Nocturnal Adoration

First Fridays from 8-9pm.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

Confessions

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

Baptisms

Baptisms are celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of
the month. Please call the rectory to schedule.

Bereavement Support Group

Call the rectory office for meeting times.

Marriages

Engaged couples are encouraged to call the rectory a
year in advance of their wedding date to assure adequate
time to participate in preparation programs for the
Sacrament of Marriage.

Prayer Groups

Charismatic Prayer Group: Every Tuesday at 7:30pm
in the rectory lower level.

Men's Prayer Group: Every 4th Friday at 8pm in
Our Lady's Chapel.

Music Ministries

Children's Choir: Sings at the 9am Mass on the 3rd
Sunday of the month from September—June; practice on
Tuesdays at 5pm in the school auditorium.

Choir (Adult): Sings at 10:30am Mass on Sundays
from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at
7:30pm in the church.

Folk Group: Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from
September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in
the rectory lower level.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Interested in becoming a Catholic or an adult Catholic
seeking Eucharist or Confirmation? Call the rectory and
ask for Deacon Rich LaRossa.



**PLEASE REQUEST TO JOIN OUR
NEW FACEBOOK GROUP!
ST. RAYMOND PARISH, EAST ROCKAWAY
SPIRITUAL AIDS AND INFORMATION
WILL BE POSTED TO KEEP US
ALL CONNECTED
DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIMES.**



**CATHOLIC FAITH
— NETWORK —**

The Catholic Faith Network (CFN)

Broadcast of the Celebration of the Eucharist:

Daily Mass Celebrated by Pope Francis from the Santa Marta Chapel in Rome

Monday - Friday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Saturday at 11:00 am, 9:30 pm ET

Sunday at 1:30 pm, 8:30 pm ET

St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre, NY

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

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

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Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET



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

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Lt. Com. Joseph Garbitelli US NAVY
Sgt. Gerard Moran
Lt. Com. Joseph Leahy US NAVY

***Please remember to pray for our
wounded soldiers.***

Father Chuck's Corner

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Third Sunday of Lent! This third week starts with encouragement to do a thorough Lenten renewal. The first reading today gives us the Ten Commandments to review as a good place to start one's personal reflection. The first commandment is the basis for all the behavior that the other commandments extol. It is the one which sets us on a course of life and faith that keep one close to God. **"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me."** Then in the second reading from 1 Corinthians, Paul uses one sentence to put down the demand for signs and earthly wisdom. Rather, it is Christ crucified that is proclaimed which shows the power and wisdom of God. And finally, in John's gospel we see the familiar episode showing the anger of Jesus as he condemns the whole Temple system. The Temple was to be a place where God's presence was available to all who sought it. It should embrace all aspects of peace and justice manifested through prayer and sacrifice. But it had done none of this according to the accusation of Jesus. Then Jesus speaks of his body as now the Temple which will withstand even death itself. **"Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."**

As we get closer to springtime there is a push to turn one's household upside down in the annual ritual of spring cleaning. **Lent is a time for our spiritual spring housecleaning.** Jesus went to the central place of his people's faith, the temple in Jerusalem to make an impression. He saw deeply what needed reforming. He demanded a complete change of heart for God's people. Jesus' risen body would be the new temple. The foolishness of the cross would be vindicated by the resurrection on the third day. All those who believed in him would be in fact his Body, the Church called to imitate the pattern of his death, and thus sharing in his resurrection. So, we are now called every Lent to go again to the center of our faith, our share in Jesus' death and resurrection. We are asked to examine how our conviction and practice may have gathered dust during this past year. Especially with the pandemic ruling over our lives, we need to rise above its grasp and shine with the light of Jesus Christ. It's only human for us to get complacent and depressed, to slack off, to compromise with evil and get comfortable with our sins

So, yes, we really have to get it all outside for an airing. The virus of sin can infect all of us. And there is wickedness and division in our own Church, our country and even in our own families. It can be scary to face the personal and societal reforming we need, requiring a change of heart, not some superficial window dressing. But more than a routine ritual is needed. We need the bravery and grace to look deeper and to cleanse more thoroughly. We need to take responsibility for what is going on in our world. Lent needs to be taken very seriously. May we get the message right this year, this Lent. May we be fools for the sake of Jesus and know the renewal and life that only such foolishness can bring.

Last year due to the upheaval caused by COVID-19, I did not engage our parish in the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal. I know that in general the appeal suffered a financial loss as did many parishes due to the pandemic. However, the diocese tried to continue its mission of service through its many ministries. As a parish we did very poorly and I expected as much since I made no mention of the appeal at all during the year. Now we are into the **2021 CMA** and hopefully we will do better. I ask everyone to read the weekly flyers in the bulletin as well as the mailings that come directly to you from the appeal office. And if you have the means and are inclined, perhaps donate or pledge to this year's appeal. Remember that all donations are credited to our parish for the possibility of a rebate depending on how successful we are by the end of the year.

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** and the **Principal's Corner** of St. Raymond School, an order form for the new round of **Parish Picks**, an ad for **Gift Card Sunday** which is next Sunday, March 14, a special **Litany to St. Joseph** to pray during his month, 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 Third Week of Lent. **Smile, share, pray to St. Joseph and remember: Life is uncertain. God is not.** God bless always.

-Father Chuck

Lent 2021



WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021 –THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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.



The Our Father

Our Father,
Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy Will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
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.

READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FIRST READING

Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

In those days, God delivered all these commandments:

"I, the LORD am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me.

"You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain.

"Remember to keep holy the sabbath day.

Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:22-25

Brothers and sisters:

Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Jn 3:16

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

GOSPEL

Jn 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

19:8, 9, 10, 11

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.

R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

STATIONS 1-7



THE FIRST STATION-JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DIE

Just as Jesus was wrongfully accused, sometimes people falsely place blame on me to escape the responsibility themselves. And yes, sometimes I also put others down in order to build myself up. When Jesus was condemned to death, even those who had once followed Him went along with Pilate. Do I care more about being accepted by those around me than returning your love? Help me Lord. Be with me Lord.

THE SECOND STATION-JESUS IS GIVEN HIS CROSS

Lord, help me remember the humble and loving way You carried Your cross up to Calvary when I experience life's heavy burdens and strife. Sometimes I think I can't go on. Help me remember I am not alone. You are always with me. May I imitate Your virtues of love, humility and perseverance while dealing with my crosses and offer them up on behalf of my sins, for the sick and less fortunate. Help me to understand that there is nothing You and I can't get through together.

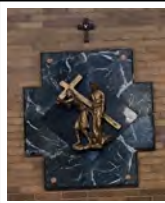


THE THIRD STATION-JESUS FALLS THE FIRST TIME

I am like you, Jesus, in that I take up my own cross. But my cross is made up of my sins, temptation and Materialism. I carry my cross through my life, like You, Jesus, carried Your cross to Calvary. Jesus, You fell under the weight of my sins. I fall by accepting temptation and giving into evil. I fall when I give in to gossip or hurt others. You carry my sins to death so I can be free. Help me, Jesus, to really understand all that You have done for me. Help me to make my burden lighter.

THE FOURTH STATION-JESUS MET HIS MOTHER

How does anyone have the strength to watch someone they love suffer and die? Death knows no boundaries and takes everyone. I need to have the strength and faith of Mary when I am faced with the loss of a loved one. Lord, while I know death is not an end but really a beginning, please give me the strength of faith that Your mother showed, and help me to be strong for the others who are grieving.

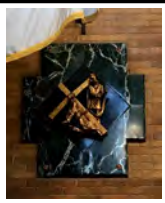
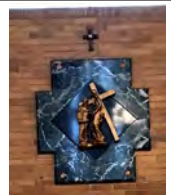


THE FIFTH STATION-SIMON OF CYRENE HELPS JESUS CARRY HIS CROSS

I need Your help to get me through these tough situations that I encounter during my day. Help me discover my options through prayer. Please help me to be nicer to those who are against me, and let me be trusting in my relationships with my friends, family and neighbors. I have enough to handle on my own. Why, then, am I further burdened with worry about family members or friends? Why does it always seem to be me who has to take on their problems as well as my own? Lord, show me the way.

THE SIXTH STATION-VERONICA WIPES THE FACE OF JESUS

Every day I see people who are suffering or in need of help. They seem to be everywhere. I wish someone would help them. I'm so busy; I just don't have the time. That isn't really true. I guess I just don't want to be involved. I have my own problems, I don't need to take on any more. O Lord, teach me to see Your face in the faces of those who need comfort. You have assured us that random acts of kindness will have their own rewards, if not here and now, then later, with you in the kingdom.



THE SEVENTH STATION-JESUS FALLS AGAIN

In spite of my best intentions, I am so weak and fall again. I try to do the right thing, but temptations are so strong. I know, when Jesus stumbles and falls, He is suffering greatly. He knows He must continue in order to save me and lead me on the path to God. He loves me so much that He just keeps on going-for me. With Your help, I can have the courage and the faith to get up again and continue on. Help me to pray that I will not follow my own way but, instead, the way of the Lord, for which Jesus was sacrificed.

PUT YOUR CROSS AT THE FOOT OF HIS CROSS

STATIONS 8-14

THE EIGHTH STATION-JESUS MEETS THE WOMEN OF JERUSALEM

How difficult I find it sometimes to think of others particularly when I am troubled or hurting. Sometimes I get so wrapped up in myself that I shut others out, and I wonder if I can go on. Lord, You have shown me love and compassion for others even when they scorn You. Please help me to look beyond the exterior of others and help me to show compassion as You did. Please don't let me be selfish. Instead, let me always be merciful in my journey through life.



THE NINTH STATION-JESUS FALLS THE THIRD TIME

I Sometimes fear the future. I become afraid of change. I am just so unsure of myself, let alone others. I need confidence. I need to know I am not alone. I need to understand that I am worthy of love and respect. Lord, forgive me for each day of my life that I sin against You. Sometimes I have the best intentions, but I turn away from You anyway. Help me to appreciate all you have done for me. Give me strength and wisdom to seek kindness in others and see myself in the image and likeness of God.



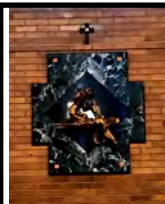
THE TENTH STATION-JESUS IS STRIPPED OF HIS GARMENTS

My possessions are very important to me. I surround myself with beautiful and expensive things. I have far more clothes than I really need, and sometimes I spend money on silly things and forget about others who don't even have necessities. Dear Jesus, you not only sacrificed everything, You laid down Your life for me. Help me to be a strong spiritual follower in faith. Please show me the right way towards eternal happiness by following Your example.



THE ELEVENTH STATION-JESUS IS NAILED TO THE CROSS

O, my God, sometimes I persecute others because they are different. I am embarrassed when I think of some of the things I've said about others. It's so easy to gossip. Sometimes I just don't like people because of their skin color or religion. Give me the courage to not give in to the pressures of putting others down. Dear Jesus, please forgive me and the others like me, and help me, instead to be Your messenger of love and care to all I meet so that they may experience Your love and concern through me.



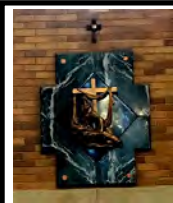
THE TWELFTH STATION-JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS

Jesus, give me the strength so that I can survive the mysteries of life that are ahead of me. I know I'm going to fall many times. Give me the courage to stand back up. Let me recognize all the good things that surround me each day of my life. Our heavenly Father gave all of us a beautiful world. You even died so our sins would be forgiven. May I be like You in Your perfect example of sacrifice and love. Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.



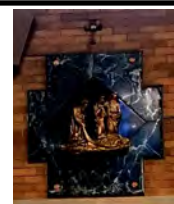
THE THIRTEENTH STATION-JESUS IS TAKEN DOWN FROM THE CROSS

Lord I am truly sorry for forgetting You. I am sometimes preoccupied by my life when I should be focusing on You. I really don't know why, but I always seem to let all the things in my life crowd you out. Often, when I do pray, I do not concentrate on my prayer. I sometimes just say the words and don't pay attention to what I am saying. Help me to show that You are my first priority by setting aside time for You each day.



THE FOURTEENTH STATION-JESUS IS LAID IN THE TOMB

Dear Jesus, following Your death, helplessness and despair was felt by many. Your death on the cross left those who really knew You empty inside. Lord, when I am feeling empty inside, help me to attain inner strength and peace to make it through the day. Knowing that You love me and believe in me, gives me the reassurance I need. Help me to face my problems, and to remember that You are with me always until the end of time.



Gift Card Sunday

On Sunday, March 14th, which is the Fourth Sunday of Lent we will be having a special ***"Gift Card Sunday"*** for the dual benefit of ***Parish Social Ministry*** and the ***Human Life Committee***. We are asking everyone to donate gifts cards when you come to Mass on that Sunday. Simply place your gift card donations in the baskets along with your regular Sunday contributions.

Now we are very specific about which gift cards we are asking for.

We want only "Stop and Shop" for our Parish Social Ministry and either "Walmart or Target" for the Human Life Committee.

Please get only these cards. They are the only ones needed and serve the Immediate purpose for these ministries. So, remember ***"Gift Card Sunday"*** on March 14th, the Fourth Sunday of Lent. It is the perfect way to practice some almsgiving for Lent.



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Bishop Andrzej's Lecture Series Continues Liturgical Catechesis Tuesdays this Spring @ 7:30 p.m.

March 23 Liturgy and the Paschal Mystery in Us...
online via ZOOM

April 27 Liturgy and St. John Paul II Reform

May 25 Liturgy and Personal Growth

So that Bishop Andrzej can safely continue his Liturgical Catechesis lecture series, presentations in February and March will be available only through ZOOM. In order to be emailed the ZOOM link, you must register. Please see below for instructions on how to register in order to gain access to these presentations. If you already receive updates regarding Bishop Andrzej's presentation schedule, the ZOOM link will automatically be emailed to you.

**Please call or email to register:
Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850;
westernvicariate@drvc.org.**

Religious Education- Faith Formation
Evelyn Contaldi, Director

ATTENTION 2ND GRADE PARENTS

FIRST RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

4pm-5pm St. Raymond Church
Mrs. Agnello / Mrs. Layng / Mrs. Casucci
Mrs. Ohlsen / Mrs. Joyce

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

4pm-5pm St. Raymond Church
Mrs. Breuer / Mrs. Hollenstein / Mrs. Hannon
Mrs. Kelhetter / Home Schooled Children

ST. RAYMOND STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE
DURING CLASS TIME –DATE TBD

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Group 1-Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 11am

Mrs. Joyce & Mrs. Layng classes plus
home schooled children

Group 2-Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 11am

St. Raymond School students & Mrs. Ohlsen's class

Group 3-Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 1pm

Mrs. Hollenstein & Mrs. Casucci's classes

Group 4-Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 11am

Mrs. Agnello & Mrs. Breuer's classes

Group 5-Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 1pm

Mrs. Hannon & Mrs. Kelhetter's classes

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE PARENTS

Dates for 2021 Confirmation are not yet determined due to the pandemic. As soon as we know what the plan will be, we will advise parents immediately.

HOME TEACHING

For parents who have opted to teach Religion to their children at home, the student's completed workbooks are due the week of 4/19/2021. We are more than half way through the Religious Education school year and this is a reminder that you have until our final week of classes to complete your child's lessons. Mrs. Contaldi has been in touch with each of you and will be following up with you again early February. As we get closer to April, we will advise you of the procedure to return the completed books to the Religious Education office.

Principal's Corner
Sister Ruthanne

Today is the Third Sunday of Lent which is about the midpoint of the season of Lent. It seems as if this Lent is moving even faster than usual and I am wondering if we (I) are using all the opportunities that the Lord is providing for us during this time. In the first reading from Exodus, we hear the account of the Ten Commandments reminding us what we should be doing in our lives. Are we following those as we should? Do we need to be reminded that they are the "commandments" not "suggestions"? We know that we have a merciful and kind God who will treat us accordingly. However, we need to do our part as well. Let us say with the psalmist, "Lord, you have the words of everlasting life."

During this second week of March, some of our students are still in the process of completing the second set of i-Ready diagnostic tests in Math and Reading. Hopefully, we will see progress from the first round of testing. The students continue to practice using the i-Ready site on a weekly basis.

All parish 8th graders who have been accepted into a Catholic High School have the opportunity to participate in the Sodality's Scholarship Test this coming Thursday afternoon from 4 to 5 PM. This year, because of COVID, the process is on-line, and all students need to be registered by March 5th. I hope that all our 8th graders have taken advantage of this.

It seems that most of our fundraisers for the school this year have to do with our stomachs! I suppose that is because it is the one thing that we can do without bringing folks into the building. That being said, we have another "foody" fundraiser coming up next Tuesday, March 16th. This time the event is at MOE'S in Oceanside from 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM. If you like Mexican food, here is your chance to help us out. Please be sure to mention St. Raymond School by name so that the company will be able to credit the school. Thanks again for your support.

Please be aware that the school is still selling GIFT CARDS. Available cards include Stop & Shop, King Kullen, Cross Island, Dunkin' Donuts, Starbucks, etc. Call the school if you are interested. Remember that specialty cards can be ordered. Thanks again.

Have a prayerful week. Let us pray for one another as we strive to follow the law of the Lord.

God bless you all.

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis proclaimed the beginning of **The Year of St Joseph**, which will last until December 8, 2021. This is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for us to obtain the many indulgences and graces that are available, and so easily obtained! For example, by praying any prayer to St Joseph on any Wednesday, or the 19th of any Month, or on his Feast days, March 19 and May 1. St Joseph is SO powerful and so loving. A true Father to us and Intercessor for us as well as a Role Model.

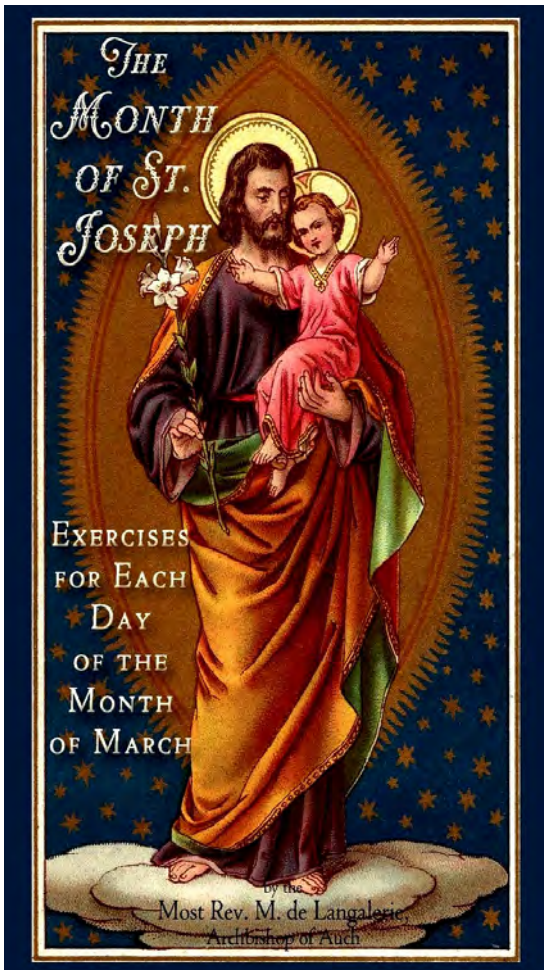
Plenary Indulgences for The Year of St Joseph

The Vatican See of the Apostolic Penitentiary has issued a Decree granting **plenary indulgences** for **The Year of St Joseph**. Don't be turned off by the term "indulgences". Yes, the Church still offers them. While it is true that there have been past abuses, these have been rectified. God truly desires to "indulge" us - to offer us a kindness - by giving us a "break" on the temporal punishment due to our sins. The indulgences will be granted through prayer and penance and through acts of justice, charity and piety dedicated to Saint Joseph, the Foster Father of Jesus.

The conditions for receiving the indulgence are:

- a spirit detached from sin,
- receiving sacramental confession as soon as possible,
- receiving Communion as soon as possible
- praying for the Holy Father's intentions

We are now in March, which is the "big" month for St Joseph. It is the month annually dedicated to St Joseph. March 19th is the Feast of St Joseph, Husband of Mary which is celebrated as a **Solemnity**! May we receive many blessings during the month of March and in The Year of St Joseph.



Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

*Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.*

Jesus, hear us.

Jesus, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven,
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God, the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, One God,

*Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.
Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,

pray for us.

St. Joseph,

pray for us.

Renowned offspring of David,

pray for us.

Light of Patriarchs,

pray for us.

Spouse of the Mother of God,

pray for us.

Chaste guardian of the Virgin,

pray for us.

Foster father of the Son of God,

pray for us.

Diligent protector of Christ,

pray for us.

Head of the Holy Family,

pray for us.

Joseph most just,

pray for us.

Joseph most chaste,

pray for us.

Joseph most prudent,

pray for us.

Joseph most strong,

pray for us.

Joseph most obedient,

pray for us.

Joseph most faithful,

pray for us.

Mirror of patience,

pray for us.

Lover of poverty,

pray for us.

Model of artisans,

pray for us.

Glory of home life,

pray for us.

Guardian of virgins,

pray for us.

Pillar of families,

pray for us.

Solace of the wretched,

pray for us.

Hope of the sick,

pray for us.

Patron of the dying,

pray for us.

Terror of demons,

pray for us.

Protector of Holy Church,

pray for us.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,

spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,

graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world.

And prince over all his possessions.

He made him the lord of his household.



Let us pray, — O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You who live and reign forever and ever.

Saint Joseph, pray for us.



"...let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them."

- Pope Francis

Almsgiving in Lent

During the Lenten Season we are asked to pray, fast and give alms.

Lent is a perfect time for us to pray for those in need - whether it is for their material, emotional or spiritual needs. And when you practice fasting and abstinence during these forty days, please remember those of our neighbors who are hungry, and consider sharing your gifts with them.

One way to do this is by making a gift to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**, which supports programs that help to feed people in our community each year through Catholic Charities and our Parish Outreach programs.

Have you thought about "fasting" from a regular purchase of something – i.e., a hand-crafted beverage? Over a 10 month period, this simple "fast" can serve many people need!

\$6.25 a week for one month is \$25 -- over 10 months it is \$250.



For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, please visit CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org

or call 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

The Heart of the Parish

***“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
“Stop judging and you will not be judged.***

Deodorant, Shaving cream, Shampoo, Conditioner, Detergent,
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Parish Social Ministry

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For dedications, please call
Mary Healy at 887-4062.



Spiritual Adoption

It's time for the next round of...



Dear Friends,

We are about to venture on another segment of Parish Picks. To enhance Parish Picks we have added a new system so you can obtain additional tickets.

Here's how the new system works: The basic entry to participate in Parish Picks is \$60.00. For \$60.00 you will get **THREE TICKETS**. If you contribute \$120 you will receive **SIX TICKETS**. Yes, we are offering additional tickets for **FREE** according to the amount you contribute (see below)

	Number of Tickets			TOTAL AMOUNT
Ticket Cost	for each \$60.00	Free Tickets	BONUS TICKETS	OF TICKETS
\$60.00	1	1	1	3
\$120.00	2	2	2	6
\$180.00	3	3	3	9
\$240.00	4	4	4	12
\$300.00	5	5	5	15
\$360.00	6	6	6	18

Your participation would greatly help the expenses St. Raymond incurs. **YOU GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!** We would like to give you a call and **MAKE YOU HAPPY!**

The next segment begins in **February 2021** and goes through **July 2021**. You "**regulars**" know how it works, but for those of you who haven't yet joined...here's the scoop: The cost of a ticket is still \$60, and you're eligible to participate in all the monthly drawings because even if you win, your ticket automatically goes back in for the remaining drawings. Each month the following prize amounts are awarded:

1st Prize: \$1,000 2nd Prize: \$500 3rd Prize: \$250 4th Prize \$250

Entry money for the next six months must be received by January 18, 2021. Ticket numbers are not reserved; they will be given in the order in which your payment is received. Members of the committee can be contacted to answer any questions.

On behalf of the Parish Picks Committee, I thank you for your continuous support of this parish fundraiser. Your participation is a big help to St. Raymond Parish and our many ministries. God bless you always.

Sincerely, Father Chuck, Pastor & Julianne Grennen & Doreen Dolan
StRayRCC@optonline.net or 516-593-5000

St. Raymond's Parish Picks Order Form

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for _____ ticket (s) in the Parish Picks. I will receive extra tickets for each ticket that I purchase in accordance with the chart shown on the enclosed letter. (Each ticket is good for 6 months of chances and costs \$60.)

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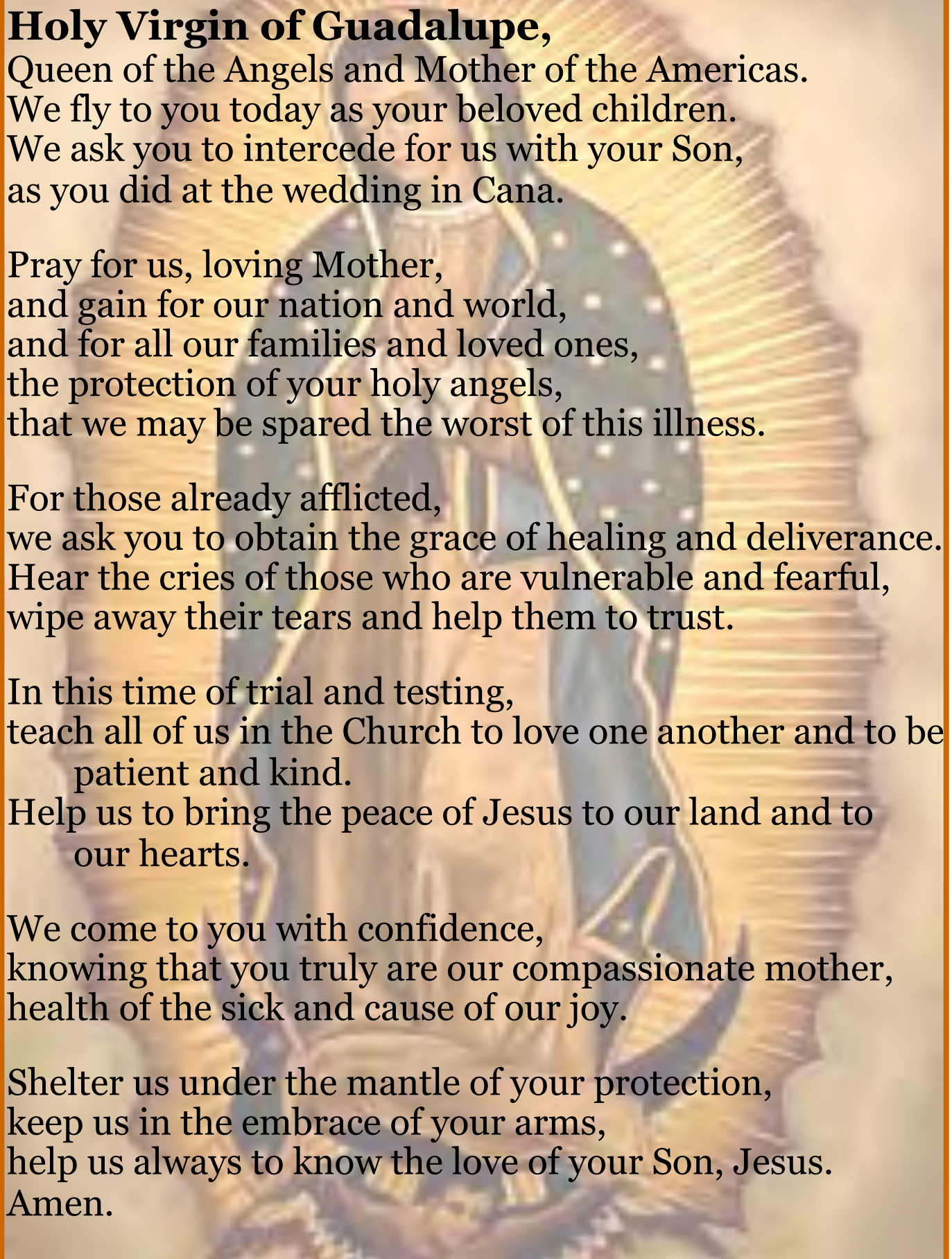
PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament, I love You above all things and I desire to receive You Into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen*

Abstinence and Fasting

All Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain **entirely** from meat/poultry on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired and excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** fast and abstinence.





Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,

Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children.

We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be
patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to
our hearts.

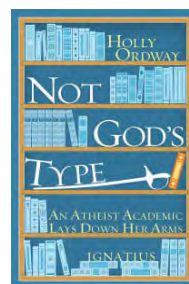
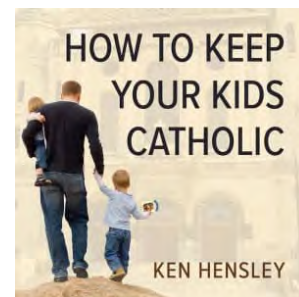
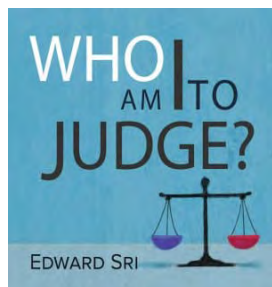
We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
Amen.

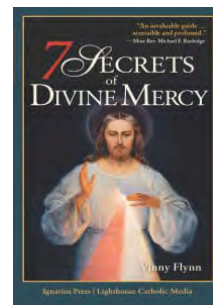


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Masses for this Week

Monday, March 8th

7:15am Buddy Mooney
8:45am Helen Fisher
12:15pm Special Intentions

Tuesday, March 9th

7:15am Brother John Allen
8:45am Terese L. Campbell
12:15pm Peggy Fisher

Wednesday, March 10th

7:15am Patrick & Loretta Collins
8:45am Dennis McSweeney
12:15pm Monsignor D.J. Finnerty

Thursday, March 11th

7:15am James Henshaw
8:45am Baby Hailey Faith Bevers (living)
12:15pm Stephen Kutner

Friday, March 12th

7:15am Arlene Schloth
8:45am John Flanagan
12:15pm Baby Hailey Faith Bevers (living)

Saturday, March 13th

8:45am Dennis McSweeney
5:00pm Edward A. Farrell

Sunday, March 14th

7:30am Daniel & Frances Carrono
9:00am Michael Chocate
10:30am Frank & Carmela
12:00pm Mark Dejak, James F. Abrams,
Kathleen H. Ryan, St. John Paul the Great
Deceased members of the Hibo family
4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab / Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

Dn 3:25, 34-43 / Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

Dt 4:1, 5-9 / Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28 / Lk 11:14-23

Friday

Hos 14:2-10 / Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6 / Lk 18:9-14

Sunday

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 / Eph 2:4-10 / Jn 3:16

Please Pray for Our Sick

Fr. Tom Moriarity, Deacon Rich LaRossa, Valerie Fellows, Jeanette Kostyrka, Rudy Romano, Tamika Brown, Azai Betty McCormack, Cathy Maziejka, Stephen Iervolino, Ralph Cerrato, Sky Mary Cirrito, Pat Bolino, Anthony Sisco, Gloria Criscuolo, Gina Mazzola, Dr. Sam Iyer, Samara Q, Patricia Criscuolo, Joan Ellyn Bolino, Connie & Fred Polik, Margaret Mary Barbato, Taylor Clark, Liz Biondi, Jodi Neckles, Olivia Bonino, Anthony B., Alyssa B., Bart Castellaneta, Victoria Wilkinson, Nick, Kathleen Clancy, Rob Ruggiero, Peter Scala, Suzie McHale, Baby Madison Grace Layman, Ellen Bretschneider, Hailey Faith Beavers.

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



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Carmen Rivas



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www.saintraymonds.org.

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strayrcc@optonline.net.

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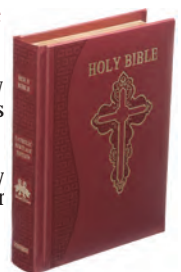
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