



ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025



This Week

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

MONDAY-SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

7:00 pm Legion of Mary

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025

7:00 pm Advent Talk with Dn. John Paul

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 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, DECEMBER 7, 2025

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

8:15 am Immaculate Conception Mass
12:15 pm Immaculate Conception Mass
7:00 pm Immaculate Conception Mass

Mass Intentions

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

Mon., Dec. 1, 8:15 am Deborah Helkowski †

Tue., Dec. 2, 8:15 am Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P. 🍰 †

Wed., Dec. 3, 8:15 am Milo Pitera 🍰

St. Francis Xavier, Priest (M)

12:15 pm St. Raymond Seniors

Thu., Dec. 4, 9:30 am Fr. Reginald Martin, O.P. 🍰 †

St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church (m)

Fri., Dec. 5, 8:15 am Lan Haarmann 🍰 & the
Haarmann & Vuong Families, L&D

Sat., Dec. 6, 8:15 am Bill Ferrar †, Jim Kelly †, Gail
Blach †, Sr. Joan Derry †, Ralph Yob †,
Dan Mohrman †, Aldo Dossola †

St. Nicolas, Bishop (m)

Sat., Dec. 6, 5:00 pm Janice Covolo 🍰

Second Sunday of Advent

Sun., Dec. 7, 8:00 am Dn. Charles Seagren †
10:00 am Connie Auyeung †
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!

Senior Bingo

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025

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

Please join us on **Wednesday, December 3** for a special Christmas gathering of STARS Senior Bingo. We will begin in the church at 12:15 pm for a senior Mass. Following Mass, the beautiful sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered for those who wish to participate. We will then move to the Parish Center for a light lunch and delicious treats. **Please bring a wrapped gift (value approx. \$15)** so you can participate in our annual lively gift exchange. Invite a friend, or two, to join in the fun with this wonderful group—all are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Karyn Leahy at leahyfamily@msn.com.

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.

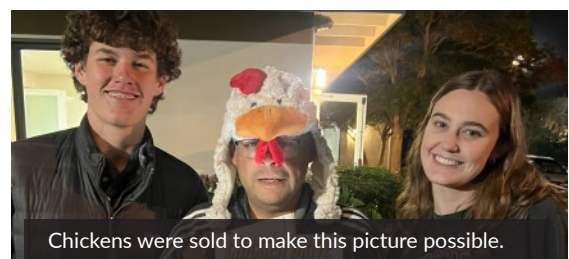
Very often, Christ meets us through them—in their kindness, gratitude, and humanity.

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.



Thank you to all who supported our 4th Annual Chicken Drive. We'll have our final results in next week's bulletin. We reached our goal of 500 chickens.



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"

The Essentials of Discipleship Series

Want to take the next
steps in your faith life?

This is for you!

Dinner. Talk. Discussion

630-830PM

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



RSVP:

Feb 12

serve

Explore the meaning
of MISSION with Dn.
John Paul



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

In the harrowing confines of Auschwitz's starvation cell, Catholic priest St. Maximilian Kolbe volunteers to die in place of another prisoner, joining nine others condemned by the Nazis. As despair and fear grip the group, the pressures of starvation, internal ideological division, mount. But throughout, Kolbe's appeal to their shared humanity and Polish identity forges a brotherhood that culminates in a poignant act of sacrifice that echoes beyond the cell, illuminating hope in one of history's darkest moments.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING

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

Contact Dn. John Paul for details

DOMINICAN CORNER

HOW CAN WE PREPARE FOR CHRIST'S COMING?

By Br. Mateusz Malcherek, O.P.

The second coming of Christ — that will be a surprise for us because we won't know when it will happen. It could be a sad and terrifying surprise, but it could also be a happy surprise.

How can we make the second option our reality?

Think of how happy you are when a close friend comes and surprises you. You are happy because you want to see him and you love to spend time with him. It works with Christ as well. And so, we need to develop a relationship with Him.

How do we do that?

Well, we need to remember that we are travelers. We are on our way to God. So, like when we travel, we stay in contact with our friend by calling to him, sending text and voice messages, so too with God. That's our individual prayer. We want to stay in touch with God, share with Him our journey and listen to Him.

Sometimes God does not respond immediately like people on a social media, but He is responding. He's responding through the Bible when you are reading the word of the Lord and through other people.

But when you have a close friend you want to meet him in person. And that's what happens in the Eucharist. The body and the blood of Jesus Christ are truly present at Mass so we can be with our closest friend in person.

That's the best way to meet with Christ, during Eucharist. But as we said we are travelers so we are not 24-hours with God in this sacrament, so we need to meet Him in individual prayer as well.

In the second coming of Christ we shouldn't focus on when it will happen because we will be surprised anyway. But we should start to build our relationship with God today, so when He will come it wouldn't be terrifying but it will be the happiest thing that we have ever experienced in our lives.

ST. RAYMOND'S

YOUNG ADULTS (ages 20-40)

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

RSVP in Partiful

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

ADVENTageous
(Prep for Christmas)
Discussion led by Fr Chysostom Mijinke, OP

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.

Our Simbang Gabi weeknight (12/19) collections will benefit Street Life Ministries.

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.

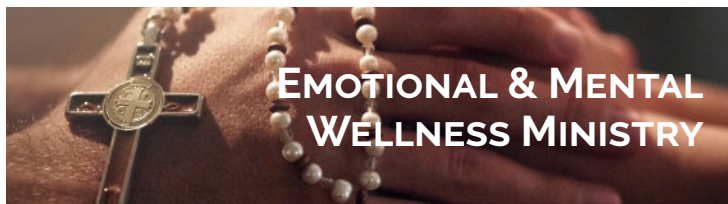
Advent Retreat: Waiting in Joy in Times of Confusion and Despair: The Legion Apostolate in the Jubilee of Hope

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.



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.

THE 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

Catholic in Recovery

is coming to

St. Raymond Church

1100 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park | PARISH HALL

WEDNESDAYS

@ 7:00 p.m.

STARTING APRIL 2ND!

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 jjcudden@straymondmp.org

 Catholic
in Recovery



Faith | Freedom | Fellowship

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



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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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ADVENT 2025

Tue., 12/2	7:00 pm	Advent Talk with Dn. John Paul, O.P.
Wed., 12/3	12:15 pm	Senior Mass, Lunch, & Bingo
Mon., 12/8	8:15 am, 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm	Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)
Thu., 12/11	6:30 pm	The Essentials of Discipleship - Community
Sun., 12/14	6:15 pm	Triumph of the Heart movie
Wed., 12/17	7:00 pm	Mercy Night Penance Service
Thu., 12/18	6:30 pm	4D Event ADVENTageous
Fri., 12/19	7:00 pm	Simbang Gabi Mass and Dinner
Sat., 12/20	10:30 am	Christmas Caroling at Atherton Post-Acute Care
Wed., 12/24	3:30 pm	Christmas Eve Family Mass
	6:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Thu., 12/25	12:00 am	Christmas Midnight Mass
	10:00 am	Christmas Day Mass



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