



ST. RAYMOND
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



Christ the King
November 23, 2025

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.



St. Raymond
Advent Fair
2025

CRAFTS, HOT DRINKS,
TREATS, ADVENT
WREATH MAKING, AND MORE.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23
11 AM AFTER 10 AM MASS



This Week

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 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 23, 2025

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass followed by ☕ & 🍷
11:00 am Advent Fair (Parish Hall)
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm BEaST Youth Ministry (Optional Service Project)

MONDAY-SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2025

6:00 pm Legion of Mary

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2025

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2025

9:30 am Thanksgiving Mass
Parish Office Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2026

Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 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 30, 2025

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

Mass Intentions

Sat., Nov. 22, 5:00 pm Frank Ahern
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Christ the King)

Sun., Nov. 23, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish
10:00 am Aurelio Maestrini †
5:00 pm Montero & Quinonez Families, L&D

Mon., Nov. 24, 8:15 am Msgr. Harry Schlitt †
Ss. Ignatius Delgado, OP, Bishop, Vincent Liam, OP, Dominic An-Kham, OP, Layman, & Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs (M) (34th Week in Ordinary Time)

Tue., Nov. 25, 8:15 am Gail Blach †
St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr (m)

Wed., Nov. 26, 8:15 am Basilla Cora †

Thu., Nov. 27, 9:30 am Thiemen Family, L&D

Fri., Nov. 28, 8:15 am Blach & Derry Families, L&D

Sat., Nov. 29, 8:15 am Jim Kelly †

Sat., Nov. 29, 5:00 pm Sue Wagstaffe 🍰

First Sunday of Advent

Sun., Nov. 30, 8:00 am Deborah Helkowski †
10:00 am Michael Matthews †
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, 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, Gloria Magozzi, Bonnie Morey, Red Morrow, Anjuli Nunn, Glenn Olsen, Leo Paule, Rosie & Roger, Nora Semaan, Joli Stieber, Connie Sutton, 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.

We also pray for the recently deceased Aldo Dossola, Dr. Ralph Yob, and Jim Kelly, Jr.

To add a name, please contact the Parish Office.

★ THE ST FRANCIS CENTER
HOLIDAY TOY PROGRAM

★ **WISH LIST IDEAS** ★

★ **Participate in the 2025 Giving Tree program!** ★

Large Dolls
Large Trucks
Remote Control Cars
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Large Lego Sets
Robots
Hello Kitty Items
Board Games
Large Stuffed Animals
Disney Dolls
Puzzles
Play-Doh Kits
Barbies
Super Hero Toys
Slime Kits
Bracelet Kits
Pokeman Cards
Blow Dryers
Hair Straighteners
Hair Ties & Hair Brushes

Book for ages 6 to 15 years
Soccer Balls
Headphones
Make up Baskets
Jewelry
Sweatshirts
Tennis Shoes
Ear Buds
Scooters
Art Sets & Art Supplies
Furbys & Plushy Stuff Animals
Building Blocks
Cultural Dolls
Sensory Boxes
\$25.00 Target Gift Cards
Christmas Wrapping Paper & Bows
Large Black Hefty Trash Bags
Packing Tape
Double AA and Triple AAA Batteries

Please take an ornament from the Giving Tree in the Church. Each ornament specifies an age range. Please purchase a new gift for that child and bring it unwrapped to the Church or to the Parish Office **on or before Sunday, December 7.**

Students from St. Raymond School will take the gifts to St. Francis Center in Redwood City. There, families will be able to select items for their children. Your donations help to make a Very Merry Christmas for many local families. Thank you for your support and have a blessed Christmas!

MARCIN KWAŚNY ROWAN POLONSKI CHRISTOPHER SHERWOOD

TRIUMPH of the HEART

THE PASSION OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE



Sunday, December 14
6:15 pm St. Raymond Gym

Tickets: \$10
For tickets, use the QR code or visit
strmp.link/triumph

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

ST. RAYMOND SVDP CONFERENCE - FIFTH SUNDAY COLLECTION

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 recently visited two neighbors at a local trailer park, bringing groceries and essentials. As we parked, we saw one family grilling outside. When we approached with the food, the husband immediately offered us corn on the cob he had just finished grilling. After delivering the food, we stood outside and shared that corn with them. It was perfectly seasoned—and absolutely delicious.

But what struck us most was not the food. It was their generosity. It reminded us in a deep way that our mission is not only about bringing help, hope, and Jesus to others.

Very often, Christ meets us through them—in their kindness, gratitude, and humanity.

As we approach this Fifth Sunday Collection throughout the month of November, 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.

FAITH FORMATION

Youth Retreat:

Last weekend, 37 young people joined us for our very first weekend-away youth retreat—and what an incredible experience it was! The days were filled with blessings, prayer, laughter, and the joy of the sacraments. We are deeply grateful to the chaperones who shared their time and talents, to the parents who entrusted us with their children, and to the youth whose openness made this retreat such a beautiful encounter with God.



Mission Trip:

Applications are now open to all current 8th-12th graders! See details at <https://strmp.link/brazil26>. Hurry up (spots are limited), contact Florence.debretagne@straymondmp.org.

Religious Education:

All families are invited to the Advent Fair taking place after the 10 am Mass this Sunday.

Our next class will be on Dec. 7.

Registrations are still open if you want to invite your friends; it's never too late.

DOMINICAN CORNER

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](https://opwest.org/gala)

Join the Dominican Friars, Archbishop Cordileone, Bishop Barber, Bishop Maekawa, Fr. Robert Spitzer and friends for an incredible evening of dinner and dancing in celebration of 175 years of service in the American West!



Come celebrate this legacy and support our growing novitiate. With a record number of men expressing interest in joining the Order of Preachers, we need your help to prepare for the future of Dominican preaching!

You don't want to miss this historic event. Tickets will sell out soon, so don't wait.

Ticket purchase deadline has been extended through November 26!

Don't Wait. Space is limited!•

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

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

ST
RAYMOND
PARISH

Advent Talk: Praying with Art

with Deacon John Paul Puschultz, OP



December 2nd,
2025
7 PM in St
Raymond Parish
Hall

I will be presenting
my interactive
method of *Visio
Divina*, praying with
art. I will also be
selling and signing
copies of my recently
published book.
"Thus Spake the
Christ: Fifty
Meditations on the
Cross of Jesus"



SIMBANG GABI

FRIDAY, DEC. 19, 2025, 7 PM
MASS & DINNER

SUNDAY, DEC. 21, 2025, 5 PM
MASS



Simbang Gabi
December 15 – 23

What is Simbang Gabi? Simbang Gabi (translation: Masses at Night) is a long treasured Filipino spiritual tradition. In the Philippines, it was celebrated as a series of nine dawn Masses right before Christmas, each Mass followed by a reception and fellowship. For pastoral reasons, these daily novena Masses are now also celebrated in the evening. Set within Advent, Simbang Gabi invites participants to heighten their preparation for the birth of Jesus, as well as honor the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The most popular symbol for Simbang Gabi is the parol or star lantern (see picture above) which represents the star of Bethlehem. A parol is usually brought up during the processional to remind us of the guiding light that led many to the manger. All parishes are invited to process in with a parol at our Simbang Gabi Masses.

Our Simbang Gabi weeknight collections will benefit Street Life Ministries.



CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. JAMES

Chesterton Academy of St. James invites you to a **Marian Choral Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, featuring the Chesterton Academy of St. James Choir, at St. Patrick's Seminary Chapel on **Monday, December 8th at 5:30 pm**.

Immediately following the Mass, all are invited to join us for a reception benefiting the Chesterton Academy of St. James' Junior/Senior Pilgrimage to Rome, where our students will have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be in the heart of the universal church for the Holy Triduum and Easter Sunday! Baked goods will be available for an optional donation.

All proceeds will go to make this life-changing event possible. RSVP now! bit.ly/43dy424



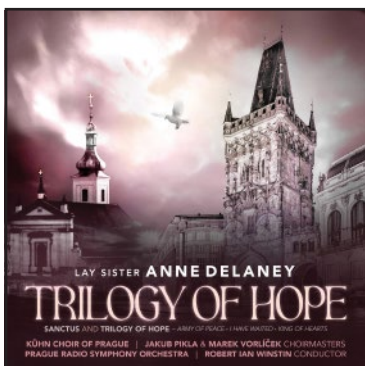
CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sat., Dec. 20, 2025, 10:30 am
Atherton Post-Acute Care

Contact Dn. John Paul for details



Come this Sunday to the St. Raymonds 10 am Young Adult Meetup Mass (YAMM) to share donuts and coffee with peers!



Trilogy of Hope

Lay Franciscan Anne Delaney offers a luminous testament to spiritual endurance in her third album release, *Trilogy of Hope*—a profound musical journey through hope, history, and the quest for justice.

Performed by the Kühn Choir of Prague and the Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra, the songs radiate with assured power and sincerity. The result is an opus of resolute conviction—a musical votive lit to illuminate. *Trilogy of Hope* is a tribute to the resilience of the human spirit and a celebration of Divine Guidance and God's intervention.

Her album will be available for sale this weekend (November 22-23) following the evening 5 pm Masses and at the Advent Fair following the 10 am Mass. More information on her album is available at <https://www.biggroundrecords.com/catalog/br8995>.



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.

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ST. RAYMOND'S

YOUNG ADULTS

(ages 20-40)

4-D: Drinks, Dinner, and Discussion with Dominicans

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
6:30-8:30 PM PARISH HALL

ADVENTageous

(Prep for Christmas)

Discussion led by Fr Chysostom Mijinke, OP

The Essentials of Discipleship Series

Want to take the next steps in your faith life?
This is for you!

Dinner, Talk, Discussion
6:30-8:30PM
St Raymond Parish Hall



Dec 11

socialize



Join Fr Antony for a discussion on the importance of COMMUNITY

Discover the power of PRAYER with Fr Jerome.



Jan 15

pray



Feb 12

serve

Explore the meaning of MISSION with Dn John Paul



UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Thursday, November 27, 2025

9:30 am Thanksgiving Day Mass & Food Blessing

November 29–30, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

7:00 pm Advent Talk with Dn. John Paul Puschautz (p.5)

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

12:15 pm Senior Mass, Lunch, & Bingo

Monday, December 8, 2025

8:15 am, 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm
Immaculate Conception Masses (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, December 11, 2025

6:30 pm The Essentials of Discipleship - Community (p.6)

Sunday, December 14, 2025

6:15 pm Triumph of the Heart movie (p. 3)

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

7:00 pm Mercy Night Penance Service

Thursday, December 18, 2025

6:30 pm 4D Event ADVENTageous (p.6)

Friday, December 19, 2025

7:00 pm Simbang Gabi Mass and Dinner (pg. 5)

Saturday, December 20, 2025

10:30 am Christmas Caroling at Atherton Post-Acute Care (pg. 5)

Wednesday, December 24, 2025, Christmas Eve

3:30 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

Thursday, December 25, 2025, Christmas Day

12:00 am Christmas Midnight Mass

10:00 am Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

5:00 pm Vigil Mass - Mary Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Thursday, January 1, 2026

9:30 am Mary Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)



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	LOCATION	COST
JAN 2 - 4 2026	VALLOMBROSA CENTER 250 OAK GROVE AVENUE MENLO PARK, CA 94025	\$435⁰⁰ SINGLE OCCUPANCY ROOM

\$395⁰⁰
REGISTER BY NOV. 28th

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!



REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES:

Two nights accommodations & all meals.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: NOVEMBER 28, 2025

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

OR

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

Questions? Please Contact:

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Register by November 28th

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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.

Advent Retreat: Waiting in Joy in Times of Confusion and Despair: The Legion Apostolate in the Jubilee of Hope

The San Francisco Senatus of the Legion of Mary cordially invites you to their Advent Retreat on **Saturday, December 6, 2025** at Vallombrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park. The retreat starts at 9 am and concludes at 4 pm.

The retreat master is Fr. Gabriel Wankar, pastor of St. Anselm in Ross, CA.

Cost: \$50 (includes light breakfast/coffee and lunch)

To register, call Sis. Carmen Perlas at 650-892-5786 or email sfsenatus@gmail.com.

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.

ST. RAYMOND PARISH

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