



ST. RAYMOND
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



All Souls
November 2, 2025

All Saints



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? Due to popular demand, now until Sunday, Nov. 3!

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



Senior Bingo

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

12:15 pm - Senior Mass

1:00 pm - Bingo & Lunch

This Week

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

MONDAY-SATURDAY

- 8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025

- 10:00 am Bible Study
- 12:15 pm Senior Mass followed by Bingo/ Lunch
- 7:00 pm Catholic in Recovery (p.7)
- 7:00 pm Holy Hour (Adoration & Confession)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025

- 7:00 pm Mercy Night until 8:30 pm

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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, NOVEMBER 9, 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 & Parent Dinner

Mass Intentions

Sat., Nov. 1, 8:15 am Dan Blach 🍰; Peggy Nelson & All Saints (S) Nelson Family, L&D; Ralph Yob †

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

Mon., Nov. 3, 8:15 am Deceased relatives & friends of Mr. & Mrs. Alexander J. Hofstrom

St. Martin de Porres, OP, Religious (F); 31st Week in Ordinary Time

Tue., Nov. 4, 8:15 am Joan & Bud Clarence Ferrari
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop (M)

Wed., Nov. 5, 8:15 am Connie Auyeung †
12:15 pm Aldo Dossola †; Ralph Yob †; Mary Shepherd †; Lorraine Macchello †; Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P. †; Lynn Bacon †

Thu., Nov. 6, 8:15 am Ralph Yob †

Bl. Bonaventure Garcia Paredes, OP, Hyacinth Serrano Lopez, OP, Priests, & Companions, Martyrs (m)

Fri., Nov. 7, 8:15 am Blach & Derry Families, L&D
All Saints of the Order of Preachers (F)

Sat., Nov. 8, 8:15 am All Souls †

Sat., Nov. 8, 5:00 pm Mark Daschbach & Family

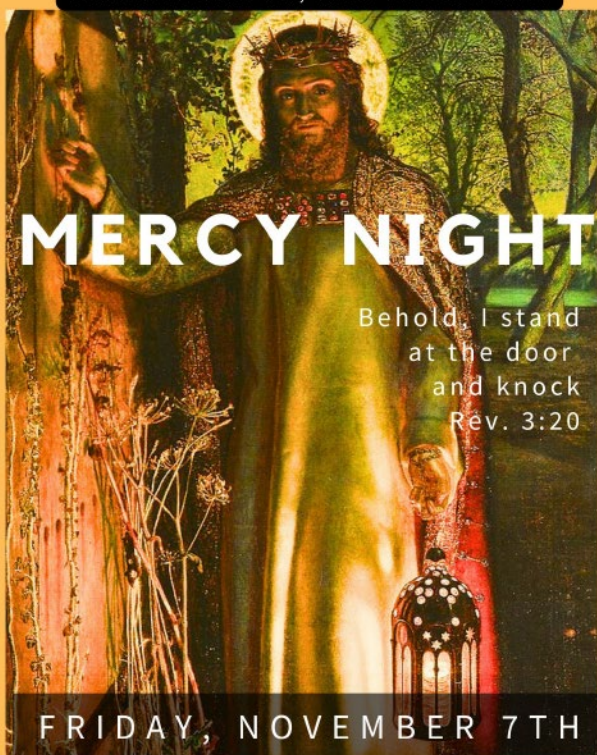
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (F)

Sun., Nov. 9, 8:00 am Dity Tavora †
10:00 am Stephanie Lois Lane 🍰
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, including: Jackie Archibald, Nony & Penny Bantug, Anda-Louise Bozda, John Caletti, Modesta Cintron, William Cintron, Alessandra Colorado, Suzette Cram, 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, 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.

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



Behold, I stand
at the door
and knock
Rev. 3:20

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

7-8:30 PM

ST RAYMOND, MENLO PARK

Jesus showed up and moved many hearts at our October Mercy Night. If you are looking for a breakthrough in your spiritual life or simply have difficulty praying on your own, join us for Mercy Night this Friday.



BEaST

(Be A Saint!)

Youth Retreat

CALLED TO BE HAPPY & HOLY

AGE GROUP:
8-12th Graders

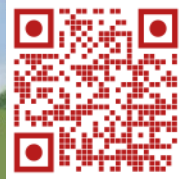
DATE:
Friday, Nov. 14th - Sunday, Nov. 16th

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



With heavy hearts, we announce the passing
of long-time parishioner

Ralph Yob

Per the family's request, there will be no Funeral Mass. Several Masses will be said for him in the upcoming weeks. Please check the Mass Intentions for those Masses.

May enternal rest grant unto him...

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

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

FAITH FORMATION

Happening in the BEaST program this week:

Youth Retreat: We're still accepting registrations for our upcoming youth retreat for 8th-12th graders in the Santa Cruz Mountains, **Nov. 14-16**. Click this link to register (<https://delivr.com/2qnzj>). Don't wait until tomorrow, please sign up today to help us plan accordingly!



Mission trip to Brazil in June: We will have an info session on **Wednesday, Nov. 12** for interested students (9th-12th graders) and their parents in the parish hall. We have posted the description of our project on our website (<https://delivr.com/2exvr>).

Parent's Dinner: The BEaST's parents are invited to the second dinner party hosted by Fr. Jerome and Florence on **Sunday, Nov. 9, 6:00-8:00 pm**. Dominican Wisdom and French Food!

Email florence.debretagne@straymondmp.org if you have any questions.

Religious Education Corner:

All parents are invited to join the parents group with **Br. Scott Norgaard, O.P.** (Chesterton Academy of St. James) and seminarian **Andrew Kelley**. The group meets in the 8th grade classroom of the school, every **Sunday 9:00-9:50 am**, while your children attend their own group. It will equip you to talk about faith at home and to show your support to your children on their faith journey.

Our little singers are invited to join the choir with Lauri Hofstrom for the first 10-15 minutes of the religious education class.

Bring a friend or two!

Our BEaST program and religious education classes welcome your friends. Can you think of one or two people you could invite to our programs? Many people just need a personal invitation. Be that person who invites them! The youth retreat is a great opportunity, besides every Sunday sessions/classes.

SPEAKER SERIES

What is Art?

**Tuesday, November 11,
7:00 pm**

Modern thought is skeptical about our ability to define art, especially given the many exotic forms of contemporary art. Does this feel unsatisfactory to you? Join us on **Tuesday, November 11th at 7 pm**, as **Fr. Anselm Ramelow, O.P.** presents a very substantial definition of art, which is nevertheless able to account for different art forms. Fr. Anselm is one of the professors of philosophy at our own Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, where he teaches our Dominican student brothers.



ST. RAYMOND'S
YOUNG ADULTS (ages 20-40)
4-D: Drinks, Dinner, and Discussion with Dominicans
RSVP in Partiful
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH
6:30-8:30 PM PARISH HALL
Saintsgiving:
Inspired by the Lives of the Saints
Discussion led by Dcn John Paul, OP

We had 65 Young Adults come for our October 4D event where Fr. Antony led a discussion on the Communion of Saints. Join us next Nov. 20 for 4D: Saintsgiving!



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



DATE
JAN 2 - 4
2026

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

COST
\$435⁰⁰
SINGLE
OCCUPANCY
ROOM

\$395⁰⁰
REGISTER
BY NOV. 4TH

SCAN HERE TO
REGISTER!



REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:
Two nights accommodations & all meals.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER:
NOVEMBER 15, 2025

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

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

Help us reach our goal of 25 participants & save! Register by November 4th

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SPECIAL COLLECTION

St. Patrick's Seminary

This week's Special Collection is in support of St. Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. You can donate with the QR code or visit <https://delivr.com/2d9b8>.



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.

WOMEN'S RETREAT TESTIMONIAL

Attending the women's Catholic retreat was truly a profound experience for me. It was deeply moving to see our deep need for God no matter where we are in life. Moreover, each speaker with their unique perspective and life experience enriched the retreat by sharing deeply personal stories and different dimensions of faith and resilience, helping everyone connect on a deeper level. And of course, to top it all off, the retreat featured some amazing food and the opportunity to make wonderful new friends, adding even more joy and connection to the experience. In the end, it was a perfect blend of spiritual growth and heartfelt connections, leaving me with a sense of peace and a smile in my heart.

-M. Martinez

THE 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.



DOMINICAN CORNER

WHY DO WE REFLECT ON OUR OWN DEATH?

By Br. Xavier Marie Wu, O.P.

Do you remember the first time you encountered death?

I do. I remember the first funeral I attended as a kid, the smell of the white paper money burning before the tomb of a relative, the gloomy faces, and the tears in my eyes. This was my first encounter with death.

A thousand questions popped into my mind: What is death? And where do we go after death? But without faith, no one could give me an answer.

Without faith, the mystery of death terrified me. I couldn't sleep. The only way out was to forget, forget death, forget that one day I would be like the one for whom I wept.

Now the Church invites us to do just the opposite — not to forget, but to remember. On All Souls' Day, we remember our deceased loved ones; we pray for them and for all the souls in purgatory; and we ponder our own death. But why?

Of course, death is terrible — it is the violent separation of body and soul, the end of all earthly bonds, the wage of sin.

But we hear and believe that: "This is the will of the Father that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life" (Jn 6:40), and "whoever believes in Him, even if he dies, will live" (Jn 11:25).

Because of Christ, death is no longer the door that closes in behind me and shuts me in darkness, but it is the gate of heaven, a doorway to eternal life.

This is why we mourn for our deceased loved ones yet with the hope of being reunited with them in paradise. This is why we should also mourn for our sins and repent because they are the only things that will sever our union with Jesus and our loved ones.

And so, let us live by the truth and not look away. Let us accept death as Christ accepted it on the cross and say to God today and on the last day, "Father, into your hands I command my spirit."

THE DOMINICAN BLACK & WHITE



CELEBRATING 175 YEARS IN THE WEST

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

<https://opwest.org/gala>

TICKETS AND SPONSORSHIPS ARE LIMITED.
SECURE YOURS NOW AT OPWEST.ORG/GALA

Tickets are now on sale for the Dominican Black & White!

The festive evening will mark — to the hour — the 175th anniversary of the Dominicans' arrival in San Francisco on the night of December 6, 1850. We hope you'll join the friars and many of our friends at this historic event as we celebrate the past and look forward to the future of the Province!

Your attendance and support will raise funds for the expansion of our Novitiate as we welcome a record number of new vocations ready to carry the cross for the salvation of souls.

Our keynote address will be delivered by **Fr. Robert J. Spitzer, S.J.**, a long-time friend of the friars and a renowned author and speaker. His work evangelizing the culture via his award-winning books, leading and teaching at esteemed universities, and numerous media appearances embodies the spirit of Saint Dominic to preach boldly the truth of the Gospel.

We will also present the Alemany Award to **Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone** of San Francisco, who follows in the footsteps of Friar Joseph Sadoc Alemany, O.P., the first archbishop of San Francisco, and **Bishop Michael C. Barber, S.J.**, of Oakland, for their faithful leadership and support of the Dominicans.

Join us for this once-in-a-generation milestone. Tickets and sponsorships are limited, so secure yours now before they run out.

JOIN US IN CARDINAL COUNTRY!

a night in
NASHVILLE

MUSIC CITY
STAGE

NOV. 8 2025

PLEASE VISIT
<https://straymondschool.schoolauction.net/auction/2025/homepages/show>
TO CONTRIBUTE AND RSVP.

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

an auction to benefit the children of St. Raymond school



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. Rudolph Harrison in the school office.



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

 **Catholic
in Recovery**



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



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.

Maybe you grew up Catholic but never got confirmed? You're absolutely welcome too.

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.

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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