



ST. RAYMOND  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



20th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 17, 2025



*Queenship of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
-August 22*



# This Week

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 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, AUGUST 17, 2025

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

## MONDAY-SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

## MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2025

6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Hall)

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2025

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

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 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, AUGUST 24, 2025

8:00 am Mass  
10:00 am Mass followed by ☕ & 🎂  
5:00 pm Mass  
6:00 pm 4-D Young Adult event What is Love?  
(Parish Hall)

# Mass Intentions

Sat., Aug. 16, 5:00 pm Rina Stefani 🎂

*20th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Sun., Aug. 17, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish  
10:00 am Aurelio Maestrini †  
5:00 pm Matthew Tarantino †

Mon., Aug. 18, 8:15 am Rina Stefani 🎂; Lena Aurelia  
Hofstrom

*Bl. Mannes, OP, Priest & Brother of St. Dominic (m)*

Tue., Aug. 19, 8:15 am Adam Muscat †  
*St. John Eudes, Priest (m)*

Wed., Aug. 20, 8:15 am Candace N. 🎂

*St. Bernard, Abbott & Doctor of the Church (M)*

Thu., Aug. 21, 8:15 am George & Michele Otte  
Anniversary

*St. Pius X, Pope (M)*

Fri., Aug. 22, 8:15 am Wan Tin Wong †  
*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)*

Sat., Aug. 23, 8:15 am Jonathan Reyes 🎂  
*St. Rose of Lima, OP, Virgin (M)*

Sat., Aug. 23, 5:00 pm Tom Seale †  
*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Sun., Aug. 24, 8:00 am Fr. Antony Augustine Cherian 🎂  
10:00 am Dolores Wallace †  
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 Archibald, 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 Arthur Ferranti, 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.



Mark your calendars for the 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 22	October 20
September 29	October 27
October 6	Sat. Nov. 1 retreat. 11 am-5 pm
October 13	November 3

Register at <https://straymondmp.org/rescue>

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The Religious Education Program will kick off in September. Check the parish website for information about the program <https://straymondmp.org/faith-formation/>. Registration links can be found on this page.

**First Communion (2 Year Program)**  
Grades 1 & 2

Register: <https://delivr.com/2hshd>

**Religion Classes**  
Grades 3, 4, 5, & 6

Register: <https://delivr.com/2u7vm>



Register

At least two years of Religion classes after First Communion are a requirement before a student can enroll in the parish two year Confirmation program.

**Confirmation (2 Year Program) Grades 7 & 8**

Register: <https://delivr.com/25tyu>



Thank you to all who have donated!



# DOMINICAN CORNER

## Deaconate Ordination 9/13/25

The Dominican Friars of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus joyfully announce the Ordination of their Brothers:

Benedict Mary Bartsch, O.P.  
Francis Dominic Nguyen, O.P.  
Philip Neri Gerlomes, O.P.  
Luke Maria Lee, O.P.  
John Paul Puschautz, O.P.

to the Order of the Diaconate through the Imposition of Hands and the Prayer of Ordination by

The Most Reverend Oscar Cantu  
Bishop of San Jose

Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 10:30 am  
St. Dominic's Catholic Church  
2390 Bush Street  
San Francisco, California

Reception to follow at Priory of St. Albert the Great, 6170 Chabot Rd., Oakland, CA 94618

RSVP by August 25 at <https://opwest.org/blog/diaconate-ordinations-2025>.



## BECOME A NOVICE PRAYER PARTNER

On August 28, 2025, a new class of 10 novices will start their journey as Dominican friars! And they need your prayers.

Please sign up to become a Novice Prayer Partner and commit to offering the "Prayer for Vocations" on the day of Vestition (when the novices are dressed in the Dominican habit).



This year you also have the option of offering a decade of the Rosary, the Memorare, or a holy half-hour of prayer. Our nuns at Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park have graciously agreed to match your prayers.

You'll receive a reminder email the day before with a prayer for Dominican vocations. You'll also receive a follow-up email after the Vestition ceremony, making you among the first to see our new novices in their Dominican habits and learn their religious names.

Most importantly, you'll be remembered on the Prayer Partner Honor Roll that hangs in the house chapel of St. Dominic's Priory in San Francisco. The novices see this every day during the rosary when they offer prayers of thanksgiving for you.

After signing up, please pass the torch to your friends and invite them to become a prayer partner. Send them a message or an email with the link [opwest.org/novice](https://opwest.org/novice).





# MY SISTER'S WEDDING

By Fr. Antony

How does one celebrate being ordained a priest? By celebrating Mass, of course!

Since I was just ordained on May 30, 2025, I was given the blessing of taking a few weeks to visit my family in India in order to celebrate my priesthood with them. While I was there, I was able to celebrate several very memorable Masses with my family.

The first was the Nuptial Mass for my sister, Rosemary, and her husband, Ebin. Although I was the main celebrant, both families invited several priests from a variety of dioceses and religious congregations, so Rosemary and Ebin had a truly blessed celebration. I also had the unique experience of having my sister's wedding be the very first Wedding Mass I have ever celebrated!



# SAINT OF THE WEEK

## ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX (AUGUST 20)

On August 20 the Church celebrates the feast day of St. Bernard of Clairvaux, a Doctor of the Church thanks to his writings and sermons which greatly influenced Europe during the 12th century, and his numerous efforts which helped to avoid a schism in the Church in 1130.

Born in 1090, Bernard spent his early years near Dijon, France before leaving to joining the Cistercians at the age of 22. He was well educated and so passionate about his faith that he convinced his brothers, his uncle, and many of his friends to join him at the abbey.

Bernard first entered the abbey at Citeaux, but only three years later was sent with 12 other monks to establish another monastery in the Diocese of Champagne. The monastery came to be known Clairvaux (Valley of Light). He led the other monks there as the abbot for the rest of his life.

St. Bernard knew how to harmonize the contemplative life with important missionary work, as the Pope noted in 2006. However, the saint's strict observance of silence and contemplation did not impede him from living a very intense apostolic life. His humility and his commitment to tame his impetuous temperament were exemplary, he said.

The Pope also highlighted the saint's focus on the truth that God, who is love, created mankind out of love and that man's salvation consists of adhering firmly to Divine love, revealed through the crucified and risen Christ.

"The richness of St. Bernard's preaching and his theology were not in pursuing new paths," the Pope said, "but in succeeding to propose the truth of the faith in a clear and incisive way so as to fascinate the listener and lead the person to prayer."

St. Bernard is also well-known for his Marian devotion, especially in using and promoting the "Memorare" prayer.

He became widely known throughout Europe and was consulted by Popes and political leaders. He died in 1153 and was canonized less than three decades later in 1174.

In August 2008, Pope Benedict spoke of the saint during his weekly general audience. He recalled that Pope

his eloquence and that he traveled throughout Europe defending the Christian faith.

Benedict XVI added, "He was also remembered as a Doctor of Mariology, not because he wrote extensively on Our Lady, but because he understood her essential role in the Church, presenting her as the perfect model of the monastic life and of every other form of the Christian life."

Source: <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/st-bernard-de-clairvaux-574>



### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Discover the Catholic faith! Adults interested in Catholicism are invited to attend the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA, formerly 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](mailto:tfk@sbcglobal.net) or 650-670-2200.



# St. Vincent de Paul

There's 5 Sundays this month!

Want to help out? The volunteer work is very satisfying and does not take a lot of time. Please contact Camilo Colorado ([ccolorado2005@gmail.com](mailto:ccolorado2005@gmail.com)) to find out what volunteering involves.



God bless you and thank you for your generosity! Donate at [straymondmp.org/giving](http://straymondmp.org/giving).

## 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.

## 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](http://www.catholicinrecovery.com) or contact  
Fr. Jerome at [jcudden@straymondmp.org](mailto:jcudden@straymondmp.org)

**Photo Credits:** Cover - Stained glass from the church of St. Leo the Great in New York City. Photo by Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P. CC BY-NC-ND 2.0 <https://flic.kr/p/27zsdYL>.

TOGETHER IN HOLINESS<sup>™</sup>  
CONFERENCE SERIES

St. JOHN PAUL II  
FOUNDATION

DISCOVER GOD'S PLAN  
FOR YOUR FAMILY

SEPTEMBER 27, 2025  
10:45 AM - 6:00 PM  
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY  
BELMONT, CA

Couple \$64

Childcare \$5/child

Register by August 11 to grab  
an Early Bird discount



REGISTER  
HERE!

For more information, please visit  
[togetherinholiness.org/sanfrancisco](http://togetherinholiness.org/sanfrancisco)

PRESENTED BY



**MICHELANGELO'S  
SISTINE  
CHAPEL  
THE EXHIBITION**

IN THE EVENT CENTER AT SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL  
1111 GOUGH STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA, 94109  
**TUESDAYS THROUGH SUNDAYS  
JUNE 21 TO SEPTEMBER 14**  
TICKETS at: [chapelsistine.com/exhibits/san-francisco](http://chapelsistine.com/exhibits/san-francisco)

**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.

# 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.

## GIVING: ONLINE AND IN PERSON

eGiving provides an opportunity to simplify your stewardship donations through secure automatic giving. You can pay with a credit/debit card or your checking/savings account. Schedule or update recurring donations at [straymondmp.org/giving](http://straymondmp.org/giving).



*Happy 102nd,  
Rina!*

## ST. RAYMOND PARISH

Served by the Dominican Friars of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus (Western Dominican Province) since 2013.

**1100 SANTA CRUZ AVENUE, MENLO PARK, CA 94025**

**TELEPHONE** 650-323-1755

**EMAIL** [office@straymondmp.org](mailto:office@straymondmp.org)

**PARISH WEBSITE** [www.straymondmp.org](http://www.straymondmp.org)

**SCHOOL WEBSITE** [www.straymond.org](http://www.straymond.org)

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** Mon-Fri. 9:00 am-5:00 pm

### PASTOR

Fr. Jerome Cudden, O.P. [jcudden@straymondmp.org](mailto:jcudden@straymondmp.org)

### PAROCHIAL VICAR

Fr. Antony Augustine Cherian, O.P.

[frantony@straymondmp.org](mailto:frantony@straymondmp.org)

**DEACON/OCIA (RCIA)** - Tom Kelly [tfk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tfk@sbcglobal.net)

**STUDENT BRO/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP/YOUNG ADULT GROUP/CHILDREN'S LITURGY/RESCUE PROJECT/MERCY NIGHT/SOON-TO-BE DEACON (ON ASSIGNMENT AGAIN)** - Br. John Paul Puschautz, O.P. [brjohnpaul@straymondmp.org](mailto:brjohnpaul@straymondmp.org)

### SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Roderick Harrison [rharrison@straymond.org](mailto:rharrison@straymond.org)

### PARISH STAFF

**GROUNDSCKEEPER** - Javier Hernandez

### FACILITIES SUPERVISOR

Pedro Hernandez [phernandez@straymondmp.org](mailto:phernandez@straymondmp.org)

### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & LITURGY

Lauri Hofstrom [music@straymondmp.org](mailto:music@straymondmp.org)

### DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Angie Robbiano [dirofOPs@straymondmp.org](mailto:dirofOPs@straymondmp.org)

### BULLETIN EDITOR/SACRISTAN

John Sanchez [jsanchez@straymondmp.org](mailto:jsanchez@straymondmp.org)

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/YOUTH ASSISTANT

JJ Carlson [ReligiousEd@straymondmp.org](mailto:ReligiousEd@straymondmp.org)

### DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH

Hallie Colorado [Hallie@straymondmp.org](mailto:Hallie@straymondmp.org)

### DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

Florence de Bretagne

[florence.debretagne@straymondmp.org](mailto:florence.debretagne@straymondmp.org)

### PARISH COORDINATOR

Ronnica Hagy [rhagy@straymondmp.org](mailto:rhagy@straymondmp.org)

### COUNCILS

**PASTORAL COUNCIL** - Lori Mirek (Chair), Lindsay Craig, Karyn Leahy, Chris Terndrup, Stephanie Howard  
[pastoralcouncil@straymondmp.org](mailto:pastoralcouncil@straymondmp.org)

**FINANCE COUNCIL** - Patrick Green (Chair), Jane Ananyi, Dave Brenner, Caitlin Burke, Mark Secker  
[finance@straymondmp.org](mailto:finance@straymondmp.org)