



ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 23, 2025



This Week

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 (p.3)

MONDAY-SATURDAY

- 8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2025

- 7:00 pm Legion of Mary (Chapel) NEW TIME!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

- 8:00 am Mass
- 10:00 am Mass
- 5:00 pm Mass
- 6:00 pm Salt & Light (Grades 7-12) (p.3)

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

- 8:15 am, 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm Masses



March 5 - April 13, 2025

Planned Parenthood, Redwood City

For details and to sign up, visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/redwoodcity>

Mass Intentions

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

Mon., Feb. 24, 8:15 am Connie Auyeung †

Tue., Feb. 25, 8:15 am Belmira Josephine Lopez †

Wed., Feb. 26, 8:15 am Dana Renee Harned †

Thu., Feb. 27, 8:15 am Gina Castracane †

Fri., Feb. 28, 8:15 am Thieman Family, L&D

St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor of the Church (m)

Sat., Mar. 1, 8:15 am Fernando Latorre †; Tess Rowell Weber †; Lorainne Macchello †

Sat., Mar. 1, 5:00 pm Ralph Ruocco †

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Mar. 2, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish
10:00 am Ruth & William Philip ††
5:00 pm Allyce Ozarski †

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.



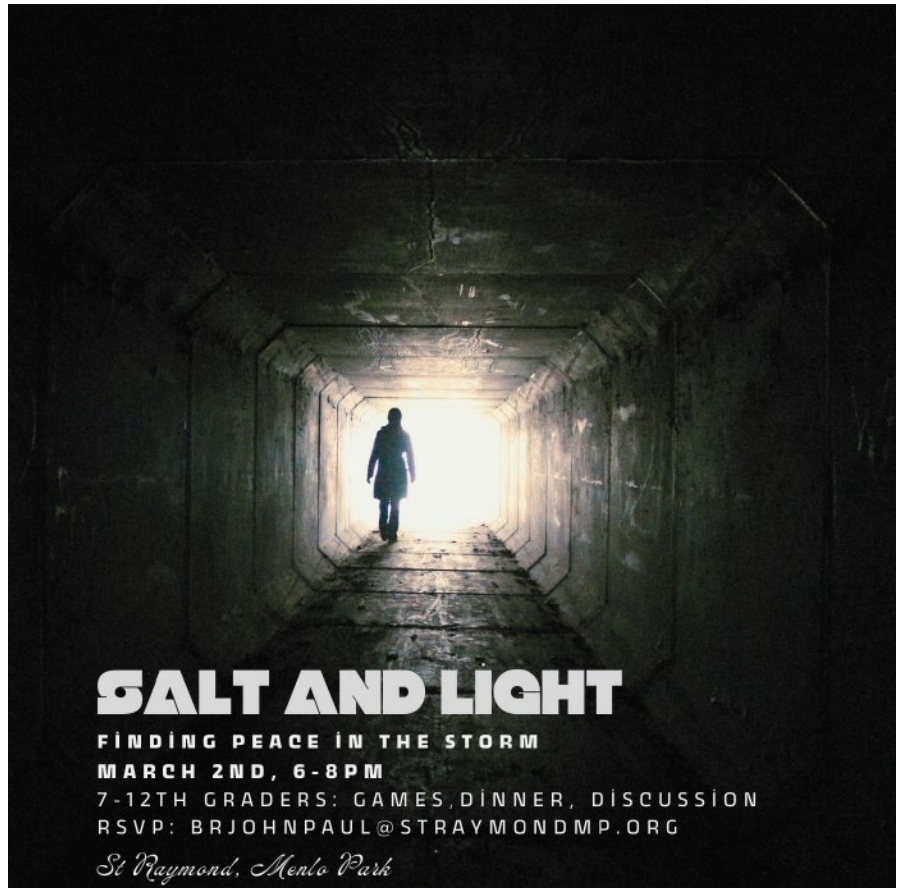


ST RAYMOND YOUNG ADULTS

4 D: Drinks, Dinner, Discussion with
Dominicans

SUNDAY FEB.
23
6-8:30 PM

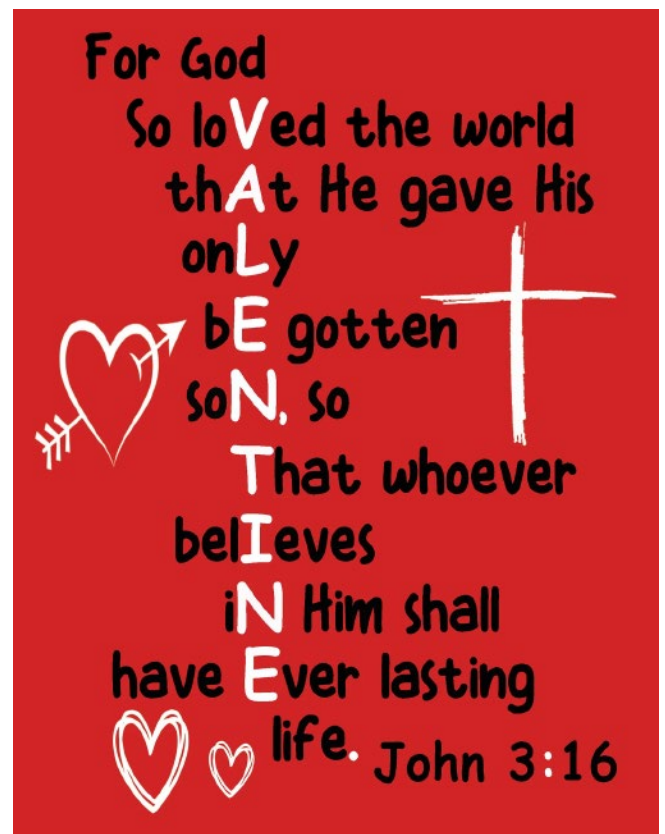
Theology of the
Body: God's plan
vs. the Devil's
plan for
sexuality



Prision Ministry

"I was in prison and you came to visit me." Mt 25:36

A group of parishioners experienced this beautiful presence of Jesus in the poorest of the poor when we visited the incarcerated at the San Bruno Prison on Valentine's Day. On this commercialized and often superficial holiday, we wanted to share the love of Christ with these hundreds of men who are away from loved ones, living most of the hours of their day in a cramped prison cell. We were a little nervous and full of preconceived ideas of what this was going to be like. As often is the case when we serve others, we realized that we received more from them, for in giving we receive. Stopping by their cells to drop off a care package and Valentine's Day card (some of which were made by our youth group), we were struck by their gratitude and thirst for God. One man said to me as he hung up the card on his wall "I was in such a bad mood and then I read this card and I feel so good now. Thank you!" Others humbly asked for prayers and were moved by the encouragement that God is with them no matter what. I assured them all of our prayers. Please pray for them and if you would like to sign up to make a visit please reach out to me (brjohnpaul@straymond.org). The background check is very easy. (It needs to be turned in 1 week before the visit). We will go and distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. There is SUCH tremendous need and so many thirsty souls!



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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"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

"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

Dominican Corner

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Lk 6:27-38)

By Br. Antony Augustine Cherian, O.P.

The First letter of St. John says, “in this is love, not that we have loved God, but that He loved us and sent His son as a sacrifice for our sins.” The love of God turns our world upside down and inside out! I mean this in three ways. First of all, the love of God is God’s love for us. God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—possesses, or rather is, absolute perfection. Even before creating any human, angel, or the first speck of our material universe, God was perfectly happy. The communion of the Trinity is the most perfect happiness, and leaves God in need of nothing else.

So, God didn’t create us for any benefit to Him, but out of sheer generosity. And, beyond creating us, God gave us the freedom to either love Him or to fall away from Him. Then, after we fell away, He became one of us and died a horrible death to reconcile us to Himself. That is the love God has for us.

Second, the love of God, that is, our love of God, changes every aspect of how we live. If God loves us despite our faults and failings, how much should we love Him? Our relationship with Him should be the most important thing in our lives, the only important thing in our lives. After all, the relationship which God offers us doesn’t last for five years, ten years, or a hundred years, but for all eternity. When we love God, we get a chance to enter into that perfect happiness of the Trinity.

And third, the love of God changes us because, if we let Him, God loves in us and through us. We stop loving with our own love, and start loving with the love of God. We learn to love God like the persons of the Trinity love each other. We learn to love our family, our friends, our neighbors, and even our enemies with the love of God, the love with which God loves all of us.

When we love with this love, we love with the gratuitous, selfless abundance with which God loves us. We learn to be generous even to those who hurt us, just as God is generous with us who turn away from Him. We learn to give, to serve, to forgive. And, at the end of the day, when we love with this love, it will be this love which we will receive back, “good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing.”

Rev. Br. Antony Augustine Cherian, O.P. is from Kansas City, MO. He earned a B.A. in Philosophy and Computer Science with a minor in Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville in 2016.



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.



Women's Retreat

MAY 31 - JUNE 1

VALLOMBROSA 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

NEED HEALING? RENEWAL? A MIRACLE?

Encounter God's love in adoration and
praise. Confession and prayer ministry
available.

MERCY NIGHT PENANCE SERVICE



"I have come to preach to prisoners, 'You
are set free!'" Luke 4:18

WEDNESDAY MARCH 19TH

7-8:30 PM

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ST RAYMOND, MENLO PARK

Legion of Mary New Time!

The Legion of Mary will now meet every Monday
at 7:00 pm in the chapel in the back of the church.
Feel free to join us and learn more about the Legion
of Mary.

WHAT IS THE LEGION OF MARY?

The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic
organization of lay people in the Catholic Church,
with well over 3 million active members in almost
every country of the world. It has been active in the
United States since 1931. The main purpose of the
Legion of Mary is to give glory to God through the
sanctification of its members.

WHAT DOES THE LEGION OF MARY DO?

Members become instruments of the Holy Spirit
through a balanced program of prayer and service.
Works include door-to-door evangelization,
parishioner visitation, prison ministry, visitation of
the sick or aged, crowd contact, religious education,
visiting the newly baptized, Pilgrim Virgin Statue
rotations, and meeting the other spiritual needs of
the parish community. Legionaries are under the
guidance of a spiritual director named by the pastor.
The Legion is, in essence, an extension of the heart
and hands of the pastor.

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.



Lent is wonderful time for
prayerful reflection on our
lives and on the many gifts and
graces that God bestows on us.
Please join the Laudato Si' group
each Tuesday evening at 7 pm
during Lent for a 30-minute
Zoom gathering to reflect on the beauty of God's gift of
creation through readings and prayer together.

To join the Zoom Meeting, click here:

<http://tinyurl.com/care-for-our-common-home>

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.)
Ash Wednesday	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, BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, & FUNERALS - Please contact the parish office at 650-323-1755 or email office@straymondmp.org.

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.

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.



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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.

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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Living Life With Hope

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

**SPEAKERS
SMALL GROUPS
SOCIALIZING**

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



**RSVP
Today!**

St. Raymond Gym



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

Wine, charcuterie, and
dessert will be served.