



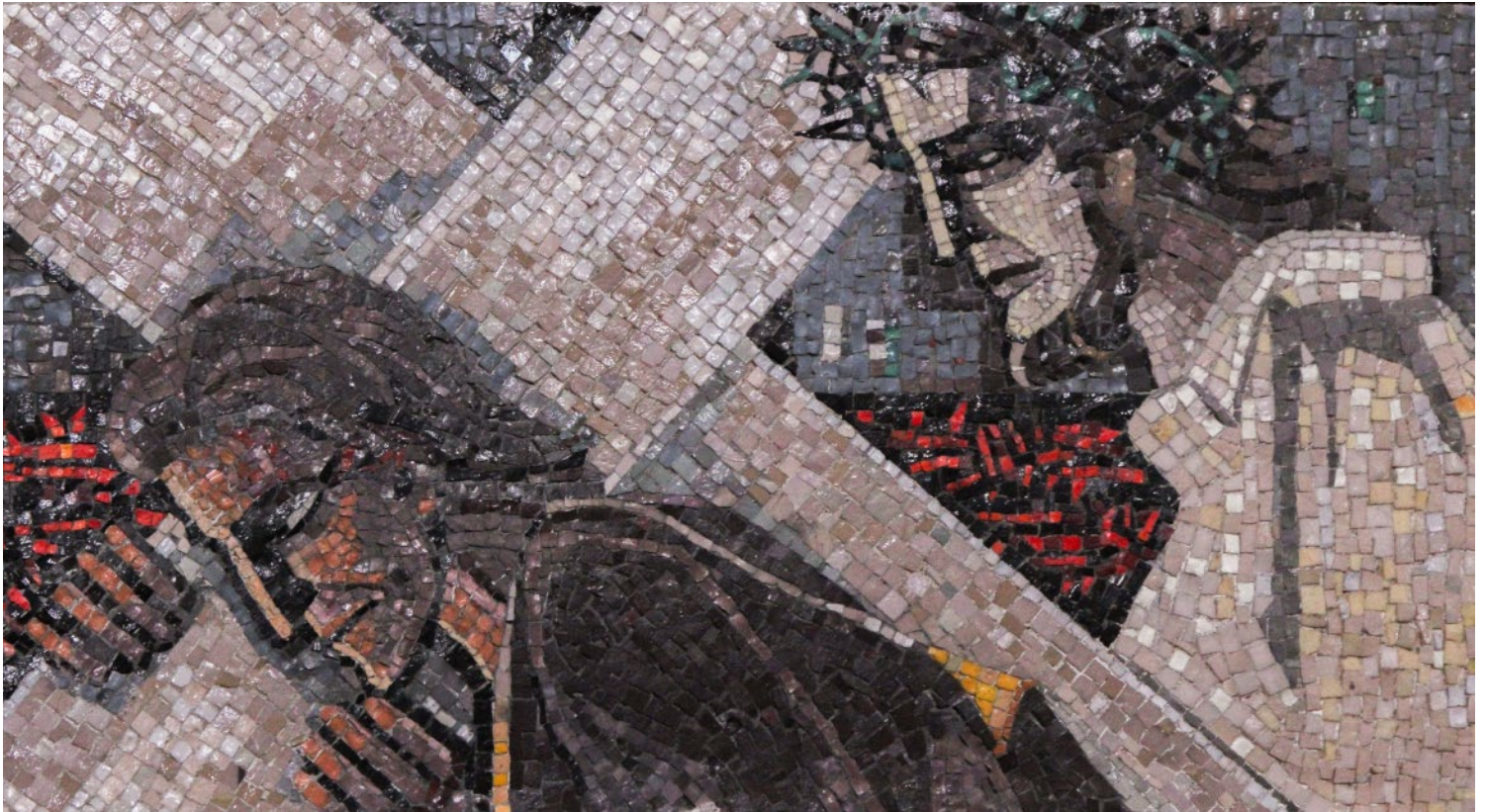
ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 7, 2025



**the
RESCUE
project**

The Rescue Project seeks to proclaim the gospel in a compelling and attractive way over eight weeks in a small group format. All adults and teens are invited to join us in discovering the story. The adventure you were born for beckons!

CREATED. CAPTURED. RESCUED. RESPONSE.

straymondmp.org/rescue



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.

Dates: 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, 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)

MONDAY-SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Hall)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

10:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Catholic in Recovery (p.7)
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
Mercy Night (Confession &
Adoration)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 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 14, 2025

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Catechetical Sunday

Mass Intentions

Sat., Sept. 6, 5:00 pm Bobbie Seagren 🎂

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Sept. 7, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish
10:00 am Eleanor Jekot †
5:00 pm Matthew Tarantino †

Mon., Sept. 8, 8:15 am Legion of Mary members,
Active & Auxiliary

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F)

Tue., Sept. 9, 8:15 am Bonnie Fitzgerald †
St. Peter Claver, Priest (M)

Wed., Sept. 10, 8:15 am Bonnie Morey 🎂

Thu., Sept. 11, 8:15 am Thieman Family, L&D

Fri., Sept. 12, 8:15 am Kim

The Most Holy Name of Mary (m)

Sat., Sept. 13, 8:15 am Dn. Charles Seagren †
St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (M)

Sat., Sept. 13, 5:00 pm Patrick Foote† & Deceased
family members

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Sun., Sept. 14, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish
10:00 am Aurelio Maestrini †
5:00 pm Rhodes & Matesky Families,
L&D

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, Tatsuo Kimura, 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/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>

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>

7th-12th grade
SALT
and
Light

Sunday September 7th

6-8 PM
*Games, Dinner,
and Discussion*

RSVP:
brjohnpaul@straymondmp.org

SPECIAL COLLECTION

ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA

This week our parish will take a collection to benefit the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The AMS is the Archdiocese for the Military Services, not of the Military Services.

This is an important distinction, because the AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or U.S. Military and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. Instead, it must rely on the generosity of those whose values and priorities align with its mission, programs and services, to meet its costs. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this special collection to support active-duty military men and women, and their families – including those from our own parish. Please give generously. Collection boxes are at the side entrances for donations.



delivr.com/2kd5c

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 Puschatz

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.

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 at <https://opwest.org/blog/diaconate-ordinations-2025>.



THERE IS ALWAYS TIME FOR GOD: LEARNING FROM THE WITNESS OF PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

By Nora Kavanagh

I often found it difficult to relate my modern-day struggles to the saints of long ago, until about seven years ago in a high school theology class. We were learning about saints and blessed of the new age, and the process of canonization. That was when I first heard the name Pier Giorgio Frassati.

Frassati was a man from Italy who was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1990. He lived not so long ago, he had friends, he enjoyed dancing and sports, and he was wealthy. Frassati was born to a distinguished senator and notable painter in Turin, Italy in 1901. His family held great prominence in the area and they never concerned themselves with anyone below the Italian political elites.

The poor and needy were of no interest to the Frassati parents, but Pier Giorgio felt differently. When he was a young child, a beggar woman and her son came to ask for help at the Frassati residence. The boy was shoeless. Pier Giorgio's parents turned the woman away with nothing to offer, but the young Pier Giorgio took off his own shoes, giving them to the boy.

He was an avid outdoorsman, taking up hobbies of skiing and hiking. He hiked regularly and brought many friends with him, always allowing time for prayer and even the celebration of Mass at the summit. He also enjoyed social outings. Many times he would challenge young men in bars to a game of billiards, posing the stipulation that if he won, they would have to join him in going to Mass the following day.

Frassati also performed many corporal works of mercy such as serving the poor, widowed, and sick. He provided the poor of his town with meals and clothes, often paid for widows and their children to have a warm place to sleep, and delivered medicine to the homebound. As a result of his work with the sick, he contracted polio. Even in grave illness, he continued to serve, keeping a small ledger book of names at his bedside and instructing his family to bring food or money to those he knew needed it. On the day of his death, he gave his sister the name and address of a man who needed medication delivered to him. He died in 1925 at the age of 24. His funeral was attended by more than 10,000 people, most of whom Frassati had personally served.

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.

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REACH NEW HEIGHTS.



those who hungered and thirsted. This is undoubtedly why Pope John Paul II bestowed the title of “the Man of the Beatitudes” unto Frassati. Here is the key quality that sets him apart from a majority of young people today, myself included:

He made the time for God.

And so, I think of him whenever I reach the summit of a challenging hike or include my faith in a meeting of friends. Though I still have a great devotion to many saints of old, I believe Pier Giorgio helps us recognize that even when we’re busy, even in our hobbies, even when we ourselves are afflicted, there is always time for God.

Pier Giorgio Frassati will be canonized on September 7, 2025 and will be named the patron of young adults and mountaineers. May we all continue to be inspired by this man’s witness and never stop reaching “to the heights.”

I have a poster of Frassati hanging in my room, his short but powerful mantra written across it: “Verso l’Alto”—“to the heights.” Frassati calls us upward, urging us to never stop reaching for God. I believe that researching his firsthand witness made all the difference for me. Because he lived less than a century ago, his world feels close to ours — his clothes, his writing, his humor and hobbies. We have photographs of him — this relatable man with his walking stick and a pipe in his mouth. Seeing him in such ordinary moments, it dawned on me: I could be a saint. And so could you. All it takes is making the time.

In his short life, Pier Giorgio Frassati served more people than some do in decades. When I learned about him I still wondered, though, why was I so enamored with this new saint? Then it hit me. He still did the things he loved, but included God in every aspect. His life was marked by love and the awareness that since birth, he was blessed with wealth and status. He transformed what could have been a temptation tied to his birthright into a living, breathing embodiment of the Beatitudes, bringing comfort to the poor in spirit and satisfying

Source: <https://bustedhalo.com/features/there-is-always-time-for-god-learning-from-the-witness-of-pier-giorgio-frassati>



Women's Retreat Weekend

Living the Sacraments as Women of Faith

Deepen your relationship with Jesus
through the Sacraments of Initiation, Healing, and Service.

- ✦ Discover ways to live your faith in 2026
- ✦ Presentations, discussions, & reflections on the seven sacraments
- ✦ Connect with a community of Catholic women

Register
Early and
Save!

DATE
JAN 2 - 4
2026

LOCATION
VALLOMBROSA
CENTER
250 OAK GROVE AVENUE
MENLO PARK, CA 94025

COST
\$435⁰⁰
SINGLE
OCCUPANCY
ROOM

\$395⁰⁰
REGISTER
BY OCT. 15

SCAN HERE TO
REGISTER!



REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:
Two nights accommodations & all meals.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER:
NOVEMBER 15, 2025

GO ONLINE: <https://delivr.com/2dhnnp>

OR

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

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Maria Cornell: 650-678-3545, mcornell428@gmail.com
Mary Smith: 415-297-1754, mary@breathoflifecenter.com

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

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THE CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. JAMES



Are you exploring high school options for your son or daughter? Do you want an education that inspires wonder, analytical thinking, a love of truth and a life of virtue? The Chesterton Academy of St. James, a Catholic classical high school in Menlo Park, will be at St. Raymond after the 10 am Mass on Sunday, September 7th. Come learn how Chesterton-St James helps students grow in wisdom, faith, and joy! <https://www.chestertonstjames.org/>



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.

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.

FATIMA CELEBRATIONS AT NATIVITY

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

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

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



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.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
BELMONT, CA

Marriage, an
Icon of God's Love

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Register by August 11 to grab
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Together in Holiness Marriage Conference – Married and engaged couples are invited to the ninth annual *Together in Holiness* marriage conference on September 27, 2025 from 10:45 am – 6:00 pm at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Belmont, CA. This one-day conference will help you strengthen your relationship with your spouse and discover God's plan for your family. Registration: \$64/couple and \$5/child for on-site childcare. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation and the Archdiocese of San Francisco. For more info, visit togetherinholiness.org/sanfrancisco or email jessie@forlifeandfamily.org.

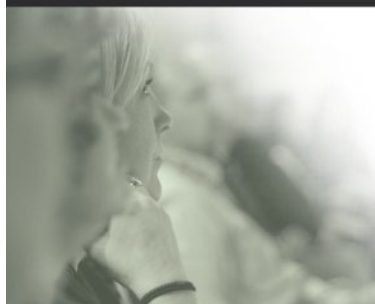
Catholic in Recovery St. Raymond Church

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 or contact
Fr. Jerome at jcudden@straymondmp.org



*St. Raymond Women's
Faith + Study Community
Living in the Father's Love*

FRIDAY EVENINGS

SEPT. 19 – DEC. 12

7:00- 8:30 PM

ST. RAYMOND PARISH HALL

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WE WILL LEARN ABOUT GOD'S WORD THROUGH THE "WALKING
WITH PURPOSE" STUDY, "LIVING IN THE FATHER'S LOVE".

WOMEN OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED.

LET'S DEEPEN OUR CATHOLIC FAITH AND EXPERIENCE WHAT
GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE CAN BRING TO OUR LIVES AND
OTHERS.

Contact Julia Voinche to sign up or for more information.

julialisavoinche@gmail.com

650-444-3052

We look forward to welcoming you!

WHITE MASS FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS



**Celebrated by Archbishop
Salvatore J. Cordileone**

Light reception follows the Mass

For More Info
SCAN HERE!



Friday, October 3, 2025 – 6 p.m.
St Dunstan Catholic Church
1133 Broadway, Millbrae, CA 94030

For more information, scan the QR Code
or visit: sfarch.org/event/2025-white-mass/

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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.

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