



ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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1st Sunday of Lent - March 9, 2025



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://delivr.com/26b3j>

\$25 Registration Fee

LAST CALL!

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>

"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

This Week

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

MONDAY-SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025

6:30 pm Rescue Project (Parish Hall)
7:00 pm Legion of Mary (Back of Church)
NEW TIME!

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025

10:00 am Bible Study

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration and
Confession until 9:15 am
1:00 pm Mary's Retreat (Parish Hall)
3:30 pm Confession
5:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

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

Mass Intentions

Sat., Mar. 8, 5:00 pm Stephen Gaschler †

1st Sunday of Lent (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

Mon., Mar. 10, 8:15 am Pickard Family, L&D

Tue., Mar. 11, 8:15 am Caterina & Armando
Maestrini †† & Family,
L&D

Wed., Mar. 12, 8:15 am Larry O'Neill †
12:15 pm Lynn Bacon † & Lorraine
Macchello †

Thu., Mar. 13, 8:15 am John & Janice Covolo ††

Fri., Mar. 14, 8:15 am Blach & Derry Families,
L&D

Sat., Mar. 15, 8:15 am Puz & Harold Nelson †† &
Family, L&D

Sat., Mar. 15, 5:00 pm Sam Harris †

2nd Sunday of Lent

Sun., Mar. 16, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish
10:00 am Diana Lower †
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, Anda-Louise Bozda, John Caletti, Modesta Cintron, William Cintron, Alessandra Colorado, Beverly Crawford, Andrea Edwards, Grace Cunningham, Ella DeLaMare, Maureen DeMoss, Esther Falsario, Anthony Galdes, Estela Gallegos, Anna Greco, 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.

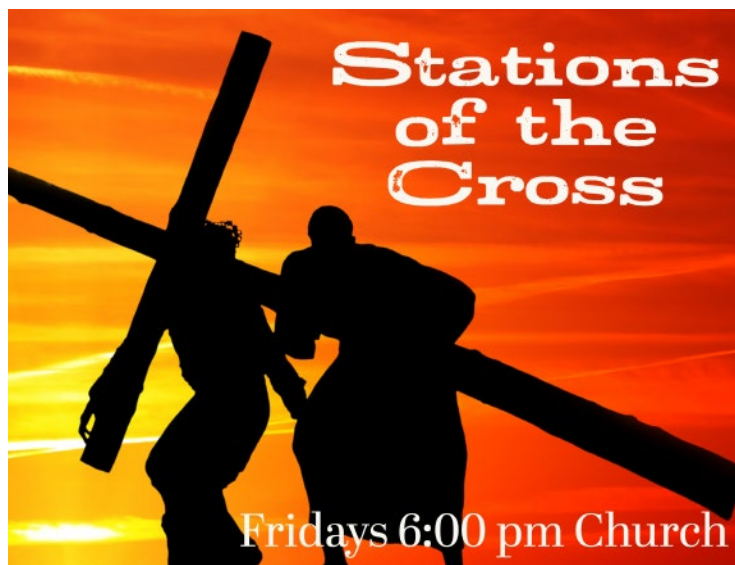
To add a name, please contact the Parish Office.


40 DAYS FOR LIFE
THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

Now until April 13, 2025

Planned Parenthood, Redwood City

For details and to sign up, visit [https://
www.40daysforlife.com/en/redwoodcity](https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/redwoodcity)



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. 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.

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

It's that time again!



(definitely not to scale)

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.

Dominican Corner

ONE DOES NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Lk 4:1-13)

By Br. Martin Jordan, O.P.

The devil is not particularly known for being original. So much-so that one could accuse him of being a one-trick pony. But why is that? Why is Satan often using the same strategy over and over again?

Well, I am not as smart as a fallen angel, but I guess Satan is thinking: "My strategy works pretty often. If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

So, what is the devil's main trick? Isolation. The main temptation the Devil uses to slow us down—or even to paralyze us on our spiritual journey—is to suggest to us that we should isolate from others.

We read in Genesis: "*It is not good for man to be alone.*" So, when we go through difficult times, or in moments where we need to make difficult decisions, it is easy to think that we can figure everything out by ourselves. And, the devil will often suggest to us that our friends and our family cannot really understand our situation or be of any help, or even that they are just getting in the way, and that we are probably better off just keeping everything close to our chest.

Well, when that happens, we are EXACTLY where the devil wants us to be: alone, by ourselves, vulnerable—a bit like a gazelle singled out of the herd and chased by a lion. *Your opponent the devil is prowling like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

In loneliness, in isolation, we contract a lot of spiritual diseases. We don't have friends to keep us on track, to challenge us, to correct us, or simply to help us to see more clearly.

On the other hand, friendship—with God and our neighbor—is THE remedy to all spiritual diseases. Our real friends know us, they keep us honest, and they can be of good advice.

I said earlier that the devil is like a lion, but truly there is nothing to fear. If you stay close to good and holy friends, the devil will be nothing more than a one-trick pony.

Br. Jordan Martin, O.P. is from Longueuil, Canada. He earned a B.A in Cinema Production from the Université du Québec à Montréal in 2012.



Saturday, March 29 & Sunday, March 30, 2025

We are only 2 weeks away from **SUPER DONATION WEEKEND, MARCH 22-23** when you can drop off your donations directly into the St. Raymond gym. 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.

We are now collecting the following, NEW or GENTLY USED items:

Clothing & shoes	Books/CDs/DVDs	Holiday decor
Garden décor	Kitchenware	Small appliances
Gift items	Games/toys (3+)	Tools
Sports equipment	Small furniture	Framed art
Antiques & collectibles	Household items & decor	Jewelry/Purses/Accessories

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RUMMAGE SALE

Calling all hands! The 12th annual world-famous St. Raymond Rummage Sale is in 3 weeks, and we need your help.

Please use this link to sign up: <https://delivr.com/2sqep>. The sign-ups are in 2-hour windows.

We have so much fun and it's a wonderful way to spend time meeting and getting to know our great parishioners.

Volunteer opportunities, beginning Wednesday, March 19, include:

- Set Up and Organizing (3/12-28)
- Super Donation Weekend (3/22-23)
- Rummage Sale Weekend (3/29-30): Check-out assistance, Security, Rovers, Greeters
- Gym Clear Out (3/30 3 pm- gym needs to be cleared out in less than 2 hours.

High schoolers and Religious Education families can receive community service hours too for helping out. It is our largest fundraiser and community builder of the parish, and we are grateful for all your help to make it a success.

Have questions about what we can accept? Contact Karyn Leahy, leahyfamily@msn.com.



VOLUNTEER!



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>.

St. Vincent de Paul

THERE'S 5 SUNDAYS THIS MONTH!



SVDP CEO & EXEC'S SLEEPOUT

**June 20, 2025 from 5:30pm
till morning of June 21**

Help break the cycle of homelessness

Then it's time to use your network and your influence to make change. Register for SVDP Sleepout event and spend a night in the cold with other business, community and government leaders to help tackle homelessness.

[HTTPS://SVDPCEOSLEEPOUT.ORG/](https://svdpceosleepout.org/)

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Volunteer Corner

Calling all volunteers! We have many opportunities for you to lend your time and/or skills to benefit our parish community. It's also a good way to meet other parishioners and have a great time socializing.

Upcoming Opportunities

March 12-28 – **Rummage Sale Set Up**

March 29-30 – **Rummage Sale**

April 6 – **BBQ Helpers**

April 11 – **Fish Fry Helpers**

April 12-13 – **Palm Sunday palm distributors**

Sundays – **Coffee & Donut servers**

Ongoing – **Office Mailings** (folding, labeling, stamping)

We will list more openings soon.

How to Volunteer

If you would like to volunteer, please call the office at **650-323-1755** or email **office@straymondmp.org**. Thank you!



Hallow



JOIN THE LENT PRAY40 CHALLENGE

Dive deeper into prayer this Lent with Hallow, a Catholic prayer and meditation app that helps us all find peace in God.

straymondmp.org/hallow



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Google Play



Download on the
App Store

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.

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 or use the QR code.



PACK THE PANTRY

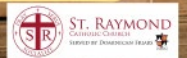
As part of our parish mission to pray, serve, and socialize we will have a "Pack the Pantry" collection site at our parish. We will be collecting unopened non-perishable items to supplement our St. Raymond St. Vincent de Paul conference's mission to feed the vulnerable. Next time you're at the store, 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



Living in Hope Through Every Season of Life



ALL AGES WELCOME

GROW IN FAITH & HOPE

Women's Retreat

Join women of all ages as we gather to deepen our faith, strengthen our relationship with Jesus, and connect with one another.

MAY 31 - JUNE 1

Register
Today!
Space is limited

ENJOY:

PRESENTATIONS
PRAYER & REFLECTION
SUNDAY MASS
FELLOWSHIP

LOCATION:

VALLOMBROSA CENTER
250 OAK GROVE AVE.
MENLO PARK, CA 94025

\$280 PER PERSON

INCLUDES
SINGLE ROOM + 3 MEALS:
SATURDAY LUNCH
SATURDAY DINNER
SUNDAY BREAKFAST



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: APRIL 14, 2025

PAY ONLINE:
STRAYMONDMP.ORG/GIVING

OR

MAIL YOUR CHECK TO:
ST. RAYMOND CHURCH
ATTN: WOMEN'S RETREAT
1100 SANTA CRUZ AVE.
MENLO PARK, CA 94025

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VALLOMBROSA REQUIRES A MINIMUM
OF 25 PARTICIPANTS.
YOUR EARLY RESERVATION HELPS
CONFIRM THIS SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY
FOR ALL

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.

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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