

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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 22, 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

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.*

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

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

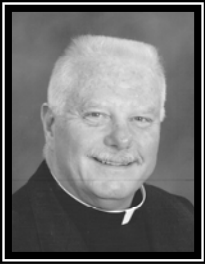
Ongoing child sexual abuse prevention training —
 Article 12 of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People calls for all dioceses to maintain “safe environment programs.” Through the VIRTUS® child sexual abuse prevention programs, the Archdiocese continues to fulfill this commitment. Since 2002, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has trained 329,000 adults to proactively protect children and young people from child sexual abuse, and has empower more than 1.4 million children and young people to protect themselves from child sexual abuse. For more information, visit www.archla.org/protecting.

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

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.....Rita Vera 372-1953
 HALL & ROOM RENTALS.....Park Place Catering 866-5464
 HAND MAID MINISTRY.....Kathi Bode 923-3142
 HEALTH MINISTRY.....Jill Lavey 923-5819
 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 DIRECTORJose Soto 923-4509
 MOVIE/VIDEO FAMILIAR CRISTIANO...Mr. & Mrs. Salvador Larios 862-9879
 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/CATECISMO.....Sr. 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.....923-4509
 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
 SPANISH PRAYER GROUP.....Salvador Padilla 618-3150
 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

“*Ideas about Liturgy*” continued from last week’s bulletin

Special Ministers of the Eucharist are servants of the Lord at Table. But they are also participants of the Ministry of Sacrifice. We have all had the instruction on how to properly receive Holy Communion and how to distribute Holy Communion. This is part of the Symphony too. Do not be afraid of doing the wrong thing. Do not be afraid of doing what you know is the right thing. Eucharistic Ministers should, of course, use clean hands and fingers, especially when distributing the Body of Christ. But in order to keep the Liturgy flowing a great deal of time purifying fingers is not necessary, especially for those who are distributing the Blood of Christ from the Chalice. The Species of Holy Communion is broken by the Priest and poured into Chalices by a Eucharistic Minister. The cloth which is placed on the Altar Cloth is called a "C corporal". That cloth is a safety envelope for the occasion which crumbs might fall on it or drops of the Precious Blood may spill. These things happen and should never be considered evil because they are natural mistakes. God understands. So, be sure that when pouring or transferring Hosts it be done on the Corporal. Liturgical instruction from Rome says that the Priest is responsible for cleaning the Ciborium and Chalice. However, due to Pastoral need, Eucharistic Ministers may do so. They may also finish up any Precious Blood which remains. Once a person has received Holy Communion at Mass there is no need to announce "The Body of Christ" or "The Blood of Christ" after Holy Communion and purifying the vessels. There is also no need to bow several times, There is no reason to bow WHILE receiving Holy Communion. Special Ministers of the Eucharist do not need to line up and bow together when returning to the pews after Holy Communion. While dispensing Holy Communion it is OK to ask someone, who looks like they have never received Communion before or looks very confused, "Have you ever done this before?" If they say "No" then give them a blessing. Watch and make sure that everyone who receives a Host consumes that Host. If they walk away with it do not hesitate to follow them and get it back, if you can. This is very important. Some people take the Host and, not knowing what to do, drop it on the floor or give it to someone else. Parents are sometimes tempted to take a Host and break it, giving part of it to a child. This ruins the child’s “First Holy Communion” and is forbidden.

Special Ministers of the Eucharist may bless people who come to them for a Blessing during Communion time. But it must not appear to be a Priestly Blessing. I simply put my hand over them and say "The blessings of Christ". I do not make the sign of the Cross. I do the same thing with children. If someone needs a Priestly Blessing they can ask a Priest. We are happy to do that and they may need the Anointing of the Sick or a special blessing for a special need.

To be continued next week

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.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday, April 25th 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.



MISSION COOPERATI VE APPEALS APRIL 28 & 29

The Mission Co-Op at the masses on April 28-29 will benefit the Lay Mission-Helpers Association. Founded in 1955, Lay Mission-Helpers Association trains, sends and supports lay people (single, married couples, families) to serve in overseas Catholic mission dioceses for a minimum of 3 years. They serve in a professional capacity in areas such as health, education, administration, engineering, etc., and witness their faith by how they live their lives. Deacon Richard Cover, who served with Lay Mission-Helpers in Kenya, will be speaking at all the masses.

Come and celebrate with us
CAMEROON THANKSGIVING MASS
SUNDAY, April 29th, at 2:30 pm
Mass is in English
with a joyful African flavor.



First Saturday Devotion to Blessed Virgin Mary May 5th Mass at 8 am (Latin)

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

SENIORS MASS & BRUNCH First Friday, May 4th at 9:00 am

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

GUADALUPANOS ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE SATURDAY, MAY 5th, 6 pm

The Guadalupano Group will be having their annual dinner/dance on Saturday, May 5th, from 6:00pm to 11:00pm in the Monsignor Gipson Hall. The cost is \$35 per person, which includes the following: an appetizer, dinner, dessert, drink and a photograph. For more information please contact Rita Vera (562) 372-1953.



El Grupo Guadalupano tendrá su cena/ baile el sábado, 5 de mayo, de 6:00pm a 11:00pm en el salón parroquial. Tiene un costo de \$35 por persona, esto incluye: un aperitivo, cena, postre, bebida y una foto. Para más información pueden comunicarse con Rita Vera (562) 372-1953.

Sunday, BINGO LUNCHEON May 6,

12:30 pm

Sponsored by the
Italian Catholic Federation
DONATION \$15

Includes lunch & 1 Free Bingo Card
BIGGER CASH PRIZES! New Bingo Cards

For Tickets call:

Perry Shurko (562) 804-0230
Charlene Drobeck (562) 928-1937



TRIP TO PECHANGA CASINO FRIDAY, May 11, 8:30 am

The Seniors will be hosting a trip to Pechanga Casino on Friday, May 11th. We will gather at 8:30 am SHARP in the parking lot. You will receive \$5.00 playing money. If you are interested in joining us, please come to the Religious Education office Monday or Thursday from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm to sign up. Cost for the trip is \$10.00 per person and we look forward to seeing you and having a fun day!!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. APRIL 25: First Communion Practice in the church at 6 pm for those students receiving First Communion on April 28. One parent **MUST** attend practice with the child/ren.

Sat. APRIL 28: First Communion Mass at 10:30 am in church for those assigned.

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL SACRAMENT PROGRAMS

Sun. APRIL 22: Registration for all NEW students will be held in the school computer lab. Please look for the signs or ask Security for the location. Must have copies of Baptism and First Communion Certificates to register and be a member of Online Giving. We can help sign up.

Tues. APRIL 24: There will be a DIRT meeting for those who were just Confirmed and would like to join the Youth Ministry team at 6 pm in the church.

Wed. MAY 2: All DIRT applications that are handed out on April 24th are due in the Parish Office. None will be accepted after this date.

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION
May 4th, Convent Chapel, 4 pm**

Join us for exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The readings of the 9 offices, the Rosary, confession and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be done with mass following at 7 pm. Come, respond to God's calling and invitation. We need prayer warriors for our hurting world. Everyone is welcome.



ST. RAYMOND
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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
New Student Registration
2018 – 2019 School Year

Application packets are now available in the school office. Students enrolling in TK (transitional kindergarten) must be 4 by September 1, 2018. Kindergarten must be 5 years old by September 1, 2018.

THIS WEEK AT ST. RAYMOND



CALENDAR



FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 23, 2018

MONDAY, April 23

- 3:00 pm School Chess Club - MGH-KS
- 3:00 pm School Choir Rehearsal - Church
- 7:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Church
- 7:00 pm RCIA Adults - SPR
- 7:00 pm ACC Event in Spanish - STR

TUESDAY, April 24

- 5:00 pm School Social Studies Fair - MGH
- 6:00 pm English Legion of Mary - STR

WEDNESDAY, April 25

- 3:00 pm School Choir Rehearsal - Church
- 4:00 pm Cancer Support Group - SPR
- 5:00 pm Spanish Legion of Mary - STR
- 6:00 pm Religious Ed First Communion Practice - Church
- 7:00 pm Life Teen & 11 am Mass Choir Rehearsal - STR
- 7:00 pm Society of St. Vincent de Paul - SPR
- 7:00 pm Italian Catholic Federation Officers - MGH-KS

THURSDAY, April 26

- 9:00 am School Second Grade Retreat - MGH, SPR
- 3:00 pm School activity - MGH-KS
- 5:30 pm Spanish Mass Choir Practice - SPR
- 6:00 pm ACC: Adult Confirmation Class - MGH-KS
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - SPR
- 7:00 pm Spanish Bible Study - STR
- 7:30 pm Crecimiento Matrimonial - OH
- 7:30 pm Downey 20/40 Young Adults - SJR

FRIDAY, April 27

- 7:30 pm Spanish Prayer Group - Church

SATURDAY, April 28

- 7:00 am Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites - SJR, OH
- 10:30 am Religious Ed First Communion - Church
- 2:00 pm Wedding - Church

SUNDAY, April 29

- 9:30 am RCIA Adults - SPR
- 11:00 am English Children's Liturgy of the Word - OH
- 12:30 pm RCIA Teens - SPR
- 2:30 pm Cameroon Thanksgiving Mass - Church
- 4:15 pm Life Teen Choir & Band Rehearsal - Church
- 6:30 pm Jugadores Anonimous - STR
- 6:30 pm Gamanon - SPR

**THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL
Wednesday, April 25th, 7 pm
In St. Patrick's Room**

The St. Raymond Conference meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. Come and help us reach out to our many neighbors in need.



ABOUT OUR MINISTRIES

Please Pray for our Sick

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

Rosemarie Ronquillo	Blanca Amador	Elvira Barrios
Imanda Ong	James Montoya	Sandra Corona
Anthony Samonte	John Volak	Mario Gladin
Virginia Sandoval	Dawnie Frize	Gigi Morales
Lilia Barrayo	Frank Maldonado	Alicia Casillas
John Avila	Lisa Owens	Isabella Aving
Rita McCurdy	Wilene Schlehner	Sulema Campas
Helen Gonzales	Estella Lizama	Alan Stoops
Ellen Mascaro	Teresa Estrada	Mary Blomgren
Steve Hernandez	Patty Behrendt	Wilhemina Brault
Conrado Magdangal, Jr.-*		

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:

**LEGION OF MARY
 ANNUAL AUXILIARY FUNCTION
 SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018
 8:00 AM MASS – CHURCH
 POTLUCK BREAKFAST ST. PATRICK’S ROOM
 GUEST SPEAKER: ROSEMARY RODRIGUEZ
 LYNWOOD-WHITTIER CURIA PRESIDENT
 10 REASONS TO JOIN LEGION OF MARY
 A TALK YOU DON’T WANT TO MISS!
 ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**SPONSORED BY:
 THE SPANISH/ENGLISH LEGION OF MARY
 NUESTRO SENORA DE LOS ANGELES PRAESIDIUM
 OUR LADY QUEEN OF ANGELS’ PRAESIDIUM**

Weekly Stewardship Report

For the weekend of April 14th & 15th

Total Mass Collections:	\$10,591.00
Second Collection:	\$ 1,732.00
Total Donations:	\$12,323.00
Weekly Donation Goal:	\$13,000.00
Weekly Income vs. Budget:	- \$ 677.00
Monthly Income vs. Budget:	\$ 5,136.00
Weekly donations breakdown by Mass	
Online Giving	\$ 2,755.00
Saturday 5:00 pm	\$ 1,918.00
Sunday 7:00 am	\$ 1,125.00
9:00 am	\$ 1,725.00
11:00 am	\$ 2,110.00
1:00 pm	\$ 787.00
5:30 pm	\$ 771.00

Downey
2030

Ask Us For a Prayer

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

<p style="font-style: italic;">MINISTRY LEADERSHIP FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY</p>	<p>Amber Cavazos Ministry Leader</p> <p>Thursdays 7:30 pm In St. Joseph Room in the School</p>
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Liturgical Roles			
<u>MASS TIMES</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>
<u>Apr. 28 - Saturday</u> <u>5:00 pm</u>		Morck (DC); Kunkel (DH); Korte; Campos; Moy	Kunkel; Famulare
<u>Apr. 29 - Sunday</u> <u>7:00 am</u>		McCabe (DC); Buckley (DH); Igtanloc; Martinez; Montoya; Ordanes	Leon; Novak
<u>9:00 am</u>		Saito (DC); Shilling (DH); Eidingen; Alva; Bohol; Rubio; Shurko	Bombay; Shurko
<u>11:00 am</u>		Kelly (DC); Steadman (DH); Lopez; Lopez; Vargas; Funk; Naranjo	Pasos; Vargas
<u>1:00 pm</u>		Felix (DC); Sandoval (DH); Felix;; Flores; Solorzano; Flores; Cortavitarte	Horta; DeLoza
<u>5:30 pm</u>		Life Teen Ministers	Life Teen Lectors

ADVERTISING

YOU'RE INVITED TO A FIESTA!!
 BENEFITING
THE MARGARET AYLWARD CENTER
 A MINISTRY OF THE SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAITH

Sunday, May 6, 2018
 12:30 pm- 3:30 pm

Pico Rivera Woman's Club
 9214 Mines Ave
 Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Admission \$25
 Includes:
 Food & Drink (Soda or Water)
 Pre-Sale \$25 At Door \$30
 For Tickets Call
 (562) 695-6621

RAFFLES

LIVE BAND
 Featuring
 "OSTIA"

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 APRIL 22, 2018**



Theme: **Jesus is the Good Shepherd.**

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
What is God asking you to "lay down" for the sake of others in your life?

Youth Question: **How do you feel about Jesus' being your shepherd? What does it mean to you that He lays down His life for you?**

Children Question: **Jesus is the Good Shepherd, how do you experience God guiding and protecting you?**

OUR COMMON MISSION ...

We, the Catholic Community of St. Raymond, loved and chosen by God through Baptism, share responsibility for continuing the mission of Jesus.

We are called to be a loving and caring community whose members enable and support the gifts given to each by the Holy Spirit in order to be true sisters and brothers in Christ.

We are sent to make Christ visible in our world through worship, proclamation of the Word, and service to ALL.

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

Youth Ministry
 Next Sunday, April 29, 2018
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul



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

Please join us in our Communal Prayer!

Masses for the week

Mon. Apr. 23	6:30am	Bridget Johnson
	9:00am	Emmanuel Tioseco †
Tues. Apr. 24	6:30am	Eduardo Rodriguez †
	9:00am	Terry Yukio †
Wed. Apr. 25	6:30am	Frid Rabina †
	9:00am	Luis & Maria Garcia
Thurs. Apr. 26	6:30am	Abel Cayas †
	9:00pm	Luis & Amparo Gonzales
Fri. Apr. 27	6:30am	Emily Shaffer
	9:00am	Mariana Gallegos, Bday
Sat. Apr. 28	8:00am	Catalina Ortiz †
	5:00pm	Alejandro Banuelos †
Sun. Apr. 29	7:00am	Alfredo & Angelina Samala †
	9:00am	Eileen Ocegueda, Bday
	11:00am	Noemi Flores †
	1:00pm	St. Raymond Parishioers
	5:30pm	Youth of St. Raymond