



ST. RAYMOND
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2025



This Week

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) (back page)

MONDAY-SATURDAY

- 8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025

- 6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Hall)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025

- 10:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Catholic in Recovery (p.3)
7:00 pm Holy Hour (Confession & Adoration)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 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 31, 2025

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

- Parish Office Closed
6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Hall)

Mass Intentions

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

Mon., Aug. 25, 8:15 am Fely Moore †
St. Louis (m); St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest (m)

Tue., Aug. 26, 8:15 am Galvez, Herborn, & Ritzen
Families, L&D

Wed., Aug. 27, 8:15 am Fely Moore †
St. Monica (M)

Thu., Aug. 28, 8:15 am Stephen Britschgi †
St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (F)

Fri., Aug. 29, 8:15 am Jennifer Walker †
The Passion of St. John the Baptist (M)

Sat., Aug. 30, 8:15 am Mehmood Taqui †

Sat., Aug. 30, 5:00 pm Frank Helfrich †

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Aug. 31, 8:00 am Lauren Collier & Ethan Collier
10:00 am Mary Shepherd †
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, and Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P.

To add a name, please contact the Parish Office.



**the
RESCUE
project**

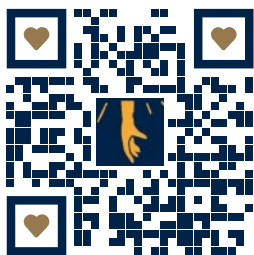
Why is there something rather than nothing?
Why is everything so obviously messed up?
What if anything has God done about it?
How should I respond?

Ever asked yourself these questions?
We have. Join us.

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)
October 13	November 3

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

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.

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>

Senior Bingo Returns

Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2025

12:15 pm - Senior Mass

1:00 pm - Bingo & Lunch

Please join us on Wednesday, September 3 for a special Endless Summer gathering of STARS Senior Bingo. We will begin in the church at 12:15 pm for a senior Mass with Fr. Jerome or Fr. Antony. Following Mass, Father 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 or would like to be a helper, please contact Karyn Leahy leahyfamily@msn.com.

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! Each year we ask you to pray for the incoming class of novices by joining Novice Prayer Partners. This year, we're excited to announce that we have 10 incoming novices (twice as many as 2017; see next page), and that your prayers will be matched by the Dominican nuns in Menlo Park!



When you join Novice Prayer Partners, your name will be added to the honor roll posted in the novitiate chapel. You're also the first to see the newly vested novices in their habits through an email sent immediately after the private vestition ceremony on Aug 28.

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.



A NEW BEGINNING

By Fr. Antony

Thank you so much for your warm welcome! It has been a huge blessing to become a part of this community, and I am thankful to God that this is my first assignment as a priest! You have all been so warm and welcoming that I have immediately felt at home, and am looking forward to my coming years of ministry. I thought I would take a moment to introduce myself so you can get to know my background a little.

I was born in Bangalore, India, into a Syro-Malabar Catholic family. When St. Thomas the Apostle arrived in India in 52 AD, he founded a Catholic community that has existed to this day. My family has been a part of this tradition for many generations, so our Catholic identity is an important part of our culture. As a result, I grew up praying the Rosary with my family daily, often going to daily Mass, and generally being surrounded by a sense of the importance of living, understanding, and sharing my faith. As a result, I have always had a sense that I might be called to the priesthood. I don't remember when I first started to consider it an option – it has always been on my heart.

We moved to the United States when I was about three years old and lived in Southern California for about ten years – first in Orange County and then in San Diego. Before my eighth-grade year, my family moved to Kansas City for my dad's job, and the rest of my immediate family is still there. I went through high school in Kansas City, during which time I began to discern with the diocese. Since I didn't think that God was calling me to diocesan life, I entered the priestly discernment program at Franciscan University of Steubenville. I studied philosophy and computer



science at Franciscan, and continued to discern various communities while I was there.

One of the communities which I encountered during college was the Eastern Province of the Dominicans in Washington D.C. I felt attracted to the Dominican charism of preaching, ordering our whole lives to the sharing of the Gospel, but I didn't feel like God was calling me to that community. So, I finished college, and worked for a year, mostly as a technical consultant for a medical software company called Cerner. During this time, I visited several more religious communities, including the Western Province of the Dominicans. It was during this visit that I finally felt like I had found the life God was calling me to, so I applied and was accepted to join the Novitiate in August 2017.

After a year at St. Dominic's in San Francisco, I moved over to St. Albert's in Oakland to continue formation. I had the blessing of doing my residency year at our parish in Anchorage, and spent a year studying with the Dominicans of the Indian province in Nagpur. During my years in the order, I have loved seeing Dominican life in the various houses of our own province, as well as in several other countries: Mexico, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Poland, and India.

By the grace of God, I took my solemn profession in March 2023, received ordination to the Diaconate in September 2024, and was ordained to the priesthood on March 30, 2025.

Being a priest has been an incredible blessing! I have enjoyed saying Masses, hearing confessions, and ministering to all of you in various ways. Thank you again for your warm welcome, and I look forward to getting to know you all better in these coming days!



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

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



FR. JEROME WITH THE BIRTHDAY GIRL

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

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 or 650-670-2200.

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.

CatholicInstituteofSacredMusic.org
**Chorister
Program**

Ages 8-17

Starts September 9

St. Patrick's Seminary
Menlo Park

Discover the joy of singing the
Church's sacred music!

The Catholic Institute of Sacred Music's Chorister Program at St. Patrick's Seminary inspires young singers through a comprehensive program that emphasizes musical excellence and spiritual growth. Our mission is to cultivate a love for God and sacred music, guiding young voices to reach their full potential while instilling values of discipline, teamwork, and artistic expression.

Instructors: Prof. Christopher Berry &
Dr. Jennifer Donelson-Nowicka



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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 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.

GIVING: ONLINE AND IN PERSON

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ST. RAYMOND'S

YOUNG ADULTS

(ages 20-40)

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

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH
6-8:00 PM (AFTER THE
5PM MASS IN THE
PARISH HALL)**

What is Love?
discussion led by Br John Paul



NEED HEALING? RENEWAL? A MIRACLE?
ENCOUNTER GOD WITH ADORATION,
RECONCILIATION, AND FELLOWSHIP

MERCY NIGHT

By his
wounds
you were
healed.

1 Pt 2:24

WEDNESDAY 9/10/25 7-8:30 PM
ST RAYMOND, MENLO PARK
1100 SANTA CRUZ AVE

Painting by Robert Puschuatz



ST. RAYMOND

Food Drive

AUGUST 1-31ST

Please drop donations in any of the plastic bins.

Please donate nonperishable food items to the donation bins. Items in need are rice, beans, pastas, pasta sauces, tortillas, canned meats, canned veggies and fruits.



St. Vincent de Paul

Fifth Sunday Collection (Aug. 30-31)
We need your help!

Next Sunday, August 31, will be the fifth Sunday in the month of August. In each month that contains five Sundays, St. Raymond's St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) conference takes up a collection on the fifth Sunday to help fund our work. Your support makes a big difference in the lives of the needy right in our area.



We would love to have additional volunteers. The volunteer work is very satisfying and does not take a lot of time. Please contact Camilo Colorado (ccolorado2005@gmail.com) to find out what volunteering involves.

Envelopes will be in the pews.

God bless you and thank you for your generosity!
Donate at straymondmp.org/giving.