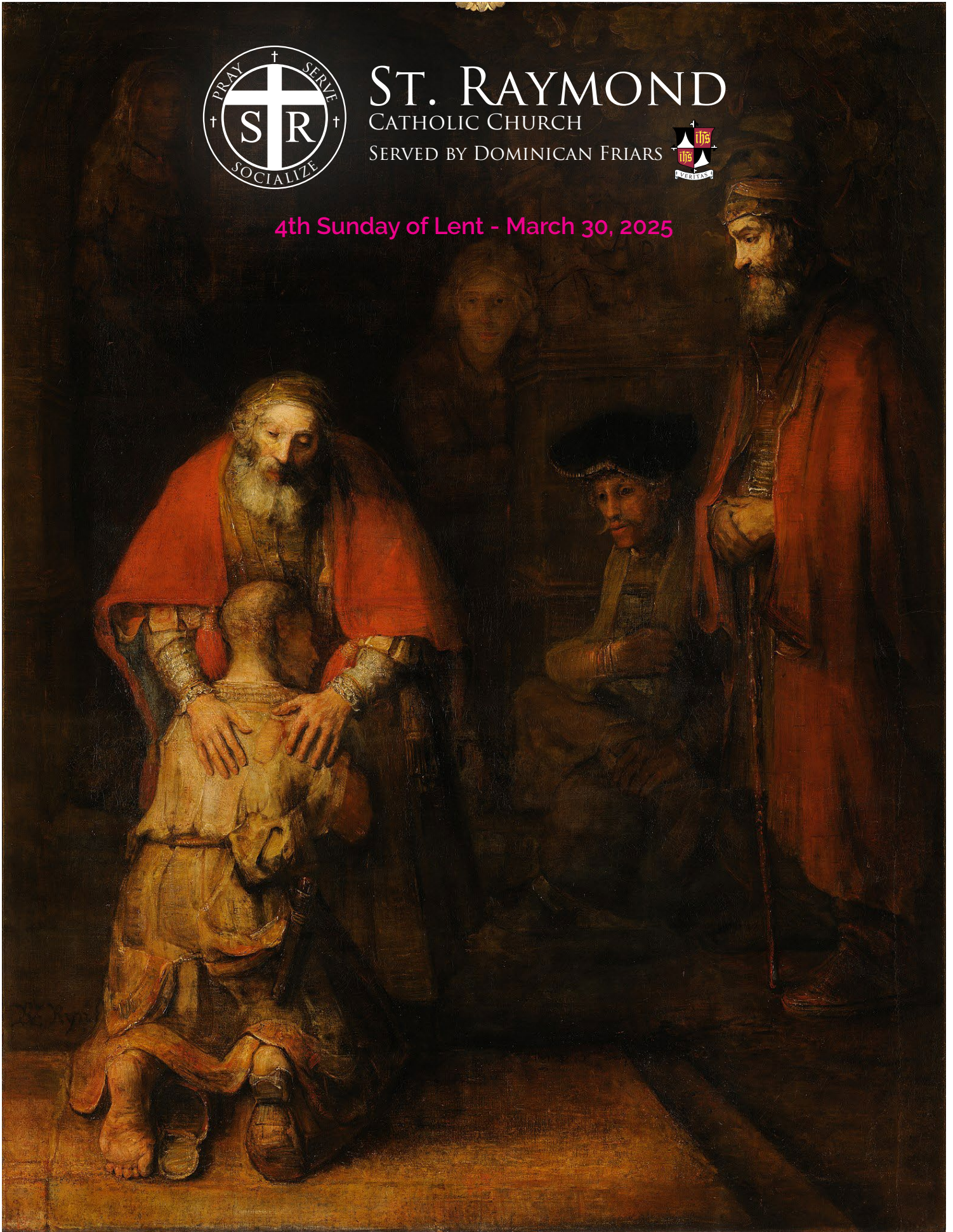




ST. RAYMOND
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



4th Sunday of Lent - March 30, 2025



This Week

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.3)

MONDAY-SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025

10:00 am Bible Study
12:15 pm Senior Mass followed by Senior
Bingo/Lunch (Parish Hall)
7:00 pm Catholic in Recovery (p.3)
7:00 pm Holy Hour (Confession & Adoration)

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

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

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

Mass Intentions

Sat., Mar. 29, 5:00 pm Larry Alioto †

4th Sunday of Lent

Sun., Mar. 30, 8:00 am Glen Hackworth †
10:00 am Barbara Marchitelli †
5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

Mon., Mar. 31, 8:15 am Mary Ann Robbiano 🍰 †

Tue., Apr. 1, 8:15 am The Imperial & Bantug
Families, L&D

Wed., Apr. 2, 8:15 am Robert & Margaret
St. Francis of Paola, Hermit (m) McSweeney ††,
& Family, L&D

12:15 pm Marion Moreno

Thu., Apr. 3, 8:15 am Quinlan Family, L&D

Fri., Apr. 4, 8:15 am Robert Ford †
St. Isidore, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (m)

Sat., Apr. 5, 8:15 am Connie Auyeung †

Sat., Apr. 5, 5:00 pm Galvez, Herborn, & Ritzen
Families, L&D

5th Sunday of Lent

Sun., Apr. 6, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish
10:00 am Aurelio Maestrini †
5:00 pm Sam Harris †

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.



Senior Bingo

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

12:15 pm Senior Mass

12:45 pm Bingo & Lunch

Please join us on **Wednesday, April 2** for a special Easter gathering of STARS Senior Bingo. We will begin in the church at 12:15 pm for a senior Mass with 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.

Catholic in Recovery is coming to St. Raymond Church

1100 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park | PARISH HALL

WEDNESDAYS

@ 7:00 p.m.

STARTING APRIL 2ND!

Catholic sacramental recovery and fellowship for those seeking freedom from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments.

For more information visit:
www.catholicinrecovery.com or contact
Fr. Jerome at jcudden@straymondmp.org



Faith | Freedom | Fellowship

St. Vincent de Paul

Fifth Sunday Collection This Weekend

This weekend is 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.



We 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) to find out what volunteering involves.

God bless you and thank you for your generosity! Donate at straymondmp.org/giving.

Dominican Corner

HE WAS LOST AND HAS BEEN FOUND

Weekly Gospel Reflection (15:1-3, 11-32)

By Br. Albert Mary Uplaznik, O.P.

In the Gospel of this fourth Sunday of Lent, we read the beautiful parable of the Prodigal Son. Jesus tells this parable to the Pharisees and scribes who were complaining because He was welcoming sinners and eating with them.

By this parable, Jesus wants to reproach them about their hardness of heart and invite them into the joy of salvation that He came to bring about; He wants to say to them what the father in the parable says to the elder son: "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."

But are we not like the Pharisees sometimes, hard of hearts towards others? Don't we judge others unworthy of forgiveness? What if someone has totally betrayed us? Or deeply hurt someone we know? Would we wish them to be condemned? Would we be indignant if God desired to forgive them? What if Jesus were to welcome them and eat with them?

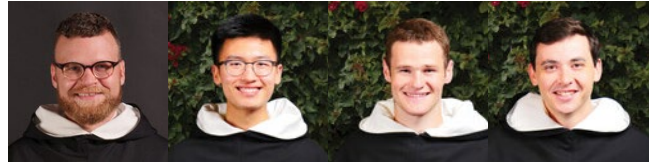
In fact, God wants all men to repent and be saved, as He told us through the prophet Ezekiel: "Do I find pleasure in the death of the wicked (...)? Do I not rejoice when they turn from their evil way and live?"

If God wants them to turn from their sins and live, who are we to condemn?

To conclude, I would like to invite you to pray with me to God for the repentance of one person who has offended you. Think of only one person. If you cannot think of anyone who has offended you personally, think of someone who has done something very bad.

Let us pray: God our Father, I give you thanks for the gift of my life and for the life of this person for whom I am now raising my voice to you, all-mighty and ever-living God. I ask you for the grace of his or her complete repentance, that he or she may be sorry for his or her sins, confess them, and live from now on a life worthy of you. Give this person all the graces necessary to come to salvation so that we can one day rejoice in your presence in heaven with all the saints forever and ever. And I ask all of this in the most Holy name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

Br. Albert Mary Uplaznik, O.P. is from Quebec, Canada. He earned a B.A. in Philosophy at Laval University.



Solemn Vows

It is with joy that I share the good news that I have been accepted to transfer my solemn vows to the Dominicans (I was in another religious community before). This means that I will be a Dominican for life! The Vows will take place on May 3rd in Benicia, CA. You all are invited to join the celebration (RSVP here <https://opwest.org/blog/solemn-vows-2025>). Please keep me in your prayers. I also will be making a pilgrimage next week to the tombs of St. Peter and Paul in Rome, St. Dominic in Bologna, and to Our Mother in Medjugorje. I will be praying for you all. Don't hesitate to send me any special prayer intentions.

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

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

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>

The Brother Report

Miss your weekly 2-minute teaching (aka The Brother Report)? To watch Br. John Paul's previous two-minute teachings on YouTube, visit delivr.com/2n5hv or use the QR code.



Pastoral Council Connections



and the Survey Says...

Congratulations! Our fall 2024 results are in, and in the words of our Catholic Leadership Institute survey representative, "we are doing exceptionally well, and we should celebrate our results and our improvements over the 2020 survey." So, the Pastoral Council will be hosting a Town Hall on Sunday, June 1, after the 10am and 5pm Masses, to debrief everyone on the survey results, to share what our Pastoral Council's focus will be going forward, to answer your questions, and for you to share your hopes for our parish. Please mark your calendars.

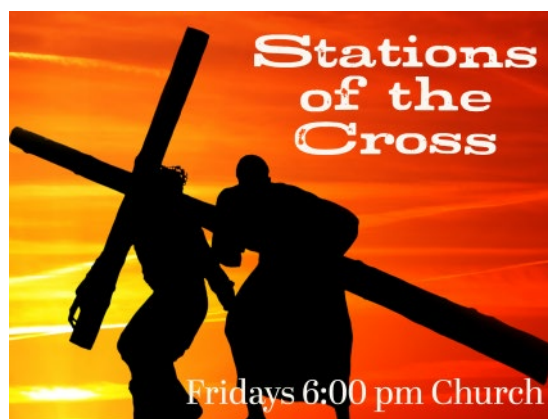
I want to thank everyone who participated in this market research-based survey on parish pastoral life conducted by CLI and our parish team members. We received 261 responses, which is over the industry average of 15-20% of Mass-going Catholics per parish who typically participate and increased from our 2020 survey.

Fr. Jerome and the Pastoral Council have been spending a great deal of time discerning and discussing what we have learned so that we can act on your feedback. We are particularly focused on discipleship--understanding what helps our parishioners on their faith journey to grow spiritually as Catholics. The survey highlighted

our top strengths as believing that Jesus died and rose for our salvation, having a highly recommended Pastor and parish, and parishioners attending parish social events. The survey identified our key opportunities for improvement as helping parishioners to grow from teachings of the bible, to hold conversations about Jesus with others, to share their personal faith story, and to grow via participation in small groups. Based on these findings, we have already launched events such as the Rescue Project and will continue our series of Pray-Serve-Socialize workshops to help all of us with sharing the story of Jesus and our personal faith in small groups. Please join us at the June 1 Town Hall to learn about more activities that are forthcoming.

For more information, please contact Lori Mirek, Pastoral Council Chair: pastoralcouncil@straymondmp.org.

Blessings, all!



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/)



The Rescue Report

Last week, we explored the grandeur of the All Powerful Creator. The kids in child care made this amazing procession to Noah's Ark, and one participant had this to say after this week's Rescue:

"I'm still deeply moved by yesterday's session. I was crying in awe and joy on my way home last night. I truly felt that God answered many of my questions and poured His love into my heart as He revealed the story of creation through this talk and our group discussion. Glory to Him!"



Donate in May – Chance to Win an Epic Vacation!

This May, we're showing appreciation for our epic donors by giving away a family trip that's as awesome as you. **Donate May 1-31 and you'll be entered for a chance to win an epic vacation package!** The vacation package includes: 4 tickets to Universal Epic Universe theme park at Universal Orlando Resort, airfare, hotel and a \$2,500 prepaid electronic gift card.*

Details at vitalant.org/EpicGiveaway

Schedule at vitalant.org



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Location: Bloodmobile
1100 Santa Cruz Ave, Menlo Park

Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025

Time: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

*Terms and condition apply; see vitalant.org/EpicGiveaway



Donate Blood

delivr.com/2tbx7



For more information or to schedule a donation,
call 877.25.VITAL or visit us at vitalant.org
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Let us walk with you
*Women's Retreat for
Healing after Abortion*

May 23-25, 2025

Bilingual English & Spanish

Confidential location.

All inquiries confidential.

Fr. Vito Perrone, COSJ will lead this free three-day retreat, which includes Mass, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and counseling, and sharing as much as each woman is comfortable doing in this warm and healing environment.

Visit sfarch.org/rachel, call 415-614-5567 or email projectrachel@sfarch.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



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.

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Legion of Mary

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.

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)
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.

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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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

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APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY BABY SHOWERS!

Join us as we collect new baby items for
The Samaritan House!!

Formula | Baby Food | Diaper Wipes
Diapers (Larger Sizes)

St. Raymond is collecting new baby items
April 1- May 2, 2025. Please drop items off
in one of the collection bins or feel free to
order on Amazon and have it sent directly
to the parish. Thanks for your support!!!



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