

## Masses

Saturday Eve 5:00PM  
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30AM,  
12Noon and 4:30PM

Daily 7:15, 8:45 AM  
Saturday 8:45 AM

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# The Parish of St. Raymond

*A Eucharistic Community of  
Faith, Love and Friendship*

Sunday, August 18, 2024

263 Atlantic Avenue, East Rockaway, NY 11518

516-593-5000

**“Whoever eats my flesh and  
drinks my blood remains in me  
and I in him.”  
-John 6:56**



**August 18, 2024  
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Welcome To Our Parish Family!

Not registered? Please stop by our rectory during office hours to be included in our parish family.

### Rectory

Office Hours are Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm;  
Saturdays from 9:30am-4pm. Sundays 9am-5pm  
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### Pastoral Care Of The Sick

**Holy Communion**—Available to the homebound;  
call the rectory to schedule a visit

### Devotions

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
Thursdays from 1-4pm in Our Lady's Chapel.  
**Nocturnal Adoration**  
First Fridays from 7:30pm-8:30pm  
**Miraculous Medal Novena**  
Saturdays following 8:45am Mass.

### Confessions

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

### Baptisms

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

**Men's Prayer Group:** Every Monday at 9:30am in the Rectory Basement.

### Music Ministries

**Choir (Adult):** Sings at 10:30am Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the church.  
**Folk Group:** Sings at 12 Noon Mass on Sundays from September—June; practice on 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 Fr. Chuck Romano



**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.**



### **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

#### **St. Patrick's Cathedral, NY**

Monday – Friday at 6:30 pm ET

Sunday at 3:30 pm ET



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

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Sgt. Bryan Petriccione US ARMY –Cavalry Unit  
Lt. Joseph Woloszyn US NAVY  
Sgt. Hunter Deets, 10th Mountain Division, US ARMY  
TSGT Curt Abdool US AIRFORCE

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

**Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time!** Once again Jesus is emphasizing that his flesh is true food, and his blood is true drink. In the first reading from Proverbs, we see God encouraging his people to eat his food and drink his wine. It is a foretaste of how Jesus will personalize bread and wine as his body and blood, which will give life. **"Forsake foolishness that you may live, advance in the way of understanding."** Then in the second reading from the Letter to the Ephesians, Paul encourages the people to be wise, filled with the Holy Spirit so that they will understand the will of God. **"Watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil."** And finally in Mark's gospel we continue to hear more of the **"Bread of Life Discourse."** Here Jesus identifies the living bread with his flesh, which he gives for the life of the world. His Jewish listeners wonder how he can give them his flesh to eat, so Jesus asserts his identity and the importance of eating this bread. **"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."**

Jesus keeps on saying odd things in his **"Bread of Life Discourse"** that certainly seemed strange to the crowds that heard him speak. But for us Catholics, as we hear Jesus' words, our thoughts go immediately to the Eucharist, the sacred meal we share every week. His words to eat the flesh of the Son of Man and **"my flesh is true food,"** don't completely throw us off. We have a context to put them in as a concrete expression of a deep truth. **"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."** These are beautiful words spoken by Jesus. It's an incredible image that sounds like something each of us would want to embrace. To me this sentence is both an invitation and a promise. The invitation is what we accept each week when we come for Mass. We come to be with God, listen to his words, pray and dwell in adoration. Most of all we come to eat, to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. This is how we accept God's invitation. Then comes the second part, the promise. After accepting God's invitation to join him, we promise to invite him into our lives, so he can make a difference in how we live. He wants to be a part of our joys and sorrows, our successes and failures

He wants us to host him wherever we're in our lives, into whatever is going on. That's why we don't stay in church after receiving the Eucharist. We consume his Body and Blood and then take him with us from church, willing to share his love and compassion and mercy with everyone we meet. God is our host in church, and we are his host in our bodies and out in the world. Embrace the invitation while at Mass and then the promise by inviting Jesus into every corner of your life as you go: **To love and serve the Lord."**

**The "Backwards Money Drawing" is one week away.** The drawing will start at 10am in the school cafeteria, Sunday, August 25th. The Sodality of Our Lady will host a special **Hospitality** during this time. All the tickets should be sold within the next few days. All **"ticket agents"** should have returned their tickets by now. If you haven't yet, please do so **ASAP.** Now there is still a chance to get in on the winnings. The number #500 ticket has not been sold. A special raffle is taking place right now where you can purchase tickets to be in on a chance to win the number #500 ticket which will be a guaranteed winner. Check the bulletin ad about this special raffle and don't miss out on this chance to also win big next Sunday.

**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** (Faith Formation), the **Divine Mercy Prayer Vigil** on Friday evening, August 23rd, the **Eucharistic Revival Centerfold**, the **Communal Prayer Before Mass** (found on the inside back cover), an invitation to join **FORMED** (your Catholic Faith on demand) and much more. To keep informed, keep a copy of the bulletin at home each week for quick and easy reference.

Have a great week. **Smile, share and promise to bring the Jesus you receive at Mass to all those in need. Plus remember: When you are full of love it confuses people who are full of baloney.** God bless always.

**-Father Chuck**





# WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

**AUGUST 18, 2024-20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## **The Gloria**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.**

**We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,**

**we give you thanks for your great  
glory, Lord God, Heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the  
Father, You take away the sin of the  
world, have mercy on us;**

**You take away the sin of the world,  
receive our prayer; You are seated  
at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One;  
you alone are the Lord.**

**You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God, the Father.**

**Amen**

## **Penitential Act**

**I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and  
in what I have failed to do,**

**[Pray while striking the breast 3 times.]  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

## **Nicene Creed**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial  
with the Father; through him all things  
were made. For us men and for our  
Salvation he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate  
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father. He will come again in  
Glory to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son, who with the Father and the Son is  
adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church. I confess one  
Baptism for the forgiveness of  
Sins and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead and the  
life of the world to come.  
Amen.**



# READINGS FOR TODAY'S MASS

AUGUST 18, 2024-20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## FIRST READING

Prv 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has set up her seven columns; she has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table. She has sent out her maidens; she calls from the heights out over the city: "Let whoever is simple turn in here; To the one who lacks understanding, she says, Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed! Forsake foolishness that you may live; advance in the way of understanding."

## SECOND READING

Eph 5:15-20

Brothers and sisters:  
Watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord. And do not get drunk on wine, in which lies debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and playing to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.



## ALLELUIA

Jn 6:56

R. Alleluia, alleluia.  
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.  
R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Glorify the LORD with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.  
R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor one called out, the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him.  
R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

## GOSPEL

Jn 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."

# Special Backwards Money Drawing Raffles

## BACKWARD DRAWING PRIZES:

- Ticket #491-\$300
  - Ticket #492-\$400
  - Ticket #493-\$500
  - Ticket #494-\$600
  - Ticket #495-\$700
  - Ticket #496-\$800
  - Ticket #497-\$900
  - Ticket #498-\$1,000
  - Ticket #499-\$2,500
  - Ticket #500-\$10,000
- Grand Prize**

*Enter to Win*



**This Sunday, August 25th, is the Backwards Money Drawing!**  
**The drawing starts at 10am in the school cafeteria.**

There will be a special hospitality sponsored by the Sodality of Our Lady during the drawing. Everyone is invited to come, enjoy some refreshments and friendship and hopefully see your ticket(s) pulled for a winning money prize. All the tickets will have been sold except the ticket numbered #500.

Why? Because this ticket is being raffled off that day. When there are only 9 tickets left in the drum, the winner from a separate drum is pulled and that person gets the ticket numbered #500, which is then filled out and put in the big drum with the remaining 9 Backwards Money Tickets. It becomes one of the last 10 tickets pulled and is a guaranteed winner! You could win anywhere from \$300 to \$10,000 depending on when it is pulled. Special raffle tickets for the numbered #500 ticket are available for sale at the rectory. They are only \$10 each and will be sold continuously right up to the drawing on Sunday. Stop by the rectory and get in on this chance to be a definite winner and maybe even the grand prize winner.

*You never know!*



*Jesus I trust  
in You*

## *Come celebrate... St. Faustina Kowalska's Birthday*

Please join us in praying for  
our great nation.  
Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament  
Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Praises of the Divine Mercy  
The Rosary  
St. Raymond Church  
Friday, August 23rd  
7:00pm - 8:30pm  
Please join us in prayer!



## **St. Faustina Kowalska 1905-1930**

I asked Him,  
"Do You have among our  
students any who are a  
comfort to Your Heart?"  
The Lord answered that  
He has, but their love is  
weak, and so I put them  
in your special care...  
pray for them (288)

# *“Backwards Money Drawing!”*

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

This special fundraiser will be held on Sunday, August 25, 2024

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

The grand prize of \$10,000 will be awarded to the last ticket drawn.

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

*Enter to Win*



## BACKWARD DRAWING

### PRIZES:

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

**Ticket #500-\$10,000 Grand Prize**

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### Backwards Money Drawing Ticket Order Form - August 25, 2024

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_





## ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

Many states are now trying to have abortion enshrined as a "right" in their state constitutions. New York has successfully been able to put the proposed "Equality Amendment" on the ballot in November to be voted on by New York State voters. If passed, the "Equality Amendment" will create a constitutional right to "reproductive health care. Missing from the amendment's text are words like: minor, parent, late term, parents. This amendment will: Allow the killing of the unborn babies through abortion the entire nine months of pregnancy, including late term abortions and by infanticide through the intentional neglect if the baby is born alive after an attempted abortion. Discriminate against social workers, educators and health care workers, including doctors and nurses by denying them state licenses if they refuse to do abortion referrals. Discriminate against parents by denying parents the right to require their consent for their minor age daughters being given abortion while requiring the consent of parents for their minor age daughters being given an aspirin. Discriminate (in Favor of Abortionists) by awarding abortionists the Privilege of operating without the health and safety regulations lifesaving surgeons and pharmacists must adhere to. This "Equality Amendment" can empower unaccountable state judges and bureaucrats to regulate, harass, fine and prosecute public witnessing and crisis pregnancy centers out of existence as violators of the "Civil Right" of "Reproductive Healthcare and Autonomy". It is important that we spread the word about the danger of this Amendment and encourage all to vote "NO" against the "Equality Amendment".



*St. Raymond's Parish Social Ministry  
The Ryan House*

*"The Heart of the Parish"*

12 Roosevelt Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563  
516-887-9197

**FOOD PANTRY HOURS OF OPERATION  
MONDAY THRU WEDNESDAY FROM  
10AM TO 3PM**

(Suggested to call for an appointment)

*"Faith in action is love ..... And love  
in action is service." Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

During the month of July, the Parish Social Ministry assisted 81 households with food, personal care and household items and provided them with other services they needed. Also, during the month of July, 1 new client was welcomed into our Outreach Program and the client received food assistance and information on organizations that could assist with other services, such as DDS and St. Vincent De Paul.

Food assistance is available to those in need who live within our Parish boundaries, including senior citizens who depend on their Social Security benefits as their only source of income.

**Pantry items needed this week: Canned Tomatoes, Mac and Cheese, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing, Rice, Chick Peas, Pinto Beans, White Beans and Black Beans, Canned White Potatoes, Canned Yams, Canned Fruit, Grape Jelly, Juice, Soup, Canned Meat, Tuna, Cold Cereal, Hot Cereal, Jello or Pudding, Snacks, Deodorant, Shaving Cream, Toothbrushes, Hair Conditioner, Pancake Syrup, Pancake Mix, Coffee, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Laundry Detergent and Dish Detergent.**

Thank you as always for helping us serve the people in need in our community. Food donations are greatly appreciated and can be brought to the Ryan House when it is open. Also, donations can be left in the bin on the porch or in the Altar Servers Sacristy.

*May God's blessings shower upon all of you!*

# St. Raymond's Bereavement Ministry

We are offering  
a Program for  
those grieving  
the death of a  
loved one.



Six Sessions beginning  
Thursday September 19, 2024  
at 7:30 PM  
in St. Raymond's  
School Cafeteria



Register: Call the Rectory  
at 516-593-5000  
or fill out the form below and  
send to the Rectory

Your Name:

Address:

Best Tel. #:

Relationship to the Deceased:



September 29  
8:30 - 4pm  
followed by  
Catholic Mass



Presents  
Celebrate  
Marriage

Come spend the day with the love of your life.  
This enrichment will renew your dreams, increase  
your passion and refresh and celebrate the  
Sacrament of your marriage.

Location: Seminary of the Immaculate Conception  
440 W Neck Rd, Lloyd Harbor, NY 11743

\$100 per couple

mail check payable to WWME 497 Clay Pitts Rd  
East Northport, NY 11731 breakfast and lunch

Contact: Chuck & Maria Reiss

(631)486-8607

chuck.maria.reiss@wwme.org



Pre-Cana

Marriage "is a marvelous  
gift, which contains  
the power of God's own  
love: strong, enduring,  
faithful, ready to start over  
after every failure or  
moment of weakness."

-Pope Francis

Newly engaged couples who are  
interested in finding out more  
information on our "at home"

Pre-Cana

program, please contact:  
Frank & Ginny Honerkamp  
516-887-9212 (evenings)



## STEP BY STEP WALK THROUGH THE MASS

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

FATHER LUKE SPANNAGEL

NATIONAL EUCHARIST REVIVAL BLOG



The Year of  
*Mission*



### Transubstantiation

I often hear people ask why it is that, for so many priests, the Consecration is their favorite moment of the Mass. How exactly does the Consecration “work?” Thanks for asking!

At the moment of the Consecration and the elevation that follows, I am always reassured that I am exactly where I am supposed to be: I am answering the call God gave to me to serve as a priest. As we all are, I am a work in progress, and some days feel like much more progress is needed. However, in that moment of the Mass, I am always comforted and strengthened, humbled and invigorated. Because I can be a perfectionist, I don't always receive compliments well; because I have a quick mind, I'm often thinking of problems to solve and things that need to be done. But in that moment of the Mass is true rest and peace. If you are like me and often have a preoccupied mind, I invite you in that special moment of the Mass to enjoy resting in his peace. Remind yourself that there is no better place to be in that moment than united with Jesus truly present on the altar.

#### How the Consecration

#### Effects Transubstantiation



How exactly does the Consecration work? Let's turn to our Catechism for some helpful wisdom. “It is by the conversion of the bread and wine into Christ's body and blood that Christ becomes present in this sacrament. The Church Fathers strongly affirmed the faith of the Church in the efficacy of the Word of Christ and of the action of the Holy Spirit to bring about this conversion. Thus St. John Chrysostom declares: ‘It is not man that causes the things offered to become the Body and Blood of Christ, but he who was crucified for us, Christ himself. The priest, in the role of Christ, pronounces these words, but their power and grace are God's. This is my body, he says. This word transforms the things offered’” (CCC, 1375). The Catechism tells us that the word of Jesus is what changes the bread and wine into his Body and Blood. The Catechism continues, “The Council of Trent summarizes the Catholic faith by declaring:

‘Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread, it has always been the conviction of the Church of God, and this holy Council now declares again, that by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation’” (CCC, 1376). For many of us, **transubstantiation** can be a big and intimidating word. The reason we use words like these is that they help us describe with precision what we believe is true. Transubstantiation helps us know that the “what it is” is what changes during the Mass. As we said before regarding the gifts, what they are before the consecration is simple bread and wine. Those words of Jesus change the bread and wine into his Body and Blood. Even though the appearances remain, we believe that the whole Christ is present in the consecrated host and chalice. As our Catechism teaches, the reason we believe that Jesus is present is because Jesus said it. We believe him when he says: “This is my Body.” We believe him when he says “This is my Blood.” We believe that the Eucharist really is Jesus. The same Jesus who was born in Bethlehem, the same Jesus who offered himself on the Cross—Jesus is truly with us!

#### Seeing with Eyes of Faith

“But Father, the host still ‘looks’ the same!” some may say. St. Cyril of Jerusalem (314–386) teaches, “Do not think these are just plain bread and plain wine. They are the body and blood of Christ, as the Lord asserted. Faith must convince you of the latter even though your senses suggest to you the former. Do not judge about this according to your preferences but, based on your faith, believe with firmness and certainty that you have been made worthy of the body and blood of Christ” If your faith feels unsure, ask the Lord to help you see with the eyes of faith that he is truly there. Let us shout with joy the words of St. John, “It is the Lord!” (John 21:7).

**For Reflection:** Consider checking out episodes 180–194 of Fr. Mike Schmitz's Catechism in a Year, which leads listeners on a journey into the mystery of the Eucharist.

**Next Week:** [Institution Narrative](#)





## ST. RAYMOND CHURCH

Opportunities for a Holy Hour  
Each Day, the Church is open  
for personal prayer until 5pm

Each Thursday - Eucharistic Exposition from 1-4pm  
Each First Friday - Nocturnal Adoration 7:30-8:30pm



**“... the one who feeds on  
me will have life because  
of me.” John 6:57  
 (“The Bread of Life  
Discourse”)**

## Eucharistic Revival -The Year of Mission July 21, 2024 - Pentecost 2025

Now that we have introduced the Four Pillars of Mission,  
we now offer some ideas how to apply them to your life.

### PILLAR 1 – EUCHARISTIC ENCOUNTER

Excerpts from Our Sunday Visitor by Marcel LeJeune

If God is love itself, then that love is experienced, lived and shared with others after we have each entered into a relationship with God – either for the first time or anytime we go deeper into that relationship. Think of it this way: Every time you do the following things, you are working on your personal relationship with Jesus (as long as you choose Him out of love and faith):

· *Set time apart daily to pray.* This time shouldn't just be prayers that are done merely out of obligation. Our goal should be intimate union with God. As the saints tell us to do, we need to speak to him as we would a friend. When we are done talking, listening is even more important. This is personal prayer.

· *Actively receive the sacraments.* I know that you can put off going to confession, but I have never regretted my time spent in going, once I committed to a monthly date with Jesus in the confessional. Building on this, we need to try to enter more deeply into Mass. There is no better place to work on our personal relationship with Jesus than when we receive him into our bodies and souls in the Eucharist. The depths of graces we can mine in the Eucharistic relationship have no end.

· *Read and meditate with sacred Scripture.* The Bible is written for each of us. The Church says that each time we study and pray with Scripture (if we do so in a spirit of prayer), we have the opportunity to once again encounter Jesus. We can learn more about Him, but the point is to ultimately love him more as well.

· *Perform acts of mercy and serve others selflessly.* Everyone wants to be served, and God has put us on this earth to serve others. The good thing is, we get something out of it too. When we give ourselves away in loving service to others, we grow as disciples. We get back when we give to others. God is never outdone when we love Him and others.



### Pillar 1 - Eucharistic Witness

*“Modern man listens more willingly to  
witnesses than to teachers, and if he does  
listen to teachers, it is because they are  
witnesses.” St. Paul VI*

### St. Maximilian Kolbe

Priest & Martyr (+1941)

St. Maximilian Kolbe is a man most often remembered for his heroic death at the hands of the Nazis, but even before this culminating moment he had long before laid down his life for God. As a Conventual Franciscan he founded an impressive friary that ended up being one of the largest of its time, which took up the task of publishing a newspaper called “The Knight,” which became recognized as one of the greatest in his home of Poland, and soon around the world as far as Japan.

Reading the first-person accounts of people who knew and loved him, it is easy to see why he was so quick to offer his life for a stranger in a concentration camp. For he had already given himself completely over to the perfect will of God, taking up wholeheartedly the mission of the Apostles. Yet he approached it in a way that wasn't off-putting as many of we Christians tend to be.

People who knew him were attracted to him because “he radiated goodness.” How many of our friends can say that about us? Yet it's true that those souls filled with God are people who reflect his light on the world. And we are attracted to that holiness—not necessarily the solemn, silent saint with his eyes always downcast, but the joyful, humble holiness as described here. This is the kind of person you just want to be around, the kind of person deep down that we all want to be. In fact, it's the kind of person that God has created us to be, that He challenges us to be.

Think of it less as telling people about Jesus, and more as showing people Jesus in yourself, in who you are and how you live. Your lived example will be more convincing, more inviting, more attractive, and in the end more challenging to others as you invite them through your actions to get to know God.

*A Christian who is living the mission of a disciple is one who believes in Jesus, who knows Jesus, who can't live without Jesus, and who wants to share with others the love, peace, and joy that he has experienced as a result of living in relationship with Jesus.*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - FAITH FORMATION

*Lucy Ostermann, Director*



The Religious Education office will continue summer hours until August 22nd, 2024. The 2024/2025 Registration process is on-going throughout the summer months. Please send in your forms along with full payment as soon as possible.

Our 2024/2025 Religious Education program is in need of 2 more catechists for the following grades and days:

1 Catechists for 3rd Grade - 3:30pm-4:30pm - 1 Wednesday

1 Catechist for 6th Grade - 3:30pm-4:30pm - 1 Thursday

The Religious Education school year goes from September 23rd, 2024 - April 10th, 2025.

Please consider teaching one of these classes. An option to think about is team teaching - two teachers can split the year, alternate weeks or alternate months. Whatever you decide to do so that the commitment is not overbearing. There is no Registration fee for Catechists. The teacher manuals are very user friendly and geared to adults who are not professional teachers. Please let us know if you are able to help us - our Ministry is one of extreme importance because it keeps our faith strong and alive for years to come.

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*Our Lady to Lúcia at Fatima*

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# Masses for this week

## Monday, August 19th

7:15am John Butler

8:45am Maryann Mulroy

## Tuesday, August 20th St. Bernard

7:15am Theresa Kitson

8:45am Harold Jacobs

## Wednesday, August 21st St. Pius X

7:15am John & Jane Gilhooly

8:45am Father Theodore Iloh (L)

## Thursday, August 22nd

### Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:15am Arthur Schreiber

8:45am Francis Gallagher

## Friday, August 23rd

7:15am Antonio Jonathan Aponte

8:45am Giuseppe Cibellis

## Saturday, August 24th St. Bartholomew

8:45am Anne & Emily Mincher

5:00pm Richard Raia

## Sunday, August 25th

7:30am William Cancellare

9:00am Sam G. Webb (L)

10:30am Francis Caraher

12:00pm Vincent & Helen Morrone, Jane Donlon, Elizabeth Griffin, Eric Worrell, Michelangelo Sapienza, Jane White, Alice C. Dillon, Mae McGuinness

4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

## Scripture Readings for the Week

### Monday

Ez 24:15-23/Mt 19:16-22

### Tuesday

Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30

### Wednesday

Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16

### Thursday

Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14

### Friday

Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40

### Saturday

Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51

### Sunday

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32, 25-32/

Jn 6:60-69

# Please Pray for Our Sick

Baby Faith Madison

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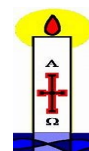
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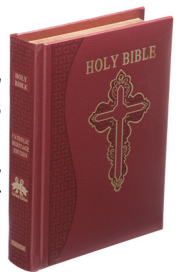
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