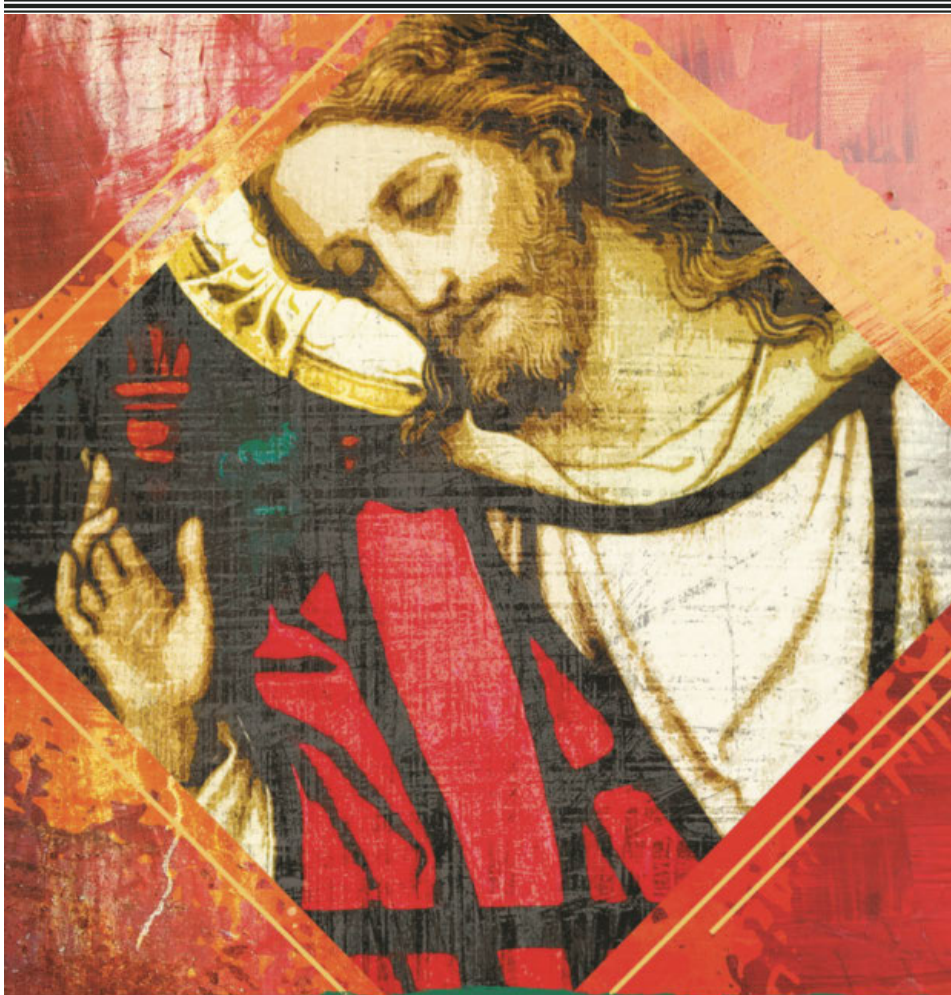


St. Raymond Catholic Church

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.” - Lk 12:40

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A joyous place filled with warmth and good friends,
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass:
5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am,
12:00 pm (English)
10:30 am (Spanish)

Weekdays:
Monday to Friday
at 6:30 am & 5:00 pm

Saturday at 8:00 am
Holy Days of Obligation:
As Announced

CONFESSIONS

Mon, Wed, Fri: 4:15 to 4:50 pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 am
(until the last Penitent finishes)

Saturday: 8:30 am
(until the last Penitent finishes)
3:30 pm to 4:45 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction

Saturday: 8:30 am to 9:30 am
After Mass in Church

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am to 1:30 pm

Our Parish Priests

Fr. Samuel W. Ward, Pastor
Fr. Justin Ordoveza, Associate Pastor
Fr. John Higgins, Pastor Emeritus
Fr. Benoy Kuriakose, In Residence
Fr. Cesar Galan, fsp Associate Pastor

Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 10, 2025

PARISH STAFF

PASTORAL TEAM

Father Samuel W. Ward, Pastor
 Father Justin Ordoveza, Associate Pastor
 Father Cesar Galan, fsp Associate Pastor
 Valeria Pacheco, School Principal
 Sandy Gallegos, Director of R.C.I.A.
 Jennifer Quinones, Faith Formation & Youth Ministries

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Laura Larios, Parish Manager
 Emmanuel Larios, Office Clerk
 Geovanny Larios, Public Relations
 Jasmine Fernandez, Receptionist
 Erick Ramirez, Maintenance/Security

PRIESTS IN RESIDENCE

Father John W. Higgins, Pastor Emeritus
 Father Benoy Kuriakose

BAPTISM: One Sunday a month. *Call Parish Office to make arrangements for class and Baptism.*

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: Please call our Parish, School, or Religious Education offices to learn about education opportunities for the reception of these sacraments. *We also have an initiation process for adults seeking Baptism in our Church!*

MARRIAGE: Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to anticipated wedding date. Must contact parish before setting date.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: *In the event of serious illness or medical emergency, anointing of the sick may be arranged by contacting the Parish Office. Make an appointment to come*

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 School Email Address: principal@straymondschool-Downey.org
 Youth Ministry: YouthMinistries@SaintRaymond.org

OPEN FOR PRAYER

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Monday - Friday (on School Days)
 6:00 am to 7:30 am
 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm
 Saturday 7:00 am to 6:00 pm
 Sunday 6:30 am to 1:30 pm

HOLY FAITH CHAPEL HOURS

Monday - Friday 6:00 am to 9:00 pm
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From our Pastor, Father Sam Ward

Dear St. Raymond's Family,

Nicaea at 1,700: The council (and creed) that saved the Catholic Church [Part II]

Mike Aquilina *Angeles News* July 23, 2025 <https://angelusnews.com/faith/nicaea-1700/>

[Continued from last week.]

So Arius was banished. But that left him free to travel and make alliances among other leaders in Church and government. He gathered support, but also roused opposition. Soon, his doctrine was dividing congregations in many lands. There were disputes over Church property. Neighboring bishops were divided over how to handle the situation.

The council [of Nicaea] convened in mid-May of 325 and closed a month later. The published proceedings filled 40 volumes, though none of them has survived. Most of what we know about the Council of Nicaea is what we glean from the accounts of two eyewitnesses: Eusebius of Caesarea, who had sympathies for Arius, and Athanasius of Alexandria, who was a young theological adviser to Alexander of Alexandria.

The cacophony at Nicaea is sometimes portrayed as a conflict between Apostolic Tradition and the Arian heresy. But it wasn't that simple. Some bishops thought it imprudent to describe the mystery of God. They preferred to stick with language found in Scripture. Others opposed Arius, but were uneasy with the language used to condemn him. Still others would gladly use anything handy to cudgel the man.

According to Eusebius, Constantine patiently listened. And he skillfully — over the course of weeks — guided the discussion toward consensus. It was Constantine himself (say our witnesses) who first suggested use of the Greek word *homoousios* to describe the relation between God the Father and the Son of God. *Homoousios* means “*consubstantial*.”

The term met resistance from several bishops. But as they deliberated, it became clear that no term did the job as well. In the end, the Fathers of Nicaea crafted a profession of faith tuned precisely to their doctrine.

We believe ... in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, begotten of the Father ... Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father.

Arius was exiled. Then the bishops moved quickly through other business. In the end, the Council Fathers published 20 canons that laid down law on matters great and small. They imposed a common date for the celebration of Easter. They set a minimum time for preparation before adult baptism. They forbade priests from cohabiting with women other than their mothers or sisters. They insisted that at least three bishops should be present at the ordination of a bishop.

These are important disciplinary matters, but they pale in significance and authority before the doctrinal content and binding power of the creed, which is today recited at most Sunday Masses.

The council had solved the Church's besetting problem, achieved consensus, and brought about unity.

That doesn't mean it found an easy fix. Arianism would wither for centuries before vanishing.

We look back on Nicaea from the comfort and clarity of a developed theology of Church councils. We know conciliar authority, and we respect it.

But the Fathers could not consult centuries of history and reflection. They made that history. Nicaea was the first of the General (or Ecumenical) Councils. The Catholic Church has convened 20 more since then.

So, it's easy to see why Popes Francis and Leo have wanted to go to Nicaea as pilgrims. And it's understandable that they have harbored great hopes for the anniversary. Some of the old issues have returned to trouble us again — like the ancient dispute over the date of Easter. But we've added plenty of new problems, too, and they need to be remedied before all Christians can share communion.

History teaches hope. Pope Leo has learned that lesson.

He said in May: “My election has taken place during the year of the 1,700th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea. That Council represents a milestone in the formulation of the Creed shared by all Churches and Ecclesial Communities. While we are on the journey to re-establishing full communion among all Christians, we recognize that this unity can only be unity in faith. As Bishop of Rome, I consider one of my priorities to be that of seeking the re-establishment of full and visible communion among all those who profess the same faith in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.”

That is the faith of Nicaea.

I place you and your family under the guidance and protection of our Blessed Mother Mary and St. Joseph. St. Raymond Nonnatus, pray for us.

**In the Heart of Christ,
Father Sam Ward**

Estimada Familia de San Ramón,

Nicea en el año 1700: El concilio (y el credo) que salvó a la Iglesia católica [Parte II]

Mike Aquilina *Angeles News*, 23 de julio de 2025

[Continuación de la semana pasada.]

Así pues, Arrio fue desterrado. Pero esto le dejó libertad para viajar y forjar alianzas con otros líderes de la Iglesia y el gobierno. Consiguió apoyo, pero también generó oposición. Pronto, su doctrina dividió a las congregaciones en muchos países. Hubo disputas sobre las propiedades de la Iglesia. Los obispos vecinos estaban divididos sobre cómo manejar la situación.

El concilio [de Nicea] se reunió a mediados de mayo del año 325 y se clausuró un mes después. Las actas publicadas ocuparon 40 volúmenes, aunque ninguna se ha conservado. La mayor parte de lo que sabemos sobre el Concilio de Nicea proviene de los relatos de dos testigos presenciales: Eusebio de Cesárea, quien simpatizaba con Arrio, y Atanasio de Alejandría, quien era un joven asesor teológico de Alejandro de Alejandría.

La cacofonía en Nicea a veces se describe como un conflicto entre la Tradición Apostólica y la herejía arriana. Pero no fue tan simple. Algunos obispos consideraron imprudente describir el misterio de Dios. Prefirieron apegarse al lenguaje de las Escrituras. Otros se opusieron a Arrio, pero les incomodaba el lenguaje empleado para condenarlo. Otros, en cambio, usarían con gusto cualquier cosa a mano para apalearlo.

Según Eusebio, Constantino escuchó pacientemente. Y hábilmente, a lo largo de las semanas, guió la discusión hacia el consenso. Fue el propio Constantino (según nuestros testigos) quien sugirió por primera vez el uso de la palabra griega *homoousios* para describir la relación entre Dios Padre y el Hijo de Dios. *Homoousios* significa "consustancial".

El término encontró resistencia por parte de varios obispos. Pero al deliberar, quedó claro que ningún término funcionaba tan bien. Finalmente, los Padres de Nicea elaboraron una profesión de fe en perfecta sintonía con su doctrina.

Creemos... en un solo Señor Jesucristo, Hijo de Dios, engendrado del Padre... Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no creado, consustancial con el Padre.

Arrio fue exiliado. Entonces los obispos se apresuraron a abordar otros asuntos. **Finalmente, los Padres Conciliares publicaron 20 cánones que establecían leyes sobre asuntos grandes y pequeños. Impusieron una fecha común para la celebración de la Pascua. Establecieron un tiempo mínimo de preparación antes del bautismo de adultos. Prohibieron a los sacerdotes cohabitar con mujeres que no fueran sus madres o hermanas. Insistieron en que al menos tres obispos debían estar presentes en la ordenación episcopal.**

Estos son asuntos disciplinarios importantes, pero palidecen en importancia y autoridad ante el contenido doctrinal y el poder vinculante del credo, que hoy se recita en la mayoría de las misas dominicales. El concilio había resuelto el problema que agobiaba a la Iglesia, había logrado consenso y había propiciado la unidad. Eso no significa que encontrara una solución fácil. El arrianismo se marchitaría durante siglos antes de desaparecer.

Recordamos Nicea desde la comodidad y la claridad que nos brinda una teología desarrollada de los concilios de la Iglesia. Conocemos la autoridad conciliar y la respetamos. Pero los Padres no pudieron consultar siglos de historia y reflexión. Ellos hicieron esa historia. Nicea fue el primero de los Concilios Generales (o Ecuménicos). La Iglesia Católica ha convocado veinte más desde entonces.

Así pues, es fácil entender por qué los papas Francisco y León han querido ir a Nicea como peregrinos. Y es comprensible que hayan albergado grandes esperanzas para el aniversario. Algunos viejos problemas han vuelto a preocuparnos, como la antigua disputa sobre la fecha de la Pascua. Pero también hemos añadido muchos problemas nuevos, que deben resolverse antes de que todos los cristianos puedan compartir la comunión.

La historia enseña esperanza. El papa León ha aprendido esa lección.

En mayo, declaró: "Mi elección tuvo lugar durante el año del 1700 aniversario del Primer Concilio Ecuménico de Nicea. Dicho Concilio representa un hito en la formulación del Credo compartido por todas las Iglesias y Comunidades Eclesiales. Mientras nos encaminamos hacia el restablecimiento de la plena comunión entre todos los cristianos, reconocemos que esta unidad solo puede ser unidad en la fe. Como Obispo de Roma, considero que una de mis prioridades es buscar el restablecimiento de la comunión plena y visible entre todos los que profesan la misma fe en Dios Padre, Hijo y Espíritu Santo". **Esa es la fe de Nicea.**

Y los pongo bajo el amparo y protección de la Santísima Virgen María y San José. San Ramón Nonato, ruega por nosotros.

En el Corazón Sacratísimo de Jesucristo, Padre Samuel Ward

Welcome to St. Raymond Parish

We are delighted you've come to our parish, and we hope you'll find a home with us. Being a registered member allows us to better serve you; you can register by calling (562) 923-4509 or going online to SaintRaymond.org.

If you move or change your phone number, please call the parish office at (562) 923-4509 to let us know.

BULLETIN INFO: The bulletin deadline is Friday, 6pm, nine days prior to issue date. Please email or deliver your input, in writing, to the Parish Office.

Email address ParishManager@SaintRaymond.org

All notices are subject to available space and may be edited.

**Italian Catholic Federation's next
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Sunday, September 13, 2025 at 12:30 pm**

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All proceeds goes back into our parish to support scholarships and our outreach ministries.

Mental Health Resources

National Suicide Hotline: 800-273-TALK (8255)

Mental Health Text Line: Text 'HELLO' to 741741

Find a Therapist: catholictherapists.com

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Catholic Wellness Resources: soulsandhearts.com

ST. RAYMOND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONFIRMATION & EDGE

Sacrament Program Important Dates

Last Registration for new and returning students: will be on Sunday, August 17th 9am - 1pm.

Must have to register:

1. Baptism Certificate (if not baptized, bring birth certificate)
2. First Communion Certificate (if applicable)
3. \$150 Deposit (cash or check only)

If you do not have copies of these for your child you can request them from the Church the Sacrament was done at and bring copies with you to registration.

Jennifer Quinones,
Faith Formation Director
(562) 800-7593
youthministries@saintraymond.org

**Friendship Sunday
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JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF BEREAVEMENT SUMMIT

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Hall
7215 Newlin Ave Whittier, CA 90602
Cathy Narvaez (562) 631-8844

Saturday, September 27, 2025, 9am-6pm

Grief is not a disorder, a disease, or a sign of weakness. It is an emotional, physical, and spiritual necessity, the price you pay for love. The only cure for your grief is to grieve.
- Earl A. Grollman

There is a tremendous need for bereavement ministry. We hear stories of grief and trauma every day. But where do we find help to deal with our grief, to help with our mourning, to work through the pain and sadness? Unfortunately, there are very few places available.

The First Journeying Through Grief Bereavement Summit invites bereavement ministers, those interested in accompanying the grieving, and anyone who is interested in bereavement to join us. Resources will be available from organizations that provide help to those who have experienced the death of a child, the death of a spouse, the death of a loved one to suicide, and more.

Speakers will address topics such as what is bereavement, how to start a support group, pre-planning, working with mortuaries, planning Vigils and Funerals and more.

There will be time to meet others in the field of bereavement and make connections with the goal of reaching out to those in need.

The cost of \$75 will cover a continental breakfast, lunch and all materials, supplies and resources. Doors open at 8:30am.

To register, please include your name, the name of your parish/organization, your role or area of interest and whatever else you want to share or ask.

Payment can be made by Zelle to (562) 631-8844. Please RSVP by Monday, September 15, 2025.



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Figuras de autoridad y la responsabilidad de mantener límites personales

Cuando un adulto utiliza su autoridad para controlar o manipular una situación, pone a los niños y adultos vulnerables en peligro de sufrir abusos. La manipulación puede producirse a menudo a través de comportamientos de engaño que pueden llevar a la violación de los límites personales y en última instancia al abuso. Siempre es responsabilidad del adulto de mantener los límites personales adecuados y saludables con los niños a su cargo. Para obtener una guía sobre cómo interactuar con los menores en nuestras parroquias, escuelas y ministerios, por favor visite <https://lacatholics.org/policies-and-procedures/> y lea el artículo de VIRTUS® "Ministerial Boundaries, Power and Authority" ("Límites ministeriales, poder y autoridad") en lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

Victims Assistance Ministry (213) 637-7650 or Safeguard the Children Ministry at (213) 637-7508

PRIEST MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 10:	7:00 am - Fr. Cesar 9:00am- Fr. Justin 10:30 am - Fr. Sam 12:00 pm - Fr. John
Monday, August 11:	6:30 am - Fr. Sam 5:00pm - Fr. Cesar
Tuesday, August 12:	6:30 am - Fr. Justin 5:00 pm - Fr. Sam
Wednesday, August 13:	6:30 am - Fr. Sam 5:00 pm - Fr. John
Thursday, August 14:	6:30 pm - Fr. Justin 5:00 pm - Fr. Sam
Friday, August 15:	6:30 am- Fr. Justin 1:00 pm- Fr. John 5:00 pm- Fr. Cesar 7:00 pm- Fr. Cesar
Saturday, August 16:	8:00 am - Fr. Cesar 5:00 pm - Fr. Sam
Sunday, August 17:	7:00 am - Fr. Sam 9:00 am - Fr. John 10:30 am - Fr. Justin 12:00 pm - Fr. Cesar

St. Raymond Senior's Ministry is hosting a trip to **Harrah's Casino** on **Saturday, August 16, 2025**

Bus will leave at 9 am from
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For questions and to reserve your seat,
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**Solemnity of the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Thursday, August 14
5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Friday, August 15
6:30 am English Mass
1:00 pm English Mass
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7:00 pm Spanish Mass

Holy Day of Obligation



2000 Hail Mary Devotion

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Saint Pope John Paul II

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St Louis de Montfort

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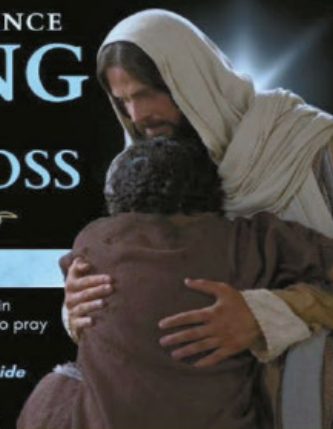
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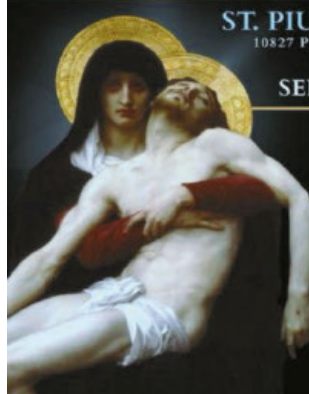
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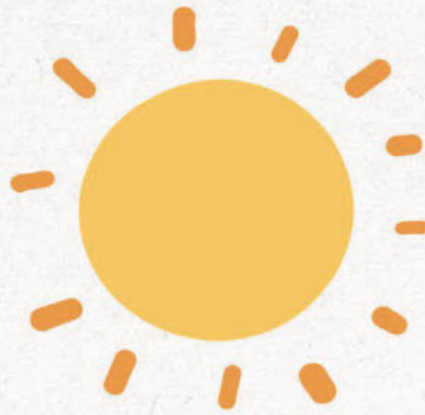
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