



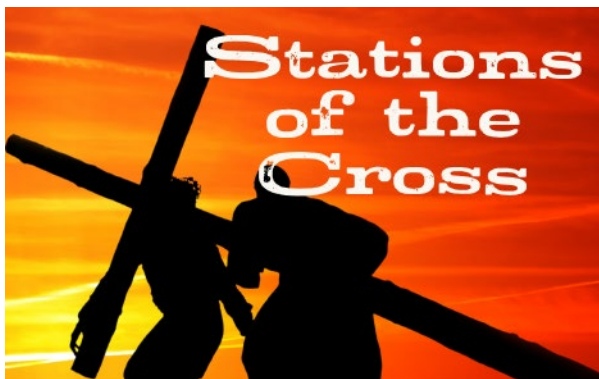
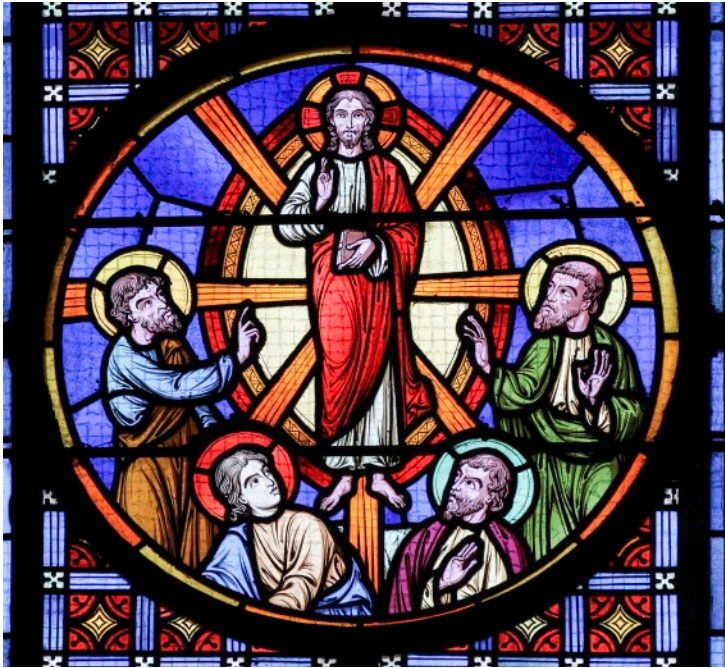
# ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



2nd Sunday of Lent - March 16, 2025



**Stations  
of the  
Cross**

Fridays 6:00 pm Church



**Soup  
Supper  
Fridays**

7:00 pm Parish Hall

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

We all need greater freedom and healing in our lives. Mercy Night is our effort to make the traditions we hold dearest available to anyone who seeks a moment of peace in the presence of the Divine. This is an evening of adoration, contemplative music, and quiet reflection in God's presence. Priests are available to hear confessions, and prayer teams are available should you desire assistance in your prayer. Invite a friend, even if they are not Catholic, to light a candle and receive a personal Word of God.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
BEGINNING MARCH 19**



# This Week

## 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.3)

## MONDAY-SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

## MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025

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

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025

10:00 am Bible Study  
7:00 pm Mercy Night Penance Service (with Adoration)

## FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025

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

## SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

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

## SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

8:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass  
5:00 pm Mass  
6:00 pm 4D: Young Adults (p.3)

# Mass Intentions

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 †

Mon., Mar. 17, 8:15 am John & Janice Covolo ††  
*St. Patrick, Bishop & Principal Co-Patron of Archdiocese (S)*

Tue., Mar. 18, 8:15 am Galvez, Herborn, & Ritzen Families, L&D  
*St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (m)*

Wed., Mar. 19, 8:15 am Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Pokusa†  
*St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)*

Thu., Mar. 20, 8:15 am Bill & Nancy Farrar ††

Fri., Mar. 21, 8:15 am Jean Ashley †

Sat., Mar. 22, 8:15 am Michael Brown †

Sat., Mar. 22, 5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

Sun., Mar. 23, 8:00 am Kenneth DuRussell †  
10:00 am Yuk Hing Au †  
5:00 pm Sharon Kennedy Gerlach †

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.

## Legion of Mary New Time!

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

**Sunday March 23**

**IT'S FR. JEROME'S**

**BIRTHDAY**

**Ice Cream  
Trucks after the  
10 am Mass**





# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Calling all hands! The 12th annual world-famous **St. Raymond Rummage Sale** is Saturday, March 29 and Sunday, March 30.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED BEGINNING MARCH 19

This is an excellent opportunity for high school students and families needing volunteer hours.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Set Up and Organizing (3/19-3/28)
- Super Donation Weekend (3/22-3/23)
- Rummage Sale Weekend (3/29-3/30): Check-out assistance, Security, Rovers, Greeters
- Gym Clear Out (3/30 3 pm - gym needs to be cleared out in less than 2 hours.

VOLUNTEER



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

SIGN UP NOW

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

# ST. RAYMOND PARISH

Fourth Annual



Friday, April 11, 2025, 7:00 pm  
St. Raymond Gym



Adults \$22 by April 6  
Adults \$25 after April 6 or at the door

Children 10 and under Free

Tickets available at [straymondmp.org/fishfry](http://straymondmp.org/fishfry)

1100 SANTA CRUZ AVE MENLO PARK CA 94025

# SALT AND LIGHT



SCAVENGER HUNT  
SUNDAY MARCH 16TH, 6-8 PM  
7-12TH GRADERS

RSVP: BRJOHNPAUL@STRAYMONDMP.ORG

# 4D: DRINKS, DINNER, DISCUSSION WITH DOMINICANS

*Trusting God in Troubling Times*

With the help of our local author from our parish, JJ Carlson, learn to trust God in difficult times, and embrace His presence in suffering

Share and process with other young adults and Dominican



Sunday, March 23rd  
6-8pm

St. Raymond Church  
Menlo Park, CA

## Dominican Corner

### BECOMING FULLY AWAKE, THEY SAW HIS GLORY

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Lk 9:28b-36)

By Br. Humbert McCrorey, O.P.

The transfiguration is an excellent metaphor for the spiritual life. We have to go up a mountain, expending effort to find a place of solitude to pray. The mountain is away from the city and has few people or things there to distract us from God.

There, we have to pray. Jesus prayed to give us a positive example. If we don't speak to God in the silence of our hearts, we won't grow our relationship with Him.

We must stay awake, though it will be with much effort. We must stay awake through attention in prayer or by returning to our efforts to grow in virtue when we've lost focus or started to nod off.

If we persist, we may be rewarded with a tiny glimpse of God's glory. Perhaps—like Peter, James, and John—we will get to see some mystery of God. This sort of consolation is to encourage us, strengthening us in following the way and also helping us find fortitude not to be scandalized by the Cross.

How often are we surprised that God doesn't do what we expect? Just like the Apostles, we're shocked by the reality of Jesus's Crucifixion. These Transfiguration moments should be saved up and remembered when our faith is tested.

Next, we should offer to make God a dwelling, since God loves those—like King David and Simon Peter—who offer to make Him a place to stay. But, God really prefers the perfect tabernacle He has built Himself: the human heart, since the Kingdom of God is within you.

So clean out your heart, removing all the hobbies, relationships, and thoughts that are not bringing you closer to God. Make your heart a pure, holy tabernacle, a place for our God dwell.

We should also remember that, like Peter, who offered to make God a tent, we don't get to do those task that we volunteer to do. Rather, we must remember that Jesus is the Son of God and He will give us tasks that are both more difficult and more fruitful than those we could come up with ourselves. However, do not worry, God will give you the graces that you need to fulfil the tasks He gives you. He will do the work through you and in you.

Also, we cannot stay on the mountain. We have to go down—down to minister, to heal others, and ultimately to suffer and die for love.

Br. Humbert McCrorey, O.P. is from Reno, NV. He earned a Bachelors in Chinese and Portuguese with a minor in Nuclear Engineering at the United States Military Academy at West Point.



**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/Vinyl	Holiday decor
Garden décor	Kitchenware	Sm. appliances
Gift items	Framed art	Tools
Sports equipment	Small furniture	Games/toys (3+)
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.

## 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.





# Rescue Project Report

We had an amazing turn out for our first Lenten Rescue Project. What a blessing that our Parish Hall reached its capacity with over 80 parishioners both young and old and everyone in between. The first talk challenged us to think about the power of the Gospel as the lens by which we see the world, and we shared this message among 9 small groups (including 2 teen groups). We are all full for this series but join us next time.



## RCIA - Rite of Election

On March 9, the Archdiocese of San Francisco celebrated the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. This significant event marked a pivotal step for more than 650 individuals from 57 parishes—384 candidates and 269 catechumens—on their journey toward full communion with the Catholic Church.

Below are photos of the St. Raymond group led by Dcn. Tom.



## Maryknoll Workers Respond to Pope Francis' Call to Care for the Environment

Here's what Maryknoll lay volunteers, sisters, brothers and priests are doing for the environment, and the vulnerable people, in areas harshly impacted by climate change. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, especially during Lent, please remember in prayer the sacrifices of these faithful people:

- In Guatemala, Maryknoll Sisters work with Eco Farm projects situated amid areas devastated by single crop farming practices, introducing biodiverse farming methods that foster more resilient food supplies.
- In Kenya, the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers support a reforestation project in the semi-arid area of Kibwezi, growing drought-resistant trees that provide a source of nutrition and income to the community, especially during the dry seasons.
- In El Salvador, Maryknoll Lay Missioners have worked for many years near Cojutepeque promoting sustainable agriculture and greater environmental awareness, allowing families to grow more crops, conserve water, and save seeds for the next planting.
- In Panama, Maryknoll Sisters transformed 100 acres of deforested land into a vibrant rainforest ecosystem and permaculture farm.
- At the United Nations, Maryknoll missioners will attend the UN Conference on Biodiversity and "Strengthening Indigenous and Local Community Partnerships".

Maryknoll representatives to the UN also advocate for protection for environmental advocates in Latin America who are threatened with significant violence.

Lent is a 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>.



## School Corner

St. Raymond School's Catholic Academic Junior High Decathlon team placed second overall at the San Francisco Archdiocese competition and first in mathematics (Thomas Kane) and religion (Catie Williams).

The Catholic Academic Junior High Decathlon is a one-day competition for Catholic school students in grades 6-8.

There are 10 events. Two are collaborative team efforts – a Logic Quiz with 20 rigorous thinking problems, and a Super Quiz with 50 multiple choice questions on five broad academic themes. The remaining eight events test individual knowledge of Roman Catholic Doctrine, English, Literature, Science, Mathematics, Current Events, Social Studies, and Fine Arts (Art and Music).



**Back row:** Penny T., Adrianna A., Catie W., Siena W., Ian S., Thomas K., Matteo D. P., Sean M., Jack A., Gabriel S., Luca F. **Front Row:** Cuatro H., Hutch M., Camilla C., Rachel S., Sam W., Jameson D.



**St. Vincent de Paul**

**THERE'S 5 SUNDAYS THIS MONTH!**

The next Society of St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday collection is the weekend of March 29-30. Bypass the last minute rush and donate now.



<https://delivr.com/253ws>



### 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/)

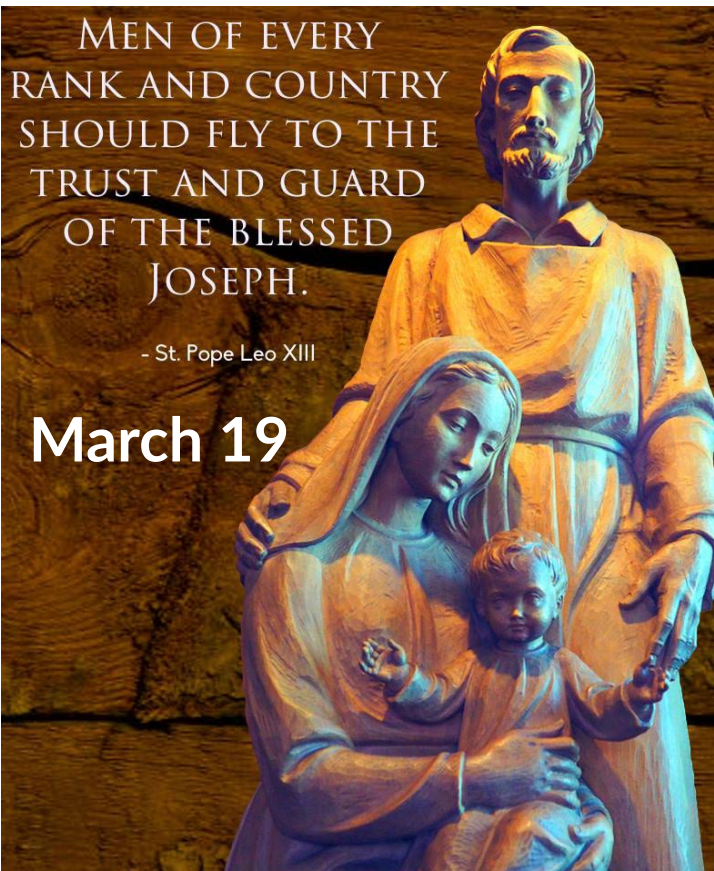




## SUPPORT FOR HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL AT ST. FRANCIS CENTER

Twelve second graders at Holy Family School, Redwood City will be receiving Holy Communion on May 11, 2025. The parents of the students could use your help so that they can purchase clothes for this one-time special event. Any support would be greatly appreciated. Please send your donation by April 15 to Holy Family School, Attn: First Communion, 151 Buckingham Street, Redwood City, CA 94063.

Thank you,  
The Staff of Holy Family School



MEN OF EVERY RANK AND COUNTRY SHOULD FLY TO THE TRUST AND GUARD OF THE BLESSED JOSEPH.

- St. Pope Leo XIII

**March 19**



## EMOTIONAL & MENTAL WELLNESS MINISTRY

If you or a loved one is experiencing mental or emotional wellness challenges, please contact our St. Raymond Emotional & Mental Health 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).

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE<sup>®</sup>

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SATURDAY DINNER  
SUNDAY BREAKFAST



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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 14, 2025

PAY ONLINE:  
[STRAYMONDMP.ORG/GIVING](http://STRAYMONDMP.ORG/GIVING)

OR

MAIL YOUR CHECK TO:  
ST. RAYMOND CHURCH  
ATTN: WOMEN'S RETREAT  
1100 SANTA CRUZ AVE.  
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VALLOMBROSA REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF 25 PARTICIPANTS.  
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**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.

## PACK THE PANTRY

# 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, 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

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED  
BEGINNING MARCH 19**

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