



ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Divine Mercy Sunday - April 27, 2025



This Week

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm 4D: Young Adults - Divine Mercy
(Parish Hall) (p.3)

MONDAY-SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025

6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Hall)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025

10:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Catholic in Recovery (p.5)
7:00 pm Holy Hour (Confession & Adoration)
8:00 pm Mass for Pope Francis

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

7:00 pm Sacred Art & The Sacred (Parish Hall)
(p.4)

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration and
Confession until 9:15 am
10:30 am Br. John Paul's Solemn Vows (St.
Dominic, Benicia)
3:30 pm Confession
5:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

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

Mass Intentions

Sat., Apr. 26, 5:00 pm Eleanor Jekot †
Second Sunday of Easter (Sunday of Divine Mercy)

Sun., Apr. 27, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish
10:00 am Joseph McCrate †
5:00 pm William Lower †

Mon., Apr. 28, 8:15 am Tita Ruocco 🙏
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest (m)

Tue., Apr. 29, 8:15 am In Thanksgiving to the
Blessed Mother

St. Catherine of Siena, OP, Virgin & Doctor of the Church (F)

Wed., Apr. 30, 8:15 am Larisa Babayants †
St. Pius V, OP, Pope (M)

8:00 pm Pope Francis †

Thu., May 1, 8:15 am Lynn Bacon †
St. Joseph the Worker (m)

Fri., May 2, 8:15 am Cormick & Caletti Families,
L&D

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (M)

Sat., May 3, 8:15 am Mary McCarty
Ss. Philip & James, Apostles (F)

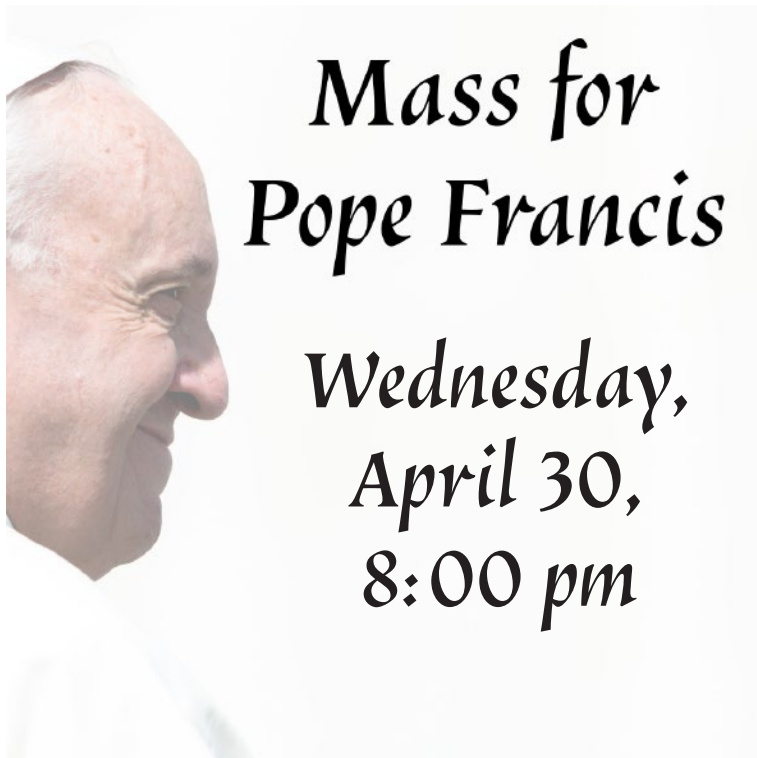
Sat., May 3, 5:00 pm Marcelo Dugan †
Third Sunday of Easter

Sun., May 4, 8:00 am Joseph Zix †
10:00 am Sam Harris †
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.



Mass for Pope Francis

Wednesday,
April 30,
8:00 pm

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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ST. RAYMOND'S

YOUNG ADULTS

(ages 20-40)

4-D: Drinks, Dinner, and Discussion with Dominicans

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH
6-8:00 PM (AFTER THE 5PM MASS IN THE PARISH HALL)

Topic:
Divine Mercy

7 -12TH GRADE

MAY THE 4TH BE WITH YOU

SALT AND LIGHT

Sunday May 4th 6-8 PM: Star Wars themed Game, Dinner, and Discussion
(5 PM: Youth Mass)

RSVP
brjohnpaul@straymondmp.org

St Raymond

DOMINICAN CORNER

AS THE FATHER HAS SENT ME, SO I SEND YOU

What are we supposed to do after Easter? Br. Nathaniel Maria Mayne, O.P., reflects on the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Easter.

This Sunday has many names: Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday, Octave day of Easter, White Sunday, Quasimodo Sunday, Bright Sunday, Low Sunday, and Doubting Thomas Sunday. Why so many names? It's almost like we aren't sure what to do after Easter.

Well, that's exactly what the Apostles were feeling. In our Gospel for today, we see the Apostles, huddled in a room, hiding out of fear. A few days ago Jesus died, and now they are hearing that Jesus has come back from the dead. What do you even do in this situation?

Jesus appeared to them in that room and told them exactly what they should do, "As the Father has sent me, even so, I send you." The Apostles are sent on mission. Not only that, but their mission is a reflection of Jesus's mission as sent from the Father.

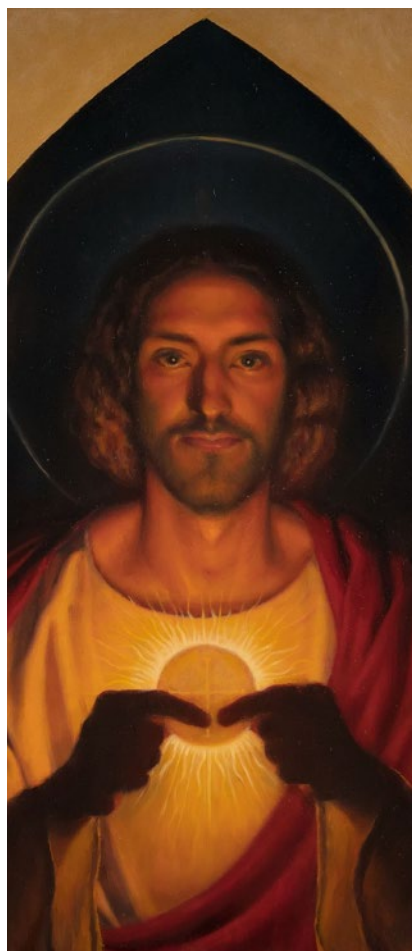
So, why did the Father send the Son? In the Gospel of John, the two biggest reasons for the Father sending the Son are to manifest and to save. The Father sent Jesus so that He might manifest, so that He might reveal who God is. It is this truth that liberates humanity from the slavery of ignorance to live in the freedom of the children of God. In revealing this truth of who God is, the Father sent Jesus to save humanity. He sent Him into the world so that the world might be sanctified by his divine presence.

So too with us. Like the Father sent Jesus, Jesus sends us to manifest who He is and to sanctify the world by our presence. In doing so, we allow Jesus's resurrection to touch the lives of others as it did Thomas. By sharing the truth of who God is and living as children of God in the world, we allow the light of the resurrection to shine in every corner of the world, and in doing so, it will burn more brightly in our hearts..

Br. Nathaniel Maria Mayne, O.P., earned a B.A. in Music Performance from San Diego State University in May 2017.

THE BROTHER REPORT

Miss your weekly 2-minute teaching (aka The Brother Report)? Visit delivr.com/2n5hv or use the QR code to view the playlist on YouTube. Like and Subscribe!



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1100 SANTA CRUZ AVE.
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Catholic Art and the Sacred

*A presentation on beauty and
Sacred Art*

*by Catholic Artist and
Stabat Mater Foundation's
Executive Director*

*Robert Puschautz and his double
brother, Br John Paul Puschautz*



THURSDAY MAY 1ST
7-8 PM
IN THE PARISH HALL



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.

LIFE IS GOOD

Life is Good is a pro-life ministry at St. Raymond Church organized to affirm that “Life is Good” in all stages and circumstances. We welcome all to learning, prayer, confidential discussion, study, and public advocacy for the dignity of every human being. Send your comments, questions, or interest in working with us to lifeisgood@straymondmp.org.

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On Good Friday, we remember the death of the innocent victim Jesus. What we often overlook is that the killing of innocents happens every day in our society.

It is generally agreed that very young children have committed no sin—can anyone imagine even an evil thought crossing the mind of a newborn? The same is true of children still in the womb, or fetuses. Scientists agree that human life starts at conception—not birth, not the first presence of a heartbeat, but conception. Fetuses are just as human as newborn babies and just as innocent. But many, like Jesus, are condemned to die.

Unlike Jesus, their sacrifice seems to have no greater purpose. While some children are aborted to save the life of the mother, the vast majority are aborted for other reasons, according to a survey of women seeking abortion. Rather, women choose to end the life of their child mostly because they don't feel ready to have a child, want to focus on their career or education, or desire, almost paradoxically, to give the child a better life than they could offer.

Easter is a season of hope and joy in which we remember the resurrection of Jesus. While bodily resurrection for aborted children will have to wait until the second coming, we can have hope of saving the children of today by working to eliminate the violence of abortion from our society. For example, we can pray for the defenseless children at risk and their mothers. While Lent is over, almsgiving is still an option; pregnancy resource centers offer support to women who are struggling so that nobody feels abortion is necessary. And discussing the right of the unborn to life—with friends, family, and neighbors—can help turn hearts and minds.

Katherine Webb is a junior at Woodside High School. She joined St. Raymond parish in 2020.

Opportunities for further reading:

- Catechism of the Catholic Church, parts 2268–2283, <https://www.usccb.org/resources/catechism-catholic-church>. See also <https://www.usccb.org/prolife>.
- Jacobs, Steven. “The Scientific Consensus on When a Human’s Life Begins.” PubMed, 2021, <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36629778/>. Accessed 14 April 2025.
- Biggs, M. et al. “Understanding why women seek abortions in the US.” PubMed Central, 5 July 2013, <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC3729671/>. Accessed 14 April 2025.



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.*

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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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Catholic in Recovery St. Raymond Church

1100 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park | PARISH HALL

WEDNESDAYS @ 7:00 p.m.

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



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Good Friday Street Evangelization



"My experience with Street Evangelization on Good Friday was uplifting, inspiring and encouraging! I want to share Jesus with others but have felt stuck, not knowing how to begin the conversation. Witnessing to Jesus as a group through Street Evangelization was a concrete way to do this and it gave me courage to continue growing in this way. I hope we get to do this as a parish on a regular basis!" Leilani

Easter Vigil 2025



Congratulations to those who received the Easter Sacraments

David Kammeyer
Walter (Tres) Evans, III
Grace Ricci
Nicole Ricci
Kenji Asakura (pictured)
Michael Thompson
Macy Ryan
Kathryn Adams
Venia Ganesan
Tayen Ganesan
Adam Hahn
Ethan Bates

Cinco de Bingo

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

12:15 pm Senior Mass

12:45 pm Bingo & Lunch

Please join us on Wednesday, May 7 for a special Cinco de Mayo gathering of STARS Senior Bingo. We will begin in the church at 12:15 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.



Living in Hope Through Every Season of Life

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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

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PRESENTATIONS
PRAYER & REFLECTION
SUNDAY MASS
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LOCATION:

VALLOMBROSA CENTER
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SATURDAY LUNCH
SATURDAY DINNER
SUNDAY BREAKFAST



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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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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/)



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.

WEEK 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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