



# ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time- June 28, 2026



# This Week

## SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 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 28, 2026

- 8:00 am Mass
- 10:00 am Fr. John Paul's First Mass followed by BBQ, 🍷 & 🍩
- 5:00 pm Mass

## MONDAY-SATURDAY

- 8:15 am Mass

## MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2026

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

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026

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

## FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2026

- 8:15 am Mass
- Parish Office Closed 🇺🇸 🌟

## SATURDAY, JULY 4, 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, JULY 5, 2026

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

# Mass Intentions

- Sat., June 27, 5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish  
*13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
- Sun., June 28, 8:00 am Expedito "Dity" Tavora † & Rosario Tavora (healing)  
10:00 am Angel Delgadillo †  
5:00 pm Eleanor Jekot †
- Mon., June 29, 8:15 am Expedito "Dity" Tavora † & Rosario Tavora (healing)  
*Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles (S)*
- Tue., June 30, 8:15 am Maurice Galvez † & Christine Galvez  
*First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church (m)*
- Wed., July , 8:15 am Bernadette Marcu 🍰 & Family  
*St. Junipero Serra, Priest (m)*
- Thur., July 2, 8:15 am Arleen Gee 🍰
- Fri., July 3, 8:15 am Jocelyn Punzal (healing)  
*St. Thomas, Apostle (F)*
- Sat., July 4, 8:15 am Pia Jensen (healing)
- Sat., July 4, 5:00 pm Ed Kennedy † & Sharon Kennedy Gerlach †  
*14th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
- Sun., July 5, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish  
10:00 am Connie Auyeung †  
5:00 pm Luisa Clementina Alva †

**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, Margaret Kelly (Dn. Tom's mom), Sandra Lecha, Bonnie Morey, Rosie & Roger Pidena, Anjuli & Rashmi Nunn, Linda Rasmussen, Miguel Rosa, Enrique Diaz Salazar, Esperanza Quintanilla, Varsha Saxena, 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.

Join Us in Celebration

# St. Raymond Front Dedication

Sunday, July 5, 2026

10 AM Mass

Ice Cream Trucks  
& Mimosas  
Following 10 am Mass



## 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.

The South San Mateo Legion of Mary is hosting an outdoor function at St. Raymond Church on Sunday, July 19 at 2 pm. All are invited. Come and learn more about the works of the Legion of Mary.

## PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

This week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Be a sign of hope with your generosity. For more information, visit [www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html](http://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html).

We have new envelopes for collections that don't give us envelopes! These new envelopes are in the pews. Any money deposited in these colored envelopes will go toward the special collection.

Envelopes are now in the pews!

## FR. JOHN PAUL'S GIFT REGISTRY

There's still time to purchase newly ordained Fr. John Paul gifts from his gift registry. Visit [strmp.link/fjppgifts](http://strmp.link/fjppgifts) to see the registry.

You can also make a donation in honor of Fr. John Paul to help support his Dominican brothers in formation. Visit [strmp.link/fjpdonate](http://strmp.link/fjpdonate).

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!

Your marriage is worth it.

ebwell00@stanford.edu



Sign up today!



# YOUNG ADULTS

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

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



## Young Adult Mass Meet-Up (YAMM)

Every Sunday, young adults:

- 1) Sit at 10 am Mass together (center-right);
- 2) Greet clergy & one another outside Parish Hall;
- 3) Enjoy **FREE** ☕, 🍷, 🍷, & fellowship @ Rose Garden.

**Second Sunday Social (S3)** on Sunday, July 12!  
We brunch after YAMM at 11:30 am downtown.



## 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. Contact Dn. Tom Kelly at [tfk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tfk@sbcglobal.net) or 650-670-2200. He's happy to answer any questions you might have.

From June 13–19, 13 youth and 5 chaperones from St. Raymond joined 15 youth and 7 chaperones from Virginia for a mission trip in Eastern Shore, VA.

During the week, our youth served the local community in a variety of ways while growing in faith and friendship. Highlights were daily Mass with migrant workers, daily Adoration and Rosary prayer, and the strong bonds formed between the two youth groups.

The teens gleaned enough broccoli to fill 150 bags for local food banks, painted and cleaned homes for elderly residents, and visited a senior care facility where they shared music, prayed with residents, and accompanied those who received the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Throughout the summer, we will share brief testimonies from participants reflecting on the many graces and blessings they experienced during this mission trip.



"Participating in this mission trip was a deeply meaningful experience. Serving migrant families at Mass and spending time with them, despite facing significant challenges, was a privilege. Their trust in God despite difficulties inspired me to serve with greater compassion and humility.

This experience helped me see the universal nature of the Catholic faith. Working alongside fellow volunteers also gave me a sense of community as Christ calls us to do. Most importantly, this mission trip, through service, prayer, and the people I met, leaving a lasting impact on my life.

- Gabriela

# YOUTH SERVICE TRIP RECAP

"My name is Alessandra and this past week I was lucky enough to go on our parish's first mission trip to the Eastern Shore of Virginia. When I first heard about the trip, I was nervous to be away from my parents and I was nervous that I wouldn't make friends with the high school group we'd be meeting up with. But after just a few days with the other group, it felt like we'd known each other for years.

Working with the migrants was an amazing opportunity to improve my Spanish skills and help make their jobs a little bit easier. When we weren't working or helping other people in the community, we were all together, either in Adoration or Mass. This mission trip exceeded my expectations and inspired me to grow even closer to God because of the many people I felt were so impacted by Him in their lives. Even after the mission trip, we all text every day asking if anyone has prayer intentions, we try to FaceTime and say the Rosary together as well. We all promised to keep in touch because when you make connections with people and Christ is at the center of it, it never breaks."

— Alessandra



...perience that strengthened both my faith and my sense of community. Through the children of migrants, I witnessed the resilience, gratitude, and faith of people from different cultural circumstances inspired me to reflect on my own blessings and approach life

...Catholic Church, bringing together people from different backgrounds through a mission trip deepened my relationship with God by allowing me to encounter Him through prayer. This trip deepened my relationship with God by allowing me to encounter Him through prayer. This trip deepened my relationship with God by allowing me to encounter Him through prayer."

## RELIGIOUS FREEDOM WEEK

### Speaker recounts little known history of Mexico's Catholic resistance to brutal persecution

By Valerie Schmalz, Director of the Office of Human Life & Dignity.

This year is the 100th anniversary of the start of Mexico's Cristero Counterrevolution—a three-year resistance 1926-1929 by ordinary Catholics against a virulent, profane anti-Christ government persecution aimed at destroying the Catholic Church.

At least 25,000 Mexicans died during the Cristero Counterrevolution 100 years ago, but the story is even more heartbreaking than those numbers indicate, said **Father Javier Olivera Ravasi**, the author of the book "The Cristero Counterrevolution and the Battle for the Soul of Mexico" during a Religious Freedom Week presentation at **St. Raymond Parish** June 23.



The motto of the Counterrevolution was "Viva Christo Rey! Long live Christ the King!"

After the Cristero War was ended with an agreement between the Mexican bishops and the government, another 50,000 Cristero were methodically killed by the government over the next few decades, Father Ravasi said.

"As Catholics, we need to know this history of the Church," Father Ravasi told a crowd gathered in the Menlo Park church. The Cristero War is not taught in Mexico's schools and is rarely mentioned in American history classes, he noted.

Father Ravasi, an Argentinian, is a co-founder of the Order **6** St. Elijah, a society of apostolic life. He is currently

in residence at Star of the Sea Parish and will become administrator of St. Monica/St. Thomas the Apostle parishes in San Francisco on July 1.

Father Ravasi recounted stories of the martyrs of the Cristero War and shared some of the history that led to the Cristero War and its aftermath.

For at least one American of Mexican descent, Father Ravasi's talk elicited an emotional response.

"I found the evening incredibly insightful and meaningful. This period of history is especially personal to me because my great grandmother lived through the Cristero War and shared stories of her experiences growing up in the municipality of Unión de Tula, Jalisco," said Saul Perez, who organized the event. "When the military came through, they would hide the girls," he said to protect them. Perez is the social action/digital media coordinator of the Office of Human Life & Dignity which sponsored the event.

"She would tell me how, as a young girl living on her family's ranch, they had to hide her and their religious items when Mexican military forces would pass through the area, as Catholic communities faced persecution and violence during that time," Perez said.

"What makes this history even more meaningful is that the parish priest from Unión de Tula during that period was St. Rodrigo Aguilar Alemán, a martyr of the Cristero War," Perez said.

**St. Rodrigo Aguilar Alemán**, buried in Unión de Tula, is one of six Mexican martyrs canonized by Pope St. John Paul II on May 21, 2000. All were priests and members of the Knights of Columbus. St. Rodrigo was hanged Oct. 28, 1927, but not before being asked three times by the soldiers in an attempt to get him to deny his faith: "Who are you hailing?" they asked. Each time, he responded confidently, "Christ the King and Saint Mary of Guadalupe!"

The brutality and stories of martyrs and heroes of that time can be found in Father Ravasi's book.

The history of conflict between the forces of secularization and the Catholic Church dated back through the 19th century and earlier, Father Ravasi recounted. The Cristero Counterrevolution was sparked after the Mexican bishops suspended all sacraments Aug. 1, 1926 in response to the President Elias Calles' brutal suppression of Catholicism that shut down convents and monasteries, enforced government oversight and control of priests, prohibited religious expression except within churches under direct government supervision, barred foreign priests, expropriated Church property and prohibited Church ownership of property and more.

The official denial of sacraments lasted for three years and was finally lifted because of Church leaders' fear that the people were without the sacraments and were becoming used to living without them. Pope Pius XI later regretted the agreement because it gained nothing for the people and kept the restrictions in place with just a promise they would not be enforced, Father Ravasi told the group.

"It was the Catholic population that rose up and fought for the Church without depending on its hierarchy," Father Ravasi writes in his history, and that laity in obedience laid down arms, he said. "Peace was needed."

The secular Constitution of 1917 remains in force in Mexico. Many of Mexico's anti-clerical laws were only repealed in the 1990s after Pope St. John Paul II's visit in 1979, said Edward Clancy, outreach director for Aid to the Church in Need. The pope demanded that priests be allowed to wear their collars in public and celebrate a public Mass in the soccer stadium—both actions that were still illegal at that time. Vatican-Mexico diplomatic relations were restored in 1992 after more than a century of estrangement.

In California, two orders of contemplative nuns came to San Francisco to escape the brutal regime. Today, we are blessed to have the Carmelites of Cristo Rey, located on Parker Avenue near St. Ignatius Church and the Monastery of Perpetual Adoration on Ashbury Street.

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



## Mary's Garden Summer Camp


- For current 1st-5<sup>th</sup> 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>



 **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](http://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](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

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK, BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, & FUNERALS** - Please contact the parish office at 650-323-1755 or email [office@straymondmp.org](mailto: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](http://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

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