



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT CATHOLIC CHURCH

WE ARE A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

*Welcome. Love. Serve.*

# FOURTH

*Sunday*  
in  
*Lent*

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be saved through him. — John 3:17

March 14, 2021

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.**  
(live streamed)

**Thursday at 12:00 p.m. (Noon)**

**Saturday at 5:00 p.m.**  
(live streamed and communion service immediately following)

**Sunday at 8:30 a.m.**

**Sunday at 11:00 a.m.**  
(live streamed and communion service immediately following)

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Saturday, from 4:00-4:30 p.m.**

Bulletins are available outside the entrances  
of the Church and PMC.

## DAILY READINGS

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;  
Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or  
Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9;  
Jn 12:20-33 Alternate readings (Year A): [click here](#)



**ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT**

# *Lent* March 7, 2021 **Reflections**

*You are good.*

*You are loved.*

*You are enough.*

Understanding what true love is is very complicated. In our daily lives we use the word love to express our feelings for a range of things: I love my sunglasses, I love your shirt, I love that new show on Netflix, I love my spouse. The word love has a wide range of meanings.

In Greek, there are four different words for love: storge, philia, eros, and agape.

**Storge is familial love-** the love and affection one has for family

**Philia is the love of friendship-** the type of love one would have for friends and our neighbor

**Eros is passion-** the type of love one would have for a spouse

**Agape is the highest form of love-** the type of love that is sacrificial for the good of the other

Agape is used to describe God's love. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). The same God who created all of creation became man out of love for each of us. He became man to remind us of our inherent dignity and worth. Jesus came to shower us with a love that is compassionate, merciful, and unconditional. His death on the cross is an act of sacrifice for the forgiveness of our sins. Pope Francis reminds us that "we are the recipients of a love that has no equal on earth."

Our lived experiences definitely have an impact on how we love and receive love. Perhaps we have been hurt in the past or we have experienced a heartbreak. Or perhaps we have never heard someone tell us they love us. Oftentimes those experiences make us believe that we are not worthy of love from our families or a significant other. But Jesus reminds us that we are loved...we are good...and we are enough despite the things we believe about ourselves or the things we have done.

As we continue our journey through Lent, take some time to reflect on the relationships you have with your family, your friends, your spouse and with Jesus. How can you remind others of God's love for them? How can you remind them of the love you have for them?

Take some time to reflect on your relationship with Jesus. Spend some time in prayer and silence. Allow Him to speak to your heart and remind you that:

*You are good.*

*You are loved.*

*You are enough.*

Let us continue to pray for each other as we continue our Lenten journey.

In Christ,  
Diana Arizmendi



# ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

## PRAYER | FASTING | ALMSGIVING

# Lent

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### WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday—9:00 a.m.  
*(in-person & livestream)*

Thursday—12:00 p.m. *(in-person only)*

### INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday | 4:00—4:30 p.m. | Church

### WEEKEND MASS

Saturday—5:00 p.m. *(in-person & livestream with communion outside after mass)*

Sunday—8:30 a.m. *(in-person only)*  
and 11:00 a.m. *(in-person & livestream with communion outside after mass)*

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### LENTEN PARTNERSHIP

Catholic Relief Services - Operation Rice Bowl

Rice bowls will be available for pick-up in any location our bulletins are offered. More information about CRS Rice bowls can be found through the bulletin and social media.  
*(Donations can also be made online through <https://crsricebowl.org>)*

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### LENTEN SCRIPTURE SERIES

Podcast with Fr. Scott | Weekly | Website: <https://st-raymond.org>

Offered for the 6 weeks of Lent beginning on Sunday, February 21, 2021

*Learn more about our history and identity as People of God through reflections on the covenants.  
You are invited to carve out some time to listen and learn more about who we are as Church.*

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### LENTEN TAIZE PRAYER

This was recorded and can be viewed from our LENT page or clicking [here](#).

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### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent | 7:00 p.m. | Church and Livestream

**February 19:** Gathering of Women | view online under past recordings

**February 26:** Men of St. Raymond/CHRP | view online under past recordings

**March 5:** Bereavement Ministry | view online under past recordings

**March 12 and March 19:** Youth Ministry

**March 26:** Deacon Dave and Monica Babczak

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In-person registration can be found under Mass Information and Registration at [st-raymond.org](http://st-raymond.org) or call the Parish Ministry Office (PMC) 847-253-8600

live stream available on the following platforms

**our website at** <https://www.st-raymond.org/live-stream-mass/>

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**twitch** <https://www.twitch.tv/straymondmpil>



# We Remember in Beauty

THE EASTER SEASON IS FILLED WITH ANTICIPATION AND JOY OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST. IT IS A TIME WHEN WE REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE COMPLETED THEIR JOURNEY ON EARTH AND CELEBRATE THEIR NEW LIFE WITH CHRIST. WE INVITE THE FAITH COMMUNITY TO ASSIST IN CREATING A VISIBLE SIGN OF THAT REMEMBRANCE OF A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND BY DONATING TO THE EASTER ENVIRONMENT THAT WILL GRACE OUR WORSHIP SPACE THIS YEAR.



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## Pray for our Sick

As Members of the Parish Faith Community, it is our responsibility

to remember both in concrete and spiritual ways those who cannot celebrate with us each week because they are ill. Those who are sick in turn, remember all of us daily in their prayers and in their sufferings. We experience many blessings because of their remembering us. \*Infant

Abplanalp, Esther	Drain, Daniel	Nykiel, Antonina
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Adams, Robert	Eichberger, Mary Ann	O'Keefe, Shiela
Amodio, Antoinette	Froelich, Roy	Olsen, Julia
Archibald, Rosetta	Getsla, Goldie	Payne, Laura
Baker, Robert	Gordon, Ken	Penze, Denise
Baldassano, Andrea	Hackney, Cynthia	Peppard, Tom
Baldassano, Dina	Hauswirth, Joseph	Peterson, Marion
Banadera, Leonida	Herling, Liam	Reising, Donald E.
Banas, Virginia	Heslinga, Kathy	Richards, Joan
Benden, Jeff	Hill, Ron	Riley, Barbara
Bina, Steven	Hopkins, Karen	Riley, Liz
Breitsameter, Barbara	Hunt, Ann	Rodriguez, Irma and Julio
Brennan, Dorothy	Janas, Becky	Sadeghloo, Donna
Brown, Gerald L.	Juell, Cathy	Sadeghloo, John
"Chip"	Kamaryt, Donald	Sanders, Rosemary
Bruso, Bill	Karson, Steve	Schreiner, Amy
Buchberger, Chris	Kegermann, Jack	Shea, Dorothy
Buchberger, Greg	Kenny, Mary	Sheehy, Eleanor
Buchberger, Katie	King, Marianne	Skillman, John
Bychowski, Mike	Kramer, Eleanor	Skowron, Blake
Cabanski, Karen	Kurka, Peg	Smerek, Kate
Carr, Patrick	Kuzniak, Krzysztof	Sommers, Georgia
Caulfield, Jim	Lapinski, Louise	Swietek, Chester
Cavage, Adeline	Leuzzi, Angela	Theis, Tim
Chojnowski, Edward & Marianna	Lopatkowicz, Christine	Tilpe, Hans
Comanici, Coca	Maher, Elena	Torello, Rick
Cotto, Mason	Marturana, Pam	Tortorello, Carol
Crooks, Richard	Maslon, Emilija	Walkowiak, Gloria
Czajka, Donna	Monson, Dorothy & Clarence	Wilson, Irene
Czajka, Frank	Murphy, Aria*	Zabawski, Alice
Dauer, Elizabeth Anne	Murphy, Bill	Zlabis, Zachary
DeRoche, David	Nichols, Roberta	
Donna, Dorothy	Nitkiewicz, Tony	
Dowling, Beau	Novak, Jeanne	

## † We Remember †

**Monday—March 15, 2021**

† Marge Wood

**Tuesday—March 16, 2021**

† Susan Kowalczyk

**Wednesday—March 17, 2021**

**Saint Patrick, Bishop**

9:00 am † Ed & Rosemary McMahon

**Thursday—March 18, 2021**

**Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

12:00 pm † Ellen Nowickas

**Friday—March 19, 2021**

**Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Saturday—March 20, 2021**

5:00 pm † Linda Braun

† Josefina Rocha

**Sunday—March 21, 2021**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:30 am † Dorothy Hill

11:00 am † Rolondo Alonzo

† Salvatore Grana

† Kyle Richard Grant

† Kazmierz Kochanek

† Daniel Sullivan

† Ed Wade (21st anniversary)

† Margaret Wood



**Ann DiVall, Mother of Linda and Diane**

## Counseling Services

Counseling Services are available for those experiencing the loss of a loved one, a relationship, job, and other challenging life situations through our

Human Concerns Commission. If you would like to talk with a counselor, please contact Sr. Valerie Kulbacki, Director of Care Ministries, at 847-253-8600 or at [Sr.Val@St-Raymond.org](mailto:Sr.Val@St-Raymond.org).

Ever-faithful and loving God, place your healing hand upon all who suffer illness, bring them to full health and ease their anxious hearts.

Reassure their hearts of your ever-presence at every hospital bed and of your divine hand tenderly grasping the hand of all who are alone. Open our eyes to see each other as sisters and brothers of one human family. Fill our hearts with compassion and encourage us to follow your Son, Jesus, who taught us to reach out to each other in love and in service. Remind us always that we are your beloved ones.

Hold us closer to yourself, O Lord, as we grieve the passing of our sisters and brothers who have died. We commend them to your tender mercy, confident that nothing, not even death, will separate us from your love. May their souls and the souls of all the faithfully departed rest peacefully in your loving arms.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





*Melissa Violetto*  
Catechumen



My name is Melissa Violetto. I am 28 years old and am currently a Senior Accountant for a corporation in the healthcare industry located in downtown Chicago. Originally from Tinley Park, Illinois, I moved up to Arlington Heights over 3 years ago. I am engaged to my wonderful fiancé and RCIA sponsor, Shane Hahn. We are set to get married at St. Raymond's in August 2021.

Although my grandparents were practicing Catholics, my parents chose not to baptize my sister and I in an effort to let us find our own spiritual journey. Growing up, I had attended many youth group and church events with friends of several different religions. However, I kept feeling drawn to the Catholic faith. As most of my family were confirmed Catholics, I grew up with the beliefs and values of the Catholic church. As I entered my twenties, I kept having this feeling that something was missing, but couldn't quite figure out exactly what it was. Earlier this year, I finally pieced it together that it was these values and beliefs that made me the person I am today. Being recognized as part of the Catholic church was exactly what had been missing.

When I started to look into the RCIA program, I was apprehensive to go through the process of receiving my sacraments as an adult. However, after speaking with Deacon Dave earlier this year, I instantly knew that I had made the right decision and was eager to begin the program in the fall. I am very appreciative of Deacon Dave and the RCIA team, along with my sponsor, for guiding me on this spiritual journey. I am looking forward to receiving my sacraments next year and getting to know the St. Raymond's community!



*Bradley Paulus*  
Candidate



My name is Bradley Paulus. I am a 41 year old and a Pipe Fitter for local 597 in Chicago. I was born and raised in Chicago and have spent the last 11 years in Mount Prospect. I am newly engaged to my fiancé, Esmeralda Martinez and we are looking forward to a wedding this year. I did grow up going to church. Going to mass was something that was always a part of me and always will be. I grew up spending my Sundays at the Lutheran Church. While at the Lutheran Church, I have always had the feeling that something was missing. I was not sure what it was until I met my fiancé last year. She took me by the hand and introduced me to the Catholic Church. She was able to show me the way and also their teachings. Every time we attend mass on Sundays the church became more and more meaningful to me. This is where I decided that I wanted the Catholic church to be a part of my everyday life. I reached out to Saint Raymond and was in contact with Deacon Dave to obtain my sacraments. I am currently in the RCIA program and I am thankful for all of the additional teachings offered through the program. I would like to send a special thank you to Deacon Dave Babczak, John Semerau, Warren Sandberg, and Dan Colon for all of the time they have invested in myself and the program. I would like to thank Saint Raymond for the opportunity to be a part of this journey. I am forever thankful for the lessons I have learned through the RCIA program and the ones I will learn in the future. This opportunity has made me a better, stronger person and I will share my teachings with many, many others.

My name is Jim Meagher and I have been interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church for many years. My wife and children are Catholic and I attended Catholic grade school as a child. My wife and I were high school sweethearts and in our 41 years of marriage we have raised 4 beautiful children. I grew up in Chicago and moved to Des Plaines before our children started school. We have been a part of St. Raymond Parish for 3 years and my wife sings in the choir.

I was a truck driver for many years and currently drive a Corporate bus. I have been thinking about officially becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Faith and specifically St Raymond's for years, but for some reason I just was not ready until now. I am excited to continue my Faith journey with the help and support of the wonderful people of St. Raymond's.



James Meagher—Catechumen



# WE'RE TAKIN' IT ON THE ROAD!

## EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT



COVID-19 has changed everything. This year we're partnering with the Downtown Merchant's Association and several local restaurants to take our fish fry **ON THE ROAD!**

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**FEBRUARY 26 | MARCH 12 | APRIL 2**

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*And don't forget the reason for the season...*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS | 7PM | ONLINE & IN-PERSON**  
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# ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL



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## Welcome Back Remote Learners



This past Monday, St. Raymond students excitedly welcomed more remote classmates back to the school. The school staff celebrated the event with a "Welcome Back Banner". Classroom teachers found other ways to make the students feel special, like Miss Kramer's kindergarten class, who decorated the door with balloons, created posters and played the song "Celebration" as the kids arrived.

Parents continue to praise the success of St. Raymond's in-person learning. With less than 5% of our students in remote learning, we are proud of the commitment our staff, parents and students have shown. Through this effort, we have kept our students learning and growing socially and emotionally in school.

***"My class is very excited to have our two remote learners back.***

***The 7th grade  
was very welcoming,"  
said teacher  
Mrs. Katie Ludescher.***

Mr. Kamptner, a new parent to SRS this year, commented, "we just want to thank you for everything you are doing this year...Our daughter's class has been preparing for her return and talking it up for the past two weeks. They welcomed her with open arms!"













Palms will be available before and after all masses. There will also be palms available near the bulletin bins over the entire weekend.

847-253-8600 | [www.st-raymond.org](http://www.st-raymond.org)

This schedule is subject to change. Pre-registration through the website is limited to 50 pews for each mass. Please call the PMC Office for assistance.



## PALM SUNDAY 2021

**March 27 | 5:00 p.m. Mass** (Please pre-register online for in-person or view the livestream through the parish website with communion immediately following.)

**March 28 | 8:30 a.m. Mass** (Please pre-register for in-person only.)

**March 28 | 11:00 a.m. Mass** (Please pre-register online for in-person or view the livestream through the parish website with communion immediately following.)

"When the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.'"

JOHN 12:12-13



## ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT 2021 TRIDUUM WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### HOLY THURSDAY - APRIL 1, 2021

7:30 p.m. *Liturgy of the Lord's Supper*

Procession of the Eucharist and 20 minutes of adoration to follow the liturgy.  
Please join us in-person with pre-registration or livestream through our website.

### GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 2, 2021

3:00 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*

7:30 p.m. *Veneration of the Cross  
and Communion Service*

Please join us in-person with pre-registration or livestream through our website.

### HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 3, 2021

1:30 p.m. *Easter Basket Blessing of Food*  
(Offered through livestream only)

7:30 p.m. *Easter Vigil*

Please join us in-person with pre-registration or livestream through our website.

### EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 4, 2021

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

Please join us in-person with pre-registration or livestream through our website for the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with communion immediately following outside the church front doors.

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This schedule is subject to change. In-person registration through the website is limited to 50 pews. Please call the PMC Office for assistance.



Jesus prayed for all of his disciples  
"that they all be one, as you, Father, are  
in me and I in you, that the world may  
believe that you sent me".

(John 17:21)



ST. RAYMOND DE PEÑAFORT

## Easter Basket BLESSING OF FOOD

Fr. Gilbert

will bless your Easter  
Baskets of food from the  
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through a livestream.

Saturday, April 3, 2021

1:30 p.m.

Visit: [www.st-raymond.org](http://www.st-raymond.org)







## UPCOMING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

There is the old saying: All politics is local. But you wouldn't know that by voter turnout in elections that don't include a presidential race. Off-year elections traditionally have very low voter participation. On April 6th, Illinois voters, including those of us who belong to the St. Raymond community, will be asked to choose representatives for several governmental bodies, including, Village Trustees, School Board members, Library trustees, and so forth. These groups are responsible for determining the future of our community and how tax dollars are allocated.

It may seem hard to find out who the best candidates are. But here are some suggestions. There are public forums by candidates. Newspapers give coverage about the candidates. Endorsements by newspapers or groups such as Chicago Bar Association include reasons for endorsement: prior experience, goals of the candidate, qualifications, etc. Knowledgeable friends can also provide information. It is a truism that we all deserve the elected officials we either do or don't vote for.



Sunday March 21: Last day to register to vote online

Monday March 22: in-person early voting starts at Village Hall for Mount Prospect residents

Thursday April 1 Last day to request a mail ballot

ELECTION DAY: APRIL 6

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# SPRING FORWARD!



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