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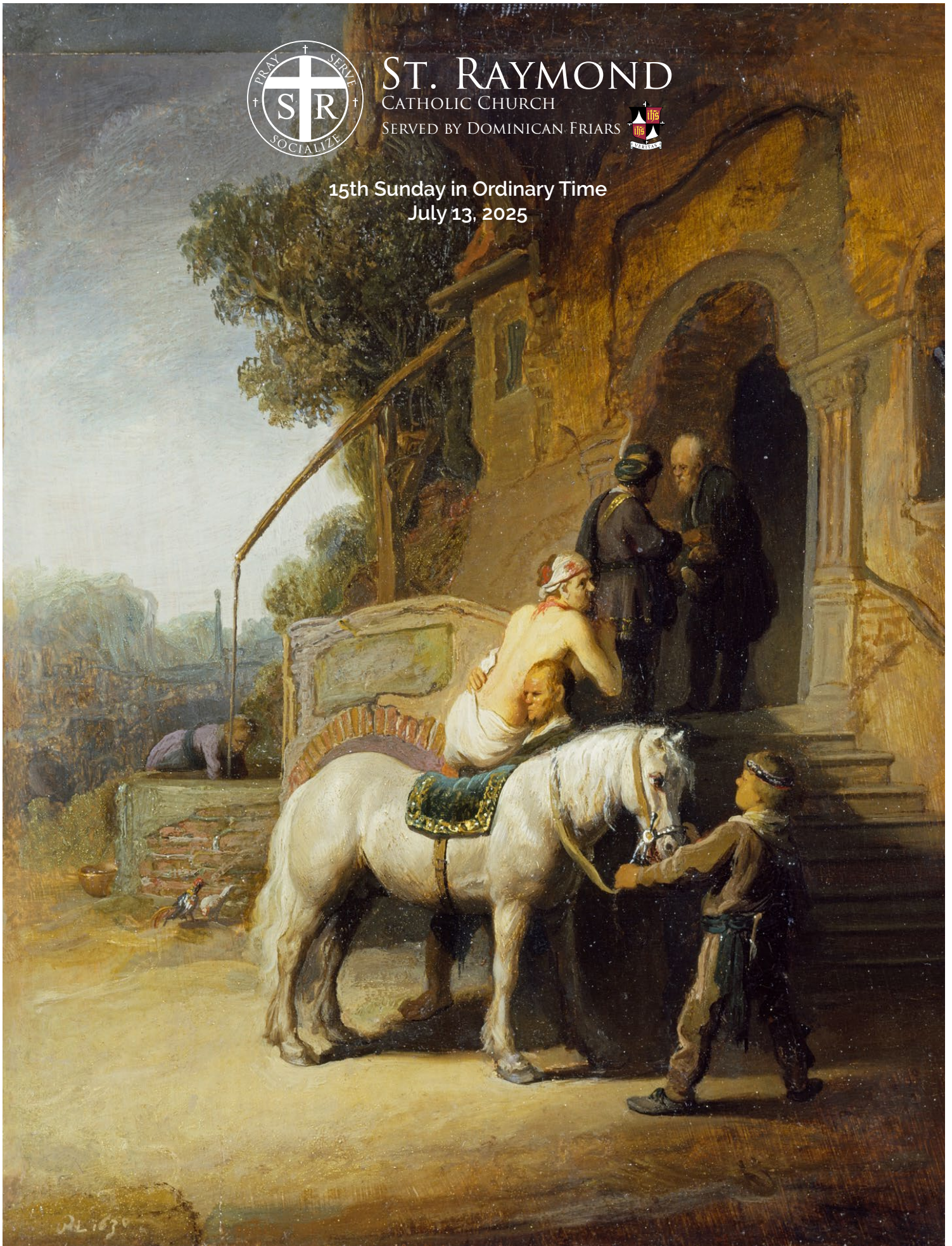
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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 13, 2025





# This Week

## SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025

8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration & Confession until 9:15 am  
3:30 pm Confession until 4:30 pm  
5:00 pm Mass

## SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

8:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass followed by ☕ & 🍩  
5:00 pm Mass  
6:00 pm Salt & Light (7th-12th Grades)

## MONDAY-SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

## MONDAY, JULY 14, 2025

6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Hall)

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025

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

## SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2025

8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration & Confession until 9:15 am  
3:30 pm Confession until 4:30 pm  
5:00 pm Mass

## SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

8:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass followed by ☕ & 🍩  
5:00 pm Mass

# Mass Intentions

Sat., July 12, 5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., July 13, 8:00 am Melissa Kissling & Baby Ingrid ††  
10:00 am Aurelio Maestrini †  
5:00 pm In Thanksgiving to St. Michael

Mon., July 14, 8:15 am Galvez, Herborn, & Ritzen  
St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin (M) Families, L&D

Tue., July 15, 24, 8:15 am Mary Ann Robbiano †  
St. Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (M)

Wed., July 16, 8:15 am Ed Kennedy †

## Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (m)

Thu., July 17, 8:15 am Guido Budelli †  
Fri., July 18, 8:15 am Ruth & William Philip ††  
St. Camillus del Lellis, Priest (m)

Sat., July 19, 8:15 am Ed Kennedy †; Guido Budelli;  
Joey Morey †

Sat., July 19, 5:00 pm In Thanksgiving to Mary Queen of Angels

## 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., July 20, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish  
10:00 am Connie Auyeung †  
5:00 pm

S - Solemnity; F - Feast; M - Obligatory Memorial; m - Optional Memorial;  
L&D - Living & Deceased

7th-12th grade

# SALT and Light

Sunday July 13th

5PM: Youth Mass  
6-8PM: Games, Dinner, and Discussion

Finding God's Plan for Your Life  
Vocation Story of  
Fr Antony Cherin, OP

RSVP:  
religiousead@straymondmp.org

## 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, Sandra Lecha, 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 Frank Helfrich, Margaret Head, Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P. and Fr. Eugene Sousa, O.P.

To add a name, please contact the Parish Office.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Dear Parishioners,

In our parish survey, you asked for more information on finances. I'd like to update you on our parish's financial health, covering the third quarter of our fiscal year (Q3 FY25), from January to March 2025. It is with a grateful heart that I reflect on what we continue to accomplish together, thanks to your unwavering commitment and generosity.

Highlights of the quarter include the following:

- Offertory in Q3 FY25 reached \$246k, marking a \$30k increase compared to the same period last year (Q3 FY24).
- Total income for Q3 FY25 was \$538k, including a significant rise to \$11k in the Religious Education/Faith Formation category.
- Total expenses for Q3 FY25 were \$525k, lower than the overall expenses for the same period last year.
- Of this amount, \$53k was used for capital improvements (sound system, building projects) and was paid for by donations restricted to those projects.
- Our expenses for Payroll and Contractors increased versus last year as we invested in essential services to support our operations.
- Excluding projects paid by restricted donations, our operating expenses exceeded our income by \$10k in Q3 FY25.

Overall, our robust financial foundation allows us to sustain and expand our vital ministries, building a vibrant and connected parish community, from welcoming new families and engaging our youth to deepening our faith through various programs and outreach initiatives. However, the rising costs of goods and services continues to impact our operational expenses. To ensure our continued financial stability and support our growing parish family, we invite those who are able to prayerfully consider increasing their monthly giving or making a generous annual gift.

Recurring electronic giving helps support the parish consistently. If you have not already signed up, please consider doing so at [www.straymondmp.org/giving](http://www.straymondmp.org/giving). Other giving options include stock donations, employer matching donations, IRA distributions, and donor-advised funds and charitable foundations. Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any questions about giving or wish to discuss specific projects or contributions.

As your pastor and priest, I am profoundly grateful to witness our parish diligently build a vibrant spiritual home, a place for faithful prayer, selfless service, and joyful fellowship. As we look with hope to the future, may we continue this powerful momentum, always relying on God's grace and your continued support.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Jerome

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

I am thrilled to be back at St. Raymond, this time as the Faith Formation Director, starting in early September!

Many of you know me as I had a few hats in the past at St. Raymond: I did the Children's Liturgy of the Word before COVID; I chaired the hospitality committee for the school; I hosted art and cooking classes or summer camps for many St. Raymond children and teenagers; I painted a few commissions as a full time artist which I was until three years ago when I started as the Faith Formation Director for the Palo Alto Parish.

I am very excited to work along with Fr. Jerome, Fr. Antony, Br. John Paul, and the rest of the St Raymond's team, to continue to grow the faith formation programs. I have a lot of energy and passion for the Catholic Church, the Sacraments, the Real Presence and the People of God.

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# The Brother Report

**Greetings from Mexico!** During this trip I've experienced the beauty of the concrete everyday faith here in Mexican culture. For example, it is normal to see people make the sign of the cross as they walk past a Catholic Church, which is quite often because there are churches on almost every block. It's a small gesture to greet Our Lord, but it can be a big witness that Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with us," in the midst of our daily life.

Another example is giving presents to the Child Jesus for his birthday. This is another reminder that Jesus was a real human boy who played with toys and friends. We too, can have a real relationship with Jesus. This is what he came for.

And finally, I visited the world's largest pyramid in Cholula where they built a Catholic Church on the summit. Where there were human sacrifices to appease the gods, Jesus reveals to us that he is the one and only true sacrifice that can reconcile us with God. No matter where we are in the world, through the Eucharist we can unite "all our prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day" (Morning Offering prayer) to Jesus' offering. This has been and will always be my consolation, my source of stability and peace. My home away from home. This weekend I will pray for you all at Our Lady of Guadalupe and share my experiences next week.

## DEACONATE ORDINATION 9/13/25

Thank you for your prayers for my Solemn Vows in May; it was a beautiful day. I just wanted to let you all know that it's official that I will be ordained a deacon this **September 13th at 10:30 am at St. Dominic's, 2390 Bush St., San Francisco.** (Please send me your mailing address for a paper invitation.) It would be great to have you all there for this special day, but I realize that it is a long trip. The plan is that I will be ordained a priest next June, also in San Francisco, so that might affect your decision about coming out this

Fall. Either way, thank you for your love, support, and prayers during all these years. I am humbled by the blessings I've received during this adventure of following Jesus, and I'm so excited for what is to come.







Mark your calendars for a new season of Rescue Project!

What is it? An 8-week faith-sharing series on the most essential parts of our faith. Dinner, talks, and small group discussions.

Who is it for? Everyone. Because every one of us can go deeper in our relationship with God. There are small groups for teens (ages 14-18), Young Adults (19-40), married couples (child care available), and adults of all ages.

When is it? Mondays 6:30-8:30 PM

- September 22nd
- September 29th
- October 6th
- October 13th
- October 20th
- October 27th
- Saturday November 1st retreat. 11 am-5 pm
- November 3rd

(times & dates subject to change)

"There is something special about watching the talks together with like-minded people who share the same goal of growing in faith together. Small group discussions following the talks are a great way to be inspired by others, when we see things through different lenses. There is something to learn from everyone.

"The unifying theme is how God loves us deeply, and we are all empowered to bring God's grace to others, as individuals and a community. I would highly recommend this program."

## 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.

<https://app.nativitypilgrimage.com/trip/?trip=44002>

## FATIMA CELEBRATIONS AT NATIVITY

Mass at 7 pm followed by outdoor rosary process and benediction.

Mon., July 14, Wed., Aug. 13, Fri., Sept. 12, Mon., Oct. 13.



# SAINT OF THE WEEK

## ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA (JULY 14) AND THE CRUCIBLE OF SANCTITY

By Fr. Steve Grunow, Word on Fire

An important question for all Christians to consider is whether or not we treat the grace that Christ has given us as something cheap. We might have habituated ourselves to set patterns of religious activity. We might have our charitable causes, vaguely construed as “faith based” so as not to offend, that we choose to support. Our identity as a Christian is a fall-back position should circumstances demand that we need it as a safety net. All this is cheap grace—relatively easy, demanding little in terms of cost or conversion.

Kateri Tekakwitha was born in 1680 in a territory known to us today as the Canadian province of Quebec. She was a member of the Mohawk tribe. She was a Christian, and the Church celebrates her as a saint, an exemplar of heroic virtue. St. Kateri was not a great wonder worker or scholar. She did not found a religious community and never wrote any mystical or theological treatises. She was not a martyr (though she endured a low-key death to self that would challenge the bravest among us). Much of her life was spent in obscurity. A victim of smallpox, she bore the disfiguring scars of the disease on her face, which made her appearance off-putting. Poor in ways that would shock, she gave away the little she had, living in austerity and choosing less so that others might have more. A convert to the God of Christian foreigners, she was shunned by her people. As an indigenous person, she had no real place among the European colonists whose religious faith she shared.



So St. Kateri spent her days on the margins, wandering between two worlds, two peoples, neither of which had much room for her. To her tribe, her Christian faith made her an intolerable dissenter. To the emerging colonial world, she was a strange outsider. And it was this marginalization that would become the crucible through which she would pass, and in this way she would become holy as Christ is holy. And therein is St. Kateri's lesson for us.

A saint is a Christian who displays to us in a concrete, tangible, human form the mystery of God in Christ. His life, his presence, his mystery becomes embodied in the saint in such a way that in their very person the encounter with Christ is akin to the manner he gives himself to his Church in the sacraments. The

saint becomes, for the Church and for the world, a privileged route of access to Christ, and in the body of the saint, as he is in the sacraments of the Church, this encounter with the Lord Jesus is abiding, personal, and true. In the saint, the Church and the world meet Christ.

Each saint will represent Christ in particular ways, and St. Kateri embodied Christ in his suffering. In her own body, the sufferings of Christ became real to the senses. Christ's sufferings are not abstractions. Remember that Christ, as the Scriptures testify, “was despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief” (Isa. 53:3). His sorrows and grief were not only the wounds of his Passion but were occasioned by a passionate love for his creatures and his creation that he expressed in a descent into our world that would place him among the marginalized. Again, the Scriptures express this descent as God in Christ being so bold as to take the “form of a slave” (Phil. 2:7), and in doing so showing us that power is not a thing to be grasped at, and that the presence of God will be most readily found not in the bodies of elites, but in the bodies of those deemed least according to the standards of the world. Conversion to Jesus Christ beckoned Kateri Tekakwitha into this crucible of sanctity. She accepted it as a privileged gift, and her descent into Christ's invitation made her a living icon of his presence. From her place at the margins, she drew people to the true center—the center who is Christ.

I believe it was St. Augustine who once mused that it is easy for us to think about grandeur, to enjoy honors, to give our attention to those who flatter us. But all this is really cheap. Of far more value is to suffer for Christ, to pray for those who persecute us, and to take our place, in imitation of Christ, among the least who inhabit the marginal places of the world.

May St. Kateri, saint of the margins, show us how to live in this way.

### PACK THE PANTRY

As part of our parish mission to pray, serve, and socialize we will have a “Pack the Pantry” collection site at our parish. We will be collecting unopened non-perishable items to supplement our St. Raymond St. Vincent de Paul conference's mission to feed the vulnerable. Next time you're at the store, please grab a few extra items from our list! This will be an ongoing project.

Located in the black storage locker in the parish courtyard next to the parish hall.

All items MUST be NON-PERISHABLE. Items needed:

- Peanut Butter (16oz preferred)
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Fruits
- Canned Vegetables
- Pasta
- Rice
- Beans

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## St Raymond Young Adults

4D: Drinks, Dinner, Discussion, with  
Dominicans

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with  
*Fr. Jerome*

email your ?'s in advance to Fr. Jerome  
[jcudden@straymondmp.org](mailto:jcudden@straymondmp.org)

**July 27th 6-8 PM**



## 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](mailto:emwm@straymondmp.org).

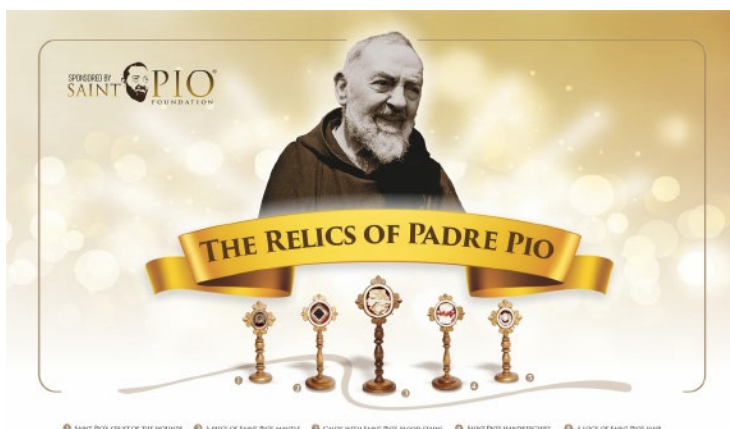
## Legion of Mary

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.



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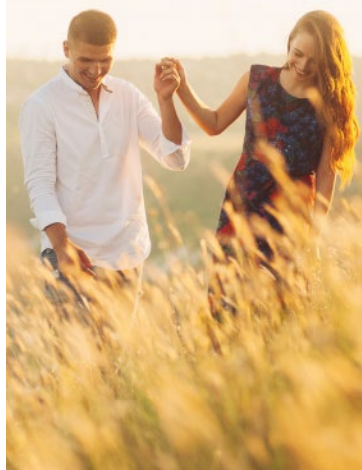
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# WELCOME



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.

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