

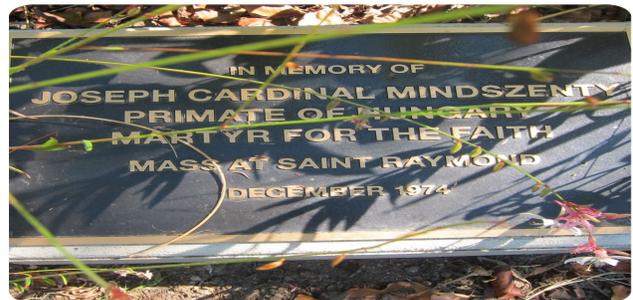
ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

Bulletin

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OUR PASTOR'S CORNER



Dear Friends in Christ, Greetings to you all!

As I write to you, I am just beginning my pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I, and my fellow pilgrims are looking forward to a prayerful, exciting and lovely experience at all the holy sites that we will be visiting. I assure you that at each of those holy sites, I will offer a prayer for all the families of St. Raymond parish and school, for your intentions and the intentions of your loved ones. Please keep us in your prayers too!

Those holy sites call to mind for each of us Christians, the fact that Jesus Christ, his mother and disciples, all the Old Testament prophets and teachers all traversed this land bearing witness to the love of God for all humanity. As pilgrims we stop at these holy sites to offer our prayer of thanks to God for his graciousness, and to pray for our other needs. But even more so these sites re-connect us in a way to those who have gone before us in the journey of Faith. We feel their loving presence; we recognize that we are not alone on this journey. As the Roman Missal reminds us, *"we are surrounded by a multitude of saints."*

While I walk in the land that Christ and the prophets walked, I do not fail to recognize that back home in Menlo Park, I have also been privileged to walk on the grounds that other wayfarers have also walked in the past. Taking a stroll around the parish property I have encountered those *spots or sites*, which have been dedicated to those who though no longer here, are always members of the St. Raymond family. I will like to share some of these with you, not because you do not already know about them but because they are fascinating to me, and remind me of the history of this parish.

In front of the Church on Santa Cruz Avenue, there is a beautiful drinking fountain donated in *"Loving memory of Michael John Terry (4/12/59 – 9/2/83)" by his family.* In the center of the Rose Garden is a plaque that reads: *"This Park donated by the Ferrari family for the love of God, Church and Family."*

In the Rose Garden there is a plaque that reads: *"In memory of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, Martyr for the Faith. Mass at St. Raymond, December 1974"*.

Also in the Rose Garden there is the shrine of the Immaculate Conception. That is where our school and Religious education students perform the yearly May crowning of Mary. It reads: *"Donated by Stella – Carlo Ferrari, 1985."* Outside the side door that leads to the Rose Garden is a plaque that reads: *"Peace Rose – Planted in loving Memory of Carole Carlson" by the parents and children of the 1989 Kindergarten.*

On our beautiful school field is a sign that reads: *"Leonore & Howard Daschbach Family Field."*

A plaque in front of the school gym reads: *Reverend Monsignor Edwin J. Kennedy Center. Gratefully Dedicated to Saint Raymonds Founding Pastor: 1950 -1978 on his Retirement, September 17, 1978."*

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Finally at the shrine of Mary located at the side of the arbor house we have two benches with plaques that read: *"In Memory of John R. McCarty, 1923-1989."* *"In Memoriam Elizabeth McCann Lawry, 1913-1999."*

I say thank you to all those who have donated these spots thereby sharing with us the memories of your loved ones. I know that there are so many other great memories and stories about those who walked with us in the journey of faith here at St. Raymond. Thank you for re-connecting us to all those people and for keeping their memories alive for us.

I hope that many of us who have not had the opportunity to walk the grounds of the parish to see these sites/spots will take some time in future to visit, to pray and just relax at these "sacred sites" in our parish.

Let me conclude with this prayer:

O God of everlasting life, draw us in the Spirit's tether of love. Help us to see the love you bestow on us through the day-to-day lives of the holy people you entrust to our care. As your beloved children, we acknowledge our dependence on you, the source of all love. Make us a people of hope who always turn to you even in times of despair. We are humbled by your immense care for us, manifested by the presence of your Son in our midst. He is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

God bless you! Chukwu gozie unu!

Fr. Edward Inyanwachi

*****photos of the spots or sites of dedication, Father refers to in his article, are on the front page of the bulletin.***



YEAR OF FAITH

October 11, 2012

to November 24, 2013

40th Anniversary of
Second Vatican Council;

20th Anniversary of the publication of the
Catechism of the Catholic Church.



OUR PARISH CELEBRATION:

10 weeks of reflecting
on the DVD Series
"Catholicism."

Start Date: October 17th Wednesday

Time 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Parish Hall

Faith sharing, dialogue and
questions after each episode.



St. Raymond's Homeless Family Fund

St. Raymond Homeless Family Fund has provided rental assistance to families referred by local shelters for 22 years. The Fund is not part of the parish budget. It is funded solely by private donors. Donations to the Fund can be made payable to ST. RAYMOND HOMELESS FAMILY FUND" and dropped in the collection basket or mailed to the parish office.

Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

In this weeks bulletin there is an insert from the Homeless Family Fund with a story about a family the fund assisted and a thank you note from that family. You will also find a donation envelope attached.

This Week's Readings

Isaiah 50:4c
Psalm 116: 1-2
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

Next Week's Reading

Wisdom 2:12 71-20
Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6,
James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37

Meditation on Today's Readings



We were expecting the Messiah in those days, the Christ who would restore David's kingdom and expel the Romans, a mighty king and warrior. But the true Christ is not what we expect. After Peter makes his confession that Jesus is the Christ, Jesus tells us who the Christ is. He will suffer greatly, be rejected and killed. He will give his back to those who beat him. Peter is shocked, and we should be shocked as well.

Jesus is love come down from heaven, love in action. He lays down his life for his friends, for each of us. Let us take up our cross and follow, in a spirit of self-giving. The Lord is our help. May he open our ears; may we not turn back. Faith without works is dead.

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**Registration for the 2012-2013
Religious Education school year is open!!**

**Classes begin NEXT Sunday, September 23rd
and will be held from 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.** Please contact Kristen Quinlan if you have any questions at: kristenquinlan@straymondsparish.org or 323-1755.

ALSO

Volunteers Needed! Please sign up to teach Religious Education classes on Sunday mornings. Volunteers for all ages are needed. The curriculum is easy to follow and it is a great way to see what the kids are learning in class. Please contact Kristen Quinlan if you are interested at: kristenquinlan@straymondsparish.org or 323-1755 and leave a message.



RCIA for 2012-2013 begins soon!!

Each year the St Raymond Community welcomes new members to our Catholic faith as well as provides an opportunity for Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation to join fully in the practice of our faith. We do this for adults through the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA). This program of study focused on Church History, our Sacramental life and examination and discussion of the scriptures begins in October and concludes at the Easter Vigil (Saturday Evening March 30, 2013) with the reception of the Sacraments. We welcome all who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and are seeking the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and/or Confirmation. We will normally meet on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in the parish hall except in October when we will meet on Sunday mornings at 9am in the parish hall to get to know one another and introduce the course. For more information please call the parish office at 323-1755 or Deacon Tom Kelly at 670-2200.



Parents, teens (who will be at least 16 by July, 2013), and young adults are invited to information session about World Youth Day 2013 in Brazil.

We will have a brief meeting to introduce you to World Youth Day, share basic logistical information, and answer any questions you may have as you decide to attend this global, Catholic, life-changing event. **We will meet in the Parish Center with our guest presenter, Val Liberty, Sunday, September 30th 12:30pm-1:30pm (light refreshments served).** Please RSVP to Lindsey West at Lindsey@stdenisparish.org.

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**High School Students & Young Adults
Are you On Fire?**

Celebrate Mass with 4,000 youth, the diocesan bishops, Jacob & Matthew Band and Noelle Garcia. Get inspired by speakers. Enjoy an all you can eat lunch & ride till you drop w/ 2 hours exclusive park access after the evening concert! ***It all goes down NEXT Saturday, September 22nd 9am-9pm for only \$45/student. Permission Slips: www.stdenisparish.org. Hurry before the event sells out!***



**Congratulations to
Newly Baptized,
Hazel Maxwell**



**BIBLE STUDY RETURNS
THIS Tuesday, September 18th
at 11 a.m. in the parish center.**



**Are you a regular visitor to
St. Raymond's?**

Please consider joining our Parish Family!
Registration forms are available from the Parish
Office, tables in church or on our website.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 15, 2012

5:15 p.m. John Clemente †

Sunday, September 16, 2012

8:00 a.m. Maria Sa-ing Swang-ngam †

10:00 a.m. Howard Daschbach and
Michele Daschbach-Fast †

Monday, September 17, 2012

Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

8:00 a.m. Vocations

*7:40 a.m.-Liturgy of the Hours-Chapel
after 8 a.m. Mass -Rosary-Chapel*

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

8:00 a.m. St. Raymond

*7:40 a.m.-Liturgy of the Hours-Chapel
after 8 a.m. Mass -Rosary -Chapel
11 a.m. Bible Study-Parish Center*

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Saint Januarius Bishop and Martyr

8:00 a.m. John Clemente †

*7:40 a.m.-Liturgy of the Hours-Chapel
after 8 a.m. Mass -Rosary-Chapel
7 p.m.-Choir Practice-Church*

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest,

Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

8:00 a.m. Kenneth Hahn †

*7:40 a.m.-Liturgy of the Hours-Chapel
after 8 a.m. Mass -Rosary-Chapel*

Friday, September 21, 2012

St. Matthew Apostle and Evangelist

8:00 a.m. St. Raymond Parish Community

*7:40 a.m.-Liturgy of the Hours-Chapel
after 8 a.m. Mass -Rosary-Chapel
9 a.m.-Legion of Mary-Parish Center*

Saturday, September 22, 2012

8:00 a.m. Joan O'Donnell †

*7:40 a.m.-Liturgy of the Hours-Chapel
after 8 a.m. Mass -Rosary-Chapel*

*Parish office hours from September 17th through
September 25th,
will be 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.*