



# ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 9, 2025





# This Week

## 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

## MONDAY-SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025

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

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

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

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

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

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

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

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025

Parish Office Closed!

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of

## Lorraine Macchello

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.

# Mass Intentions

Sat., Feb. 8, 5:00 pm Fr. Daniel Syverstad, O.P. 🕯️  
*5th Sunday in Ordinary Time* (World Day of Consecrated Life,  
World Marriage Day)

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

Mon., Feb. 10, 8:15 am Ingrid Hofstrom Lavery †  
*St. Scholastic, Virgin (M)*

Tue., Feb. 11, 8:15 am Connie Auyeung †  
*Our Lady of Lourdes (m)* (World Day of the Sick)

Wed., Feb. 12, 8:15 am Fr. Daniel Syverstad, O.P. 🕯️

Thu., Feb. 13, 8:15 am Carol Smith †  
*Bl. Jordan of Saxony, OP, Priest (M)*

Fri., Feb. 14, 8:15 am Angela Boniecki  
*Sts. Cyril, Monk, & Methodius, Bishop (M)*

Sat., Feb. 15, 8:15 am Laura Coon; Lorraine  
Macchello †; Lynn Bacon † (collective)

Sat., Feb. 15, 5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish 🕯️  
*6th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Sun., Feb. 16, 8:00 am Teleisia † & Kuea Liti  
10:00 am Eleanor Jekot †  
5:00 pm Aurelio Maestrini †

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

To add a name, please contact the Parish Office.

## 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**



**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](mailto:brjohnpaul@straymondmp.org)

**TAX LETTERS  
ARE IN  
THE MAIL**



Contact Ronnica with questions: [rhagy@straymondmp.org](mailto:rhagy@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.

[delivr.com/2c8f4](https://delivr.com/2c8f4)





# 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).

Join us this Lent for a transformative 8-week series on the power of the Gospel.

## the **RESCUE** project

**DINNER | TALK | SMALL GROUPS**  
**6:30 - 8:30 PM**  
**St. Raymond Parish Hall**

Series Dates:

March 10, 17, 24, 31

April 7, 14, 26\* (retreat), 28



**Register Here:**

<https://secure.myvanco.com/YH00/campaign/C-153VJ>

\$25 Registration Fee

**Registration is open for the Spring Rescue Project!** The Rescue Project is an 8-week series on some of the most foundational parts of our faith such as God's plan for us, the devil's plan for us (2 weeks on spiritual warfare), God's rescue project to save the world through Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit who equips us for our mission. Instead of just giving up chocolate this Lent, do something to get set on fire with God's love!

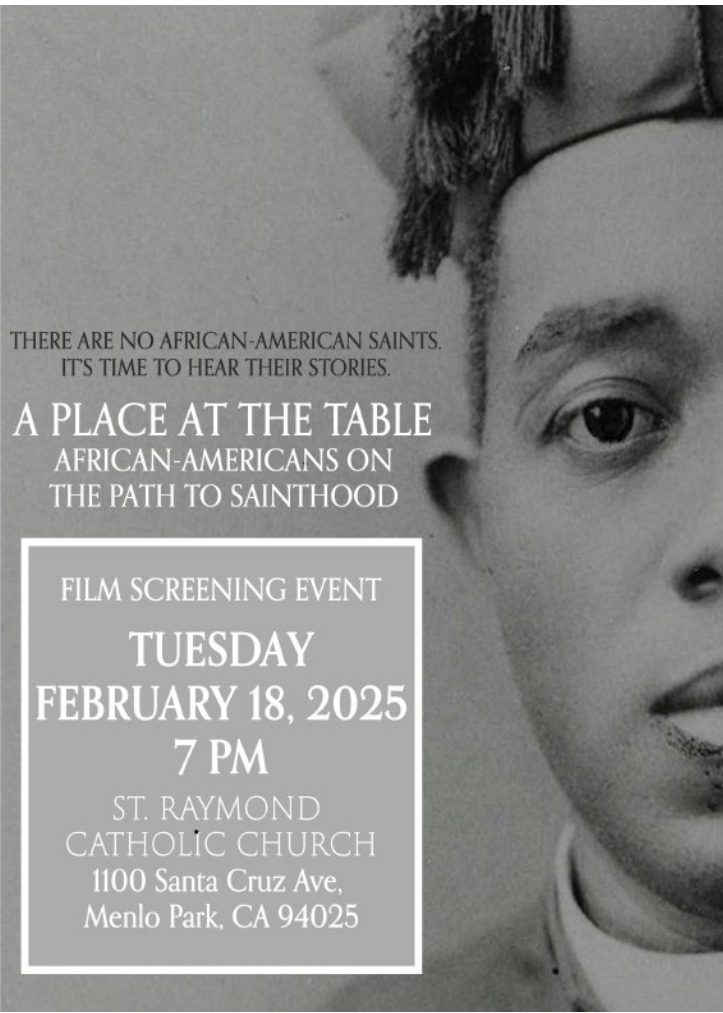
Once again we'll have separate groups for young adults and there will be babysitting available for parents with young children (potty-trained and older).

To register, visit: <https://delivr.com/26b3j>

## **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](https://delivr.com/2n5hv) or use the QR code.





THERE ARE NO AFRICAN-AMERICAN SAINTS.  
IT'S TIME TO HEAR THEIR STORIES.

## A PLACE AT THE TABLE

AFRICAN-AMERICANS ON  
THE PATH TO SAINTHOOD

FILM SCREENING EVENT

**TUESDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 18, 2025**  
**7 PM**

ST. RAYMOND  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
1100 Santa Cruz Ave,  
Menlo Park, CA 94025

YOU'RE INVITED



ST. RAYMOND'S  
**22ND ANNUAL**  
**MEN'S**  
**POKER TOURNAMENT**

FEB



2025

ST. RAYMOND GYMNASIUM  
1211 ARBOR RD, MENLO PARK, CA

**5 PM - 11 PM**

POKER BUY-IN BEGINS AT \$175

\*IF YOU DON'T LIKE POKER YOU ARE STILL WELCOME! - \$100

TEXAS HOLD 'EM - 1ST HAND DEALT AT 6:00PM

DRINKS AND WORLD CLASS FOOD SERVED

RSVP to [PHILIP@CONNEXLY.COM](mailto:PHILIP@CONNEXLY.COM)

Hosted by St. Rays Father's Club

## Dominican Corner

### PUT OUT INTO DEEP WATER

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Lk 5:1-11)

By Rev. Br. Elias Guadalupe Ford, O.P.

What depths are you afraid to face in your heart?

A voice says to Peter: *cast out into the deep*. The deep? Peter hesitates. He's cast his net there before. It's dark, cold, and empty. At the brink of despair, Peter objects "*We've worked hard all night and have caught nothing...*" But in the darkness of his doubt, a flicker of hope stirs within him; dim, but willing. "*But at your command I will lower the net.*" He lowers his net. Down to the depths. To the ugliness, to the darkness, to the shame and pain.

But as he tugs the rope for the pull, he can sense that something's changed. He pulls, and the ropes resist. He keeps pulling. The net stretches and groans. His hands sting as the rope cuts into his skin. Finally, with the boat nearly capsized, he raises up an overwhelming catch, more than he has ever caught in his life.

But before such mercy, Peter sees the fallout of his sin. His poor little net, frayed from years of scraping the seafloor, tears thread by thread as it carries the weight of such a great catch. He's exposed. He falls to his knees and confesses in shame: *Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man*. Who could look at the wreckage of his soul and see his worth? Who could see his face and still find it worthy of love? Jesus. Looking down at him with his tender eyes, he says: "*Do not be afraid. From now on you will be catching men.*" Jesus takes his tattered net, and claims it for the next catch.

Do not be afraid to cast into the deep. Cast into the depths of your heart, with all its uncomeliness, and pull up the fount of mercy that Jesus has planted there. Let it tear up your wounded heart, because your God wants to heal you. Cast out into the deep, and listen to the words of Jesus: "Do not be afraid."

Rev. Br. Elias Guadalupe Ford, O.P. earned a B.A. in Music with a minor in Philosophy from Ave Maria University in 2009.

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# Life is Good Ministry

Life is Good is a pro-life ministry at St. Raymond Church organized to affirm that “Life is Good” in all stages and circumstances. We welcome all to learning, prayer, confidential discussion, study, and public advocacy for the dignity of every human being. Send your comments, questions, or interest in working with us to [lifeisgood@straymondmp.org](mailto:lifeisgood@straymondmp.org).

## Thank God! Thank God! Thank God!

Those words, from the lips of Walter Hoye, summed up the mood of the 21st Annual Walk for Life West Coast [which took place on January 25 in San Francisco].

The day started with the Walk for Life Mass at a standing-room only St. Mary’s Cathedral. San Francisco’s Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone was the principal celebrant. Speaking of the challenges facing pro-lifers, he said

*“To stand for justice in an unjust society will bring persecution, condemnation and public opprobrium. Is it worth it? When one knows what is right, knows it with conviction, there is no alternative. Such attacks only bring greater peace of conscience, knowing that we suffer with Christ. Our society as a whole is deeply wounded, with the most barbarous violence perpetrated on the smallest and most innocent among us being celebrated as a positive good.”*

By noon thousands of you had gathered at Civic Center Plaza for the Rally.

The first speaker was well-known pro-life activist Ryan Bomberger, founder of the Radiance Foundation, who described the starting point of the pro-life movement simply “We believe in this radical notion—that we are all created equal.” He shared the story of his conception,

and then of growing up in a family of adopted children and described that experience as being “Conceived in rape, adopted in love” a message he shares through the Radiance foundation.

Other speakers included Kelly Lester, a woman who has come through much darkness into the light. Kelly had a number of abortions. . . . She described her time working at an abortion clinic “The abortion industry is very specific. They have one goal and one goal only. It’s not about choice, it’s about abortion.” But Kelly came through the darkness and told the crowd

*“If you are a woman who has had an abortion, or if you are a man who has facilitated an abortion, there is healing for you.”* Then she told the crowd “Look around. You are not alone and your voice matters.”

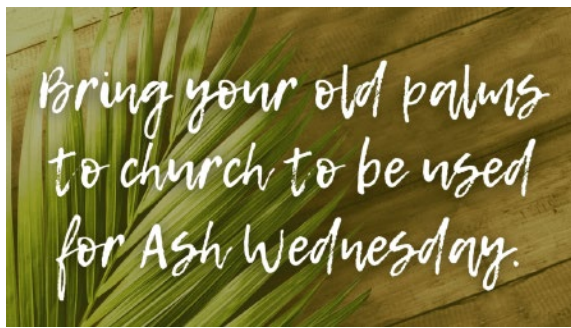
The final speaker was Walter Hoye of the Issues4Life Foundation. He rocked the crowd and captured the moment: “I want to thank God for the life of everyone here! Thank God! Thank God! Thank God! . . .”

Following Walter’s fiery speech, tens of thousands of us, people of every race, age, and religion Walked for Life to the Embarcadero Plaza, filling Market Street for over a mile. Mariachi music mixed with chant and the Rosary, Ikons of the Theotokos mixed with images of Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe and Indian devotional umbrellas, strollers mixed with canes—it was the Walk for Life!

--From the website of the Walk For Life West Coast, available at <https://www.walkforlifewc.com>.

If you or someone you know is struggling after involvement in an abortion, the Church offers confidential, compassionate help through the Project Rachel Ministry. Visit [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) for more information.





## 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  
**YVETTEGILARDI@COMCAST.NET**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 14, 2025**

*Questions? Contact Yvette, 650-248-4139*

### 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).



### 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).



### ST RAYMOND YOUNG ADULTS

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

**SUNDAY FEB.  
23  
6-8:30 PM**

**Theology of the  
Body: God's plan  
vs. the Devil's  
plan for  
sexuality**

# 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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