



ST. RAYMOND
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 16, 2025

Blessed Are You...



This Week

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-SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025

Parish Office Closed!
9:00 am Legion of Mary (Library)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

7:00 pm Film Screening: *A Place At The Table*
(Parish Hall)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration and
Confession until 9:15 am
1:00 pm Mary's Retreat
3:30 pm Confession
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm Men's Poker Tournament (Gym)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm Young Adults: 4D - Theology of the
Body

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday

Mass Intentions

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 †

Mon., Feb. 17, 8:15 am Ed Kennedy †
Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order (m)

Tue., Feb. 18, 8:15 am Jonathan & Gwen
Fra Angelico (Bl. John of Fiesole), OP, Priest (m)

Wed., Feb. 19, 8:15 am Ed Kennedy †

Thu., Feb. 20, 8:15 am Daylily Alvarez

Fri., Feb. 21, 8:15 am Katherine Gralok
St. Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (m)

Sat., Feb. 22, 8:15 am Nieva Calica 🕯️
The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle (F)

Sat., Feb. 22, 5:00 pm Galvez, Herborn & Ritzen
Families, L&D

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Feb. 23, 8:00 am Florencia Lourdes Reyes †
10:00 am Marilyn Pierre Hoppel
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 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.

Bring your old palms
to church to be used
for Ash Wednesday.



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

Living Life With Hope

*Learn how to walk with hope
and renew your faith*

Speakers, Small Groups, Socializing

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

St. Raymond Gym

RSVP Today!

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



Wine, charcuterie, and dessert will be served.

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



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

Hosted by St. Rays Father's Club

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



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://delivr.com/26b3j>

\$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>.

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"Being part of the Rescue Project was life changing. I will never look at the crucifix and what Jesus did for us to have life, the same way again. I highly encourage you to encounter the heart of the father in a way that's never been done before."

- Jessica

"Finishing The Rescue Project kicked off a chain of events that made me fall even more in love with God. I can't quite explain how, but it opens your eyes in a way that makes it easier to let go and trust His will over your own. Looking back, it feels like the start of the most profound journey of getting to know and love Our Creator on a whole new level.

The storytelling is incredible, and the theology is deep but still easy to connect with, no matter where you are in your faith.

Honestly, the weekly meetups became the best part of my week. The Rescue Project is for everyone. Whether you're questioning, searching, or already strong in your faith, you'll walk away with a deeper understanding of God's plan and how we are called to be part of it."

- Lisette

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



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.

Dominican Corner

BLESSED ARE YOU...

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Lk 6:17, 20–26)

By Br. Piotr Skibinski, O.P.

If I stretch out my open hand, I am ready to receive something. If my eyes are open, I can see other people. But if I clench my hand in a gesture of triumphant satisfaction, I am not able to receive anything. And, if I close my eyes in a sense of fulfillment and comfort, I am not able to see anyone.

And maybe this is what Jesus is talking about at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount in Luke's Gospel, which we hear this Sunday. "*Blessed are you who are poor, hungry...*" When I am in need and I do not have everything under control, and when things happen to me that I cannot handle on my own, there is a good chance that I will stretch out my hand asking for help. And what many would consider a sign of weakness will be actually an acknowledgment of my dependence, which will allow me to discover and experience the presence and goodness of God.

"*Blessed are those who cry...*" If my eyes are open and I look attentively at those around me, I will be able to see them as they are—and so, alongside joy and beauty, I will see their problems, I will be sensitive to their difficulties, I will often cry over the harm or evil that I see and I will seek to help appropriately.

But, if I accept as true the illusion that I can have everything under control, that I am independent and must protect myself in every way, I will not reach out my hand, convinced that I do not need anyone's help, or that I cannot count on anyone. If I close my eyes, indulging in my own fulfillment and security, limiting myself only to what is pleasant, I will not see how far from peaceful days may be those around me.

If you are brave enough to accept the truth, you will see that many things in your life are beyond your control and capabilities. You will discover that those things that you cannot handle on your own are not signs of your weakness or incompetence. They do not have to make you try to control reality even more. Your deficiency will reveal your dependence on God.

And, If you dare not to close your eyes, but open them wide to actually see those around you, you will discover how many of them need you and how much good you can do.

Your open hand and eyes will prove to be the path of blessing, the path of happiness.

Br. Piotr Skibinski, O.P. is a son of the Province of Poland studying at St. Albert's Priory in Oakland.



FEAST DAY: FEBRUARY 18

Bl. John of Fiesole, popularly known as Bl. Fra Angelico, was a Dominican painter in the mid-fifteenth century known for the beauty of his paintings and the holiness of his priestly life. Nicknamed "Angelico" by his brothers, his Dominican consecration and life are worthy of imitation as he preached Jesus Christ by his life, his words, and his paintings.

Given the name Guido at Baptism, this saint was born near Vicchio, in the vicinity of Florence, at the end of the 14th century. From his youth he practiced the art of painting. Having entered the Dominican convent in Fiesole, he was given the name Brother Giovanni (Brother John). After ordination he held various responsibilities, one of which was that of prior of the convent in Fiesole.

Faithful to the promises he made as a Dominican, to preach the Gospel after having contemplated it in prayer, Fra Angelico put his creativity at the disposal of the Lord. With brush and paint in hand, he used his talents to transmit to all people the sublimity and the redemptive strength of the divine mysteries.

Between 1425 and 1447, Fra Angelico carried out his activity for the Dominican convents and other ecclesiastical institutes at Fiesole, Florence (most especially at the convent of San Marco), Cortona and Orvieto. The fame of his genius merited him the esteem of the Sovereign Pontiffs Eugenio IV and Nicolas V, who contracted him for the task of frescoing several rooms in the Vatican Palace (1445-49).

Fra Angelico died on February 18, 1455, in the convent of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva in Rome and was buried in the adjoining Basilica, where his body was covered by a simple slab on which

was carved his portrait. With a personality that was uncomplicated and clear, Brother Giovanni had lived a poor and humble life, refusing honors and positions.

The virtue and the profound religious spirit which characterized the life of this artist and Dominican is reflected in his spirituality, his purity, and the luminosity of his art. Even before his official recognition as a blessed of the Church, he had been given by the faithful the title "Beato Angelico." In a moving ceremony on October 18, 1984, Pope John Paul II, on his knees in front of Fra Angelico's tomb, proclaimed him solemnly to be the universal patron of all artists.

The Incarnation was one of Fra Angelico's favorite themes, and he painted over 25 variations of it. His painted meditations, so needed at the time of the early Renaissance, are still necessary today. God became man to bring us closer to Himself by way of all things human. He makes all things new by fashioning them into possible vehicles of grace for us, so that by visible realities and concrete concepts, we can arrive at an understanding and a love of higher, invisible realities, all leading to God Himself.

Source: <https://www.nashvilledominican.org/community/our-dominican-heritage/our-saints-and-blesseds/bl-john-fiesole-fra-angelico/>



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



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 Workshop

All members of the Legion of Mary in the San Francisco Senatus, San Mateo County Comitium, and South San Mateo Curia are invited to 'strategize' on the future of the Legion of Mary in our Archdiocese at this workshop.

This workshop will be held at Mater Dolorosa Church in South San Francisco (307 Willow Ave.) on Saturday, March 15, 2025. The day will begin with a Traditional Latin Mass at 9:00 am. The day will include prayer, talks, and group discussions and sharing.

For more information, contact Tessie Velicaria at 415-404-0920 or Carmen Perlas 650-892-5786, or visit sfsenatus.com.

GIVING: ONLINE AND IN PERSON

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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 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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