

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 31, 2025

St. Vincent de Paul

Fifth Sunday Collection (Aug. 30-31)

This Sunday, August 31, is 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 are in the pews.

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



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.



3 Reasons why Rescue Project is perfect for couples:

- Don't have to worry about dinner.
- Don't have to worry about child care. (Free child care for potty-trained and up and teens have their own group.)
- Don't have to worry about what to say. The biggest complaint is that small groups want more time to continue their conversation.

Mondays 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20, 10/27, 11/3 6:30-8:30 PM

Saturday, Nov. 1 (retreat)

Register at https://straymondmp.org/rescue



"Participating in the Rescue Project led by Br. John Paul was a transformative experience for my husband and me. The program drew us closer to our Catholic faith through a beautifully organized format centered on community and authentic connection. Along the way, we formed meaningful friendships, deepened our understanding, and truly explored our faith in a welcoming, supportive environment. It has been an incredible blessing for our spiritual journey." The Hamills

This Week

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-Saturday

8:15 am Mass

Monday, September 1, 2025

Parish Office Closed

6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Hall)

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

10:00 am Bible Study

7:00 pm Catholic in Recovery (p.6)

7:00 pm Holy Hour (Confession & Adoration)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 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, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass followed by 🕳 & 🥯

5:00 pm Mass

6:00 pm Salt and Light (Parish Hall) (p.3)



Mass Intentions

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

Mon., Sept. 1, 8:15 am Fr. James Morris †

Tue., Sept. 2, 8:15 am Vila Sili 🛎

Wed., Sept. 3, 8:15 am John Sanchez

St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church (M)

Senior Mass 12:15 pm Blach & Derry Families L&D

Thu., Sept. 4, 8:15 am Mary Galdes

Fri., Sept. 5, 8:15 am Connie Auyeung †

St. Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin (m)

Sat., Sept. 6, 8:15 am The Yob Family; Eveleen Lopez †; Emmanuel Barbaroil †; John Chaput †;

Joseph Merkert; Sr. Joan Derry †

Sat., Sept. 6, 5:00 pm Frank Helfrich †

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Sept. 7, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish

10:00 am Eleanor Jekot † 5:00 pm Matthew Tarantino †

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.

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/faithformation/. 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

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.



Register

Confirmation (2 Year Program Grades 7 & 8

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

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

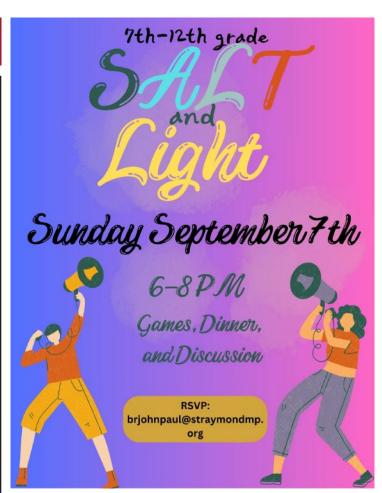
Many of you know me as I had a few hats in the past at St. Raymond: I did the Children's Liturgy of the Word before COVID; I chaired the hospitality committee for the school; I hosted art and cooking classes or summer camps for many St. Raymond children and teenagers; I painted a few commissions as a 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 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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FOOD DRIVE

Thank you for all your generous donations to our August Food Drive. While the drive is ending, you can always...



DOMINICAN CORNER

Diaconate Ordination 9/13/25

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

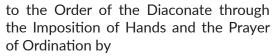
Benedict Mary Bartsch, O.P.

Francis Dominic Nguyen, O.P.

Philip Neri Gerlomes, O.P.

Luke Maria Lee, O.P.

John Paul Puschautz, O.P.



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 https://opwest.org/blog/ diaconate-ordinations-2025.











TEN NEW NOVICES



The Western Dominican Province is grateful to introduce to you our newest class of 10 novices, who received the Dominican habit this Thursday night in a private ceremony:

Br. Moses Paul Br. Charbel Ambrose Br. Edward Br. John Gabriel Br. Bede Br. Jacob Mary Br. Clement Br. Isaac Maria Br. Joshua Matthew Br. Paul Mary

To all of you who signed up to be a Novice Prayer Partner, thank you. Please continue to pray for these young men as they spend the next year discerning their vocation to the Order of Preachers.





Come and See Retreat September 13, 2025

DISCERNING YOUR VOCATION TO LOVE OPNUNSMENLO.ORG/RETREAT-DAY

Dominican Duns 1 Menlo Park CA







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, rain or shine, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall). Feel free to join us and learn more about the Legion of Mary.

WALKING WITH YOU

throughout the Bay Area

Caring for the Whole Person, Every Step of the Way

Parishes and local organizations are ready to support men, women, children. and families—offering care that respects human dignity, from conception to every stage of life—we are here to walk with you.

Services Available in San Mateo, Organizations Ready to Help: SF, and Marin County:

- Faith-based parish ministries
- Free and low-cost medical clinics
- · Women's healthcare and prenatal services
- Youth sports programs
- Pregnancy support and parenting resources
- Housing & shelter assistance
- Immigration legal aid
- Food, clothing and job support
- Reproductive grief care
- · Wraparound resources for survivors of domestic violence
- · Support for victims of crime and incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals
- · Aging and senior services

- Bella Primary Care Medically licensed clinic
- Catholic Charities Family support, housing services, legal aid for immigrants
- Gabriel Project Parish-based support for pregnant moms and newborns
- St. Anthony Foundation Meals, job training, medical, residential and other recovery services
- St. Vincent de Paul Society-Homeless shelters and housing assistance, domestic violence resources for survivors
- Order of Malta Clinic of Northern California- Free preventive and specialized care for uninsured/underinsured



Scan here for a full directory of service providers, locations and contact information or visit: sfarch.org/care





FATIMA CELEBRATIONS AT NATIVITY

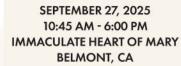
Mass at 7 pm followed by outdoor rosary process and bendiction.

Fri., Sept. 12, Mon., Oct. 13.





DISCOVER GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR FAMILY





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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250 OAK GROVE AVENUE MENLO PARK, CA 94025 \$435⁰⁰

\$395⁰⁰
REGISTER
BY OCT. 15





LOCATION

GO ONLINE: https://delivr.com/2dhnp

OR

Mail your check to: St. Raymond Church
Attention: Women's Retreat
1100 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park CA 94025

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

ROOM

Two nights accommodations & all meals.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: NOVEMBER 15, 2025

Questions? Please Contact:

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Help us reach our goal of 25 participants & save! Register by October 15th.

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Catholic in Recovery St. Raymond Church

1100 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park | PARISH HALL

WEDNESDAYS@ 7:00 p.m.



ENROLL IN THE ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

The Rosary Confraternity of the Catholic Church is a spiritual association, the members of which strive to pray the entire Rosary during the course of each week. They form a union of countless hundreds of thousands of the faithful throughout the world who, along with their own intentions, include the intentions and needs of all other members



of the Rosary Confraternity both living and dead.

To enroll or learn more, visit <u>delivr.com/24aqk</u>. Brochures are also available in the church by the saint card racks.

Low-Gluten Hosts are available at each Mass. Please visit the presiding priest's Communion line to receive the low-gluten host.

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.







A message from Pope Leo about the Approaching Season of Creation-

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The theme of this year's World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, chosen by our beloved Pope Francis, is "Seeds of Peace and Hope". This Day of Prayer will coincide with the 10th anniversary of the publication of the Encyclical Laudato Si'. We celebrate the present Jubilee as "Pilgrims of Hope." This year's theme thus appears most timely. In proclaiming the Kingdom of God, Jesus often used the image of the seed. As the time of his Passion drew near, he applied that image to himself, comparing

himself to the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit (cf. Jn 12:24). Seeds are buried in the earth, and there, to our wonder, life springs up, even in the most unexpected places, pointing to the promise of new beginnings. We can think, for example, of flowers springing up on our roadsides from seeds that landed up there almost by chance. As those flowers grow, they brighten the gray tarmac and



even manage to break through its hard surface. In Christ, we too are seeds, and indeed, "seeds of peace and hope." The prophet Isaiah tells us that the Spirit of God can make an arid and parched desert into a garden, a place of rest and serenity. In his words, "a spirit from on high will be poured out on us, and the wilderness will become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. The work of righteousness will be peace".

These words of the prophet will accompany the "Season of Creation," an ecumenical initiative to be celebrated from 1 September to 4 October 2025. They remind us that, together with prayer, determination and concrete actions are necessary if this "caress of God" is to become visible to our world (cf. Laudato Si', 84). Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience" (Laudato Si', 217). By working with love and perseverance, we can sow many seeds of justice and thus contribute to the growth of peace and the renewal of hope.

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

ANOINTING 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 prayserve-socialize together to keep the fire of our faith growing.

GIVING: ONLINE AND IN PERSON

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