



**Thursday, January 7, 2021:
Thursday after Epiphany**



Catholic Church

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Good Morning!

Today we celebrate St. Raymond of Penyafort. Our readings come from 1 John 4:19-5:4, Psalm 72, and Luke 4:14-22. Jesus stood up in the temple and read a passage from Isaiah. Upon completion, Jesus rolled up the scroll, handed it back, sat down, and said, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." John states, "For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith." Jesus fulfilled what the prophet Isaiah spoke. How do we see Jesus? Did Jesus live in his love for God and conquer the world? Faith is the victory that will conquer the world. Love for humankind and respect for one another, even in our differences is what will conquer the world. There is still work to be done, and yesterday was not an example of living in God's commandments. In order for every nation to adore the Lord, we must first recognize that God loved us first and we must live in that love and share that same love for one another. Our human nature continually needs grace and mercy from God in order to deal with the needs of those around us. The freedom we seek comes from opening our hearts to Jesus and knowing who Jesus really is. Invite the Holy Spirit to guide you today!

Peace,
RevKev

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