



ST. RAYMOND
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26, 2025



RELATIONSHIP SURVEY

What? Anonymous Relationship Survey, developed with scholars at Harvard's Human Flourishing Program.

Why? Help us understand how we can better serve couples and families in our parish.

Who? Everyone over 18 years old.

How long? 2-3 minutes.

When? Now until Oct. 26.

Where? <https://delivr.com/2gkat>



Senior Bingo

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

12:15 pm - Senior Mass
1:00 pm - Bingo & Lunch



**ST. MARTIN DE PORRES
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SATURDAY, NOV. 1, 9:30 AM**

This Week

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 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, OCTOBER 26, 2025

- 8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Pre-K to 6 Religious Education
10:00 am Mass followed by ☕ & 🍩
1:00 pm CROP Hunger Walk
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm BEaST Youth Ministry

MONDAY-SATURDAY

- 8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025

- 6:00 pm Legion of Mary
6:30 pm Rescue Project

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2025

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025

- 8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration & Confession until 9:15 am
9:30 am Blessing of the Animals
3:30 pm Confession until 4:30 pm
5:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

- 8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Pre-K to 6 Religious Education
10:00 am Mass followed by ☕ & 🍩
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm BEaST Youth Ministry

Mass Intentions

Sat., Oct. 25, 5:00 pm Simone Yecny †

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Sun., Oct. 26, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish
10:00 am Scherba & Duffy Families, L&D
5:00 pm Aldo Dossola †

Mon., Oct. 27, 8:15 am Frazier Family, L&D

Tue., Oct. 28, 8:15 am Anne Sarao †

Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles

Wed., Oct. 29, 8:15 am Philip Joseph

Thu., Oct. 30, 8:15 am Guido Budelli †

Fri., Oct. 31, 8:15 am Peggy Cudden 🍰

Sat., Nov. 1, 8:15 am Dan Blach 🍰; Peggy Nelson & Nelson Family, L&D

All Saints (S)

Sat., Nov. 1, 5:00 pm Carmen Moreno 🍰

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls)

Sun., Nov. 2, 8:00 am Dn. Charles Seagren †
10:00 am Deceased members of the Legion of Mary
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, Roger & Rosie, Nora Semaan, Joli Stieber, Connie Sutton, Karel Sykora, Connie Williams, Rosie & Ralph Yob, the homebound, those in our local hospitals and skilled nursing facilities, and those who wish not to be named.

To add a name, please contact the Parish Office.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Book of Remembrance will be available again starting Saturday, November 1, before the 5 PM Vigil Mass.

4th Annual *CHICKEN DRIVE*



For just \$15.00 you can provide the main course for a family.

Visit straymondmp.org/chicken, use the QR code provided, or drop a check off at the parish office.



Dominican Tour of St. Dominic's and St. Albert's Priory

November 15, 2025
Feast Day of St. Albert the Great

Join us for a special pilgrimage to two significant Dominican sites in the Bay Area! We'll visit St. Dominic's in San Francisco and St. Albert's Priory in Oakland, home to the house of studies for the Western Dominican Province.

Our tour will be led by Fr. Bart Hutcherson, O.P., pastor of the Catholic Community at Stanford, who will share insights into Dominican spirituality and history at both locations.



What makes this day even more special? November 15th is the feast day of St. Albert the Great, making it the perfect time to visit the priory dedicated to this great Dominican saint and Doctor of the Church.

Details:

- Bus transportation provided from St. Raymond Church and back
- Departs in the morning (9:30 am) and returns in the afternoon (3:30pm).
- Lunch included

\$60

Pay Online: <https://delivr.com/2pgnh> or call the Parish Office.

Questions? Contact Fr. Antony at franTony@straymondmp.org.



BEaST

(Be A Saint!)

Youth Retreat

CALLED TO BE HAPPY & HOLY

AGE GROUP:
8-12th Graders

DATE:
Friday, Nov. 14th - Sunday, Nov. 16th

LOCATION:
Redwood Christian Park,
Boulder Creek, CA

DROP OFF / PICK UP:
4pm - St. Raymond Catholic Church
<https://delivr.com/2qnzj>

COST:
\$250 per registrant*

*QUESTIONS OR IN NEED OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?
BR. JOHN PAUL: BRJOHNPAUL@STRAYMONDMP.ORG

FAITH FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER:

This upcoming Sunday we will have a special All Saints' Day celebration for children in PreK-6th grade. Dressed up as their favorite saint, each child will give a short presentation in class. Afterwards, they'll join together in a joyful procession at the 10:00 AM Mass—a beautiful "parade of saints" entering the church!

BEAST YOUTH MINISTRY:

We had a beautiful Rite of Welcoming for our confirmandi last Sunday at the 5:00 PM Mass—thank you to all who participated!

In our upcoming weekly gatherings (Sundays, 6:00-8:00 PM for 7th-12th grade), we'll enjoy:

- A dance class with the Catholic Dance Crew
- Another service project
- Alpha Youth sessions
- And more!

SAVE THE DATES:

- Nov. 9, 6:00-8:00 PM: Parent Dinner – "Dominican Wisdom with French Food" Hosted by Fr. Jerome and Florence for all parents of youth (7th-12th grade).
- Nov. 14-16: Annual Youth Retreat (in the Santa Cruz Mountains) A team of nine dedicated chaperones is finalizing the details—games, talks, food, hikes, and even Mass in the woods! You won't want to miss it. Visit <https://delivr.com/2qnzj> or scan the QR code to register. Priority registration for our BEaSTs ends this Sunday.

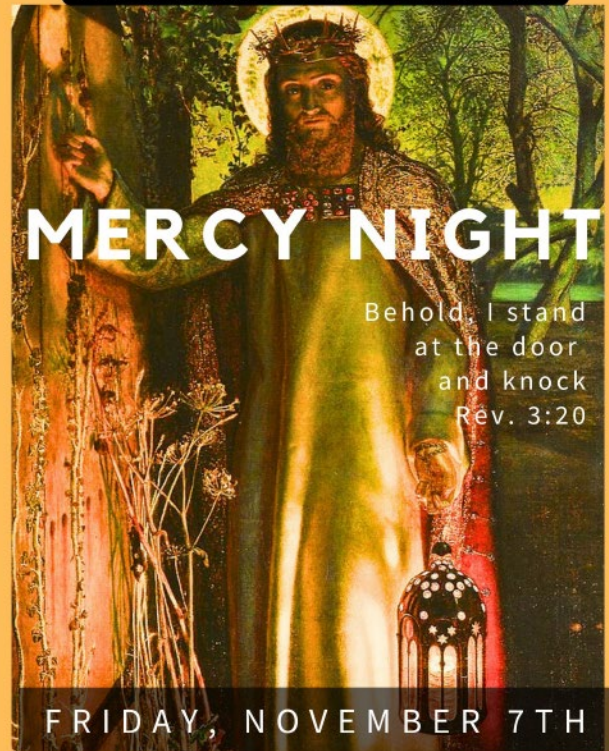


MISSION TRIP TO BRAZIL – NEXT JUNE:

If you have a high-schooler who has been participating in BEaST and/or plans to attend the youth retreat, keep an eye out for an upcoming email with more details and the start of the application process.

If you have any questions, feel free to email Florence.debretagne@straymondmp.org.

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



JOIN US IN
CARDINAL COUNTRY!

a night in
NASHVILLE

MENLO CIRCUS CLUB

NOV. 8 2025

OCT. 22

PLEASE VISIT
<https://straymondschool.schoolauction.net/auction/2025/homepages/show>

TO CONTRIBUTE AND RSVP.

an auction to benefit the children of St. Raymond school

5:30 p.m.
Appetizers, Cocktails
and Silent Auction

8:00 p.m.
Dinner and
Live Auction

10:00 p.m.
Dancing and
Late Night Celebration

The St. Raymond School Auction is our largest annual fundraiser, and a wonderful community building event. If financial assistance would make it possible for you to attend, please contact Mr. Roderick Harrison in the school office.



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



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. 28

SCAN HERE TO
REGISTER!



REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:
Two nights accommodations & all meals.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER:
NOVEMBER 15, 2025

Questions? Please Contact:
Yvette Gilardi: 650-248-4139, yvettegilardi@comcast.net
Maria Cornell: 650-678-3545, mcornell428@gmail.com
Mary Smith: 415-297-1754, mary@breathoflifecenter.com

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

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

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

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Memorial Mass and Healing Liturgy for Miscarriage and Infant Loss

November 8, 2025, 10:30 am
Mater Dolorosa Church, 307 Willow Ave,
South San Francisco, CA



Please RSVP at sfarch.org/event/miscarriage2025/
For more information contact prolife@sfarch.org

WOMEN'S RETREAT TESTIMONIAL

When Fr. Jerome announced at Mass that there would be a Women's Retreat entitled Living in Hope Through Every Season of Life, I thought, "That's just right for me!" since I had recently retired and was an empty nester with young grandchildren. At the lovely Vallombrosa Retreat Center nearby? I signed up right away.

Later, I thought about the fact that I didn't know anyone else who would be there. It turns out, most people didn't know anyone prior to the retreat. However, we left with friends and many familiar faces that I see at Mass.

The retreat was well-organized and balanced—many thoughtful details, moments to think and reflect, and so many interesting speakers. This diversity reflected the women there—from all seasons of life. There were young mothers, women with kiddos in school, and grandmothers and great-grandmothers. We heard talks from women who raised families and also engaged in church activities throughout their lives. I learned that it is never too late to get more involved in service through our church. As we got to know each other and saw many commonalities among ourselves, our discussions became more lively and interesting. The pace was just right—some talking, some reflecting—the day flew by.

We did a "walking Rosary" through the grounds of Vallombrosa and wound up across the street at the Corpus Christi Monastery, where we continued our prayers. We could see the cloistered nuns across the altar and paused for adoration of the Holy Eucharist as well. This activity, in the group of at least fifteen women, enlivened the prayer experience for me and made me feel even more connected to people, place and time.

I'd highly recommend starting the New Year of 2026 with the next Women's Retreat: *Living the Sacraments as Women of Faith*, organized by the same group of wonderful women, on January 2-4, 2026. Looking forward to meeting you there!

- Pamela Foster

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On October 1, 2025, Pope Leo XIV addressed the "Raising Hope" conference on the 10th anniversary of the encyclical *Laudato Si'*.

"Dear friends, let your faith inspire you to be bearers of the hope that comes from recognizing the presence of God already at work in history. Let us recall how Pope Francis described St. Francis of Assisi: He 'lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself. He shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace' (*Laudato Si'*, 10).

May each of us grow in these four relationships — with God, with others, with nature and with ourselves — through a constant attitude of conversion. Integral ecology thrives on all these relationships. Through our commitment to them, we can grow in hope by living out the interdisciplinary approach of *Laudato Si'* and the call to unity and collaboration that flows from it.

We are one family, with one Father, who makes the sun to rise and sends rain on everyone (cf. Mt 5:45). We inhabit the same planet, and we must care for it together. I, therefore, renew my strong appeal for unity around integral ecology and for peace!

It is encouraging to see the variety of organizations represented at this conference, as well as the wide range of organizations that have joined the *Laudato Si'* Movement and the Platform for Action. I would like to conclude with a question that concerns each of us. God will ask us if we have cultivated and cared for the world that he created (cf. Gen 2:15), for the benefit of all and for future generations, and if we have taken care of our brothers and sisters (cf. Gen 4:9; Jn 13:34). What will be our answer?"



--Pope Leo XIV's first address on climate change
<https://www.vatican.va/content/leoxiv/en/speeches/2025/October/documents/20251001-conferenza-mariapoli.html>

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

God took me up on my offer to do "anything You ask of me, Lord". He has quite a sense of humor. He asked me to do something I find really hard, getting up early in the morning. I consider 6 AM early. But, the harder something is, the more blessings. So, I found myself at 40 Days with Jessica Munn at just before 7 AM on a cold damp morning.

But the blessings were there! As we were saying our rosary a young woman about 17 or 18 stopped and faced us. We stopped our prayers and said, "good morning". She then told us her mother was a pastor and that we were doing God's work and being great examples of God's love. She went on with more encouragement and thanks for our presence there! Finally, she blessed us and left. We were very surprised and delighted.

Soon a man in his 40s stopped and said we were in the right place—praying outside of the "tower of Baal". He went on about the evil being done there and that our presence was going to make a difference. Again, we were surprised and delighted!

We went on to complete our rosary and as we were finishing, the shadow of a cross appeared on the fence across the street. It stayed there about 15 minutes, not moving or changing shape. We tried to find what could be the source of the shadow, but none of the poles were in the right place or turned the right direction to cast this shadow. Then it disappeared as quickly as it had appeared. That was just as we were finishing our rosary.

It was one early (for me) morning I will cherish.

- Judy C.

THE CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. JAMES

Chesterton Academy of St. James, a classical Catholic High School in Menlo Park, invites you to join us for a fundraising recital on Saturday, **November 22 from 2:00-4:00 PM**



at St. Raymond Catholic Church, benefiting the senior and junior class pilgrimage to Rome. Enjoy the musical and artistic talents of our students, delicious homemade treats, and make a life-changing pilgrimage possible for our youth. The pilgrimage will allow students to experience the heart of the Universal Church during the Holy Triduum and the Easter Octave.

Don't miss this incredible opportunity to make a difference! RSVP now! bit.ly/43dy424.

THE DOMINICAN BLACK & WHITE

CELEBRATING 175 YEARS IN THE WEST

DECEMBER 6, 2025 | 6:00 P.M.
PALACE HOTEL, SAN FRANCISCO

TICKETS AND SPONSORSHIPS ARE LIMITED.
SECURE YOURS NOW AT [OPWEST.ORG/GALA](https://opwest.org/gala)

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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.



Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meets every Monday at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center. Feel free to join us and learn more about the Legion of Mary.



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.

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

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in Recovery**





CHESTERTON ACADEMY
OF ST. JAMES

You're Invited to

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. JAMES' ROME PILGRIMAGE FUNDRAISER



Tickets are free! Entertainment provided by our talented students for a free-will donation. All proceeds will go to fund the 2026 Senior Rome Pilgrimage and future pilgrimages. Your gift will change lives!



Nov 22nd, 2025



2:00PM - 4:00 PM



St. Raymond's Parish Center

1100 Santa Cruz Ave. Menlo Park

Join us for an inspiring afternoon of music, art & scrumptious sweets!

Baked Goods & Refreshments

Student Performances



RSVP @
bit.ly/43dy424

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.

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.

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