



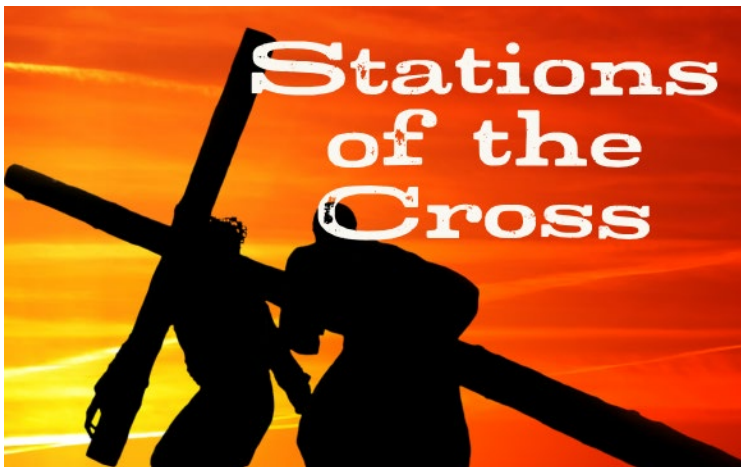
# ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



3rd Sunday of Lent - March 23, 2025



Stations  
of the  
Cross

Fridays 6:00 pm Church



Soup  
Supper  
Fridays

7:00 pm Parish Hall



# This Week

## 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 followed by Ice Cream Trucks  
5:00 pm Mass  
6:00 pm 4D: Young Adults (p.3)

## MONDAY-SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

## MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025

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

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025

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

## FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025

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

## SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

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

## SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

8:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass  
11:00 am Rummage Sale  
5:00 pm Mass  
6:00 pm High School Group: Movie Night (p.6)

# Mass Intentions

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 †

Mon., Mar. 24, 8:15 am Fr. Jerome Cudden, O.P. 🙏

Tue., Mar. 25, 8:15 am Harold Curtis †

## Annunciation of the Lord (S)

Wed., Mar. 26, 8:15 am Fr. Jerome Cudden, O.P. 🙏

Thu., Mar. 27, 8:15 am Br. Anthony Akerman, O.P. 🙏

Fri., Mar. 28, 8:15 am Sr. Rita McCloskey, O.P. †

Sat., Mar. 29, 8:15 am Connie Auyeung †

Sat., Mar. 30, 5:00 pm Larry Alioto †

## 4th Sunday of Lent

Sun., Mar. 31, 8:00 am Glen Hackworth †  
10:00 am Barbara Marchitelli †  
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, 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>

## Legion of Mary New Time!

The Legion of Mary will now meet every Monday at 7:00 pm in the back of the church (6:00 pm when the Rescue Project is in session). Feel free to join us and learn more about the Legion of Mary.



# 4D: DRINKS, DINNER, DISCUSSION WITH DOMINICANS

*Trusting God in Troubling Times*

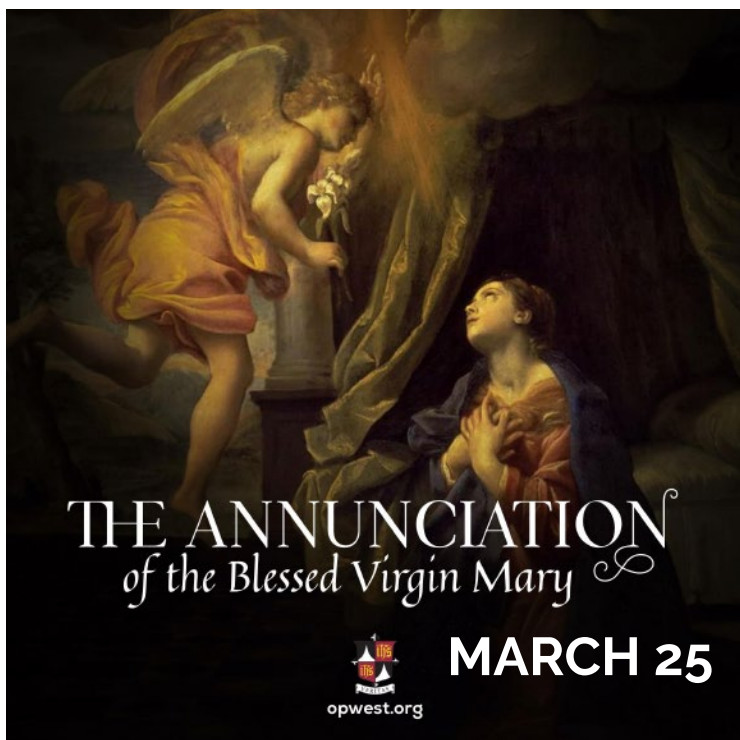
With the help of our local author from our parish, JJ Carlson, learn to trust God in difficult times, and embrace His presence in suffering

Share and process with other young adults and Dominican




**Sunday, March 23rd  
6-8pm**

St. Raymond Church  
Menlo Park, CA




## THE ANNUNCIATION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

 **MARCH 25**


opwest.org

## Sunday March 23

### IT'S FR. JEROME'S BIRTHDAY



## Ice Cream Trucks after the 10 am Mass



## ST. RAYMOND PARISH

Fourth Annual



# FISH FRY

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](https://straymondmp.org/fishfry)

1100 SANTA CRUZ AVE MENLO PARK CA 94025

# Dominican Corner

## IF YOU DO NOT REPENT

Weekly Gospel Reflection (Luke 13:1-9)

By Br. Ignatius Jerome Alsop, O.P.

Do you *really* believe that Jesus will give you the mercy that you need? This can be difficult because it requires us to rely on what another person can do for us. We might even hide from that by telling ourselves that we don't really need mercy.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that He will give us the mercy that we need. He encounters people who think that they don't need mercy as much as those that God seems to punish with suffering. Jesus corrects this with tough words, saying, "If you do not repent, you will all perish as they did." Whether we feel like the best saints, or the worst sinners, we are *all* in *equal* need of God's mercy.

After this, Jesus tells a parable to explain our true position before God. He compares us to a fig tree—planted by God but still failing, after so many years, to bear the fruit it was supposed to. In the parable, the person who planted the tree wonders why he should keep it alive any longer and orders it to be cut down.

We should be honest with ourselves. You and I have both failed to perfectly fulfill God's will. We have not borne all the fruit that we could have for His Kingdom. And therefore, you and I both stand before the reality of God's Justice, in great need of His Mercy.

But we shouldn't despair, because the story doesn't end there!

The gardener tasked with cutting the tree down advocates for it, saying, "Sir, leave it this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it. It may bear fruit in the future."

This gardener is a symbol of Christ and what He does for and in us. Jesus sees our barrenness and our needs, and He advocates for us. He cultivates and fertilizes the ground around us, so that we might have life, and have it abundantly.

Today, Jesus tells us honestly, we need to repent. But God does not desire the death of the sinner. Rather He wills that all men be saved. He is eager to supply whatever you lack, and fill up whatever you need, with mercy overflowing.

During this season of Lent, we should run to Him in the sacrament of confession and surrender to Him all our failures and insufficiencies. There, He will advocate for us, He will nurture us, and He will make us fruitful.

## Presbyterate Ordinations



The Dominican Friars of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus joyfully announce the Ordinations of their Brothers

**Elias Guadalupe Ford, O.P.**  
**Antony Augustine Cherian, O.P.**  
**Nathaniel Maria Mayne, O.P.**  
**John Peter Anderson, O.P.**

to the Order of the Priesthood through the Imposition of Hands and the Prayer of Ordination by

**The Most Reverend Steven Maekawa, O.P.**  
Bishop of Fairbanks

**Friday, May 30, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.**  
St. Dominic Church, 2390 Bush Street, SF

RSVP by May 2 at <https://opwest.org/blog/presbyterate-ordinations-2025>

## Solemn Vows

The Dominican Friars of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus joyfully announce the Solemn Profession of their Brothers

**Xavier Marie Wu, O.P.**  
**Michael Thomas Cain, O.P.**  
**Kevin Peter Cantu, O.P.**  
**Br. John Paul Puschautz**

into the hands of

**The Very Reverend Christopher Fadok, O.P.**  
Prior Provincial

**Saturday, May 3, 2025, 10:30 am**  
St. Dominic Church  
475 East I Street, Benicia, CA

RSVP by April 21 at <https://opwest.org/blog/solemn-vows-2025>



# St. Vincent de Paul

## Fifth Sunday Collection (March 30-31)

### We need your help!

Sunday, March 31, will be the fifth Sunday in the month of MARCH. In each month that contains five Sundays, St. Raymond's St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) conference takes up a collection on the fifth Sunday to help fund our work. Your support makes a big difference in the lives of the needy right in our area.

What does SVDP do and why do we need money?

The two main projects of the St. Raymond SVDP conference are to provide food for the needy in Redwood City and Menlo Park - through home visits and food vouchers - and to provide goods and services for the homeless in Redwood City.

Providing food involves providing monthly food vouchers for Grocery Outlet to needy families with children, senior citizens on limited income, and others who are down on their luck. The vouchers are funded by the money donated in the Fifth Sunday collection. We also make monthly food deliveries to the families through home visits. This delivered food comes from the Pack the Pantry closet at St. Raymond and from Second Harvest Food Bank. Thank you for your generosity in these areas.

Other projects include supporting veterans at the Menlo Park Veterans Hospital by getting them to church and hosting a Veteran's Day celebration. We also provide back-to-school shoes for the children of farmworkers in Pescadero.

This year our outgo for the grocery vouchers has exceeded our income so we need whatever contributions you can make to allow us to continue to help our needy neighbors.

We also would love to have additional volunteers. The volunteer work is very satisfying and does not take a lot of time. Please contact Camilo Colorado ([ccolorado2005@gmail.com](mailto:ccolorado2005@gmail.com)) to find out what volunteering involves.

God bless you and thank you for your generosity! Donate at [straymondmp.org/giving](http://straymondmp.org/giving).



## 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/)



## Salt & Light Recap

We had an amazing Salt and Light St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt throughout the streets of Menlo Park that helped us make friends with our neighbors and local businesses who were happy to play along.



## Mercy Night Recap

I have come to preach to prisoners, 'You are set free!' Lk 4:18-19.

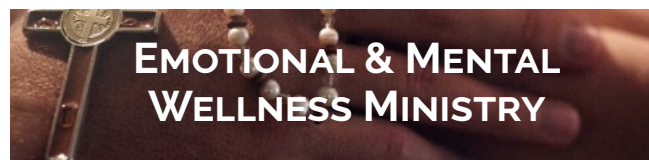
We had a wonderful Mercy Night this Wednesday. So many parishioners encountered the peace of Jesus' healing presence in the Eucharist and were led in prayer with beautiful music and prayer ministry. Four priests heard confessions for over an hour and so many parishioners gave Fr. Jerome an early birthday present. You can give him a spiritual present of going to Confession Wed. 7-8 pm, Sat. 8:45-9:15 am & 3:30-4:30 pm or by appointment.



## 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



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).



# 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

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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# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Raymond rummage sale

**Saturday, March 29, 8 am - 3 pm**  
**Sunday, March 30, 11 am - 3 pm**



It's the parish community-building event of the year! Plan to have fun, socialize, and meet lots of wonderful people from your St. Raymond community! Proceeds of this sale will support Parish Ministries and Buildings & Grounds.

## VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

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

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

### Volunteer opportunities include:

- Set Up and Organizing
- 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.)

SIGN UP NOW



VOLUNTEER



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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**