

St. Raymond Catholic Church

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ST. RAYMOND PARISH

**A joyous place filled with warmth and good friends,
A peaceful place filled with trust and love,
A place where everyone feels welcome,
A safe place to grow and learn,
A community that has been blessed.**

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass:
5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am,
11:00 am (English)
1:00 pm (Spanish),
5:30 pm (Life Teen)

Weekdays:
Monday-Friday
6:30 & 9:00 am

Saturdays: 8:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation:
As Announced

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 3:45 - 4:45 pm
or call the Parish Office for an
appointment with the priest on duty

HOLY ORDERS & RELIGIOUS LIFE

Please call 213-637-7248

Please see page 2 for details for:

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

BAPTISM

CONFIRMATION & EUCHARIST MARRIAGE

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 10 am to 6 pm

Saturday: 10 am to 3 pm

Sunday: 9 am to 12:30 pm

Our Parish Priests

Fr. John Higgins, Pastor
Fr. Michael Manase O.C.D., Associate
Fr. Ambrose O.C.D., In Residence
Fr. Etienne Khumbah, In Residence

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 14, 2018**

PARISH STAFF

PASTORAL TEAM

Fr. John W. Higgins, Pastor
 Fr. Michael Manase O.C.D., Associate Pastor
 Claudia Rodarte-Villagrana, School Principal
 Sr. Paula Strohfus, C.H.F., Director of Religious Education
 Sandy Gallegos, Director of R.C.I.A.
 Danette Buckley, Director of Liturgy
 Jennifer Quinones, Director of Youth Ministries
 (Confirmation and Edge Programs)

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Erik Landesfeind, Parish Administrator
 Laura Larios-Varela, Secretary
 Elaine Kunkel, Bulletin Editor
 Joan Lueke, Parish Records
 Armando & Rosa Beltran, Facilities Staff

PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE

Fr. Ambrose Kadambukatt, O.C.D.
 Chaplain, St. Francis Hospital
 Fr. Etienne Khumbah

CONTACT INFORMATION

Parish Office 562-923-4509
Parish School 562-862-3210
Religious Education Office 562-862-6959
Parish Web Site: <http://SaintRaymond.org>
Parish Email Address: info@saintraymond.org
School Web Site: www.straymondschool-downey.org
School Email Address: principal@straymondschool-downey.org
Youth Ministry: jennstraymonds@yahoo.com

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN / FAMILIES FIRST COMMITTEE

Talk to your teens about dating safety

Teenagers spend a lot of time online, making them prime targets for human traffickers. Using online ads that promise money and adventure in exciting, glamorous cities, traffickers attract young women and girls. Parents should be aware of the serious dangers online, and monitor what their children's online activity – sites they visit, social networks they may belong to, and who they are connecting with online. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Human Trafficking and Sex Tourism with Children and Technology," visit https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/free_article.cfm?free_articles_id=887, or call (213) 637-7508.

For particular help you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650

BAPTISM: One Sunday a month. Call Parish Office to make arrangements for class and Baptism..

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: Please call our Parish, School, or Religious Education offices to learn about education opportunities for the reception of these sacraments. *We also have an initiation process for adults seeking Baptism in our Church!*

MARRIAGE: Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to anticipated wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: *In the event of serious illness or medical emergency*, anointing of the sick may be arranged by contacting the Parish Office. Make an appointment to come by before a surgery.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

ALTAR SERVERS.....Danette Buckley 923-4509
 ALTAR SOCIETY.....Danette Buckley 923-4509
 BAPTISMLaura Larios-Varela 923-4509
 CANCER SUPPORT GROUP.....Jill Lavey 923-5819/Elaine Kunkel 531-9620
 CONFIRMATION (High School).....Jennifer Quinones 923-4509
 CRECIMIENTO MATRIMONIALES.....Juan Antonio Reyes 310-720-0987
 DETENTION MINISTRY.....Sr. Teresa-Los Padrinos 940-8712
 DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY.....Larry Wysocki 927-1482
 EDGE MINISTRY (Middle School).....Jennifer Quinones 923-4509
 FINANCE COUNCIL.....Ray Lavey 923-4509
 GUADALUPANOS.....Vidal Reves 754-3028
 HALL & ROOM RENTALS.....Park Place Catering 866-5464
 HAND MAID MINISTRY.....Kathi Bode 923-3142
 HEALTH MINISTRY.....Deanna Funk 760-220-8612
 ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION.....Perry Shurko 804-0230
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.....Steve Perez 519-1442
 LEGION OF MARY.....Gloria Gallardo 291-1462
 LITURGY COMMITTEE/LITURGICAL MINISTRIES.....Danette Buckley 923-4509
 LITURGICAL MINISTRIES/SPANISH.....Marcial & Blanca Espinoza 869-3661

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER.....Jacob & Sarah Flores 923-7335
 MARRIAGE NULLITY.....Fr. John W. Higgins 923-4509
 MEN'S PRAYER GROUPFr. John W. Higgins 923-4509
 MUSIC DIRECTOR (ENGLISH).....Jose Soto 923-4509
 MUSIC DIRECTOR (SPANISH).....Jose Soto 923-4509
 MOVIMIEENTO FAMILIAR CRISTIANO...Mr. & Mrs. Salvador Larios 862-9879
 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CATECISMOSr. Paula Strohfus 862-6959
 RELIGIOUS RECOGNITION FOR YOUTH.....Diane Garcia 862-8309
 RCIA - ADULTS & TEENS.....Sandy Gallegos 923-4509
 RESPECT LIFE MINISTRYAnnette Lopez 397-9765
 SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN/Families First.....Elaine Kunkel 531-9620
 SCHOOL & SCRIP-GIFT CERTIFICATES.....School Office 862-3210
 SENIOR CITIZENS.....Sr. Paula Strohfus 862-6959
 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.....Paul Iacovitti 923-4509
 SPANISH BIBLE STUDY.....Connie Ochoa 928-7291
 TIJUANA ORPHANAGE.....Irma Landesfeind 862-8837
 WEDDING COORDINATOR (English).....Tami Shilling 869-3260
 WEDDING COORDINATOR (Spanish).....Laura Larios-Varela 923-4509
 YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY.....Amber Cavazos 291-6111

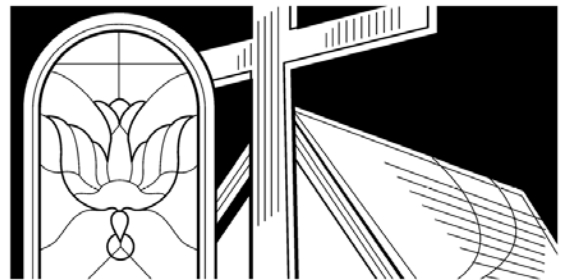


From our Pastor, Fr. John Higgins

Several years ago I got an invitation to go for dinner with a family in our parish. When I arrived I was greeted by parents and several children. We sat and talked for a little while before we left for dinner. I didn't know that we were going out, but that was fine with me. As we talked the oldest boy, who was in 6th grade, started talking about what he was going to do when he was older. He had great plans of being a professional baseball player, owning his own company and being a drummer in a rock band. I told him that I'd been a drummer too, and I played the song our band recorded on my cell phone. He said it was horrible music and everyone laughed. His mother said "OK, let's stop dreaming about what you want to do. What do you believe God wants you to do with your life?" I thought it was a great question. Her son didn't think that much of it and responded "Mom! You always ask that!" I thought it was the best question she could ask. We started talking about that some. A lot of people want to do what they want to do. But the real joy isn't in what we want, but in what God is calling us to be and to do. You see, God is a lot wiser than we are. He is infinitely wise, while some of us have more wisdom than others.

When growing up I wanted to be several things. For a time I wanted to be a doctor, at another time I wanted to be a teacher. For a short time I thought I might want to be a Protestant minister, but looking back I think I was just afraid of being drafted and going to fight in Viet Nam. I've always wanted to do things for other people in service, but often I also wanted to do something which would benefit me. That's the human condition. We aren't perfect. I didn't think much about what God wanted for me until I got the call to Priesthood, which was a huge surprise for me and for most of my friends. It not only shook my world, it changed my life completely. Now I cannot imagine doing anything else but being a Priest. I really do love it.

God calls us all to follow Him, just like He calls people in the Scriptures He calls us.



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HAVE YOU REMEMBERED . . .

Your parish in your will or trust? For further information, contact the Parish Office. Our correct legal title is: The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles, A Corporation Sole for the Benefit of: St. Raymond Church (or School).



PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

For inquiries and discernment processes, contact the Archdiocesan Office for Vocations at 213-637-7248, or see their website www.LAVocations.org. You can also contact any priest or religious at St. Raymond Parish. Please pray for and encourage vocations.



COMMENTS, SUGGESTIONS, ETC.

We are interested in what you have to say. If you have comments, suggestions, praise, or constructive criticism, you may contact the Pastor and he will get it to the appropriate person. Please send or leave a note to the Parish Office at attention Fr. John Higgins or email him at info@SaintRaymond.org

LIFE IN OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Welcome to St. Raymond Parish

We are delighted you've come to our parish, and we hope you'll find a home with us. Being a registered member allows us to better serve you; you can register by calling (562) 923-4509 or going online to <http://SaintRaymond.org>.

If you move or change your phone number, please call the parish office at (562) 923-4509 to let us know.

BULLETIN INFO: The bulletin deadline is Friday, 6 pm, nine days prior to issue date. Please fax, email, or deliver your input, in writing, to the parish office. Our fax number is (562) 869-3359 and email address is bulletin@SaintRaymond.org.

All notices are subject to available space and may be edited.



Martin Luther King, Jr.

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The Parish Office will be
CLOSED on
MONDAY, JANUARY 15th

For the **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY**

Join LA's Walk for Life!

OneLife LA 01.20.18

Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 12 noon

The walk will begin at La Placita/Olvera St. ending at LA Historic Park. Celebrate the beauty and dignity of every human life From conception to natural death. After, join us for a family friendly day of inspiring speakers, live music, food trucks and much more! Visit onelifela.org for the most up to date information.

Check Your BLOOD PRESSURE!

Sunday, January 14th

Come to the St. Thomas Room of the hall between
10:00 am and 12:30 pm

*Remember it's the silent killer,
so don't take any chances with your life!*

Memory Booster

Minding your blood pressure helps both your heart and your brain. Recent research has revealed that maintaining healthy blood pressure can actually cut the risk of Dementia in half!

Come and celebrate with us

CAMEROON THANKSGIVING MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th, at 2:30 pm

Mass is in English
with a joyful African flavor.

Bishop Robert Barron on Eucharist Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence

Don't miss this wonderful series of videos on the Eucharist. Bishop Barron is particularly passionate and prayerful in these in-depth presentations on the three topics listed in the title above. Deepen your understanding and devotion of the Eucharist even more on these Monday evenings at 7 p.m. in St. Patrick Room:

Monday, Jan. 15, 2018

Monday, Jan. 22, 2018

EXCITING NEWS!!

Terry Barber from Relevant Radio is going to be at St. Raymond on **Saturday, January 20th**.

Terry will be giving three 1 hour talks from 9-12:30pm. The talks consist of The 10 Commandments of Evangelization, How to give your personal testimony and 8 secrets to share your faith. You won't want to miss this great personal appearance for this Relevant Radio personality.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday, January 31st 4:00 pm

Our group is for cancer survivors and those who are dealing with cancer treatment and its aftermath. Join us in **St. Patrick's Room** of the new hall to pray, laugh and share with those who understand what you are going through. Loved ones are also invited.

Call Jill (562) 923-5819
or Elaine (562) 531-9620
for more information or just to talk.



SENIORS MASS & BRUNCH **First Friday, FEBRUARY 2nd at 9:00 am**

Our monthly Seniors Mass will be followed by Brunch. We hope to see you all there.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION **February 2nd, Convent Chapel**

Come and join us in adoring the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary with praise and worship.
7 pm: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reading of the nine offices, rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet

First Saturday Devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary **February 3rd Mass at 8 am (Latin)**

Procession of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
Gathering (pot-luck)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mon., JAN. 15: No class—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.
Thurs. JAN. 18: Classes resume for **Thursday** students
Fri. JAN. 19: FAMILY BINGO NIGHT in the large hall. Dinner at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 6:30 pm.
Wed. JAN. 24: SAC Retreat Training at 6 pm in the large hall.
Sat. FEB. 3: SACRAMENT RETREAT from 9 am-1 pm. Sign-in in the small hall between 8:30 –8:45 am.
Sun. FEB. 4: SUNDAY SACRAMENT CLASS for Team 2 from 19:30 am to 12:30 pm in the large hall. Child must be accompanied by one parent. Please arrive 15 minutes before the class to sign in. Remember to bring your homework. No siblings.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SACRAMENT PROGRAMS

Sun. JAN. 14: Classes resume Youth Ministry Program

FINGERPRINTING AT ST. RAYMOND PARISH

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 12 TO 7 pm
IN ST. THOMAS ROOM by appointment only
 Call parish office for an appointment (562) 923-4509

The Archdiocese has mandated that **all adults who work with or around children** in any capacity must be fingerprinted and know how to recognize and prevent child sexual abuse by attending a "Protecting God's Children" VIRTUS awareness session. Virtus certificates are good for four years.

Need to find a VIRTUS Session? Visit www.virtus.org and click on "Registration" and then "View a list of sessions." We are in the Los Angeles -San Pedro Region but you can attend anywhere in the Archdiocese.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

invites you to celebrate St Valentine's Day

To State Line, February 10, 2018

We are leaving from St. Raymond's parking lot at 6:00 am, and returning around 10:30 pm.
 Call Lucy to get your tickets 562 889 3063

St Vincent de Paul Society

los invita a celebrar el dia de San Valentin.

A State Line salimos del estacionamiento de St. Raymond a las 6:00 am y regresamos como a las 10:30 pm
 Para sus boletos llame a Lucy 562 889 3063

THIS WEEK AT ST. RAYMOND



CALENDAR



FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15, 2018

MONDAY, January 15

7:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church
 7:00 pm RCIA Adult Inquiry - SPR

TUESDAY, January 16

10:30 am School Monthly Mass - Church
 6:00 pm Legion of Mary - STR
 6:00 pm EDGE 1 Class - Library
 6:00 pm EDGE 2 Class - SJR
 7:00 pm Confirmation Classes - Classrooms, SPR

WEDNESDAY, January 17

6:00 pm Spanish Legion of Mary - SJR
 6:30 pm School Parent Meeting - MGH
 7:00 pm Life Teen Choir & Band Rehearsal - STR

THURSDAY, January 18

5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir Practice - SPR
 6:00 pm Religious Education - Classrooms, SJR, OH
 6:00 pm Youth Ministry Retreat Meeting - PO
 7:00 pm English Choir Practice - SPR
 7:00 pm Spanish Bible Study - STR
 7:30 pm Crecimiento Matrimonial - OH
 7:30 pm Young Adults Downey 20-30 - SJR

FRIDAY, January 19

6:30 pm Family Bingo Night - MGH
 7:00 pm Spanish Prayer Group - Church

SATURDAY, January 20

7:00 am Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites - OH, SJR
 9:00 am Relevant Radio - MGH
 2:00 pm Arthritis Support Group - SPR
 2:00 pm Wedding - Church

SUNDAY, January 21

9:30 am RCIA Adults - SPR
 11:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word - OH
 12:00 pm RCIA Teens - SPR
 1:00 pm Spanish Children's Liturgy of the Word - OH
 4:00 pm Sunday Confirmation Class Year 1 - STR
 4:00 pm Sunday Confirmation Class Year 2 - OH
 4:15 pm Life Teen Choir & Band Rehearsal - Church
 6:30 pm Jugadores Anonimous - STR
 6:30 pm Gamanon - SPR

INTERESTED IN RENTING OUR HALL?

If you are interested in renting the St. Raymond's hall for an event, call **PARK PLACE CATERING** at (562) 866-5464.
 Or <http://parkplacecatering.com/html/contactus.html>

Unbound

"For you have been a refuge to the poor..." (Isaiah 25:4)
 Next weekend, please welcome Fr. Cyrus Gallagher who will be with us to tell us about the work of Unbound, a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit Unbound online a www.unbound.org.

ABOUT OUR MINISTRIES

Downey
2030
Ask Us For a Prayer

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

MINISTRY Amber Cavazos
LEADERSHIP Ministry Leader
FELLOWSHIP Thursdays 7:30 pm
BIBLE STUDY In St. Joseph Room in the School

12348 Paramount Blvd. (562) 291-6111
 Downey, CA 90242

Please Pray for our Sick

Healing Father, lay your hands on those who suffer, especially:

Rosemarie Ronquillo	Peter Lofy	Blanca Amador
John Eric Franceschi	James Montoya	Sandra Corona
Anthony Samonte	John Volak	Mario Gladin
Virginia Sandoval	Dawnie Frize	Gigi Morales
Lilia Barrayo	Frank Maldonado	Bertha Leichtamer
Luis Rios, Jr.	John Avila	Lisa Owens
Rita McCurdy	Julie Sinco	Sulema Campas
Helen Gonzales	Estella Lizama	Alan Stoops
Ellen Mascaro	Emma Rojo	Lillian Hernandez
Esther Gasporra	Fred Rabina	Elvira Barrios
Leah Huber	Isabella Aving	Steve Hernandez
Alicia Casillas	Teresa Estrada	Patty Behrendt

To include the name of an ill loved one in Prayers of the Faithful during weekend Masses or the bulletin, call the parish office (562) 923-4509. Names will be included in the bulletin for a few weeks.

Your Name _____ Phone _____
 Person praying for, type of illness: _____

Weekly Stewardship Report

For the weekend of January 6th & 7th

Total Mass Collections:	\$11,626.00
Second Collection:	\$ 1,727.00
Total Donations:	\$13,353.00
Weekly Donation Goal:	\$13,000.00
Weekly Income vs. Budget:	\$ 353.00
Monthly Income vs. Budget:	\$ 353.00

Weekly donations breakdown by Mass

Online Giving	\$ 3,498.00
Saturday 5:00 pm	\$ 1,487.00
Sunday 7:00 am	\$ 1,051.00
9:00 am	\$ 1,887.00
11:00 am	\$ 1,497.00
1:00 pm	\$ 1,067.00
5:30 pm	\$ 1,136.00

Secular Order Discalced Carmelites

Are you called? Do you desire to learn and experience a deeper spirituality?

The Catholic spiritual tradition inspired by St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross and St. Thérèse of Lisieux explains how to live in a closer relationship with the living Christ and the practical caring for others that flows from this relationship. We are Secular Order Discalced Carmelites (OCDS), men and women committed to living the fullness of God's love through prayer and scripture with the aid and guidance of Our Lady. For more information, please call, 562-774-3549, or, email, council@ocds-lbc.org.

They usually meet on the third Saturday of each month at St. Raymond's in the old hall after the 8:00 am mass.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20th

Liturgical Roles			
<u>MASS TIMES</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>
Jan. 20 - Saturday 5:00 pm	Ortega, A.; Rodriguez, J. Corvera, J.; Corvera, J.	Lavey (DC); Lavey (DH); Campos; Grana- do	Kunkel;
Jan. 21 - Sunday 7:00 am	Horta, D.; S.; Biag, A.; J. Olmos, N.; A.	Buckley (DC); Sinco (DH); Kikuchi; Alva; Ledesma; Ledesma; York	Ebegbulen; Buckley
9:00 am	Haddad, G.; Romo, R.; R.; Solis, S.; Raya, M.; Escobar, E.	Lacey (DC); Shilling (DH); Aguilar; Aleman; Humbert; Romo; Rodriguez	Orozco Luke
11:00 am	Lopez, B.; D.; Jimenez, Z. Cornejo, J.; J.; Noboa, S.	Duarte (DC); Swan (DH); Misawa; Noboa; Noboa; Noboa; Santamaria	Duarte; Noboa
1:00 pm	Garibay, G.; Padilla, J. Torres, L.	Vera (DC); Espinoza (DH); Garibay; Ra- mos; Castro; Padilla; Martinez	Vera; Aparisio
5:30 pm	Gomez, I.; Pavana, L. Schneider, C.; Serrano, B.	Life Teen Ministers	Life Teen Lectors

ADVERTISING



**LEGION
OF
MARY**



**Legion of Mary 2nd Congress
Lynwood-Whittier Curia
Saturday, January 27
7:30 am, Old Hall**

Theme: Our "Fealty" to Mary brings peace, joy and love to the people we serve.

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Theme: God calls us to follow Christ.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
How would I respond to Jesus' question, "What are you looking for?" In what ways do you experience being called by Jesus?

Youth Question: Andrew seemed to know immediately that he should follow Jesus. Do you have that same sense of confidence in your faith in Jesus? What helps? What makes it hard?

Children Question: What can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

ST. RAYMOND
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

FAITH

ACADEMICS

CITIZENSHIP

Transitional Kindergarten thru 8th Grade
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 am - 3:30 pm
Call 562-862-3210, ext 2001 for information
www.straymondschool-downey.org

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

The ICF and the Religious Ed program are having their Second Annual Family Bingo Night on Friday, **January 19th** at 6pm in the large hall. Dinner is at 6pm followed by Bingo at 6:30pm. Tickets may be purchased in the RE office today from 10 am-2 pm while supply lasts. We sold out last year, so make sure to get your tickets early.

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

No Friendship Sunday
Next Sunday, January 21, 2018
Grupo Guadalupano

Weekly Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament
MONDAYS, 7:00 – 8:15 pm

Please join us in our Communal Prayer!

Masses for the week

Mon.	Jan. 15	6:30am	NO MASS Holiday
		9:00am	Emmanuel Tioseco †
Tues.	Jan. 16	6:30am	Souls in Purgatory †
		9:00am	Tiffany & Capino Cruz
Wed.	Jan. 17	6:30am	William dela Huerta, Bday
		9:00am	Josephine Jacquez
Thurs.	Jan. 18	6:30am	Leonel Villafana
		9:00am	Merinda Yu
Fri.	Jan. 19	6:30am	Ineg Gutierrez
		9:00am	Chrisanto Santos Domingo †
Sat.	Jan. 20	8:00am	Matilde Arrola †
		5:00pm	Leo & Helen Montano †
Sun.	Jan. 21	7:00am	Josephine Rapcinko †
		9:00am	Kathy Noe
		11:00am	St. Raymond Parishioners
		1:00pm	Salvador Martinez, Bday
		5:30pm	Denise Bates