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ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Presentation of the Lord - February 2, 2025



This Week

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)

MONDAY-SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025

10:00 am Bible Study (with Christine)
12:15 pm Senior Mass followed by Bingo
7:00 pm Holy Hour (Adoration & Confession)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025

8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration and
Confession until 9:15 am
3:30 pm Confession
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm The Great Debate (High School
Group) (p.3)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass
5:00 pm Mass

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday

Monday **Feb. 3**
Blessing of Throats

At the 8:15 am morning Mass.



Mass Intentions

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

Mon., Feb. 3, 8:15 am Ben Frankowiak †
*St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr (m); St. Ansgar, Bishop (m) (4th
Week in Ordinary Time)*

Tue., Feb. 4, 8:15 am Sue Steiner
St. Catherine de' Ricci, OP, Virgin (m)

Wed., Feb. 5, 8:15 am Esther Lane †
St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr (M)

12:15 pm Lynn Bacon †

Thu., Feb. 6, 8:15 am Fr. Daniel Syverstad, O.P. 🍰
St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs (M)

Fri., Feb. 7, 8:15 am Ralph Ruocco †
Anniversary of Deceased Parents (OP)

Sat., Feb. 8, 8:15 am Jeanne Schmidt
St. Jerome Emilani (m); St. Josephine Bakhita (m)

Sat., Feb. 8, 5:00 pm Fr. Daniel Syverstad, O.P. 🍰
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Feb. 9, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish
10:00 am William & Marjorie
Wagstaffe ††
5:00 pm Sean Foley †

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 Mr. Sam Harris (MAHS teacher), Tess Rowell Weber, Lynn Bacon, Charles Cadet, Connie Alvidrez, and Connie Auyeung.

To add a name, please contact the Parish Office.

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.



**Saturday, February 8th
6-8 PM**

**"In all debates, let truth be thy aim, not
victory, or an unjust interest."
– William Penn**

**Games, Dinner, and a friendly debate
about a voted-on hot topic**

RSVP

brjohnpaul@straymondmp.org

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 3 pm.

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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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.

Living Life with Hope

*Learn how to be filled with hope and
renew your faith*

SAVE THE DATE

**Thursday, March 6, 2025
7:00-9:00 p.m.
St. Raymond Gym**

*An Intergenerational Women's Retreat -
Living in Hope Through Every Season of Life.*



Women's Retreat

MAY 31 - JUNE 1

VALLOBROSA CENTER
250 OAK GROVE AVE, MENLO
PARK, CA 94025



\$280

PER PERSON

PAY ONLINE:
STRAYMONDMP.ORG/GIVING
OR

MAIL YOUR CHECK TO:
ST. RAYMOND CHURCH
ATTN: WOMEN'S RETREAT

TO REGISTER: SCAN THIS QR CODE
TO EMAIL YOUR NAME, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL, DIETARY
RESTRICTIONS AND METHOD OF PAYMENT TO
YVETEGILARDI@COMCAST.NET
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 14, 2025

Questions? Contact Yvette, 650-248-4139

Dominican Corner

MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Lk 2:22-40)

By Br. John Paul Puschautz

Have you ever wondered why God commanded His people to offer their firstborn? Well, this law is a perpetual reminder for the people of Israel that the blood of the Passover lamb saved their firstborn sons from the destroying angel in the land of slavery.

It also reminds us of one of the most difficult passages in scripture, where Abraham is told to offer his beloved son, Isaac, in sacrifice.

Now, this is scandalous. Why does God command us to offer what is most precious to us? What can this offering or presentation mean?

C.S. Lewis tells us that there are three types of natural love: Eros (passionate love), Storge (familial love), and Philia (friendship love). These three loves are beautiful gifts from God who is love. But, they must have divine love at the source and summit. If they do not, they will corrupt and eventually turn into hatred. When we put something or someone above God, we make it our idol, wanting it to fill the God-sized hole in our hearts. And this is not going to work, because our hearts are restless until they rest in God.



That is why we must offer these good but limited loves back to God. They are gifts from God and so we offer them back to Him, so that God can truly be the center of our lives. And, the most amazing thing is that when we offer these loves to God, we receive one hundredfold.

Joseph and Mary present the baby Jesus in the temple because He is the Father's gift of light not just for them, but for the entire world. They don't try to possess, hoard, consume, cling, or control this gift, and therefore they can receive Him anew as a precious, gratuitous gift.

The ancient feast of the presentation begins with a procession with candles into the church, which represents Christ the Light, illuminating the world. This fragile flame is a beautiful image of the flame of love that we are entrusted. When we cling selfishly to these loves, we end up burning ourselves and suffocating the flame.

However, when offer what we love most to God, these flames burn brighter and brighter, and this light shines in the darkness, and the darkness grasps it not.



DN. TOM'S GRANDSON

Br. John Paul's 2-Minute Teachings

Miss your weekly 2-minute teaching? To watch Br. John Paul's previous two-minute teachings on YouTube, visit delivr.com/2n5hv or use the QR code.





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>.

COME AND SEE VOCATION WEEKENDS

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

Western
Dominican
Province
opwest.org

TO REGISTER, CONTACT:
Fr. John Winkowitsch, O.P.,
Vocation Director
vocations@opwest.org
opwest.org/comeandsee

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.



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 or 650-670-2200.

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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2025 is a Jubilee year which Pope Francis officially inaugurated the 2025 Jubilee of Hope.

This year brings signs of hope for the planet. The economics of clean energy have improved.

Policies enacted years ago are paying dividends. And innovators—technological, financial, and policy—continue to forge ahead. In time, their efforts will make a more sustainable future inevitable, although the path to get there still seems long and hard.

2024 will likely be found to be the hottest on record, and the global temperature rise may bounce above the 1.5°C threshold scientists were hoping to avoid. Still, cutting emissions remains “technically” possible. Even without government programs to promote clean energy, stop carbon-releasing deforestation and decarbonization, industry in the US and in other countries will continue to deploy clean energy at a rapid clip this year driven by economics (renewables are often cheaper than fossil fuels) and energy-security concerns (producing clean electricity at home means less reliance on polluting imports). Globally, investment in green technologies has reached nearly \$2 trillion annually, twice the level of investment in new fossil-fuel supply, according to the International Energy Agency. Many climate advocates have celebrated the resurgence of investment in nuclear power. Using safer, less expensive technology nuclear offers a zero-carbon solution to companies building energy-intensive AI data centers. The many initiatives launched in 2024 will pay dividends in the months and years to come. 😊

Pope Francis offers hope and encouragement. ‘Every small change which breaks harmful habits, “simple daily gestures of mutual care”, when added together, in time, will make a difference’[LS 231]

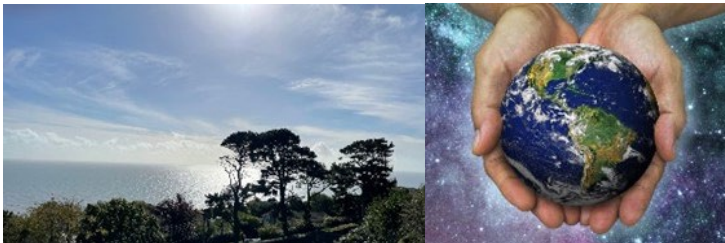


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Are you facing emotional or mental health difficulties? You don't have to struggle alone.

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.

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>.

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 or register online at 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.

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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