

Happy 101st
Marion



ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



5th Sunday of Lent - April 6, 2025



This Week

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 followed by BBQ
5:00 pm Mass

MONDAY-SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025

10:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Catholic in Recovery (p.6)
7:00 pm Holy Hour (Confession & Adoration)

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2025

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm Fish Fry (Gym)

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025

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

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm Salt & Light (7th-12th Grade) (p.3)

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

Mass Intentions

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 †

Mon., Apr. 7, 8:15 am Matthew Willer

St. John Baptist de la Dalle, Priest (m)

Tue., Apr. 8, 8:15 am Dionisio Reyes †

Wed., Apr. 9, 8:15 am Antonio Moises †

Thu., Apr. 10, 8:15 am Connie Auyeung †

Fri., Apr. 11, 8:15 am Sarah Sullivan †

St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr (m)

Sat., Apr. 12, 8:15 am Gus Flores †

Sat., Apr. 12, 5:00 pm Ed Kennedy & Sharon Kennedy Gerlach ††

Palm Sunday

Sun., Apr. 13, 8:00 am Fr. Augustine Hilander, O.P. 🙏
10:00 am Ethel & Isador Scherba ††
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.

Don't forget to turn in your rice bowls!



**Palm Sunday
Next Sunday**



RUMMAGE SALE A HUGE SUCCESS!!

On behalf of the parish, we want to thank all of YOU for your generous donations and the many hours volunteered. You all pitched in, worked alongside old friends, met some new friends too, and had a lot of fun along the way. This is one of the premiere Pray-Serve-Socialize events at St. Raymond. We are beyond excited to announce the final total from the 12th Annual World Famous St. Raymond Rummage Sale reached the goal we set of \$40,000!! The remaining unsold items were donated to many local organizations that will continue to serve others. All proceeds will support parish ministries, buildings and grounds. We remain forever grateful for your wonderful donations that contributed to the success of the sale, and for the volunteers from the parish who arrived ready to help and served our customers with a smile. Thank you all for a great Rummage Sale - we simply could not have done it without you!!

In gratitude,

Co-Chairs Holly Williams and Karyn Leahy



St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you!

Thank you for everyone who contributed to the 5th Sunday collection last weekend. It's not too late to donate. You can also set up a recurring donation with the QR code or the link below.

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

NEITHER DO I CONDEMN YOU

Weekly Gospel Reflection (John 8:1-11)

By Br. Piotr Orzechowski, O.P.

Look down. The ground beneath your feet has a story. Sometimes, it's a battlefield, where struggles rage and wounds are inflicted. Other times, it's a courtroom, where people are put on trial, judged, condemned. And sometimes, it's simply dust—silent, waiting.

In today's Gospel, the ground is a place of mercy. A woman is thrown before Jesus. The law says she should die. The Pharisees stand above her, stones in hand. But Jesus? He bends down. He kneels in the dust. And He writes.

What does He write? We don't know. But we do know where He writes—not on stone, where the Law was written, but on dust. Because sin is not written in stone; mercy is greater than the Law.

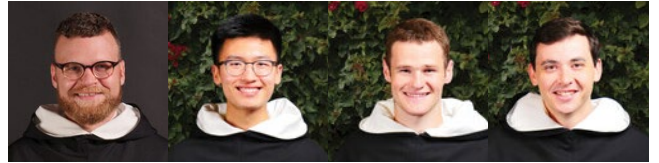
And one by one, the stones drop.

Now, look at the woman. She thought she was standing on the ground of condemnation. Instead, she finds herself on the ground of mercy.

Maybe that's where you are. Maybe you think your past is carved and set in stone, that your sins have the final word. But Jesus kneels in your dust. He writes a new story: Forgiven. Loved. Free.

Lent is the time to let go of our guilt, to let Jesus rewrite our dust. But mercy doesn't stop there. It must be passed on. How often do we stand like the Pharisees—ready to throw stones at others? A harsh word, a cold judgment, a refusal to forgive.

This week, drop the stone. Instead of judging, stoop down. Be the ground of mercy for someone else. Because soon, we will see another stone—the one that sealed the tomb. But that stone, too, will fall. And mercy will rise.



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>). 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)? A new episode will be added each day until Easter. 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/)





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.

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

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.



Epic Vacation Two Will Win Blood Drive

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



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For more information or to schedule a donation,
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Find us @vitalant: [@vitalant](#) [@vitalant](#) [@vitalant](#) [@vitalant](#)

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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



Catholic
in Recovery



Faith | Freedom | Fellowship

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.

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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

Holy Week

Holy Thursday, April 17

8:15 am Tenebræ
7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:00 pm Altar of Repose (Gym)

Holy Saturday, April 19

8:15 am Tenebræ
10:00 am Blessing of the Easter Food (Rose Garden)
8:15 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Good Friday, April 18

8:15 am Tenebræ
12:00 pm Tre Ore Service
7:00 pm Celebration of the Passion
of the Lord

Easter Sunday, April 20

8:00 am Indoor Mass
10:00 am Indoor Mass
10:00 am Outdoor Mass

