

SVdP 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION



ST. RAYMOND
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



The Most Holy Trinity
May 31, 2026



This Week

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026

- 8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration & Confession until 9:15 am
- 3:30 pm Confession until 4:30 pm
- 5:00 pm Mass
- 6:15 pm Young Adults Salsa Workshop (Gym)

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

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

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026

- 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, JUNE 7, 2026

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

Mass Intentions

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| Sat., May 30, 5:00 pm | Patricia Lovett |
| <i>The Most Holy Trinity (S)</i> | |
| Sun., May 31, 8:00 am | Eleanor Jekot † |
| 10:00 am | James Francis Langer † |
| 5:00 pm | St. Raymond Parish |
| Mon., June 1, 8:15 am | Divina Malongo 🎂 |
| <i>St. Justin, Martyr (M) [Week 9 in Ordinary Time]</i> | |
| Tue., June 2, 8:15 am | Sharlene Crader |
| <i>Ss. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs (m)</i> | |
| Wed., June 3, 8:15 am | Harold |
| <i>St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs (M)</i> | |
| Thur., June 4, 8:15 am | Mary Galdes |
| <i>St. Peter Verona, OP, Priest & Martyr (M)</i> | |
| Fri., June 5, 8:15 am | Blach & Derry Families,
L&D |
| <i>St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr (M)</i> | |
| Sat., June 6, 8:15 am | Bob Ford † |
| <i>St. Norbert, Bishop (m)</i> | |
| Sat., June 6, 5:00 pm | Aloysius Cachola † |
| <i>Corpus Christi (S)</i> | |
| Sun., June 7, 8:00 am | Papa & Ruocco Families,
L&D † |
| 10:00 am | Ellie Guardino † |
| 5:00 pm | St. Raymond Parish |

S - Solemnity; **F**- Feast; **M** - Obligatory Memorial; **m** - Optional Memorial; **L&D** - Living & Deceased

Mass Intentions are still available for 2026.

PRAYERS As a parish community we pray for the sick, including: Jackie Archibald, Nony & Penny Bantug, Maureen DeMoss, Esther Falsario, Anna Greco, Janice Hagy, Mark Head, Carolyn DeMarce, Pia Jensen, Sandra Lecha, Bonnie Morey, Rosie & Roger, Anjuli & Rashmi Nunn, Linda Rasmussen, Miguel Rosa, Karel Sykora, the homebound, those in our local hospitals and skilled nursing facilities, those formerly on the list, and those who wish not to be named.

To add a name or to relist a name, please contact the Parish Office.

SVDP 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION

ST. RAYMOND SVDP CONFERENCE - FIFTH SUNDAY COLLECTION - THIS WEEKEND

Every month that includes a fifth Sunday, our parish takes up a special collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Conference at St. Raymond. Your generosity allows us to continue serving neighbors in need within our own community—providing food, rent assistance, clothing, utilities, and compassionate support.

We humbly ask for your support. Your donations make these encounters possible and help us continue this sacred work of bringing Christ to—and receiving Christ from—our neighbors.

Thank you for your continued generosity and prayers.

Donate with the QR code or visit <https://strmp.link/svdp>



Bus to Dn. John Paul's Priestly Ordination

Friday, June 26, 2026

Cost: \$50 (non-refundable)

Itinerary for Friday, June 26, 2026

9:00 am - Depart St. Raymond Parking Lot

St. Dominic Church, San Francisco (Ordination)

Priory of St. Albert the Great, Oakland (Reception)

Return to St. Raymond at around 6:00 pm (depending on Friday evening traffic)

RSVP by June 15

To reserve a seat, use the QR code or visit <https://strmp.link/june26bus>.



ORDINATIONS



The Dominican Friars of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus joyfully announce the Ordinations 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 Priesthood through the Imposition of Hands and the Prayer of Ordination by
The Most Reverend José Gómez
Archbishop of Los Angeles

Friday, June 26, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.
St. Dominic Church, 2390 Bush Street – San Francisco

Reception to follow at Priory of St. Albert the Great,
5890 Birch Court – Oakland

RSVP by June 8th at <https://opwest.org/blog/presbyterate-ordinations-2026>

Dn. John Paul will celebrate his **First Mass at St. Raymond on Sunday, June 28 at 10 am.** All are welcome to join us for this joyful occasion, **followed by a BBQ celebration.** We look forward to celebrating with you!



YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Group (ages 21–40). Looking for community and authentic friendship centered on Christ, or hoping to learn more about the Catholic faith? We meet on the 4th Thursday of every month for our 4D Event: Dinner, Drinks, & Discussion with Dominicans.

Plug into our growing young adult community (by joining our WhatsApp group — scan the QR code!



Young Adults Meetup Mass (YAMM): Every Sunday, young adults meet up after the 10:00 am Mass to enjoy coffee and donuts. Look for the Young Adult table after Mass.



Mary's Garden Summer Camp

- For current 1st-5th graders
(Catholic and non-Catholic welcome)
- August 10-14, 9 AM-3 PM
- At St Raymond Parish Hall
- Tuition: \$290

A summer full of fun, creativity, and faith! Children will act out Gospel stories, bake, paint, build, sing, and pray—discovering the love of Jesus and Mary in a joyful and meaningful way. The program is thoughtfully designed by Faith Formation Director Florence, who brings 15 years of experience leading summer camps.

We have 30 spots only. It will fill out, please register today.



<https://strmp.link/marysgarden>

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St. Raymond Catholic Church

Summer Date Night Challenge

June, July, August 2026

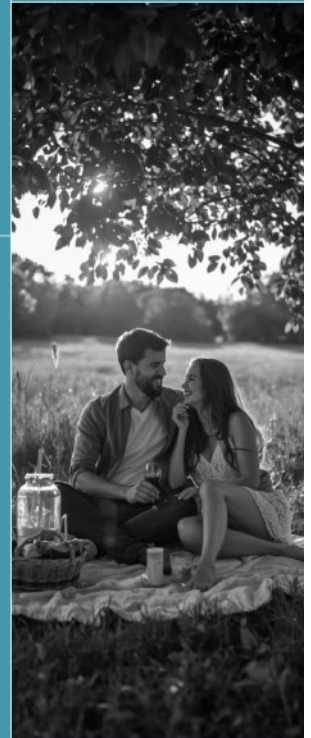
Marriage grows through small, intentional moments. This summer, commit to one date per month for three months and watch how simple connection can renew your marriage.

How It Works

1. Sign up for the Summer Date Night Challenge.
2. Go on one date each month in June, July, and August.
3. At the beginning of each month, you'll receive an email with date night ideas and simple conversation starters.
4. Enjoy your date—keep it simple and meaningful.
5. Send in a photo of the two of you on your date for a chance to win prizes!

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Sign up today!



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DURING THIS YEAR'S RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK, THE CHURCH INVITES YOU TO LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY, SACRIFICE, AND DEFENSE OF THE FAITH DURING THE CRISTERO WAR.



TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026
7:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

ST. RAYMOND'S PARISH HALL
1100 SANTA CRUZ AVE,
MENLO PARK, CA 94025

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GIFT TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In our Religious Education program, the sixth-grade class finished up the year by testing their Biblical knowledge and earning money to donate to the poor. In the May 17 class session, the students teamed up to answer questions about topics the class covered over the course of the school year, mostly stories from the Old Testament and, where applicable, connections to the New Testament. For each question the kids answered correctly, \$10 was put in an envelope to be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The kids answered almost every question correctly, and every student contributed answers to tough questions. Can you name all ten plagues from Exodus? The sixth graders did.

They raised \$1,040, and after the 10 am Mass, the very thick envelope was delivered to Fr. Jerome. Below are a few of the quiz questions that the students answered correctly. Try your hand at them and see whether you are smarter than a sixth grader. And if you are so inclined, for every question you answer correctly, consider making a donation of \$10 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. You can donate at <https://strmp.link/svdp>.

Selected questions from sixth-grade Religious Education quiz (answers on page 7):

1. True or false: The idea of the “Big Bang” was first proposed by a Catholic priest.
2. True or false: The theory of evolution is incompatible with the Catholic faith.
3. True or false: The human soul arose by evolution.
4. What did Adam say when God asked him whether he ate the forbidden fruit?
5. By what name did God identify himself to Moses in the burning bush?
6. What does that name tell us about God?
7. Name the ten plagues that God imposed on Pharaoh and the Egyptians.
8. How was the plague of the killing of the firstborn different from the other plagues?
9. What are the three types of Mosaic laws?
10. Name some precepts of the Church.
11. Samson was consecrated to God from birth as a -----.


12. Nazirites cannot do what three things?

13. Why did God say the Israelites were better off having occasional judges like Gideon and Samson, rather than a king?

14. True or false: God respected the Israelites’ choice of having a king and allowed them to live with the consequences.

15. Name as many books of the Old Testament as you can, in order. (The sixth graders got six.)

Answers on Page 7.



Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.
St. Raymond Church

Catholic sacramental recovery and fellowship for those seeking freedom from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments.



Catholic in Recovery

FAITH | FREEDOM | FELLOWSHIP

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you've been curious about the Catholic faith, we'd love to have you join us for OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). It's a welcoming group where adults explore what it means to be Catholic—no pressure, just honest conversation and learning together.

Questions? Reach out to **Dn. Tom Kelly** at tfk@sbcglobal.net or 650-670-2200. He's happy to answer any questions you might have.

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.

DOMINICAN CORNER

CAN WE UNDERSTAND THE TRINITY?

Br. Anthony Maria Akerman, O.P., reflects on the Gospel for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (John 3:16-18).

"In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." You'll hear this Trinitarian formula in every Catholic prayer, blessing, or baptism, and even at each Mass. But what does it actually mean?

Too often, I think, there's a tendency to regard the Trinity as something to be believed but not to be understood. It's a mystery, we're told, and we take that to mean: *don't think too hard or look too closely.*

But what a shame! The doctrine of the Trinity is the most foundational truth of our faith. And understanding it is crucial for how we think about God and our own salvation.

To unlock the meaning of this mystery, one of the best places to begin is the opening line from John's Gospel. "In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Do you see the paradox? The Word is *with* God but also the Word *is* God. The key to this fascinating passage is the word: *Word.*

In Greek, it's the term *logos*. It can mean reason, or concept, or thought. So this "*logos*" that is with God from the beginning and that *is* God is nothing other than God's own perfect knowledge of Himself. Later in the same chapter this "Word" is also called "Son." The Son of God is not a separate entity as if we are dealing with two different beings. Rather, God's only-begotten Son is God because He is God's perfect knowledge of Himself.

Likewise, the Holy Spirit is not something *extrinsic* or outside of God. Instead, just as the Son is the Father's perfect knowledge of Himself, so the Holy Spirit is the love that God has for Himself. The Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son, is perfect love shared within God's own life.

Now think about this. If the Holy Spirit is the love of the Father for His only Son, then if that same Spirit is poured into your heart, what would that make you? If the very divine love of the Father for the Son is given to us, that makes us children of God.

And that's the Good News of our faith! God has given us His Spirit, to make us like His Son, Jesus Christ, so that we too can call God our Father. Once you grasp this, all

of Scripture comes alive with meaning. This is what the Apostles were preaching. This is the faith that has been handed down to us.

God so loved the world that He gave us His only Son. God the Father poured into our hearts the very love that He has for His own Son, adopting us into His own life, so that we, sinful creatures that we are, might not perish but have eternal life with God our Father.



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Answers to selected questions from sixth-grade Religious Education quiz (page 5):

1. True or false: The idea of the "Big Bang" was first proposed by a Catholic priest.

True. The idea of the "Big Bang" was first proposed by a Belgian priest and physicist, Georges Lemaître.

2. True or false: The theory of evolution is incompatible with the Catholic faith.

False. The theory of evolution can be compatible with the Catholic faith insofar as "it inquires into the origin of the human body as coming from pre-existent and living matter." *Humani Generis* (1950 papal encyclical), paragraph 36.

3. True or false: The human soul arose by evolution.

False. The human soul is immaterial (non-physical), and "the Catholic faith obliges us to hold that souls are immediately created by God" (*Humani Generis*).

4. What did Adam say when God asked him whether he ate the forbidden fruit?

He blamed the woman! "The woman whom you put here with me — she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it." (Genesis 3:12)

5. By what name did God identify himself to Moses in the burning bush?

I am who am.

6. What does that name tell us about God?

Credit granted for any answer that gets at God's transcendence over the created world, or contrasts with pagan gods of the ancient world.

7. Name the ten plagues that God imposed on Pharaoh and the Egyptians.

Nile River turns to blood; frogs; gnats; flies; pestilence/death of livestock; boils; hail; locusts; darkness; death of the firstborn.

8. How was the plague of the killing of the firstborn different from the other plagues?

It required the Israelites to affirmatively make an act of faith to avoid the plague (make the Passover sacrifice and apply the blood to the doorframe of their home). Similarly, our acts of faith obtain for us the benefits of Christ's sacrifice.

9. What are the three types of Mosaic laws?

Moral, civil, and ceremonial laws.

10. Name some precepts of the Church.

Attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation; confess your sins at least once a year; receive Holy Communion at least during the Easter season; observe the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence; provide for the material needs of the Church.

11. Samson was consecrated to God from birth as a -----.

Nazirite (one who has undertaken a certain type of devotion to God, provided for in the Mosaic law in Numbers 6:1-8).

12. Nazirites cannot do what three things?

Drink wine/eat grapes; cut their hair; touch a dead body.

13. Why did God say the Israelites were better off having occasional judges like Gideon and Samson, rather than a king?


God said a king would oppress them — send their sons to war, tax them, and make them slaves. (1 Samuel 8)

14. True or false: God respected the Israelites' choice of having a king and allowed them to live with the consequences.

True. God respects our choices, even our bad ones, because God respects our humanity, and our free will is part of how we are made in God's image. "[Y]ou will cry out because of the king whom you have chosen, but the Lord will not answer you on that day." (1 Samuel 8:19)

15. Name as many books of the Old Testament as you can, in order. (The sixth graders got six.)

Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges (for more, look in the table of contents of your Bible).



HELPLINES FOR CLERGY/CHURCH SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIMS

(415) 614-5506 This number is answered by Rocio Rodriguez, LMFT, Archdiocesan Pastoral Outreach Coordinator. This is a secured line and is answered only by Rocio Rodriguez.

(415) 614-5503 If you wish to speak to a non-archdiocesan employee please call this number. This is also a secured line and is answered only by a victim survivor.

(800) 276-1562 Report sexual abuse by a bishop or a bishop's interference in a sexual abuse investigation to a confidential third party. www.reportbishopabuse.org

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.

GIVING: ONLINE AND IN PERSON

Make stewardship simple with eGiving! Set up secure automatic donations using your credit card, debit card, or bank account, and never worry about forgetting your weekly offering again. Manage your giving anytime at straymondmp.org/giving.



LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE

Low-gluten hosts are available at every Mass. Simply join the presiding priest's Communion line to receive one.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Know someone who is homebound or ill? We'd love to connect with them. Our parish family cares for those who cannot join us for Mass, bringing the comfort of faith directly to their homes. Please contact the parish office at (650) 323-1755 so we can reach out and provide the ministry they need.

ST. RAYMOND PARISH

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

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