



ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



5th Sunday of Easter - May 18, 2025



This Week

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025

- 8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration & Confession until 9:15 am
5:00 pm Confirmation Mass (if you don't like crowded or long Masses, please plan accordingly)

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

- 8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm Bonfire Night (High School Group)

MONDAY-SATURDAY

- 8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

- 6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Hall)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025

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

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2025

- 8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration & Confession until 9:15 am
5:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

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

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

- 11:00 am Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery Menlo Park

Mass Intentions

- Sat., May 17, 5:00 pm Josie Raon 🙏
Fifth Sunday of Easter
- Sun., May 18, 8:00 am Fr. Pawel Zybura, O.P. 🙏
10:00 am Aurelio Maestrini †
5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish
- Mon., May 19, 8:15 am Martin & Rina Dioli ††
- Tue., May 20, 8:15 am Fr. Pawel Zybura, O.P. 🙏
St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest (m)
- Wed., May 21, 8:15 am Gwen Lim
St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs (m)
- Thu., May 22, 8:15 am Leon & Lorraine Fraysse ††
St. Rita of Cascia, Religious (m)
- Fri., May 23, 8:15 am Dionisio Reyes †
- Sat., May 24, 8:15 am Connie Auyeung †
The Translation of Holy Father Dominic (M) (World Day of Prayer for the Church in China)
- Sat., May 24, 5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish
Sixth Sunday of Easter
- Sun., May 25, 8:00 am Teleisia † & Kuea Liti
10:00 am Judy Nord †
5:00 pm Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P. †

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, 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.

We also pray for the recently deceased Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P.

To add a name, please contact the Parish Office.



St Raymond Parish, RSVP to brjohnpaul@straymondmp.org



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal Today!

Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions. Envelopes are in the pews.

Previous collections:

Catholic Relief Services

<https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org/organizations/usccb-the-catholic-relief-services-program>

Catholic Charities Appeal

<https://catholiccharitiessf.org/CCSunday/>

DOMINICAN CORNER

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Can we love the way God loves? Br. Hyacinth Marie Bui, O.P., reflects on the Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Easter.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus, addressing us as His little children, gives us this powerful commandment: "Love one another, as I have loved you." However, this is a difficult teaching; in fact, it is impossible. Why? Because you and I, we are not God, and so we cannot love the way God loves. Yet, if we want to perfect our friendship with God, we must observe this impossible commandment. How? This is only possible by the gift of God's grace. It is by His grace that, in our prayers and meditation, He himself teaches us how to love. And it is by His grace that we are able to imitate His love in loving one another.

Let us look at three ways Jesus loves us, and how we can imitate Him.

First, Jesus loves us gratuitously—without any benefit to Himself. He loved us first before we loved Him, and He loved us into existence. We too, can imitate Christ's love by loving one another gratuitously without any concern for thanks nor waiting to be loved by others.

Secondly, Jesus loved us by giving himself up on the Cross for our sins. And we can imitate this love by making an offering of ourselves for one another.

And finally, Jesus—by drawing us into Himself—loves us by sharing with us the ultimate good, that is, the fullness of life in the blessed Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. By the grace of God, we can love one another by sharing the joy of the Gospel in order to bring Christ to souls, and to draw souls to deeper union with God.

And so, my friends, while we continue to journey here on this earth, striving to perfect our friendship with God, let us ask the Lord, in prayer, for the grace to observe this impossible commandment.

Br. Hyacinth Marie Bui, O.P. is from Calgary, Alberta and earned a B.S. in Nursing at the University of Calgary.

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!



NEED HEALING? RENEWAL? A MIRACLE?
ENCOUNTER GOD'S LOVE IN ADORATION AND
PRAISE. CONFESSION AND PRAYER MINISTRY
AVAILABLE.

MERCY NIGHT

But God loves
us deeply.
He is full
of mercy.

Eph. 2:4

WEDNESDAY 5/28/25 7-8:30 PM
ST RAYMOND, MENLO PARK
1100 SANTA CRUZ AVE

Help! Cabhair!

John Sanchez is going to be away from May 31 to June 11 ([Ireland](#)). He needs your help while he's away. Help is needed with:

Collections: Weekends of May 31/June 1 and June 7-8

Offertory Candles: Remove the wax from the bottom of each holder and replace with new candle. This is usually done 3 times a week: Sunday morning, Monday morning, and sometime later in the week. Training provided!

To help, email jsanchez@straymondmp.org or call the Parish Office during the week.



First Holy Communion



May 11, 2025

Amelia Adams
Connor Allen
Ignacio Augustine
Berkeley Bechtel
Elliot Bowmer
Hattie Breslin
Reilly Courson
Bodhi George
Isla Gundling
Leo Hayes
Wesley Johnson

Nell Johnson
Heidi Lindblom
Dominic Lombardi
Addison Loy
Kelsey McVey
Hunter Perez
Huddy Rich
Shep Rich
Britton Schneider
Xavier Silva
Bear Trailer

Amir Barrera
Cody Caldbeck
Peter Chapman
Keegan Doherty
Emma Dombrowski
Wells Evans
Thomas Hartge
Jack Hertlein
William Kammeyer
Luke Koster
Grace Lopez-Silva
Audrey Low Ah Kee

Mariah Maestrini
Sarah Mount
Grace Padrez
Eva Rueda
Sofia Sanday
Samuel Smith
Clara Smith
Sofia Zapata
Collette Lambert

May 18, 2025

Serena Gundelove

St. Francis Center

Dear St. Raymond Community,

I wanted to reach out and formally thank you for your constant support this past year. You have helped the St. Francis Center community in numerous ways that have eased the burden of this underserved community. You have supported them with sharing used uniforms, chicken drives, food drives, the Advent Giving Tree, and most recently with donations for the 2nd graders First Holy Communion clothes. Please know we are very grateful for your generous and thought-filled support. Your work is definitely the work of God's hands. Your support and prayers are evident each and every day here at the St. Francis Center and Holy Family School.

Again, thank you! God Bless!

Pax,
Kathleen Hamilton
St. Francis Center/Holy Family School

Bulletin Editor's note: To support the St. Francis Center, please visit <https://stfrancistrwc.org/donate/>.



May 24 is the Solemnity of the Translation of St. Dominic, which is described thus in the Dominican breviary: "In accordance with his wishes, St. Dominic was buried 'beneath the feet of his brethren' in the church of St. Nicholas of the Vineyards, Bologna. Many of the sick avowed that they had been healed of their infirmities at his tomb; the brethren however were loath to recognize these miracles and accept votive offerings. However, on May 24, 1233, at the urging of Gregory IX and in the presence of Theodoric, archbishop of Ravenna and papal legate, Dominic's body was moved to a marble sepulcher during the celebration of a General Chapter at Bologna attended by Bl. Jordan of Saxony and many brethren. Immediately a certain marvelous odor came forth from his sacred body, 'showing clearly to all how much the saint had truly been the aroma of Christ.'"

Source: <https://dominicanfriars.org/the-translation-of-saint-dominic/>



WILL SWAIM, PRESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA POLICY CENTER

LANCE CHRISTENSEN, VICE PRESIDENT OF CALIFORNIA POLICY CENTER

A DIALOGUE ABOUT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN CALIFORNIA

 **TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025 | 7:00 PM**

 **St. Raymond's Parish Hall
1100 Santa Cruz Avenue,
MENLO PARK, CA 94025**

During this year's Religious Freedom Week, we invite you to come learn how California restricts religious freedom both legislatively and administratively, as well as ways to push back.

For more information and to RSVP, please visit:
sfarchdiocese.org/event/a-dialogue-about-religious-freedom-in-california/




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Human Life & Dignity



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"JESUS OF NAZARETH" SUMMER CAMP

DATES: August 4th-8th, 2025, 9am-3pm, Mon-Friday
At Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 3233 Cowper St

We have put together the best program ever, all prepared and tailored for your kids by our Faith Formation Director, Florence de Bretagne. We have only 30 spots available, first-come, first-serve. Friends of STA kids are welcome as long as we have open spots.

A FEW EXAMPLES TO LOOK FORWARD TO:

Building the biggest Babel tower possible with cardboard, acting the Gospel story of Jesus healing a blind man, praying in Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament, baking chocolate, muffins and French madeleines from scratch, and/or packing food for the needy.

REGISTER NOW

This camp will fill up very fast. Hurry!
For more information,
email florence.debretagne@dsj.org

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



**Catholic
in Recovery**



Faith | Freedom | Fellowship



Healing Retreat

for Adult Children of Divorce

May 30 – June 1, 2025

Vallombrosa Retreat Center
250 Oak Grove Ave, Menlo Park, CA

Weekend retreat will include Holy Mass, opportunities for Confession and Adoration.

For more information / registration visit:

www.sfarch.org/LGW

or contact Ed Hopfner HopfnerE@SFArch.org



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None of the three saintly women presented here were mothers themselves, but each heard the beat of God's maternal heart in the hills of Ireland, Germany, and North America, respectively.



St. Brigid's close identification with nature and connection to creatures appear in many stories and legends of her life, one of them a miraculous cow that never stopped giving milk to feed people in times of famine. St. Brigid also reminds us to see ourselves, both men and women as midwives, with the duty to give birth to Christ over and over again in our present world. [Feast day Feb. 1]

St. Hildegard of Bingen spoke out against human exploitation and destruction of the Earth, "Human beings are the thinking heart of the universe called to be co-creators with God in shaping the world." Why is she holding a green dove? Because to Hildegard, the Holy Spirit is green, the color of newly emerging life in spring and the abundant vibrancy of summer. We can enjoy heaven right here on Earth, St. Hildegard said, if we can remain sensitive to the Earth's green freshness. She even coined a word for it: *viriditas*, "the greening", i.e. the Spirit and its renewing power, which enlivens and manifests divinity in all of creation. She says, "The Word is living, being, spirit, all verdant greening, all creativity. This Word manifests itself in every creature." [Feast Day Sept. 17]

Pope Benedict canonized **Kateri Tekakwitha** in 2012, the same year he officially canonized Hildegard of Bingen and named her a Doctor of the Church. St. Kateri is now a patron saint of ecology and the environment along with Francis of Assisi. For Kateri, creation and creatures lead us to the Creator, the Great Spirit, the God who is both divine father and mother at the same time. [Feast Day July 14]

Through us, Christ is eternally incarnate when we work together and make deep connections to each other, to all creatures and to Earth itself. Let's rediscover and reverence *viriditas*, the presence of God in our midst.

(The painting and text from [NCR Earthbeat](#) by [Michael Macgrath](#).)

Excerpts from a Mother's Day Prayer from Pope Francis: May 9, 2021

A society without mothers would be a deeply dehumanized society, for mothers are witnesses of tenderness, dedication, and moral strength. Dearest Mothers, thank

you, thank you, for what you are in your families, and for what you give to the church and the world. Mary, we entrust mothers to your protection; you who have already arrived at the destination. Help them to walk together with joy toward the glory of heaven."

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meets every Monday at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall). Feel free to join us and learn more about the Legion of Mary.



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.

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.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS are available at each Mass. Please visit the presiding priest's Communion line to receive the low-gluten host.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME, PERUGIA AND FLORENCE WITH FR. AUGUSTINE HILANDER, O.P.

November 3-16, 2025

Pilgrimage to see Dominican saints and blessed in Italy. Hopefully we can see the pope, if he isn't traveling. Big cities like Rome, Florence, and Milan with smaller venues like Narni, Prato, and Perugia. We will visit with St. Catherine of Siena, St. Catherine de Ricci and St. Margaret of Castello and Bl. Lucy of Narni, Bl. Villana de Botti, and Bl. Mary Bartholomew Bagnesi, all of them lay Dominicans. You can arrange flights from your airport.

Information and details at <https://app.nativitypilgrimage.com/trip/?trip=44002>

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 (except 5/10) & 3:30-4:30 pm;
Wednesday 7-8 pm, or by appointment

ADORATION

Saturday 8:45-9:15 am (except 5/10), 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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