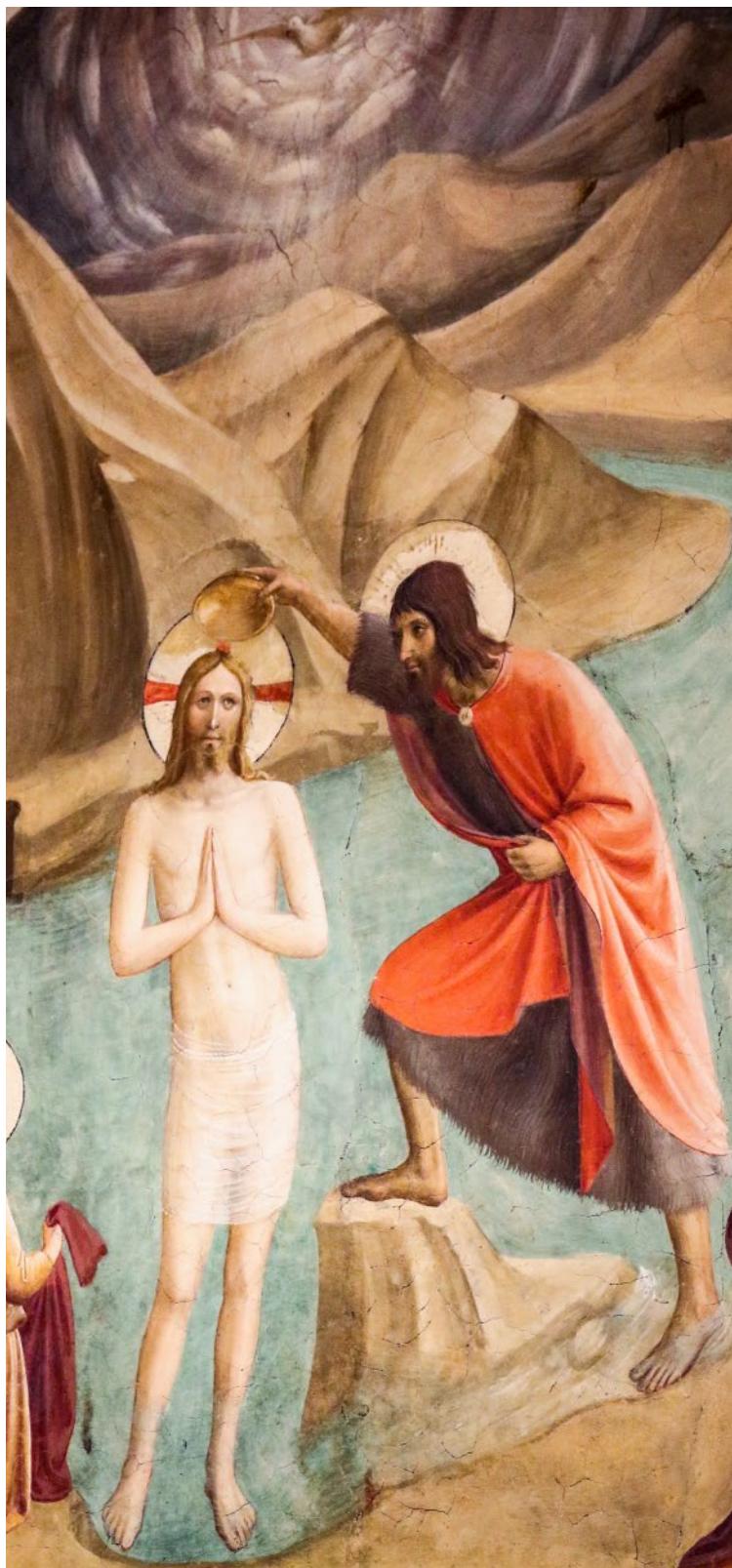




ST. RAYMOND
CATHOLIC CHURCH
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The Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2026



Essentials of Discipleship

The Power of Prayer



Thursday,
January 15th,
6:30-8:30 PM,
Parish Hall

Dinner, Talk by
Fr Jerome, and
Small Group
Discussion

register here by 1/12/26:



ST. RAYMOND'S

YOUNG ADULTS

(ages 20-40)

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

RSVP in Partiful

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22ND
6:30-8:30 PM PARISH HALL

5-D: Discernment

Discussion led by Fr Jerome Cudden, OP

This Week

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 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, JANUARY 11, 2026

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Religious Education
10:00 am Mass followed by  & 
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm BEaST Youth Group

MONDAY-SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2026

6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Parish Hall)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 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, JANUARY 18, 2026

(No Religious Education or BEaST)

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026

Parish Office Closed

Mass Intentions

Sat., Jan. 10, 5:00 pm Helen Babb †
The Baptism of the Lord (S)
Sun., Jan. 11, 8:00 am Alice Mignon Gibilterra †
10:00 am Olga Mirek †
5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish
Mon., Jan. 12, 8:15 am Fr. Tony Sauer, SJ †
1st Week in Ordinary Time
Tue., Jan. 13, 8:15 am St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (m)
Wed., Jan. 14, 8:15 am Nau Moataae 
Thu., Jan. 15, 8:15 am Blair Todt †
Fri., Jan. 16, 8:15 am Galvez, Herborn, & Ritzen Family, L&D
Sat., Jan. 17, 8:15 am Anthony Mark Palmieri †
(40 day anniv.)
St. Anthony, Abbot (M)
Sat., Jan. 17, 5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sun., Jan. 18, 8:00 am Joseph DeMaria †
10:00 am Ruth & William Philip † †
5:00 pm James Pacelli †

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, Maureen DeMoss, Esther Falsario, Janice Hagy, Sandra Lecha, Bonnie Morey, Rosie & Roger, 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.

ADA DOORS

"Lift up your heads, O gates; be lifted, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may enter." - Psalm 24:7

This Christmas, help us make St. Raymond more welcoming for all! We're raising \$9,000 to install ADA-compliant door openers on both the Mary and St. Joseph side entrances. These openers will serve parishioners with mobility challenges, parents with strollers, and anyone who could use a helping hand.

Your donation—large or small—brings us closer to making our church accessible to everyone. To contribute, please contact the parish office or donate online at <https://strmp.link/doors>.



Start collecting items now! A storage container will be available in early January near the priests' home off Arbor Road for you to bring your items. The start date and hours for rummage sale collection will be available soon.

Questions? Contact Karyn Leahy at leahyfamily@msn.com.



Because Women Deserve Better than Abortion.®

WALK for LIFE

WEST COAST

22ND ANNUAL



SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026 • CIVIC CENTER PLAZA • SAN FRANCISCO

Rally: 12:30PM
CIVIC CENTER PLAZA
Info Faire: 11:00AM
Saturday, January 24, 2026

Walk for Life West Coast
ABORTION HURTS WOMEN

Rally starts at Civic Center Plaza, walking down Market Street (2 miles). Walk ends at Embarcadero Plaza. BART stations at both locations. Ample parking.

WALK FOR LIFE SAN FRANCISCO

Join us for the 22nd Annual Walk for Life West Coast on Saturday, January 24, 2026! Stand up for the dignity of every human life at this inspiring event in San Francisco.

Event Schedule:

- Rally: 12:30 pm at Civic Center Plaza
- Walk: Down Market Street (2 miles) to Embarcadero Plaza

Bus Transportation from St. Raymond: We're offering convenient round-trip bus service!

- Departure: 10:00 am from St. Raymond parking lot
- Return: Approximately 4:00 pm
- Cost: \$30 per participant (non-refundable)

Space is limited, so register early at <https://strmp.link/walkforlife26>.

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." - Jeremiah 1:5



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Religious Education classes resume this Sunday, Jan. 11.

No class on Jan. 18 (MLK weekend).

Sunday, Jan. 25 - Family Mass: After a beautiful first Family Mass last month, we're happy to be planning for our second one. Students are invited to take part in the liturgy—whether by reading Scripture, singing with the choir, or bringing up the gifts. We would love to see them involved. Please contact Florence.debretagne@straymondmp.org if you want to get involved.

Parents Group: Our parents group continues to meet every Sunday from 9:00-9:50 am, during the children's classes. These gatherings are meant to equip parents for faith conversations at home. It's never too late to join, and all parents are welcome.

Year-Round Registration: It's never too late to join! Registrations remain open throughout the year. Your children's friends are welcome to join us at any time.

BEaST news:

Service Trip: Current 8th-12th graders are invited to a service trip to Eastern Virginia, June 13-19, serving migrant families through St. Peter's Migrant Ministry. We will support families through hands-on work and spiritual ministry, helping them live and grow in their faith. Contact Florence.debretagne@straymondmp.org if you want to get involved. We have only 20 spots for youths and 5 spots for chaperones. Our second bake/tamales sale will take place after all Masses on Jan. 24-25.

Saturday, Jan. 10, 8:15 am-12:00 pm: The confirmandi, parents, and sponsors have a morning retreat to learn about the Holy Spirit.

Sunday, Jan. 11, 5:30-7:30 pm: The youth group is going ice skating at Winter Lodge in Palo Alto! Parents and siblings are welcome.

Saturday, Jan. 18: Some of us will attend a Jason Evert talk in Marin. He is probably one of the most famous Theology of the Body speakers and is definitely worth the trip. If you are interested in attending and even helping with the carpooling, please let Leilani Ahern know: laniahern@gmail.com. See flyer on next column.

Sunday, Jan. 24, 10:00 am-4:00 pm: Join our St. Raymond's bus for high schoolers and young adults, to go to the San Francisco Walk for Life! We'll be leaving the St. Raymond parking lot at 10:00 am, will have lunch in San Francisco, then will join the 2-mile walk, and will come back around 4:00 pm. Please register at <https://strmp.link/walkforlife26>. There are only 28 spots on the bus!

Jan. 24-25: Bake/Tamales Sale after all Masses to support the youth group and their service trip! Come hungry.

Jan. 25 in the high school group: Guest speaker Randall the "Iron Inquisitor," social media influencer turned seminarian, will lead a discussion/debate on proofs of the Resurrection.



DOUBLE FEATURE WITH JASON EVERT

PURIFIED AND **GENDER**
AND THEOLOGY OF YOUR BODY

Let's come together to discover the beauty of God's plan for human love. A life-changing event for teens & adults (ages 13+).

EVENT INCLUDES:

- Eucharistic Adoration
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Free resources for every attendee!

Tickets \$25

January 18, 2026 | 1:00 PM - 4:15 PM

St. Anthony of Padua Parish Tickets: chastity.com/purified
1000 Cambridge Street Info: eventcoach@chastity.com
Novato, CA 94947 Doors open at 12:30pm

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Did Jesus Need to Be Baptized?

Br. David Nadeau, O.P., reflects on the Gospel for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Mt 3:13-17)

"Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him" (Jn 3:13).

Why did Jesus want to be baptized? Did Jesus need to be baptized? Isn't Jesus God?

"The Word was made flesh, full of grace and truth" (Jn 1:14).

Indeed, Jesus did not need to be baptized. It was not necessary for Jesus to be baptized, but it was fitting.

Jesus received baptism because it was fitting. It was fitting for many reasons. Here is one: Jesus wanted to cleanse the water and, so, to prepare a new baptism. Remember in the Gospel there is a story of a bleeding woman. The woman had a severe hemorrhage, and no doctor could help her. By touching our Lord's garment, the woman was healed. The woman was healed and exalted.

Now something similar happened during the baptism of Jesus. By touching our Lord's body, the water was purified. It was purified and sanctified. In other words, as Saint Augustin explains, "the Savior willed to be baptized not that He might Himself be cleansed, but to cleanse the water for us."

Jesus cleansed the water for us. And this cleansed water is the water that we now use for our baptism.

Truly, by Christ, the water received a new property. The water received a new property for a new baptism. The humble baptism given by John was a preparation — a foretaste — for the great baptism instituted by Jesus.

Consider: Not an old baptism of water only, but a new baptism of water and spirit.

Of this new baptism, the apostles were commanded to, "go, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19).

In this new baptism, our human nature is purified and sanctified. In this new baptism, our friendship with God is restored and exalted.

Today my friends, the Lord has come. The living God has come not that he might have life, but that we might have life.



We had another great turnout for our monthly 4D event ADVENTagous prep for Christmas with Fr. Chrysostom. Plug into our growing young adult community (ages 20-40) by joining our WhatsApp group. Every Sunday, young adults meet up after the 10:00 am Mass to enjoy coffee. We will also be starting a new series of men's and women's small groups on Theology of the Body on Jan. 26.



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



THE FUTURE OF HUMAN FLOURISHING IN MEDICINE

FEBRUARY 21, 2026 | 9:45 AM - 6:15 PM | IN PERSON AND ONLINE

ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY & UNIVERSITY | MENLO PARK, CA

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Nurses | Nurse Practitioners | Chaplains

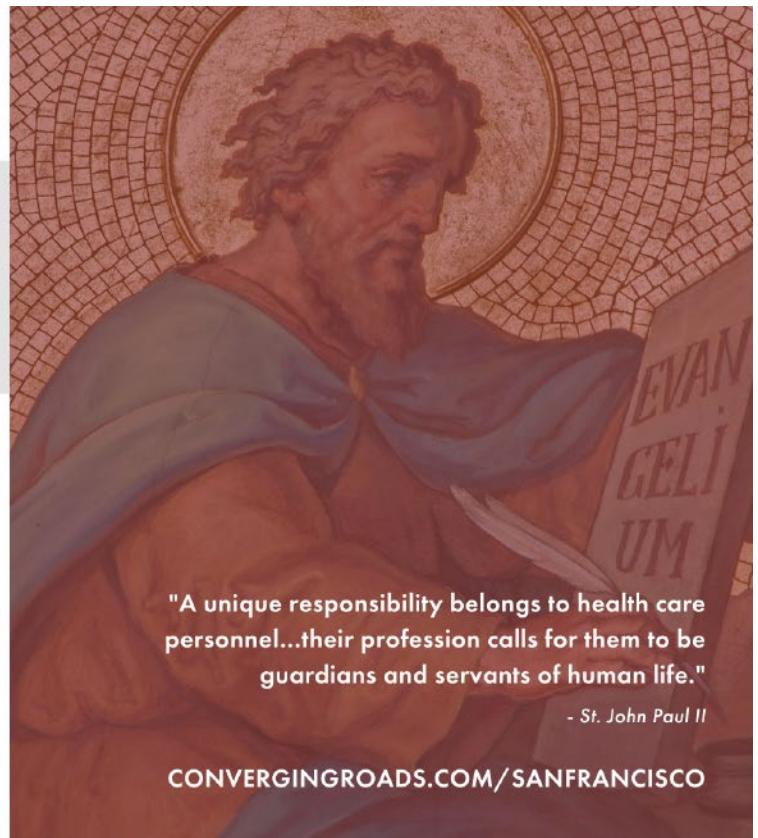
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- St. John Paul II

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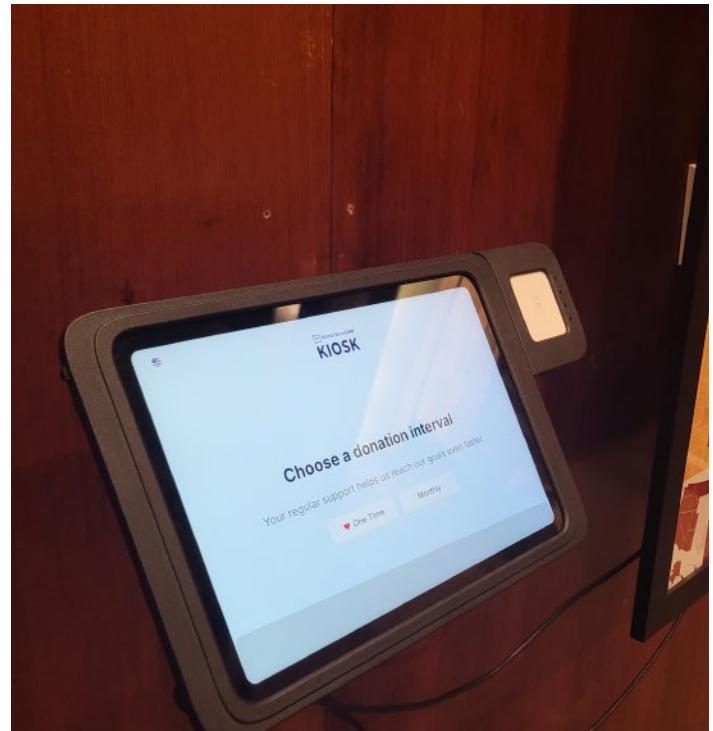
INTRODUCING OUR NEW DONATION KIOSKS!

We're excited to announce a new way to give at St. Raymond! Two convenient donation kiosks have been installed on the Marian side of the church, making it easier than ever to support our parish.

You can now contribute using: credit or debit card, Google Pay, and Apple Pay.

Why Give Digitally? Whether you forgot your checkbook, prefer not to carry cash, or simply want a quick and convenient way to give, these kiosks are here for you. Your generosity supports our parish ministries, programs, and community outreach.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Raymond Parish!



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Raymond is a Catholic parish where we Pray, Serve, and Socialize together as we live out our faith in Jesus Christ.

VISION STATEMENT

St. Raymond Catholic Church is a vibrant parish in which every parishioner is engaged in ministry and all parishioners pray-serve-socialize together to keep the fire of our faith growing.

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 Hall. Feel free to join us and learn more about the Legion of Mary. Members have been Praying, Serving, and Socializing since the 1950s.

PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS

YOUR MISSION ISN'T OVER.
IT'S JUST BEGINNING

Guest Speaker: Astrid Bennett, Catholic speaker, pregnancy center leader, and EWTN host.

How God calls parents & grandparents to protect their families, save lives, and transform our culture through powerful prayer, holy example, and faithful presence.

"The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."
— James 5:16

Saturday
February 28, 2025

10:00 AM

Our Lady of Loretto Church
1806 Novato Blvd,
Novato, CA

Please RSVP at
sfarch.org/event/howgodcalls



Office of
Human Life & Dignity

EMOTIONAL & MENTAL WELLNESS MINISTRY

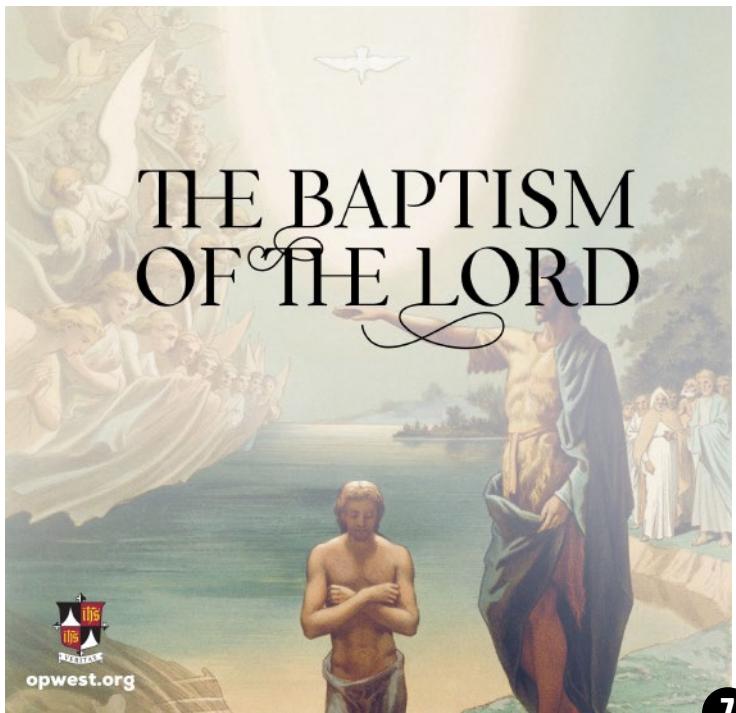
If you or a loved one is experiencing mental or emotional wellness challenges, please contact our St. Raymond Emotional & Mental Health ministry at **(650) 899-0370**. This is a dedicated line and only co-leads of the ministry team will hear your message. You may also email the ministry team at emwm@straymondmp.org.

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.

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.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK, BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, & FUNERALS - Please contact the parish office at 650-323-1755 or email office@straymondmp.org.

Low-Gluten Hosts are available at each Mass. Please visit the presiding priest's Communion line to receive the low-gluten host.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK Do you know of anyone who is homebound or ill? If so, we want to hear from you. Please contact the parish office at (650) 323-1755 and help us get in touch with those who need ministry.

GIVING: ONLINE AND IN PERSON

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