



# ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 5, 2025



## ST. RAYMOND PARISH

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# This Week

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025

8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration and  
Confession until 9:15 am

3:30 pm Confession

5:00 pm Mass

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

5:00 pm Mass

## MONDAY-SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

## MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025

9:00 am Legion of Mary (Library)

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025

10:00 am Bible Study

12:15 pm Senior Mass followed by Bingo

7:00 pm Holy Hour (Adoration & Confession)

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025

8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration and  
Confession until 9:15 am

3:30 pm Confession

5:00 pm Mass

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass

5:00 pm Mass

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday

# Mass Intentions

Sat., Jan. 4, 5:00 pm Sharon Kennedy Gerlach †  
& Ed Kennedy †

## *The Epiphany of the Lord (S)*

Sun., Jan. 5, 8:00 am Grazia Locante †  
10:00 am Judith Heyboer †  
5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

Mon., Jan. 6, 8:15 am Paul Robbiano †

## *St. André Bessette, Religious (m)*

Tue., Jan. 7, 8:15 am Aurora Abelon †

## *St. Raymond of Penafort, OP, Priest & Master of the Order (S)*

Wed., Jan. 8, 9:30 am Sheila Bahadur †

Thu., Jan. 9, 8:15 am Mary Jane Hogan †

Fri., Jan. 10, 8:15 am Dr. Richard Dewey †

Sat., Jan. 11, 8:15 am Rino Zueck †

Sat., Jan. 11, 5:00 pm Expedito (Dity) Tavora †

## *The Baptism of the Lord (S)*

Sun., Jan. 12, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish  
10:00 am Olga Mirek †  
5:00 pm

S - Solemnity; F - Feast; M - Obligatory Memorial; m - Optional Memorial;  
L&D - Living & Deceased

**PRAYERS** As a parish community we pray for the sick among us, including: Connie Alvidrez, Jackie, Lynn Bacon, Nony & Penny Bantug, John Caletti, Modesta Cintron, William Cintron, Alessandra Colorado, Beverly Crawford, Grace Cunningham, Ella DeLaMare, Maureen DeMoss, Esther Falsario, Anthony Galdes, Estela Gallegos, Janice Hagy, David Huntzinger, Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P., Bonnie Morey, Red Morrow, Anjuli Nunn, Glenn Olsen, Leo Paule, Nora Semaan, Mary Shepherd, Joli Stieber, Connie Sutton, Karel Sykora, Connie Williams, the homebound, those in our local hospitals and skilled nursing facilities, and those who wish not to be named.

We also pray for the recently deceased Dr. Richard Dewey, Theresa Lopez, and Nancy Freitas.

To add a name, please contact the Parish Office.

## Formal Dress Donations!



Calling all well dressed ladies! We are looking for new or gently used formal dresses. These dresses will be used as part of a fundraiser for St. Francis Center. Now through January 12th.

## Senior Bingo

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

12:15 pm Senior Mass  
12:45 pm Bingo & Lunch

Please join us on Wednesday, **January 8, 2025**, for a special New Year's gathering of STARS Senior Bingo. We will begin in the church at 12:15 for a senior Mass. Following Mass, Father will offer the beautiful sacrament of the anointing of the sick for those that wish to participate. We will then move to the Parish Center for a light lunch and delicious treats. Bring a friend or two to join in the fun with this wonderful group - all are welcome!! If you have any questions, please contact Karyn Leahy [leahyfamily@msn.com](mailto:leahyfamily@msn.com).

## YOU'RE DEFINITELY SOMEONE'S TYPE DONATE BLOOD

Tuesday,  
Jan. 28,  
2025  
12:00 pm -  
4:00 pm

St. Raymond  
Parish



<https://delivr.com/2tbx7>

Give the gift of blood  
and help save a life.



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## St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you to all who contributed to the 5th Sunday Society of St. Vincent de Paul collection, which helps many in our surrounding areas.



If you were away last weekend, as many where, you can still donate with the QR code above or at <https://straymondmp.org/svdp>.



# Dominican Corner

## WE HAVE COME TO DO HIM HOMAGE

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Mt 2:1-12)

By Br. Jordan Martin, O.P.

In our world, we could say that creatures are like “words from God”.

All creatures—rocks, plants, animals, men, angels—each of them reveals something of God.

And you as well! You are a beautiful word from God—a word from God that says something of His heart.

It's beautiful, isn't it?

Well, within our world, the God-child became the most beautiful word from God. Jesus is the most beautiful word from God.

Notice that the Incarnation was announced differently to different people. To the shepherds God sends angels to appear to them, but to the Magi He sends a star.

It's a very special star—a star that is visible by night and day. A star that moves, that stops, that moves again. A star that descends very close to the ground to indicate where the God-child is.

God made a star just for the Magi. The star was a word from God to prepare the hearts of the Magi and to guide them to the One who is the Light. The Magi saw the child and they recognized God.

Yes, truly, this star was the word the Magi needed to hear, to be led to Jesus.

And this is what the feast of the Epiphany is all about. It is the feast of the Revelation of God—the feast of the

manifestation of God.

And this manifestation of God is for us as well. To the heart of each of us, God speaks with words we can understand. God knows exactly which word to tell you so that you can recognize Him.

He already spoke to your heart, and he will continue to do so.

He has already chosen the most suitable way to do so, because He's the one who made you, and because He knows you better than you know yourself.

My brothers and sisters, this child, it is God speaking to you.

Jesus is the most beautiful word of God. Listen to this word. Meditate on this word. Cherish this word. It is a word of love, a word of friendship.

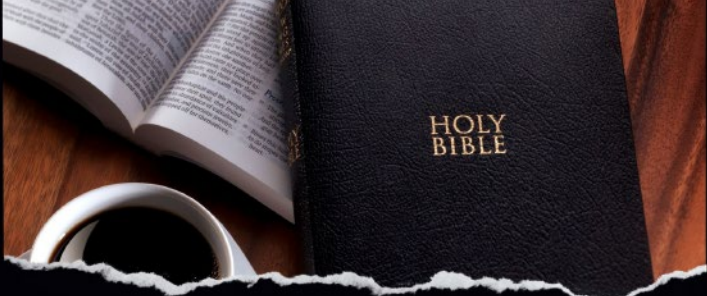
Love the God-child. Worship Him. Kiss Him. Receive Him in your heart.

Br. Jordan Martin, O.P. is from Longueuil, Canada. He earned a B.A. in Cinema Production from the Université du Québec à Montréal in 2012.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Discover the Catholic faith! Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Did you not receive the sacrament of Confirmation? You're welcome too! For more information, please contact Deacon Tom Kelly at [tfk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tfk@sbcglobal.net) or 650-670-2200.

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**NEW YEAR  
BIBLE STUDY**

Start the new year off with a 5-week study encountering the deepest truths of the Gospel and how they apply to our everyday lives.

**BEGINNING MONDAY JANUARY  
13TH AT 7:00PM**  
ST. RAYMOND PARISH HALL

Contact Tina Augustine with questions  
[taugustine@straymondmp.org](mailto:taugustine@straymondmp.org)

Register with QR code below



# 12th Annual St. Raymond Rummage Sale

**Saturday, March 29 &  
Sunday, March 30, 2025**

*Save the Date ↗*

Save the Date for the World-Famous St. Raymond Rummage Sale - Saturday, March 29 and Sunday, March 30, 2025

Storage container will be available in early January near the priest home off Arbor Road for you to bring your donations, so start collecting now!

Questions? Contact Karyn Leahy [leahyfamily@msn.com](mailto:leahyfamily@msn.com).



## EMOTIONAL & MENTAL WELLNESS MINISTRY

Are you facing emotional or mental health difficulties? You don't have to struggle alone.

St. Raymond Parish has made a commitment to become a faith community that provides care, support, and local resources. Our mission is to serve individuals and families experiencing mental health challenges by offering God's hope and love through spiritual accompaniment, practical support, and community education.

If you or a loved one is experiencing mental or emotional wellness challenges, please contact our St. Raymond ministry at (650) 899-0370. This is a dedicated line and only co-leads of the ministry team will hear your message. You may also email the ministry team at [emwm@straymondmp.org](mailto:emwm@straymondmp.org).

# Rosary Sunday

## DOMINICAN STUDENT APPEAL

Update #2!

Thank you for your generous support of Rosary Sunday! If you haven't had a chance yet, please return or mail your pledge envelope so that we can meet our ministry's goal. Doing so gives the friars the resources they need to train the next generation of Dominicans! We pray every family will participate.

Our results as of this week (includes cash and pledges):

Rosary Sunday Funds Collected: ~~\$48,169~~ \$71,284

Remember, you can pledge securely online at [www.opwest.org/rs](http://www.opwest.org/rs). Thank you for your generous support of the Dominican Student Brothers!

## GIVING: ONLINE AND IN PERSON

eGiving provides an opportunity to simplify your stewardship donations through secure automatic giving. You can pay with a credit/debit card or your checking/savings account. Schedule or update recurring donations at [straymondmp.org/giving](http://straymondmp.org/giving).



## PACK THE PANTRY

As part of our parish mission to pray, serve, and socialize we will have a "Pack the Pantry" collection site at our parish. We will be collecting unopened non-perishable items to supplement our St. Raymond St. Vincent de Paul conference's mission to feed the vulnerable. Next time you're at the store, please grab a few extra items from our list! This will be an ongoing project.

Located in the black storage locker in the parish courtyard next to the parish hall.

All items MUST be NON-PERISHABLE. Items needed:

Peanut Butter (16oz preferred)  
Canned Tuna  
Canned Chicken  
Canned Fruits  
Canned Vegetables  
Pasta  
Rice  
Beans





## Sculptures of St. Raymond

*From a description at the time of the church's construction in the late 1950's. Some text has been edited for clarity.*

The construction of St. Raymond Church was completed in October 1959 and dedicated on November 29, 1959. One of the uncompleted items in the Church design was the placement of two cultural bar-relief plaques over the two front exterior entrances depicting the work and episode in the life of St. Raymond of Penafort (d. 1275), the patron saint of the Church.

Each plaque is approximately 6 x 6 feet in area and was executed in reinforced lightweight concrete by the prominent Bay Area sculptor Elio Benvenuto of San Francisco.

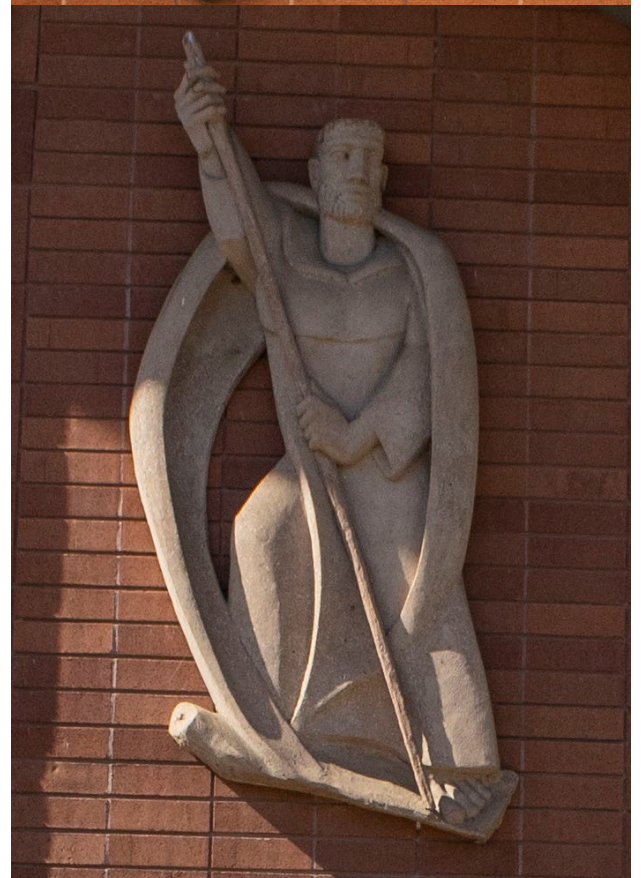
The plaque over the west entrance depicts two raised upright hands, one male and one female, with broken links of chains hanging from the slavery of the galleys and bondage. The shackles also signify the sin broken in absolution. The large upright key centrally located signifies "the power of the keys" given by Christ for the forgiveness of sins. The bookbinding at the base signifies St. Raymond's codification of Church laws in the 13th century, a code that served the church until 1918.

St. Raymond was the principal confessor of Rome, a canon lawyer, and a humanitarian who helped establish a religious order (with St. Peter Nolasco) to ransom the galley slaves of his period. (Today, in 2025, the order is named the Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy, or the Mercedarian Friars).

The plaque over the east entrance depicts a heroic episode in the eventful life of the saint. He sailed from Barcelona to Mallorca to bring an adulterous king to his senses. In reprisal, the angry king forbade any vessel to take St. Raymond back to the mainland. Marooned on the shore, he used his voluminous Dominican cappa/cloak as a sail and placed his walking staff against his body making a miniature mast, simulating a sailing ship. He reached the mainland covering a distance of 160 miles in 6 hours, so history relates.

This voyage is symbolized by the flash of a wave under the upright figure with a full-blown cappa.

The design and symbolism were worked out in close collaboration between the sculptor and the pastor of St. Raymond, the Rt. Rev. Edwin J. Kennedy. The execution and placement of the sculpture were done with close coordination



between the sculptor and Henry V. Chescoe of San Francisco, the architect of the Church.





As we begin 2025, let us remember to pray often Pope Francis' Prayer for the Earth from his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*.

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing; to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

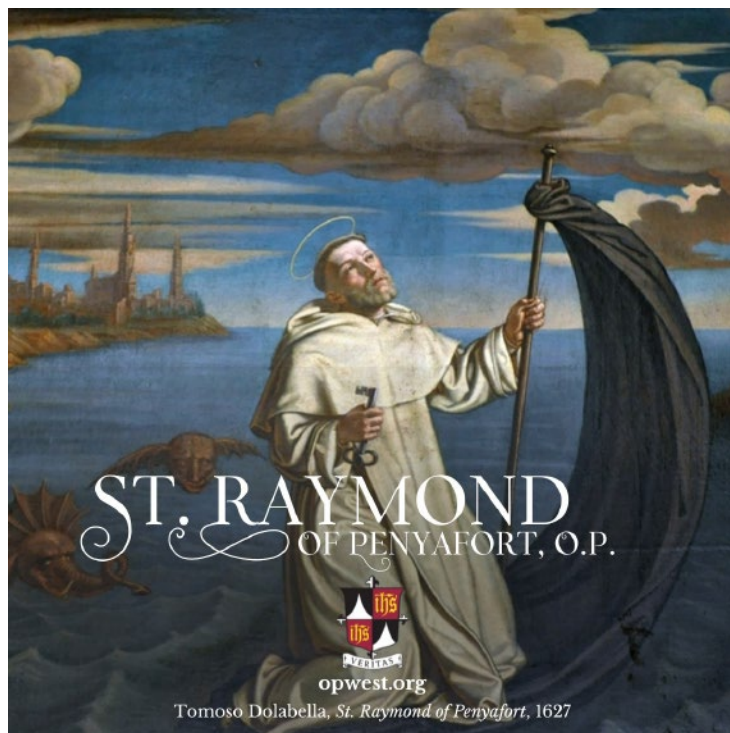
We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Learn more about Pope Francis's Encyclical on Climate Change at: <http://igsol.net/pope-ecology>.



## Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meets every Monday at 9:00 am in the parish library adjacent to the parish hall. Feel free to join us and learn more about the Legion of Mary.



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# COME AND SEE VOCATION WEEKENDS

~~October 4-6, 2024~~  
~~November 22-24, 2024~~  
February 14-16, 2025  
March 28-30, 2025

**Western  
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[opwest.org](http://opwest.org)

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# WELCOME



If you are a visitor to St. Raymond Parish, we want you to know you are welcome here—whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or another parish in the Bay Area. Say hello to any of our parishioners! For information about our parish or to register, contact us at [office@straymondmp.org](mailto:office@straymondmp.org) or register online at [straymondmp.org/register](http://straymondmp.org/register).

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays	5:00 pm Vigil
Sundays	8:00 am, 10:00 am, 5:00 pm
Weekdays	8:15 am (Mon-Sat.)
Holy Days	8:15 am, 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:45-9:15 am & 3:30-4:30 pm;  
Wednesday 7-8 pm, or by appointment

## ADORATION

Saturday 8:45-9:15 am, Wednesday 7-8 pm

## ANOIDTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office at 650-323-1755.

## BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, & FUNERALS

Please contact the parish office at 650-323-1755  
or email [office@straymondmp.org](mailto:office@straymondmp.org).

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK** Do you know of anyone who is homebound or ill? If so, we want to hear from you. Please contact the parish office at (650) 323-1755 and help us get in touch with those who need ministry.

**LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS**—Low-gluten hosts are available at each Mass. Please visit the presiding priest's Communion line to receive the low-gluten host.

## MISSION STATEMENT

St. Raymond is a Catholic parish where we Pray, Serve, and Socialize together as we live out our faith in Jesus Christ.

## VISION STATEMENT

St. Raymond Catholic Church is a vibrant parish in which every parishioner is engaged in ministry and all parishioners pray-serve-socialize together to keep the fire of our faith growing.

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