



ST. RAYMOND
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 20, 2025



This Week

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

MONDAY-SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025

6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Hall)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025

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

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 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 27, 2025

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass followed by ☕ & 🍰
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm 4D: Young Adults - Grill A Dominican (Parish Hall)

Mass Intentions

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

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

Mon., July 21, 8:15 am Blach & Derry Families, L&D
St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church (m)

Tue., July 22, 24, 8:15 am Emilia Moreno Elias 🍰
St. Mary Magdalene (F)

Wed., July 23, 8:15 am Connie Auyeung †
St. Bridget, Religious (m)

Thu., July 24, 8:15 am Alberto Dioli †
St. Francis of Solano, Religious (M)

Fri., July 25, 8:15 am Eleanor Jekot †
St. James, Apostle (F)

Sat., July 26, 8:15 am Ann Jumaoas 🍰
St. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)

Sat., July 26, 5:00 pm Sharif Mostafa

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., July 27, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish
10:00 am Mary Ann Robbiano †
5:00 pm Gerald Down †

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, Sandra Lecha, Bonnie Morey, Red Morrow, Anjuli Nunn, Glenn Olsen, Leo Paule, Nora Semaan, Joli Stieber, Connie Sutton, Karel Sykora, Connie Williams, Ralph Yob, 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 Mary Shepherd, Frank Helfrich, Margaret Head, Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P. and Fr. Eugene Sousa, O.P.

To add a name, please contact the Parish Office.

St. Raymond Young Adults

4D: Drinks, Dinner, Discussion, with
Dominicans

IT'S TIME TO
**GRILL A
DOMINICAN**

with
Fr Jerome

email your ?'s in advance to Fr. Jerome
jcudden@straymondmp.org

July 27th 6-8 PM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Mary Shephard

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Mary's service is scheduled for Thursday, August 7,
11 am here at St. Raymond.



Mary Shepard + and Puz Nelson +.



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."

SAINT OF THE WEEK

MARY MAGDALENE (JULY 22): A BLUEPRINT FOR EFFECTIVE EVANGELIZATION

By Rachel Bulman, Word on Fire

The Feast of St. Mary Magdalene on July 22 has graced the Roman Calendar for only several years, but it immediately became popular with many Catholics who have long understood her broad and valuable spiritual example.

Pope Francis elevated her celebration to a feast on June 3, 2016, which was also the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In the West, since Gregory the Great, ecclesial tradition has long identified Mary Magdalene to be the same woman who anointed Jesus' feet with alabaster oil and the sister of Lazarus and Martha. Often depicted with long flowing hair, clinging to a cross or holding a spikenard of oil, the characterization of this Mary has been one of servanthood, redemption, evangelization, and ultimately, a particular witness of the Paschal Mystery.

The very first mention of Mary Magdalene is often missed. In Luke 8:1-3, the writer notes that the twelve disciples were with Jesus: "Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their resources."

These three verses from Luke are often overlooked but should not be. The first thing to note is that women were a part of Jesus' inner circle. This was quite radical for the time, as early rabbinic documents cautioned against speaking to women at all. (Think of the reaction in John 4:27 when the disciples returned to find Jesus speaking with the Samaritan woman at the well.) Not only were women a significant part of the ministry, but they sustained and cared for the disciples. Some translations say that they ministered to them.

When the women with Jesus are acknowledged, only three of them are identified outright—one by name alone, one by her spousal relationship, and Mary Magdalene by the affliction that Christ delivered her from. Why identify someone by their affliction? As it is with all of us, the greater the affliction, the even greater the deliverance. I couldn't help but note the term "seven demons": "the same number as the Holy Spirit has gifts to give." (Three Women and the Lord, Adrienne von Speyr).

Mary Magdalene later appears in Scripture at the home of Simon of Bethany when she interrupted the dinner to anoint the feet of Jesus with expensive nard. This interruption illustrates the proper orientation for all of our hearts, male and female. In the Gospel accounts, Matthew, Mark, and Luke recall Jesus speaking of the anointing as a preparation for burial. It is as if to say that Mary was already preparing for the Paschal Mystery. Her deliverance from possession and the great love that she had is well noted in the Gospel of Luke. "Her sins, which were many, have been forgiven, hence she has shown great love" (Luke 7:47). It was not the act of the anointing that delivered Mary. She had already been forgiven. The anointing was the natural manifestation of the love she had already experienced. She was ready to give it all away.

Magdalene placed herself there, following behind him in his three years of ministry, listening to him while Martha was distracted by her tasks (Luke 10:38-42), weeping when her brother Lazarus died (John 11:33), and bending to look into the tomb (John 20:11). Her posture toward Christ is always the same: seeking him, loving him, and finding him, for he is always near to her, as he is near to you, and to me. It is in this humble posture that the Magdalene is able to see with her eyes and heart what many failed to see: that there is only need of one thing, and that one thing is a life that is fully centered in Jesus Christ.

Mary Magdalene also teaches us the great cost of such a Christ-centered life. When our hearts are focused on Jesus, the things that formerly held such value in this world quickly lose their luster in the weight of his gaze. We will desire to be poured out, to be embarrassed for him, to be scorned for him, to give it all away in service to him. This life of self-donation inevitably leads us to the cross.

All four Gospels make note of the women standing afar from the cross, including Mary the mother of Jesus and Mary Magdalene. A life of true evangelization always makes us intimate with suffering and, as we inch closer to the cross, the crowds around us will scatter and lessen. It is easy to follow along amidst the joy and gladness of miracles, of bright lights, of fame and notoriety; but the journey becomes wearying and the company grows thin when the life of faith begins to include suffering, the burden of carrying a cross, and inevitably the death of self.

But Mary Magdalene knew all of this. She had already given the most valuable thing in her possession: not the alabaster oil but her whole life and love, down to her very essence. She followed him to his death and was found weeping at the entrance of his tomb. She is a trustworthy guide for the rest of us.

In the Gospel of John, the risen Lord asks Mary why she is weeping, and at that moment, she thinks that he is the gardener. The great irony of this is that Jesus actually is the gardener. He is the great gardener returning to the earth to put in right order what was disordered in the first garden. He sows the seeds of redemption into the heart of Mary Magdalene, telling her not to cling to him but to go and tell everyone that he has returned.

In many ways, she is the blueprint for the making of great evangelizers, for an evangelist must live in such a way that the Gospel is preached no matter the cost. Living a life of complete self-donation and of total Christ-centeredness will cost us all that the world has to offer, but it will inevitably lead us over and over again to the same garden of the Resurrection.

We will join Mary Magdalene, the Apostle to the Apostles, in the redemption song she gave breath to, consisting of a mere five words. Five words that transformed the darkness of death into redeeming light and should be echoed at the beginning of every salvation story: "I have seen the Lord!" (John 20:18).

St. Mary Magdalene, pray for us!

The sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for her young:

by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my
King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your
house, for ever singing your praise.

Communion Antiphon for this Mass on Saturday, July 12.
Cf. Ps 84 (83): 4-5

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.

DOMINICAN CORNER

Deaconate Ordination 9/13/25

of Br. John Paul Puschautz, O.P.

September 13, 2025 at 10:30 am
St. Dominic's, 2390 Bush St., San Francisco.

Save the Date

MISSION WEST NEWSLETTER

The summer edition of
the Western Dominican's
Mission West newsletter
is now available in the
church. Previous editions
are also available.



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Cement?... sounds boring.

But it is the glue that holds the industrialized world together. The presence of concrete in our environment is so pervasive we don't even think about it. But

producing it requires huge amounts of fossil fuels. The industry produces up to 8% of global greenhouse-gas emissions. (By comparison, aviation's share is 2%.) Efforts to increase efficiency have helped, but God gave humankind immense creativity and more clever alternatives are emerging.

One process stores carbon dioxide in concrete by capturing carbon from the atmosphere and combining it with ground olivine rock to create a rock powder that can be used as an ingredient in making concrete. The process can be done within an hour and potentially bring the carbon footprint of concrete down by up to 70%. The process also gives off heat, which is recaptured to produce energy.

Another process injects carbon dioxide into concrete during mixing causing the gas to permanently bind to the concrete. This process can reduce emissions by 3% to 5%. It has captured around 450,000 metric tons of CO² to date. A third process makes cement using electrochemistry instead of burning fossil fuels. This fully decarbonized process makes cement which has the same strength, set time, flow, and durability of classic cement.

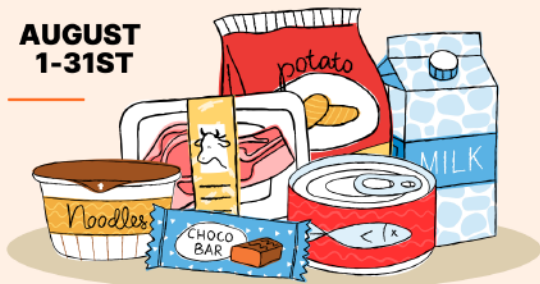


With responsible use of the intelligence and creativity God has given us, society can take meaningful steps to heal and protect creation.

God of Blessings, awaken our minds to find new ways to care for creation and each other.

FOOD DRIVE

AUGUST
1-31ST



We are in need of non-perishable items for our local families that receive food through our St. Vincent DePaul volunteers. Please help us feed our neighbors!

DROP-OFF LOCATION

St. Raymond Catholic Church

ITEMS NEEDED

- ▶ Canned foods
- ▶ Pasta, pasta sauces
- ▶ Tortillas, rice
- ▶ Dry cereals, beans

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Discover the Catholic faith! Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Did you not receive the sacrament of Confirmation? You're welcome too! For more information, please contact Deacon Tom Kelly at tfk@sbcglobal.net or 650-670-2200.

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.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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. 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



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.

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.

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 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.

Flo deBretagne



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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