



Jesus said to
Nicodemus:
“Just as Moses
lifted up the
serpent in the
desert, so must
the Son of Man
be lifted up, so
that everyone
who believes in
him may have
eternal life.”

John 3:14,15

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



*“May the God of Love and Peace Set Your Heart At Rest”
St. Raymond*



Welcome to St. Raymond of Peñafort Roman Catholic Church

**8750 Pohick Road
Springfield, VA 22153**

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am,
11:00 am and 1:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday through Friday:
8:30 am
Saturday: 9:00 am

**EXTRAORDINARY
FORM MASS (LATIN)**
1st and 3rd Fridays 7:00 pm

Rev. John C. De Celles, Pastor
Elisabeth Turco, Director of Liturgical Music
Jeanne Sause, Director of Youth Apostolate
Mary Salmon, Director of Religious Education
Vince Drouillard, Religious Education Secretary
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Mary Butler, Secretary
Virginia Osella, Parish Secretary

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Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

E-Mail

Church: Office@straymonds.org
Rel. Ed.: ReligiousEducation@straymonds.org
Choirs: Music@straymonds.org

Website

www.straymonds.org

TUITION ASSISTANCE: Please inquire with our office about the availability of partial scholarships for the children of active St. Raymond parishioners attending local Catholic grade schools and high schools.

Angelus Academy

**7644 Dynatech Ct, Springfield, VA 22153
703-924-3996**

Angelus Academy is a fully-accredited pre-K through 8th grade Catholic School affiliated with the Diocese of Arlington. Although it has no official connection with St. Raymond's, the parish has a longstanding close relationship with Angelus Academy. Many of our parish children already happily attend school there.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE (Reconciliation/Confession)

Wednesday Evening

6:00-6:55 p.m. (during Exposition)

Saturday Morning

8:00 - 8:45 a.m.

Saturday Afternoon

3:00 - 5 p.m.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

MARRIAGE: Couples wishing to marry must contact a parish priest at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date. Couples who are living together will be expected to live separately at least during the 3 months prior to the wedding.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which adults (and children who have reached the age of reason) are instructed in the Doctrine of the Church and are prepared to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. If you or someone you know, would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic, please call the Parish Office.

BAPTISM: Parents are requested to make arrangements with the Parish Office ONE MONTH in advance. Parents must participate in a one-session pre-Baptismal program and are encouraged to do so before the birth of their child. You must be REGISTERED in the Parish 3 MONTHS prior to the Baptism.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please submit announcements in writing 10 days prior to publication.

Pastor's Corner

Laetare Sunday. Today is Laetare Sunday, or “Rejoice Sunday.” It marks the halfway point in Lent, with the Church reminding us that in the midst of our sorrows for the suffering of Christ for our sins, we need to always keep in mind the glory and joy of the Resurrection and our redemption. (Strictly speaking, the Thursday before Laetare Sunday is the middle day of Lent, and it was at one time observed as such, but centuries ago the special signs of joy permitted on this day were transferred to the Sunday following to make them more visible to more folks).

Sometimes we struggle to keep our penances in Lent. And others procrastinate in choosing a penance. Today we remember that there is still half of Lent remaining to rededicate or increase our efforts to keep Lent holy. To those who haven't chosen a penance yet, get with it! To those who are struggling to keep their penances: if your penance is too hard, it's okay change your penance to something that is challenging but manageable in your situation; to those who just haven't been trying, no excuses—pick up your cross. And to those who have found their penances manageable and doable, then perhaps you can add some more penances, or intensify the ones you are currently doing.

Let's allow the rest of Lent to really be a time of holiness for each of us, as we carry our crosses with Jesus.

Lenten Podcast. If it's helpful, remember I'm putting out a brief daily Lenten podcast you can listen to on your computer or smartphone. To access, just go to our website and see the popup menu, or look for it on your podcast app.

What Must We Do to be Forgiven? In order to be forgiven our sins the Church teaches that three things are required of every sinner/penitent: 1) contrition, 2) confession of our sins, and 3) satisfaction. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches [1452-1460]:

Contrition is “sorrow of the soul and detestation for the sin committed, together with the resolution not to sin again... When it arises from a love by which God is loved above all else, contrition is called “perfect”... Such contrition remits venial sins; it also obtains forgiveness of mortal sins if it includes the firm resolution to have recourse to sacramental confession as soon as possible.” Note, since it is practically impossible to be certain if we have such “perfect contrition,” so we should not presume it, and are still required to receive the Sacrament of Penance before receiving Holy Communion if we are aware of an unconfessed mortal sin.

Most of the time contrition is usually not “perfect,” so it is called “imperfect” (or “attrition”). Imperfect contrition is born not from pure love of God “above all else” but “of the consideration of sin's ugliness or the fear of eternal damnation and the other penalties threatening the sinner.... Such a stirring of conscience can initiate an interior process which, under the prompting of grace, will be brought to completion by sacramental absolution. By itself however, imperfect contrition cannot obtain the forgiveness of grave sins, but it disposes one to obtain forgiveness in the sacrament of Penance.”

Confession of sins “even from a simply human point of view, facilitates our reconciliation with others. Through such an admission man looks squarely at the sins he is guilty of, takes responsibility for them, and thereby opens himself again to God and to the communion of the Church Confession to a priest is an essential part of the sacrament of Penance: ‘All mortal sins of which penitents after a diligent self-examination are conscious must be recounted by them in confession, even if they are most secret...’ [T]hose who ... knowingly withhold some, place nothing before the divine goodness for remission through the mediation of

the priest,” and the absolution of the priest is not effective, no sins are forgiven.

“Without being strictly necessary, confession of everyday faults (venial sins) is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church. Indeed the regular confession of our venial sins helps us form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ and progress in the life of the Spirit.”

Satisfaction is the real effort to make up for our sins. “Many sins wrong our neighbor. One must do what is possible in order to repair the harm (e.g., return stolen goods, restore the reputation of someone slandered, pay compensation for injuries). Simple justice requires as much.” This is called ‘making reparation.’

“But sin also injures and weakens the sinner himself, as well as his relationships with God and neighbor. Absolution takes away sin, but it does not remedy all the disorders sin has caused. Raised up from sin, the sinner must still recover his full spiritual health by doing something more to make amends for the sin: he must ‘make satisfaction for’ or ‘expiate’ his sins. **This satisfaction is also called ‘penance.’**”

“The penance the confessor imposes must take into account the penitent's personal situation and must seek his spiritual good. It must correspond as far as possible with the gravity and nature of the sins committed. It can consist of prayer, an offering, works of mercy, service of neighbor, voluntary self-denial, sacrifices, and above all the patient acceptance of the cross we must bear. Such penances help configure us to Christ, who alone expiated our sins once for all.”

Masses “Extremely Safe.” To my knowledge, no one has caught COVID while attending Mass or Confessions at St. Raymond's. (Praised be Jesus Christ!) This confirms an interesting article from the online news organization, “Catholic San Francisco,” published, Mar. 8, 2021, by Nicholas Wolfram Smith (excerpt):

“‘It is extremely safe to attend Mass indoors following common sense precautions as recommended by the CDC,’ Dr. Timothy Flanigan said.

“Flanigan, professor of medicine and of health services, policy and practice at Brown University, member of the university's Division of Infectious Diseases and a Catholic deacon, helped author guidelines published by the Thomistic Institute on safely celebrating Mass during the pandemic.

“Following the ‘3 W's’: ‘Wear a mask, wash your hands, watch your distance from others,’ is key for public safety, as well as heeding CDC recommendations for worship spaces that include good ventilation, staying home when sick and having capacity limits.

“With hundreds of thousands of Masses being celebrated since parts of the country began reopening, ‘There have been no clusters of cases reported that have been linked to church attendance where these commonsense precautions have been followed,’ he said.

“A series of cases from Seattle, where unknowingly infected individuals who later reported testing positive attended Masses and other services that were following COVID safety practices, show the effectiveness of following the CDC's COVID-19 guidelines. In each case, no outbreak of the disease was associated with the individual's attendance.

“‘This encouraging news should inspire confidence that the guidelines in place — based on CDC recommendations — are working to decrease COVID-19 transmission,’ Flanigan wrote in an Aug. 19 article in *Real Clear Science*. ‘While nothing during a pandemic is risk-free, these guidelines mean that Catholics (and public officials) may be confident that it's reasonably safe to come to church for Mass and the sacraments.’”

Oremus pro invicem. Fr. De Celles

MASS INTENTIONS**Monday March 15th**8:30 am Sr. Francis de Sales,
VHM**Tuesday, March 16th**

8:30 am Hulda Smith +

Wednesday, March 17th8:30 am Gregory S.
Kuzniewski +**Thursday, March 18th**

8:30 am John Tracy +

Friday, March 19th8:30 am Vernon & Mary
Butler

7:00 pm EFM (Latin)

Masses to be said PrivatelyMarch 15 Mary Ellen Browne+
March 16 Edward Thorne +
March 18 Elizabeth Peters +
March 19 Joe Perricone +
March 21 RE Catechists &
their families**Saturday, March 20th**

9:00 am Helen Vidovich +

Vigil Mass5:00 pm Fr. De Celles
Judith Platt**Sunday, March 21st**

7:00 am Fr. Rippy

Luis Carlos Mora Davila

9:00 am Fr. De Celles
Parishioners

11:00 am Fr. De Celles

The Braden & Wallen Family

1:00 pm Fr. Daly

The Family of Jesus Prayer
Group

Please pray for our parishioners serving in Combat Zones and their families. If you have a relative serving in harm's way and would like to have his/her name included in our prayer list, please contact the parish office. **Also, please be sure to let us know when they return home.**

Anthony Nsekela

Brandon Skiba
Colleen McFadden**Please pray for the sick of our parish**Glenn Bliss
Tom Dietz
Michael O'Neill
Cindy Laird
Patricia Lewis
Barbara McGinn
Mai Pham
Joan Opiela
Donald Zacherl
Leonora Ramos
Jason Saenz
Phyllis Zitnik
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Minnie Taylor
Dwayne Taylor
Bernadette
D'Agostino
Christopher Quan
Ted Tolpa
Dennis Kruse
Antoinette Baptist
Kimberly Dwinell
Brian Hannon

Extraordinary Form / Traditional Latin Mass at St. Raymond Church This Friday, March 19th, (St. Joseph's Day). St. Raymond's offers the Mass according to the Roman Missal of 1962, also known as the "extraordinary form of the Roman Rite" (EFM), at 7:00 pm on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month. For more information on this form of Mass, visit: <http://www.sanctamissa.org>.

**View livestreaming of the Holy Mass
at St. Raymond's!**

<https://straymonds.org/view-mass-online/>**Monday through Friday Daily Mass at 8:30 am****Saturday at 9:00 am****SUNDAY MASS at 11:00 am**

**Confessions in the Church
(in the flower room)**

Wednesdays: 6:00 pm - 6:55 pm**Saturday:** 8:00 am - 8:45 am, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**Additional Confession times for Lent!**

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Fridays at 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm

*Please see the front of the bulletin for our current Mass,
Confession, and Adoration schedules.*

*Face masks are expected at all Masses unless you are
exempt.*

The 1:00 pm Sunday Mass is "Masks Mandatory".

Sign ups are required for 9 am and 11 am Sunday Masses.

Visit our website or contact the parish office.

Watch for our Constant Contact Updates! If you are not receiving emails from the parish, please contact the parish office at 703-440-0535 or office@straymonds.org to verify your email address.

Support Trail Life Troop 0683 - buy mulch and topsoil!

Trail Life Troop 0683, the troop sponsored by St. Raymond of Peñafort, is kicking off its annual mulch and topsoil sale to help parish families prepare for spring lawn and garden care. You can mail in your order or order online. You will find instructions for ordering at: <https://straymonds.org/trail-life/> We offer home delivery for an extra donation. **Orders must be received no later than March 15th.** Questions? Contact Eric Michael at 703-372-1240. *Thank you very much!*



**The Knights of Columbus St John Bosco
Council** at St. Raymond's welcome all men of the

parish (18 years old or older) to join our council. After all Masses on March 13th and 14th, Knights will be available in the Narthex to provide information and show the great things Catholic men can accomplish together.

Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fasting and abstinence, and every Friday in Lent is a day of abstinence. Failure to "substantially" keep these penances is grave matter (e.g., potentially a mortal sin). The law of abstinence requires that no meat may be eaten on these days, and binds all Catholics who are 14 years old or older. No other penance may be substituted. The law of fasting binds those who are between the ages of 18 and 59. The Church defines "fasting," for these purposes, as having only one full meal a day, with two additional smaller meals permitted, but only as necessary to keep up strength and so small that if added together they would not equal a full meal. Snacking is forbidden, but that does not include drinks that are not of the nature of a meal. Even though these rules do not bind all age groups, all are encouraged to follow them to the extent possible. Children in particular learn the importance of penance from following the practice of their older family members. The sick, pregnant or nursing mothers, and other folks with special physical circumstances may be partially or totally exempt from these rules—use good judgment and take care of yourself.

GOSPEL JN 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
so that everyone who believes in Him
may have eternal life.”

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son,
so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish
but might have eternal life.

For God did not send His Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved through Him.
Whoever believes in Him will not be condemned,
but whoever does not believe
has already been condemned,
because he has not believed in the name of
the only Son of God.

And this is the verdict,
that the light came into the world,
but people preferred darkness to light,
because their works were evil.

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light
and does not come toward the light,
so that his works might not be exposed.

But whoever lives the truth comes to the light,
so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

ANNUAL FIVE-CAR RAFFLE: Thanks to all those who have returned their car raffle tickets—special thanks to those who have requested extras to sell to their relatives, friends, co-workers, bowling team, etc. Sales are off to a great start! Please note that raffle tickets must be processed at All Saints. Please mail directly to All Saints in the envelope provided. Questions? Contact Larry Saenz at lsaenz1@verizon.net or 703-832-1042.

Men's Prayer Group: On the first and third Saturdays of each month a group of men meet in the parish hall to pray and read the scriptures. They are neither theologians, philosophers, nor great scholars. Just some guys, coming together to pray, read, and share a simple breakfast. Everyone is welcome. Please join us at 7:30 am Saturday, March 20. For more information, call Dave Wilson, 703-966-5327.

Gabriel Project of St Raymond's is helping two moms this Lent! One mom is preparing for her baby's birth and needs our help with the following: First aid kit and Baby grooming kit, Baby carrier, Stroller, Bottles, Shampoo for baby and lotion/rash/powder, Baby Boy Clothes 6-12 months, Bibs, Nasal Aspirator & Thermometer Diaper Bag, Crib and Bedding Set, Swaddles / blankets, Burp clothes, Car Seat, Pacifier.

Also, another mom needs help celebrating her son's first birthday. If you would like to contribute any of the following, it would be so appreciated: Clothes size 18 months, Shoes size 4, Books, Toys, Socks 12 to 18 months, Baby gates.

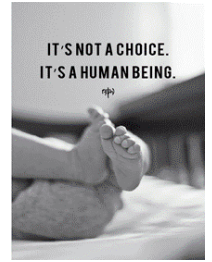
Any questions or for more information please contact Beth Berger, 703-220-4316 or email, kmb43@verizon.net

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Spread the TRUTH... in LOVE*

Thank you for your continued generosity to the MaRiH Pregnancy Care Center. Your generosity- accompanied by your prayers - is so very much appreciated. Would you like to know more about MaRiH? Visit marih.org

God bless you!



To those who have suffered an abortion: A Day of Prayer and Healing. Saturday March 20th. Project Rachel Abortion recovery retreats are confidential group healing events open to any woman who has experienced abortion trauma and grief. To learn more, please call 703-841-2504 or email info@helpafterabortion.org

Please see the parish website for updated information regarding COVID-19 Vaccines and their relation to aborted fetal cell lines. You can speak up!



Spring Campaign Feb 17- Mar 28. Our Parish Witness Weekend is next weekend! Sign Ups/Information in the narthex and on the parish website. Won't you spend an hour praying for the least of our brethren?

Tepeyac Pro Life OB/GYN: Transforming Hearts Through Healthcare. tepeyacobgyn.com 703-273-9440. Thank you for your referrals and your support.

Natural Family Planning. A gift to your marriage. For more info visit: celi.org

Special thanks to those who have been making such beautiful blankets!! Our Wrapped In Love program is up and stitching. Pray for the mothers and babies who will be wrapped in love by your efforts as you create baby blankets for distribution at Pregnancy Care Centers or for use by sidewalk counselors – wherever we find a need. God bless you for your efforts. Blankets may be delivered to the parish office or MaRiH collection box in the narthex.

Has the sorrow of miscarriage or still birth touched your life? Or perhaps you know someone in this situation. **A Mom's Peace**, a Lay Apostolate for Mothers of Miscarried and Stillborn Souls offers discreet support to families with bereavement, burial and remembrance assistance. For more information visit amomsppeace.org.

Give a Gift for Life! **Gabriel Project** helps pregnant moms welcome their babies. Please consider donating at www.arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife. For more info, contact them at 1-866-444-3553 or GabrielProject@arlingtondiocese.org.

St. Raymond's Youth Apostolate

Please Pray: Please keep our 8th grade Confirmandi in your prayers this weekend as they make their retreat in preparation for receiving this final Sacrament of Initiation as members of the Catholic Church this May.

NO Junior High Youth Group This Week 3/14

Jr. High youth group will resume NEXT week, 5-6:30pm March 21st in the parish hall.

High School Youth Group

8-9pm Sunday, March 14th (Parish Hall)

All students grades 9-12 are invited to join us to grow in faith & fellowship! No RSVP required. Make sure forms (below) are on file before coming.

WorkCamp (June 19th-25th) Update!

Due to a variety of factors, St. Raymond's will be holding our own version of WorkCamp this summer. WorkCamp is open to current 9th-12th graders. We will have daily Mass, work in crews on projects, have evening program etc. but sleep at home. More details coming soon!!

Talitha Koum: High School Girls' Group

7-8:30pm Monday, March 15th (Parish Hall)

Join us as we cultivate and witness authentic community, friendships, and space to share our faith, learn and encourage one another in ways to practically apply the faith to our daily lives. You are welcome here! Make sure forms (below) are on file before coming.

Youth Apostolate Participation 2 REQUIRED Forms

Forms can be found online at <http://bit.ly/YAforms>

IMPACT YOUR CHILDREN'S FAITH

One day, your children will leave home. Sadly, for most young Catholics that means abandoning their faith. But it doesn't have to if you impact their faith now. Get started with a **Holy Family Fest**—a God-centered family vacation—at Catholic Familyland®. Here, each member of your family can encounter Jesus Christ in a way that makes the Faith come alive. Visit AFC.org to learn more.



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Jeanne Sause

Director of the Youth Apostolate (Grades 7-12)
youth@straymonds.org Call/Text: 571-334-9890
<http://bit.ly/youthapostolate>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Attention parents of 8th grade students:

1. Sponsor Eligibility letter (from sponsor's home parish) is due no later than March 19th.
2. Statement of Sponsor form due no later than March 19th.
3. Confirmation Gown order form is due by April 15th.

Attention parents of 7th Grade students please check out Confirmation requirements as outlined in the *Supplement to Parent/Student Handbook for Confirmation 2022* which you received in your red folder at the beginning of the academic year. **Sponsor Interview is due by March 26th.**

Parents of students preparing to receive the Sacrament of

Holy Eucharist for the first time in May: First Holy Communion mini-retreat is scheduled for Saturday April 24th. More information to follow.

Family of Jesus Prayer Group: Though our weekly meetings are currently canceled - we are still praying! If you have any prayer requests, please let us know by emailing Elaine Perricone at jpebtp@verizon.net or by calling the parish office at 703-440-0535.

Catholic Book Club: The next Parish Book Club meeting is on Friday, **April 9th** in the Maurer Room at 10:00 am. There is limited space but virtual attendance is possible... The book for discussion is *From the Depths of Our Hearts* by Benedict XVI and Cardinal Robert Sarah (148 pgs). Newcomers welcome. If you have any questions or to register, please contact Jim Mault at bookclub@straymonds.org

St. Martin de Porres Committee - collects food on an ongoing basis for the Springfield Resource Center which services over 250 families in the Springfield area. A collection box is in the Narthex and donations are collected and distributed weekly. Suggested food items are listed, but any non-perishable food donations are welcome. For equitable distribution, smaller packaging is requested (i.e. 1 lb bags of rice vs. 5 lb. bags, 1 qt. oil vs. 1 gal oil). During this crisis the need for food is greater than ever. Please be generous. The St. Martin de Porres committee thanks all of the parishioners for your food donations. Your generosity really makes a difference in helping the needy, especially during the pandemic.

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary weekly meeting is held Virtually on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm. All auxiliary members and anyone interested in joining the Legion of Mary are welcome. For more information, please contact Tom Delaney at 703-690-1930 or by e-mail at tdelaney51@verizon.net

Home School Group: for more information visit our website www.homeschool-life.com/va/straymondhsg/.

Contact: Katherine Bogacki or Malia Cameron at straymondhsg@gmail.com.

Lenten Podcast. Join Father De Celles for a brief daily reflection by subscribing to his podcast (Apple Podcasts/iTunes, Spotify, Google Podcasts, etc.) on your smartphone or visit our website. New episodes air Monday - Saturday through Easter. If you have missed any, you may listen to them by going to our website.

Church Persecuted

Last week we began a discussion of the orders, directives, and pending bills of Congress which can do harm to the First Amendment religious protections afforded to Catholic organizations. The information below is extracted from a memo The Cardinal Newman Society recently sent to Catholic school, college, and diocesan leaders.

The Biden administration has signaled its intention to press gender ideology under Title IX and other laws. This would allow the provisions of Title IX to include gender identity, as it pertains to sex and employment discrimination, to be used under the provisions of the law as long as Congress does not object. This can only be ultimately determined by the Courts as they work out the details of their *Bostock* and other rulings from last spring regarding sex and employment discrimination as it applies to religious institutions.

On February 11, 2021, The Department of Housing and Urban Development issued a directive interpreting the Fair Housing Act to include "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" within the scope of sex discrimination. "This may allow the Act to be construed to require allowing biological males access to women's college campus residences."

Often the Biden administration and members of Congress will use language which may soften the nature of the discrimination against the freedom of religion. Beware of such language and follow trusted Catholic sources.

Fr. James Gould, our former pastor while we were building our beautiful church, **will be celebrating the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination** this year! His current parish, St. Francis de Sales, is asking for pictures and stories from his prior assignments. If you have anything you would like to submit, please send it to: Sandy Twetten at sandra@onmessageinc.com. Any questions, please call her at 703-872-9880. They are also seeking prayer offerings for a Spiritual Bouquet for Fr. Gould. Please e-mail them to maria.nog.byrd@gmail.com or call Maria at 205-362-7514 with questions.

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The Search Episode 5 - Who Is Jesus? The most beautiful part of this story is that we can know God's love, personally. This is the person of Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter born into poverty in a dusty corner of the Roman Empire become the most pivotal figure in all of history? Christianity isn't simply a philosophy for life – the center of Christianity is a person. We look at the life of Jesus and what he came to do. Ultimately, we need to decide if Jesus really was who he said he was. We can't sit on the fence. Because if Jesus really was who he said he was, we need to make him the Lord of our lives, and everything changes.

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Encourage One Another by Word and Deed: The BLA is an opportunity to unite as a Catholic family and support programs, ministries and services that no single individual or parish could offer by itself. After reflecting upon the many blessings that God has given you, please prayerfully consider supporting the BLA this year. Please go online: www.arlingtondiocese.org/bla scan the QR code below, or text "BLA" to 703-260-9800 to make a donation. *Please help our parish reach our BLA goal!*



Please remember that our parish's expenses continue during this crisis! Your donations may be mailed, dropped off at the parish office, or given online through Faith Direct.

FAITH DIRECT: Although public Masses are limited and many parish events have been canceled, **our parish is still in need of your donations. We have operating costs (utility, maintenance, service contracts, supplies and staff payroll and benefits) that must continue.** Now more than ever we have requests for FAMILY ASSISTANCE to support those members of our parish who are in need of help. Please visit our website www.straymonds.org to join online or call directly at 866-507-8757.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

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| Sunday Offertory | \$ 16,233.00 |
| Family Assistance | \$ 3,897.00 |
| Maintenance Fund | \$ 3,347.00 |

The Second Collection This Week is for Catholic Relief Services.

This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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