



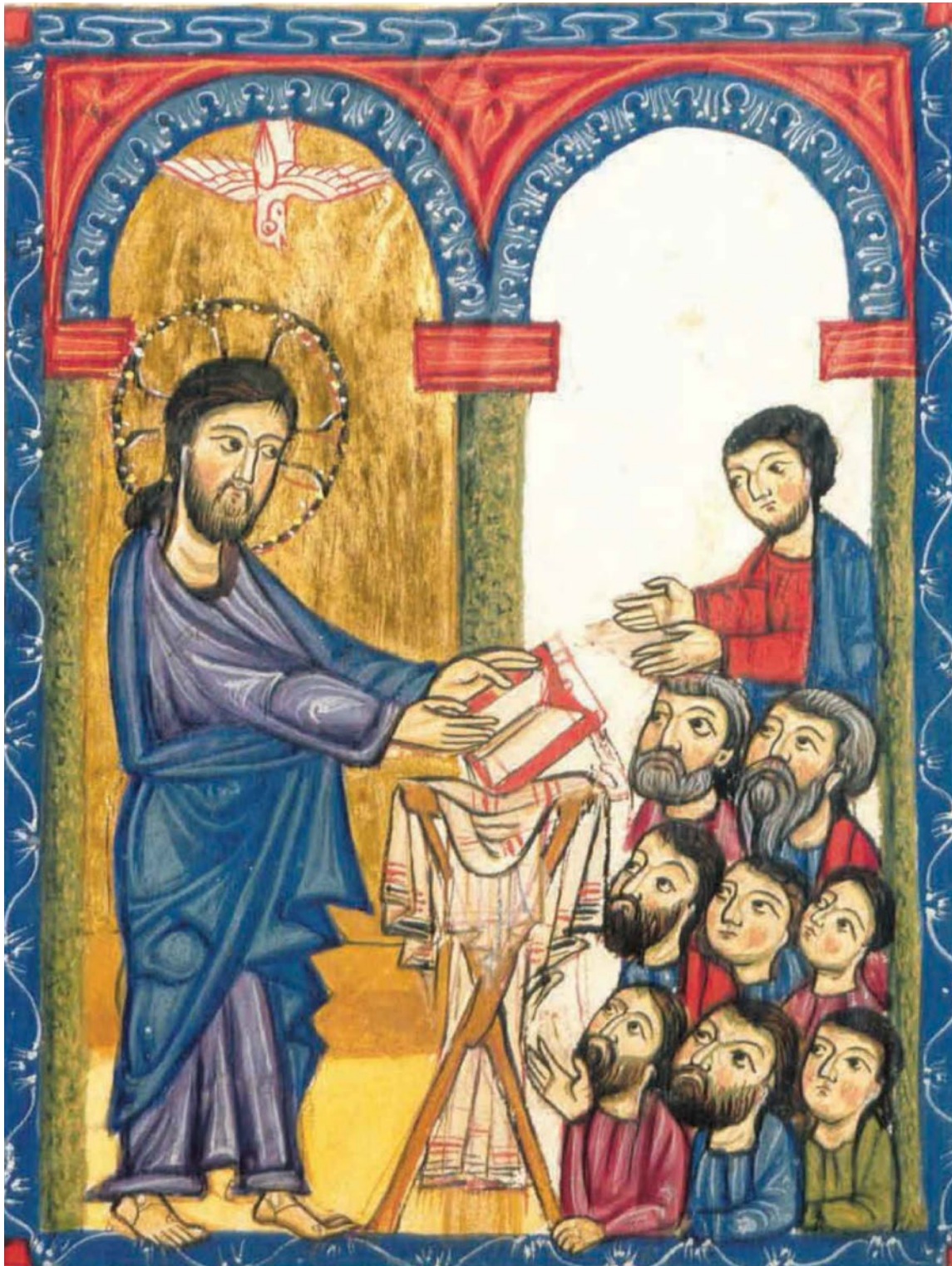
# ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 26, 2025



# This Week

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration and  
Confession until 9:15 am  
3:30 pm Confession  
5:00 pm Mass

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

8:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass  
11:00 am School Open House  
5:00 pm Mass  
6:00 pm Young Adults 4D Event (p.3)

## MONDAY-SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

## MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025

9:00 am Legion of Mary (Library)  
7:00 pm Bible Study (with Tina) (Parish Hall)

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025

12:00 pm Blood Drive (p.4)

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2025

10:00 am Bible Study (with Christine)  
7:00 pm Holy Hour (Adoration & Confession)

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025

8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration and  
Confession until 9:15 am  
3:30 pm Confession  
5:00 pm Mass

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025

8:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass  
5:00 pm Mass  
6:00 pm Salt & Light Event (Grades 7-12)

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of

## Lynn Bacon

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Service is tentively planned for Thursday, Jan. 30 at the time of printing.

# Mass Intentions

Sat., Jan. 25, 5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish  
*3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Sunday of the Word of God)*  
Sun., Jan. 26, 8:00 am George Moises 🕯️  
10:00 am Gladys & Vernon Scherba ††  
5:00 pm Galvez, Herborn, & Ritzen  
Families, L&D  
Mon., Jan. 27, 8:15 am Dick Blach 🕯️  
*St. Angela Marici, Virgin (m)*  
Tue., Jan. 28, 8:15 am Thomas D. Hofstrom  
*St. Thomas Aquinas, OP, Priest & Doctor of the Church (F)*  
Wed., Jan. 29, 8:15 am Dick Blach 🕯️ & Carla  
Mohrman 🕯️  
Thu., Jan. 30, 8:15 am Johanna Rupprecht  
Frankowiak †  
Fri., Jan. 31, 8:15 am Connie Auyeung †  
*St. John Bosco, Priest (M)*  
Sat., Feb. 1, 8:15 am Paul Rupprecht †  
Sat., Feb. 1, 5:00 pm Fr. Vincent Ring †  
*The Presentation of the Lord*  
Sun., Feb. 2, 8:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Rbt. Hofstrom ††  
10:00 am Candy Hernandez 🕯️ †  
5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

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: Jackie, 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 Lynn Bacon, Charles Cadet, Connie Alvidrez, and Connie Auyeung.

To add a name, please contact the Parish Office.



Sunday **Feb. 2**  
**Blessing of Candles**

Bring your candles to be blessed.



Monday **Feb. 3**  
**Blessing of Throats**

At the 8:15 am morning Mass.



12th Annual St. Raymond  
**rummage**  
**sale**

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

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!

We are now collecting the following, NEW or GENTLY USED items:

Clothing & shoes (all ages)	Books/CDs/DVDs	Holiday decor
Household items & decor	Kitchenware	Small appliances
Jewelry/Purses/Accessories	Games/toys (3+)	Tools
Sports equipment	Small furniture	Framed art
Antiques & collectibles	Garden décor	Gift items

PLEASE NOTE DROP OFF LOCATION: You can drop off your donations at the storage unit now located behind the priest's house off Arbor Road. The container will be open Monday-Friday between 7:45-3:15 and on weekends between 9:00 and 4:00, making it convenient for you to donate. Donations can also be dropped off at the trailer in the church parking lot.

**SUPER DONATION WEEKEND**  
**March 22-23, 2025**


Due to limited space in the storage unit, we'd appreciate you bringing larger quantities of donations, and small furniture directly to the St. Raymond school gym during SUPER DONATION WEEKEND – March 22-23, 2025, between 11:00-3:00 p.m. We could also use extra boxes/lidded plastic containers, non-wire hangers & plastic/paper bags. We CANNOT ACCEPT used electronics, large furniture, mattresses, sofas, window treatments, stuffed animals, or baby gear (cribs, strollers, car seats, etc.)

All donations are tax deductible

Have questions about what we can accept? Contact Karyn Leahy, [leahyfamily@msn.com](mailto:leahyfamily@msn.com).

**Saint Raymond**

**YOUNG ADULTS**



**SUNDAY 1/26 6-8:30PM**

**4 D: Drinks, Dinner, Discussion, with Dominicans**

**FROM STANFORD TO MISSION FIELD IN PERSECUTED ASIA.**

WITNESS AND DISCUSSION ON EVANGELIZATION  
 LED BY TRICIA BØLLE  
 FOUNDER OF  
 ST. FRANCIS XAVIER  
 LAY MISSIONARY SOCIETY



# Senior Bingo

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

12:15 pm Senior Mass

12:45 pm Bingo & Lunch

Please join us on Wednesday, February 5 for a special Valentine's gathering of STARS Senior Bingo. We will begin in the church at 12:15 pm for a senior Mass with Fr Jerome or Fr Pawel. Following Mass he 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.

# LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday, March 8, 2025

8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Vallombrosa Retreat Center,  
Menlo Park

Deacon Tom will again lead a Lenten Retreat at beautiful Vallombrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park on March 8. The retreat will start at 8:30am and conclude by 3PM.

The retreat will include Mass, Confession, morning muffins/coffee, lunch and will be built around 5 spiritual reflections to lead us into Lent.

The Vallombrosa grounds allow for plenty of private prayer locations in the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, the Mother Teresa Rosary memorial, the Stations of the Cross Walk and we will be next door to Nativity with Eucharistic Adoration available all day. This is open to all as a peaceful and prayerful escape from our hectic daily schedules and prepare us for truly spiritual Lent.

The cost will be \$60 per person. Please call the office to sign up and talk to Deacon Tom if you have questions.



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## TODAY THE SCRIPTURE IS FULFILLED

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-17)

By Br. Michael Thomas Cain, O.P.

When we see who Jesus really is, we finally are able to see who we really are.

This is important because the battle for our souls is a battle for our identities. Before Jesus came, we had forgotten who we were. We had become shadows, falling ever deeper into the darkness. We were the helpless prey of the accuser, Satan, whose one goal was and is to convince us that we belong to the darkness.

Jesus came to restore and elevate our identity. And in today's gospel, Jesus announces this mission and so reveals to us His own identity. When He Boldly states that, "today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing", He is saying to the people of Nazareth, "I am your savior." Today Jesus says to you, "I am your Savior."

Do you really believe Him?

The problem is that we still hear echoes of Satan's lie. He tells you that you belong with your sin, that you like it, maybe even that you *are* your sin. Sure, heaven might be for some people at some point, but not for you, not now.

When you see Jesus, do you see your savior, your friend, your brother? Not just someone's savior, *your* savior. You need to because if He is your savior, then you are saved, if He is your friend, then you are loved, and if He is your brother, then you are God's child.

Brothers and sisters, this is absolutely crucial. If we do not live in the light of Christ face, if we do not see and receive him for who He is, we will be deceived, Satan will steal our identity. Today Jesus calls you believe in and live from the identity that He gives you. That you are saved, delighted in, that you are God's beloved child.

Br. Michael Thomas Cain, O.P., is from Santa Paula, CA. He earned a B.A. in Liberal Arts from Thomas Aquinas College in 2018.

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS (JAN. 28)

By Fr. Robert Verrill O.P.

I'm afraid I have to own up to the fact that before I joined the Dominican Order, I knew very little about St. Thomas Aquinas. Like many laymen, I thought that the study of theology was for theologians and that St. Thomas was just one among many. Those were in the days when I tried to live a kind of double life – a life of faith and a life of reason – and since these two lives had very little to do with each other, I ended up being neither particularly faithful or particularly reasonable. By not making any effort to think about my faith, I wasn't following the greatest commandment of them all 'to love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' If we are to follow this commandment and love God with our minds, we should make some sort of effort to penetrate more deeply the mysteries of salvation. In undertaking this task, you can do no better than turning to St. Thomas. He is specifically recommended as a teacher in the Code of Canon Law, so St. Thomas is not just another theologian.

Coming to St. Thomas for the first time can be a bit daunting, and although he says the *Summa Theologiae* is meant for beginners, it can be confusing the first time you dip into it, especially if you're unfamiliar with the scholastic method of questions, objections, counter proposals and responses. But there are many highly readable accounts of St. Thomas' theology by authors such as Timothy McDermott, Herbert McCabe, Josef Pieper and G.K. Chesterton. If you spend a little time with any of these books, any prejudice that St. Thomas is cold and cerebral can be quickly dismissed. Happiness is a recurring theme in St. Thomas and this is beautifully expressed in Timothy McDermott's concise translation of the *Summa*:

Happiness is seeing God. Happiness is another name for God. God is happy by nature; he does not attain happiness or receive it from another. But men become happy by receiving a share in God's happiness, something God creates in them. And this created happiness is a life of human activity in which their human powers are ultimately fulfilled: for the goal of anything is fulfillment in activity.

Thinking about our faith and entering more deeply into the divine mysteries should be a joyful experience. When I was younger I was frightened of thinking about my faith because I thought I might lose what little I had, but discovering St. Thomas has totally relieved me of this anxiety. On this feast day when we honour this great saint and theologian, let us ask for his prayers, that through a growing appreciation of his writings, we may come to share in the same happiness that he now shares in, which is none other than God Himself.



## Br. John Paul's 2-Minute Teachings

Br. John Paul is on retreat this weekend. Miss your weekly 2-minute teaching? To watch Br. John Paul's previous 2-minute teachings, visit <https://delivr.com/2n5hv> or use the QR code.



## Catholic Health Care Ethics Seminar



*A Tradition of  
Compassion and Care  
for the Human Person*

Thursday & Friday  
February 6 & 7, 2025

*St. Patrick's  
Seminary & University  
Menlo Park, CA*



Presented by:



THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC  
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St. Patrick's Seminary & University  
Order of Malta Western Association  
Order of Malta Northern California Clinic

Contact: Julie Kelley - [jkelly@ncbcenter.org](mailto:jkelly@ncbcenter.org)

Registration and schedule information at <https://delivr.com/2m74h>



### REFUGEE FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION

Refugee Foster Care supports unaccompanied refugee minors fleeing persecution and violence. We are seeking nurturing families to welcome a refugee youth into their home. Join us virtually to learn more!



January 30, 2025  
6:30 PM



408-325-5107  
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RSVP HERE



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United in Faith and Community

**CELEBRATE  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**  
January 26 - February 1

**St. Raymond School Open House**  
Sunday, January 26, 11:00AM-12:30PM

Open House is an opportunity for families to become familiar with St. Raymond School and all that our academic, social and spiritual programs have to offer. Families can take tours of the school, receive important admissions information and meet our entire faculty and staff.

Current families will be on campus and all classrooms will be open and available to discuss curriculum, major benchmarks and teaching philosophy. Families who have already applied will receive an update on admissions status including scheduled appointments and outstanding documents. Families who have not yet applied will receive support learning about the admissions process and important deadlines. Regardless of where your family is in the admissions process, Open House is a wonderful way to learn about St. Raymond School and have the chance to experience our outstanding community.

We are proud of our rich tradition of excellence and look forward to welcoming you to visit us and get to know our school community.

St. Raymond School is fully accredited by both the Western Catholic Educational Association (WCEA) and the Western Association of Colleges and Schools (WASC).

For more information, visit [straymond.org](http://straymond.org).

## ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL ANNUAL 8TH GRADE SPAGHETTI DINNER!

Friday, February 7, 2025  
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm



Invite your family, grandparents, friends, St. Raymond alumni, and parishioners for a night of big fun, delicious dining, festive drinks, and fabulous raffle prizes for the whole family.

Proceeds benefit the annual 8th Grade Yosemite Trip!

RSVP at <https://delivr.com/2v4ay>.

## Archdiocese of San Francisco's Women's Conference in the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope

Saturday, February 1, 2025  
9:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

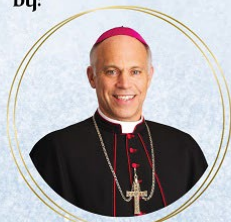
Immaculate Heart of Mary  
1040 Alameda de las Pulgas,  
Belmont, CA

### Women of the Church: Anchored in Hope

\$55 per person

Conference includes Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacrament of  
Reconciliation, and lunch

Mass celebrated  
by:



Most. Rev. Salvatore J. Cordileone  
Archbishop of San Francisco

Keynote:



Timmerie Geagea  
Host, Trending with Timmerie  
Relevant Radio



Register at:  
[www.sfarch.org/womens-conference](http://www.sfarch.org/womens-conference)



## 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).

## 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.

## Homeless Family Fund

Dear supporters of our St. Raymond Homeless Family Fund,

The past two quarters we have had the privilege of helping 8 families get into permanent housing by providing nearly \$24,000 in funding for their rental deposits and rental assistance. We wanted to thank you for your continued generosity, we wouldn't be able to help these incredible families without you!

Donate online at <https://delivr.com/2qzum>.



## 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



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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.

## ST. RAYMOND PARISH

Served by the Dominican Friars of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus (Western Dominican Province) since 2013.

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