



# ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - March 2, 2025



# ASH

WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 5

8:15 AM  
12:15 PM  
7:00 PM

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.

St. Raymond Gym

FREE

Last  
Call!  
RSVP



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

Wine, charcuterie, and  
dessert will be served.



# This Week

## 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)

## MONDAY-SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

## MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

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

## ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025

8:15 am Ash Wednesday Mass  
10:00 am Bible Study  
12:15 pm Ash Wednesday Mass  
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Mass

## FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
7:00 pm Soup Supper (Hall)

## SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

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

## SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

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



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., 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 †

Mon., Mar. 3, 8:15 am Lorraine Macchello †  
*St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin (m)*

Tue., Mar. 4, 8:15 am Manuelita Velez Cubano †  
*St. Casmir (m)*

Wed., Mar. 5, 8:15 am Connie Auyeung †  
*Ash Wednesday*

12:15 pm Eleanor Jekot †  
7:00 pm Renee Perseau

Thu., Mar. 6, 8:15 am Carlos Iniguez † & Family

Fri., Mar. 7, 8:15 am Lynn Bacon †

*Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, Martyrs (m)*

Sat., Mar. 8, 8:15 am Leonard Matesky †  
*St. John of God, Religious (m)*

Sat., Mar. 8, 5:00 pm Stephen Gaschler †  
*1st Sunday of Advent (Day of Prayer for the General Needs of Humankind)*

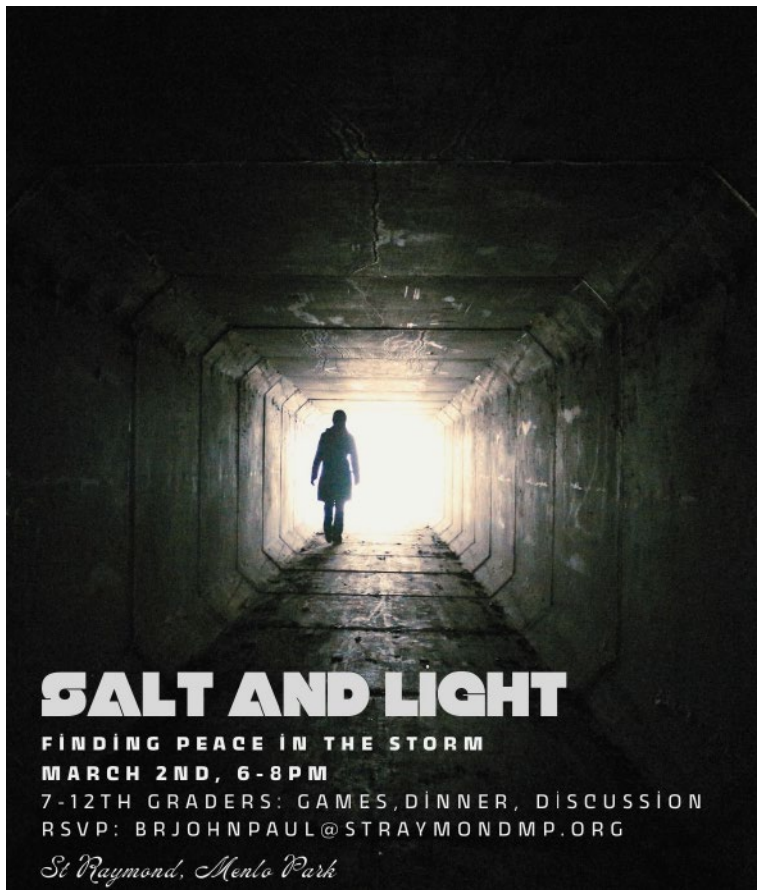
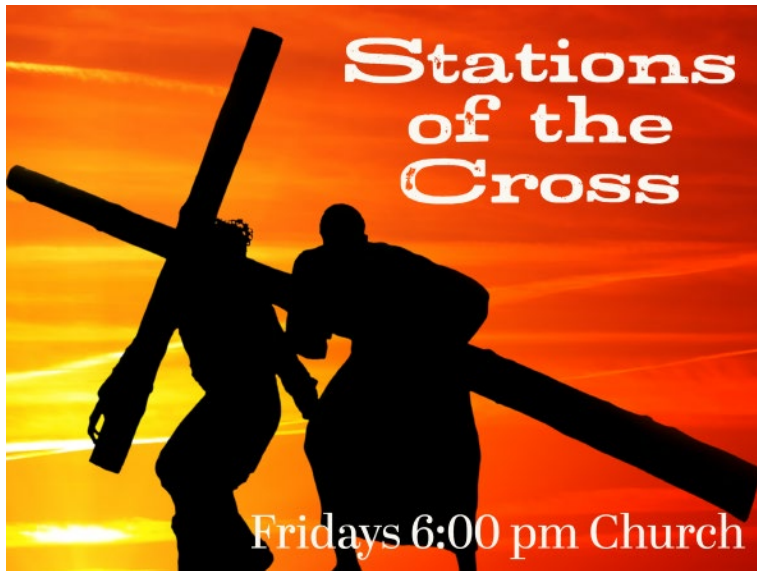
Sun., Mar. 9, 8:00 am Lorraine Macchello †  
10:00 am Sean Foley †  
5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

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, Tess Rowell Weber, and Lynn Bacon.

To add a name, please contact the Parish Office.



# Senior Bingo

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

12:15 pm Senior Mass  
12:45 pm Bingo & Lunch

Please join us on Wednesday, March 12 for a special St. Patrick's gathering of STARS Senior Bingo. (Note, there will be no Bingo on Ash Wednesday) 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).

## 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.

## It's that time again!

 A collection of Lenten materials including an open book, a small black book titled 'The Little Black Book', and a box set titled 'FOR LENT FOR LIFE' with 'US RICE BOWL' on it.
 

(definitely not to scale)



# 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 8:30 am 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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## ASH WEDNESDAY 2025: THE START OF THE LENTEN SEASON

### WHAT IS ASH WEDNESDAY?

In 2025, like in every year, Ash Wednesday is the first day of the liturgical season of Lent. It always falls six and half weeks before Easter, beginning the Lenten season of preparation for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

### ORIGIN

Ash Wednesday dates back to the 11th century. Yet, the tradition of receiving ashes has even earlier roots — to the ancient Hebrew custom of clothing oneself in sackcloth and dusting oneself with ashes as a sign of penance.

### FASTING ON ASH WEDNESDAY

There are only two obligatory days of fasting and abstinence in the Catholic Church: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Catholics are also instructed to abstain from meat on each Friday during Lent.

Fasting is a sign of repentance and helps us embody our spiritual hunger for Christ, who himself fasted in the desert for forty days preceding his death and Resurrection.

### FASTING AGE REQUIREMENT

The Catholic Church requires able members from age 18 to 59 to fast on Ash Wednesday. The obligation to abstain from meat applies to those 14 and older.

### MEALS

Fasting allows for one full meal and two smaller meals (that combined do not equal a full meal), with an expectation to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday. Exemptions are available for those with special physical needs.

### "IF ONLY THERE WAS AN APP I COULD USE TO HELP ME PRAY."

The Archdiocese is inviting you to join the Lenten "Pray 40" challenge on the Hallow Prayer App. It will feature content from a range of Catholic spiritual leaders, and it is a great tool to bolster your prayer life this Lent.

Thanks to an Archdiocesan partnership with Hallow, all parishioners can subscribe to Hallow Premium for 12 months for only \$1! To sign up, visit <https://straymondmp.org/hallow>.

# Dominican Corner

## THE BLIND CANNOT LEAD THE BLIND

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Lk 6:39-45)

By Br. John Vianney Russell, O.P.

As you may know, our actions follow from what is in our hearts, if our hearts are attached to things that are obstacles to goodness, then our actions will also be obstacles to goodness. And if we can't pursue goodness in our own lives, then we won't be able to help others to do so either.

In Luke Chapter six, Jesus tells His followers a parable illustrating this exact same point. He tells. That the blind cannot lead the blind. If you have a beam in your eye that is keeping you from seeing properly, then how can you see a tiny splinter in your brother's eye? Even if you do see it, how can you hope to help him take it out if you can't see?

Many of the things we're attached to are obstacles to our own goodness. Since they prevent us from pursuing goodness, they also prevent us from bringing goodness into the lives of others. We can't help others to see their missteps if we are blind to our own.

As Chris says, "a good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart." In other words, our actions follow from whatever we're attached to in our hearts.

So, let's look deeply at our own hearts. If we're honest with ourselves, we can see that, even when we do good things, the intentions of our hearts are mixed at best. Out of charity, we earnestly want to feed the hungry. But, in our pride we also want to be seen doing it. And we want to excel in our careers. That is good. But, in our laziness, we also want to put in as little work as possible to do so. Out of a deep selflessness, we want to care for our loved ones. But, in our selfishness we don't want them to ask too much of us.

What are we to do with all these mixed-up emotions and attachments in our hearts? The key lies in removing the beams of blindness. Remove the lies in your hearts that obscure who you really are.

Yes, we are really tempted to sin. It's real. We should acknowledge it and be aware of it. But, those temptations are not who you really are. Christ has revealed who you are. You are a son or daughter of the father. Your true self is your desire to feed the poor with nobody knowing, to be diligent in your work to honor God, and to care for

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

ST RAYMOND, MENLO PARK

your loved ones even when they ask too much of you.

Our actions do follow from what is in our hearts. If we allow Christ to tell us who we are, then we can remove the beams of falsehood and find that we are made for love. When we are free from obstacles to goodness, then our actions will manifest goodness in our lives and the lives of others.

Rev. Br. John Vianney Russell, O.P. is from Pasadena, CA. He earned a B.A. in Integral Studies from St. Mary's College of California in 2011, and a J.D. from the Catholic University of America in 2016.



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, visit:

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



# 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).



## 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](http://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](mailto:YVETEGILARDI@COMCAST.NET)  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 14, 2025**

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

## The Brother Report

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.



**LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS** are available at each Mass.  
Please visit the presiding priest's Communion line to  
receive the low-gluten host.

**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.

# 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.)
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](mailto:office@straymondmp.org).

**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](http://straymondmp.org/giving).



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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