

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, July 28, 2024

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“When the people saw the sign he had done,
they said, ‘This is truly the Prophet, the one
who is to come into the world.’”

-John 6:14



July 28, 2024

17th 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.

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

Greetings and God's blessings be yours on the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time! This Sunday we start a series of gospels that are Eucharistic centered. Given that we are in the midst of the National Eucharistic Revival, it is a good time for us all to reflect more deeply on the real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. There are two stories of miraculous feelings in today's readings. In the first reading from 2 Kings, the prophet Elisha fed 100 people with only 20 barley loaves and some fresh grain. All this was done at God's direction. *"For thus says the Lord: 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'"* Then in the second reading from Ephesians, Paul preaches unity among the people. It is a unity that can only be achieved with faith and recognizing that they are *"one body and one Spirit."* And finally, in John's gospel we have the well-known passage of Jesus feeding the 5000 with only five barley loaves and two fish. This miraculous sign was a foretaste of how Jesus would feed people spiritually through his own Body and Blood when he sacrificed his life for our salvation. When all was said and done, the people reacted in a way that was very understandable, yet they as yet, had not come to fully grasp who Jesus was. *"This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world."*

We believe that God is the Creator. He created the world from nothing. Yet in the two miracle feeding stories we have today an offering is made. God doesn't feed the crowd from nothing. He takes what is offered and multiplies it. Each week when we celebrate the Eucharist, God does the same for us. We bring forth an offering of bread and wine and they become for us the Body and Blood of Jesus. It is not grapes and wheat brought forth, God's creation. It is bread and wine offered; God's creation transformed by our work. With God nothing is wasted. Our smallest efforts, our prayers, our works, our sufferings, when united with Jesus' sacrifice, can be transformed into Jesus' very Body and Blood. We take what God has given us; our bodies, our lives, our talents and abilities, and use them to transform creation through our work. This is what we bring to the table, the altar and we hope that God will transform it along with the bread and wine. If we receive the Eucharist with the proper disposition, we are united not only to Jesus, but in Jesus to one another, as one body. That's the unity Paul urges in his words to the Ephesians.

So, as we prepare our hearts to receive the Eucharist today, let us offer our gifts to God, so that they too may be multiplied and that we may become Jesus' body, united in one faith as a sign of our one Lord, who is over all and in all.

We are just four weeks away from our 2024 Backwards Money Drawing on Sunday, August 25th. As of this weekend we have 150 of the 500 tickets sold. That means we still have over 300 tickets to sell. This weekend at all the Masses I am asking people to become ticket agents and be responsible for getting a ticket sold. They are \$100 each which can be shared with family, friends or co-workers. Remember that the grand prize is \$10,000 for the last ticket drawn. In addition, another \$10,000 is awarded to the winning tickets as the 500 are counted down. You can win anywhere from \$200 to \$2500 in addition to the \$10,000 grand prize. Please consider helping by taking a ticket and or being a ticket agent. Simply stop by the Backwards Money Drawing table in the altar server sacristy or at the rear of the church. Give us your name and phone number and you will be assigned a ticket. Thanks for your help.

On Friday, August 9th, we will have our annual Parish Picnic, starting at 5:30pm on the "great lawn" directly behind the rectory. All are invited to share some food, drink, and friendship with fellow parishioners. It is a nice way for all to spend a summer evening enjoying each other's company on our parish grounds. I hope to see you there.

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 interest in news and needs from *Parish Social Ministry*, info from *Religious Education* (Faith Formation), an order form for the *Backwards Money Drawing*, an invitation to the *Parish Picnic* on Friday, August 9th, 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 remember: When all was said and done, did you say more or do more?* God bless always.

-Father Chuck

WEEKLY MASS PRAYERS

JULY 28, 2024-17TH 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

JULY 28, 2024-17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

2 Kgs 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the firstfruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat." But his servant objected, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat." "For thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said.

ALLELUIA

Lk 7:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
A great prophet has risen in our midst.
God has visited his people.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.
Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you. Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.
R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.
The eyes of all look hopefully to you, and you give them their food in due season; you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.
The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.
R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

GOSPEL

Jn 6:1-15

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

SECOND READING

Eph 4:1-6

Brothers and sisters:
I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

St. Raymond's

Parish Picnic

August 9th at 5:30pm

At the Great Lawn behind the Church

It Starts with a Great Evening of Fun,
Friends, Food and....



Friendship



Bring Your Friends, Family, Lawn Chairs,
Picnic Food & Beverages Hamburgers,
Hot Dogs, Soda, Water,

Popcorn, Italian Ices provided by

Msgr. Walsh/St. Raymond's Knight of Columbus

Music, Games and So Much More!

It's Time to Get Together Again

Hosted by
Faith & Friendship



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**

Backwards Money Drawing Ticket Order Form - August 25, 2024

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Number of Tickets: _____



ST. RAYMOND'S HUMAN LIFE COMMITTEE

*"Come to Me, all you who are weary and
burdened, and I will give you rest.*

*Take My yoke upon you and learn from
Me, for I am gentle and humble of heart,
and you will find rest for your souls".*

-Matthew 11:28-30

**For anyone who is suffering from a
past abortion, we invite you and
pray that you will take advantage
of the following program to begin
your journey towards healing.**

**You are not alone!
God's Mercy and Love
is waiting for you!**

ENTERING CANAAN A DAY OF PRAYER AND HEALING

**For confidential information or
reservations for upcoming Women and
Men Retreat Dates, please call:**

Joanne C. - #516-647-5353 (women),

Rob - #516-353-6765 (men).

or - enteringcanaan.com

**Led by: Theresa Bonapartis,
Co-developer of Entering Canaan &
Dir. of Lumina/Hope
& Healing after Abortion**

**Human Life Committee Meeting:
Thursday, August 1st, 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Parish Social Ministry House.**

All invited and needed!



*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)

*"The generous will themselves be blessed,
for they share their food with the poor."*

-Proverbs 22:9

The Parish Social Ministry assisted **83 households** during the month of **June** with food, personal care and household items and provided them with other services they needed. Also, during the month of June, **2 new clients were welcomed** into our Outreach Program and they received food assistance and information on organizations for other services, such as DDS and Saint Vincent de Paul. Assistance with food 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 and need help obtaining food.

**Pantry items needed this week: Pasta and Rice
Side Dishes, Jarred Pasta Sauce, Canned
Tomatoes, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Chick Peas,
Pinto Beans, White Beans, Baked Beans,
Canned Yams, Canned Mixed Vegetables,
Carrots, Beets and Peas, Canned Fruit, Ramen
Noodles, Canned Meat, Hot Cereal,
Jello/Pudding, Deodorant, Shaving Cream,
Toothbrushes, Conditioner, 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!



**First Saturday
Novena
Our Lady of
Fatima
Rosary**

August 3, 2024

8:10am

**St. Raymond Church
Near the Blessed Mother Statue
Make Reparation for sins against
The Immaculate Heart of Mary**



Stewardship
a way of life

*As St. Paul reminds us
today in the second
reading, live your life with
humility, gentleness and
patience. Let the actions
and words in your
life attract others
to the Church.*



Nocturnal Adoration

The Nocturnal Adoration Society will meet Friday, August 2nd from 7:30-8:30pm in the Church for its monthly hour of Adoration. Nocturnal Adoration is fashioned after the Liturgy of Hours, this time of prayer is a blessed way to intensify our walk with Jesus.

Come spend some time with Jesus!



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

The Background of the Eucharistic Prayers

What is the background for the Eucharistic Prayers? We begin with what Jesus himself said and did. Fr. Guy Oury writes, "According to St. Paul and Saint Luke, Jesus 'gave thanks' (1 Cor. 11:24; Lk 22:17). According to Saint Matthew and Saint Mark, he 'said [a] blessing' (Mt. 26:26; Mk 14:22). The two expressions are equivalent. They designate a blessing prayer of thanksgiving that was customary among the Jews. The ritual of the Passover meal, which may have been the setting for the institution and first celebration of the Eucharist, included such a prayer" (The Mass, p. 92-93). If we look through the Gospels, we will see Jesus often giving thanks. This reminds us of the word Eucharist, which means thanksgiving!



The Jewish Roots of Eucharistic Prayers

As Edward Sri, the author of "A Biblical Walk Through the Mass," observes, "Scholars have noted that the Eucharistic prayer has roots in the Jewish table prayers recited at every meal. Near the start of the meal, the father of the family or the one presiding over the community would take bread and speak a blessing (barakah) which praised God, saying: 'Blessed are you, Lord, our God, king of the universe, who has brought forth bread from heaven.' The bread was then broken and given to the participants, and the people began eating... When the meal neared its conclusion, the presider prayed a second and longer barakah over a cup of wine. This blessing had three parts: 1) praise of God for his creation; 2) thanksgiving for his redemptive work in the past (for example, the giving of the covenant, the land, the law); and 3) supplication for the future, that God's saving works would continue in their lives and be brought to their climax in the sending of the Messiah who would restore the Davidic kingdom" (p. 93). Doesn't that structure and content sound familiar? Sri goes on to say that this pattern was found in early Eucharistic prayers and is still present today. We also see this pattern in the writings of St. Justin and St. Hippolytus.

The Promises to the Jews Fulfilled in Jesus



It makes sense that Jesus prayed in the pattern of the Jewish people of his day. What was different, and what changes these prayers for us, is when Jesus said, "This is My Body. This is My Blood." As Fr. Oury continues, "In his blessing prayers, and especially the one he spoke on the eve of the Passion for the institution of the Eucharist, Jesus went beyond the blessing prayers of his contemporaries. He referred to more than the benefits of creation or the blessings of the history of salvation in the Old Testament. He showed the promises fulfilled in himself... At the Last Supper Jesus left his disciples a memorial of his covenant. He left them certain actions to be perpetuated: breaking and distribution of bread, presentation of the cup, together with the words of institution" (The Mass, p. 94).

Knowing more about the Jewish background can be a great help to us in understanding customs and references we find in the Scriptures as well as seeing how many prayers of the Mass took shape. Above all, this background can help us understand even more clearly the longing for the Messiah and the amazing gift that Jesus is as he is truly present with us! As we continue our journey through the parts of the Mass, the notes of thanksgiving and praise will continue to be present, as well as ongoing reminders of how Jesus is truly present with us and why the Mass is such a unique and perfect prayer of praise to the Father. Challenge for the week: See how many times you notice "thanks" present in the Mass!

For Reflection:

Take up Fr. Luke's challenge to count the number of times you hear references to "thanks" or "thanksgiving" during Mass.

Do you have Jewish friends or acquaintances? If the relationships allow, ask about your friends if and how they practice meal prayers.

Next Week: The Epiiclesis

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



*“... to live in a manner
worthy of the call you
have received ...”*
Ephesians 4:1

Eucharistic Revival -The Year of Mission

July 21, 2024 - Pentecost 2025

Each week we will introduce one of the
Four Pillars of Mission.

PILLAR 2 – EUCHARISTIC IDENTITY

Encouraging missionary disciples to embrace their
true identities as beloved children of the Father
through their relationship with Christ in the Eucharist.

The Lord made us for himself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in him (cf. St. Augustine, Confessions, 1.1.1). Christ—at the Last Supper, on the night before he handed over his life for us—gave us the great command to remain in his love, and to love one another as he has loved us. This command reveals to us our truest identity, which is realized in this world in the Eucharist. As Pope St. John Paul II puts it, “God has placed in human hearts a ‘hunger’ for his word (cf. Am 8:11), a hunger which will be satisfied only by full union with him. Eucharistic communion was given so that we might be ‘sated’ with God here on earth, in expectation of our complete fulfilment in heaven” (Mane Nobiscum Domine, no. 19).

When we encounter Christ in the Eucharist, we are called to mature in our relationship and respond to him. This is where our encounter with Christ matures. No longer are we just “in love” with Christ: now we choose to love Christ and live as sons and daughters, adopted through him (cf. Eph 1:5). A Eucharistic identity, then, is more than joy or peace when we encounter Jesus: through these encounters, we are called to take on his mind and his heart. Pope St. Paul VI exhorts us “to foster devotion to the Eucharist, which should be the focal point and goal of all other forms of devotion” (Mysterium fidei, no. 64). When we allow Christ to form us through the Eucharist, it will have consequences for all aspects of our lives. In this way, the Eucharistic Sacrifice will become the “source and summit” of our Christian lives (cf. Vatican II, Lumen Gentium, no. 11). Let us return to worship. Let us lend the ear of our hearts to the One who, in silence, wants to say to us: ‘I am your God—the God of mercy and compassion, the God of pardon and love, the God of tenderness and care...’ Do we believe that the Lord loves us, that the Lord loves me?” (Homily for Ash Wednesday, 2024).

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*

PILLAR 2 – EUCHARISTIC IDENTITY

To truly live out our mission as Catholics, we must first embrace our identity as beloved children of the Father, shaped by our relationship with Christ in the Eucharist. This pillar emphasizes the importance of internalizing and living out the teachings and love of Jesus, allowing our Eucharistic encounters to define who we are. Through these encounters, our hearts and minds are transformed, guiding us to reflect Christ’s love in every aspect of our lives.

St. Mary Magdalene and Blessed Carlos (“Charlie”) Manuel Rodriguez both provide models of Eucharistic Identity. They show us how spending time with Christ leads us into missionary activity. What can we learn from their Eucharistic witness:

St. Mary Magdalene: Through the Gospels, we read that St. Mary Magdalene had a persevering love for Jesus. She remained faithfully with him throughout his Passion, clinging to the foot of the Cross as Jesus died. In traditional iconography, Mary is depicted embracing the Cross or caressing Christ’s feet as his Blood pours forth onto her. She was the first witness and herald of Christ after his Resurrection, earning her the title the “Apostle to the Apostles.” Her awe, amazement, and joy when she encounters Christ in his Paschal Mystery—as well as her evangelization to the apostles—match the call we hear at the dismissal in Mass.

Blessed Carlos Manuel Rodriguez: Blessed Charlie embodied what it means to have a Eucharistic identity. For him, this Eucharistic identity was lived out through his devotion to the Easter Triduum. He was fond of saying that “we live for that night,” referring to the Easter Vigil. Blessed Charlie’s life was a beautiful example that, through the Eucharist, on every day the Church has called the Lord’s Day she keeps the memory of the Lord’s Resurrection, so that the whole year is transfigured by the light of the Resurrection.

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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Masses for this week

Monday, July 29th

Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

7:15am John Healy

8:45am Jennie Gaeta

Tuesday, July 30th

7:15am Victorio Bruno

8:45am Richard Zapke

Wednesday, July 31st

St. Ignatius of Loyola

7:15am Jeremiah Murphy

8:45am Mary Ann Malone

Thursday, August 1st

7:15am Rory Polley

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Friday, August 2nd

7:15am John Healy

8:45am Joseph Ninivaggi

Saturday, August 3rd

8:45am Josephine Dietz, Angela McMorrow,
The Sodality of Our Lady

5:00pm Patricia Shanazon

Sunday, August 4th

7:30am Catherine Thornton

9:00am MaryAnne Micera

10:30am Agnes & Louis Barbato

12:00pm Richard McInerney, Jane Donlon,
Clemente DiMonda, Helen O'Grady,
William Cavanagh, Xavier Martinez,
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4:30pm St. Raymond Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Monday

JER 13:1-11/JN 11:19-27

Tuesday

Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

Jer 15:10, 16-21/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday

Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53

Friday

Jer 26:1-9/1 Pt 1:25

Saturday

Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35



Please Pray for Our Sick

Baby Faith Madison

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(Names are printed for 3 weeks unless
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Spirit please quiet our minds from the busyness and distractions of our day, so that we will have hearts and minds attentive to the words of Jesus and ready to receive his Body and Blood in Holy Communion.

Blessed Mother, take our hearts and give us yours, that like you, we may ponder Jesus' words and do whatever he tells us to do. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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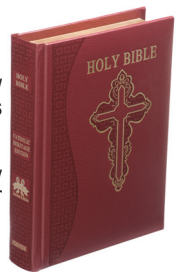
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