



# ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



1st Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026



**BISHOP BARRON ON  
THE MASS**  
LENTEN  
DINNER AND DISCUSSION  
SERIES



**MONDAYS OF LENT  
FEB 23, MAR 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
6:30PM - 8:30PM  
REGISTER HERE:  
STRMP.LINK/THE-MASS**

Bishop Barron on  
**The Mass**  
Lenten Dinner & Discussion

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord, Jesus Christ. See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it revolves around a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

Register here: [strmp.link/the-mass](https://strmp.link/the-mass)

Cost: \$25/person

# This Week

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 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, FEBRUARY 22, 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, FEBRUARY 23, 2026

- 6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Parish Hall)
- 6:30 pm The Mass: Lenten Dinner & Discussion (Parish Hall)

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026

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

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026

- 6:30 pm 4-D - Sexual Ethics (Parish Hall)

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026

- 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Church) followed by Soup Supper (Parish Hall)

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 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, MARCH 1, 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

# Mass Intentions

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| Sat., Feb. 21, 5:00 pm  | Ed Kennedy † & Sharon Kennedy Gerlach † |
| <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>   |   |
| Sun., Feb. 22, 8:00 am  | Ralph Ruocco † & Papa Family            |
| 10:00 am  | Robert Constantino †                    |
| 5:00 pm   | St. Raymond Parish                      |
| Mon., Feb. 23, 8:15 am  | Florencia Lourdes Moises †              |
| <i>St. Polycarp, Bishop &amp; Martyr (m)</i>                      |   |
| Tue., Feb. 24, 8:15 am  | Mrs. Maddox †                           |
| Wed., Feb. 25, 8:15 am  | Sharon Mattocks †                       |
| Thu., Feb. 26, 8:15 am  | Dana Renée Harned †                     |
| Fri., Feb. 27, 8:15 am  | Ellet Cruz                              |
| <i>St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot &amp; Doctor of the Church (m)</i> |   |
| Sat., Feb. 28, 8:15 am  | Maestrini Families, L&D                 |
| Sat., Feb. 28, 5:00 pm  | Mike Brown †                            |
| <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>   |   |
| Sun., Mar. 1, 8:00 am   | Ralph Ruocco † & Papa Family            |
| 10:00 am  | Jessica Peñafort                        |
| 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, Maureen DeMoss, Esther Falsario, Janice Hagy, Sandra Lecha, Bonnie Morey, Rosie & Roger, Mark van Ekelenberg, Anjuli Nunn, Rashmi Saxena, Karel Sykora, Miguel Rosa, Anna Greco, 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.

# YOUNG ADULTS

ST. RAYMOND'S

# YOUNG ADULTS

(ages 20-40)

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

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH  
6:30-8:30 PM PARISH HALL



## Sexual Ethics

Discussion led by  
Fr Thomas Aquinas Pickett, OP

<https://strmp.link/4d-event>



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Plug into our growing young adult community (ages 20-40) by joining our WhatsApp group.

### Young Adults Meetup Mass (YAMM)

Every Sunday, young adults meet up after the 10:00 am Mass to enjoy coffee.



## Stations of the Cross

Fridays 6:00 pm Church

## Soup Supper Fridays

6:45 pm Parish Hall

## ST. RAYMOND PARISH

Fifth Annual

# FISH SUPPER

Friday, March 27, 2026, 7:00 pm  
St. Raymond Parish Hall

Adults \$25  
Children 10 and under Free

Tickets available at [strmp.link/fish](https://strmp.link/fish)  
1100 SANTA CRUZ AVE MENLO PARK CA 94025

<https://strmp.link/fish>

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This June, our 8th–12th graders have the opportunity to take part in a truly life-changing service trip — and we are so excited about what God is already doing.

Nine students have already committed, and several more are prayerfully considering. This experience will be packed with meaningful service and unforgettable moments: working alongside immigrant families in the fields, helping lead Vacation Bible Camp and catechesis for their children, sharing meals, building friendships, and growing together in faith.

Each day will include Mass and prayer, grounding everything we do in Christ. Beyond the service itself, this trip will be deeply bonding — the kind of shared experience that strengthens faith, confidence, compassion, and lifelong friendships.

The final deadline to register is March 1. We will not be able to extend it beyond that date.

We know the cost (\$1,700–\$1,900 per student) can feel significant, which is why fundraising is so important. Our third fundraiser is this weekend. When you see our teens selling cookies and treats after Mass, please consider being generous. Your support makes it possible for more students to say "yes" to this powerful opportunity.

If your teen is on the fence, this is the moment to decide. We would love to have them join us.



## Youth Service Trip

Living the Gospel in Virginia

- For current 8th–12th<sup>th</sup> graders (20 spots)
- June 13–19, in Eastern Shore VA

Through service, prayer, and companionship, St. Peter's Migrant Ministry walks with migrant families, offering support, dignity, and Christ's love.

Each year, migrant farm workers come to the Eastern Shore to work long hours in challenging conditions, often without the social and material support systems many of us rely on. While basic housing and transportation are provided, many workers and families face ongoing hardships and isolation.

St. Peter's Migrant Ministry seeks to be the welcoming embrace of the Catholic Church for our migrant brothers and sisters. Through the support of sister parishes in the Diocese of Richmond, the ministry provides food, clothing, emergency assistance, transportation help, and other essential resources to make their stay more dignified and secure.

Most importantly, the ministry offers spiritual care—celebrating Mass in migrant camps and providing access to the sacraments—so that migrant workers and families know they are not alone and that the Church walks with them in faith, compassion, and fellowship.

If you have questions and/or want to book a spot, please contact  
florence.debretagne@straymondmp.org  
Limited spots: 20 youth and 5 chaperones

<https://strmp.link/youthservice>



## ASK FR. ANTONY

### Why do we start our prayers with the Sign of the Cross?

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." We hear these words all the time in our Catholic life, and we mark ourselves with the Sign of the Cross – touching our forehead, chest, and shoulders with the fingertips of our right hands – as we say them. We start off all our prayers with it, and we mark ourselves with it as we enter or leave the Church. Some people make the sign of the Cross whenever an ambulance passes by, or when they see a car accident on the side of the road. The Sign of the Cross is, fundamentally, a reminder of our Baptism, when each of us was made a child of God, Baptized "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The Sign of the Cross reminds us that God dwells in us and with us. We open our prayers with

it because it is a reminder that we are dedicated to God, that we are God's chosen people, and that this gives our prayers real power. We make the Sign of the Cross when we enter or exit the Church to remind ourselves of the special connection we have to the God who saves us. And we make the Sign of the Cross in times of sadness or distress – or even joy – to remind ourselves of the constant presence of God in our lives. We make the sign of the Cross at many other times as well to rededicate ourselves to God.

There's so much to learn about our Catholic faith, and the best way to learn is to ask. If you have any questions, please reach out to Fr. Antony at [frantony@straymondmp.org](mailto:frantony@straymondmp.org).



## Mary's Garden Summer Camp

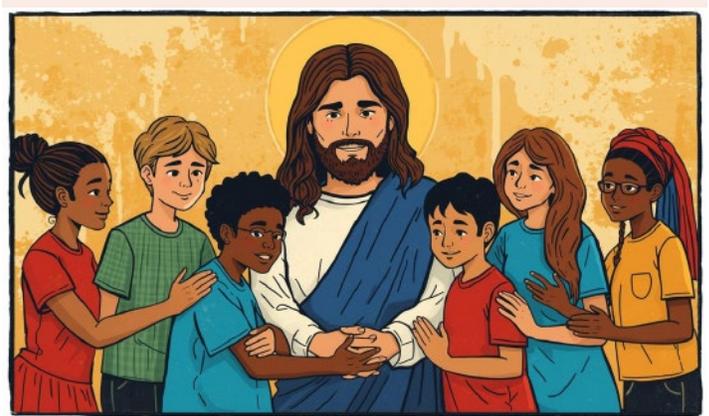
- For current 1st-5<sup>th</sup> graders  
*(Catholic and non-Catholic welcome)*
- August 10-14, 9 AM-3 PM
- At St Raymond Parish Hall
- Tuition: \$290

A summer full of fun, creativity, and faith! Children will act out Gospel stories, bake, paint, build, sing, and pray—discovering the love of Jesus and Mary in a joyful and meaningful way. The program is thoughtfully designed by Faith Formation Director Florence, who brings 15 years of experience leading summer camps.

**We have 30 spots only. It will fill out, please register today.**



<https://strmp.link/marysgarden>



## Hands of Jesus Summer Camp

Serving our parish community by living like Jesus

- For current 6th-7<sup>th</sup> graders  
*(Catholic and non-Catholic welcome)*
- June 29-July 1, 10 AM-2:30 PM
- At St Raymond Parish Hall
- Tuition: \$190

Through simple but meaningful—and super fun—acts of service, including clean-up projects, helping where needed, and visiting our elderly, campers will learn to be the hands of Jesus in our parish.

**We have 20 spots only. It will fill out, please register today.**



<https://strmp.link/handsofjesus>

## COUPLES MINISTRY

# MARCH MADNESS COUPLES DATE GAME NIGHT

• SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH •

6-8PM

• ST RAYMOND'S PARISH HALL •

DINNER, TRIVIA AND COMPETATIVE  
GAMES WITH PRIZES

• CHILD CARE AVAILABLE

<https://strmp.link/datenight>

## 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.

## 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](mailto:tfk@sbcglobal.net) or 650-670-2200. He's happy to answer any questions you might have.

# Legatus

## Informational Wine Reception

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Catholic business owners, executives, and professionals are invited to a private wine reception to learn about Legatus.

Legatus is an international network of Catholic CEOs and senior leaders committed to living the faith in the marketplace.

This gathering is hyperlocal and intentionally small. A confidential and safe space for serious Catholic leaders to build real community.

**Exclusive by design. Space is limited.**

### To Request an Invitation

Contact: Mayra Brown  
mbrown@legatus.org  
909-294-9025



St. Raymond Catholic Church  
Menlo Park, CA

# LENT AND OUR CALL TO METANOIA

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026  
8:30 AM TO 3:30 PM

RETREAT LEADER: DEACON TOM KELLY

Please mark your calendars and register as soon as possible to join Deacon Tom Kelly for this One-Day Lenten Retreat.

John the Baptist calls us to seek a change in ourselves...

*"In those days John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" Matthew 3: 1-2*

Slip away to the beautiful and peaceful grounds of Vallombrosa for a day of prayer and reflection.

- Multiple directed, Gospel-focused sessions with time for reflection and prayer
- Reconciliation
- Mass
- Continental breakfast and lunch
- Donation of \$25 requested
- Retreat leader Deacon Tom Kelly

RSVP

To RSVP, scan the QR code, call St. Raymond Parish at 650-323-1755, or visit [stmp.link/lentenretreat](http://stmp.link/lentenretreat).



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VALLOMBROSA RETREAT CENTER 250 OAK GROVE AVE. MENLO PARK

## 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



LIFE-GIVING Wounds

# Healing Retreat

## for Adult Children of Divorce

Feb 27 - Mar 1, 2026

Vallombrosa Retreat Center  
250 Oak Grove Ave, Menlo Park, CA

Weekend retreat will include Holy Mass, opportunities for Confession and Adoration.

For more information / registration visit:

[www.sfarch.org/lgw](http://www.sfarch.org/lgw)

Retreat Leaders including...



# 13th Annual rummage sale SAVE THE DATE April 25-26, 2026

## Still wondering what to give up for Lent?

Consider giving up new and gently used items you may have in your home and donate them to the **13th Annual World-Famous St. Raymond Rummage Sale!** We are happy to help you lighten your load. Make this the year you "**Clutter No More in 26!**" You can drop off your donations at the new storage container location behind the priest's residence off Arbor Road to the left of the barn. The container will be open Monday-Friday between 7:45 am-3:15 pm and on weekends between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm, making it convenient for you to donate.

Still want to give more? You can give of your time by volunteering to help. An easy-to-use volunteer link will be available soon. It's a great way to meet your wonderful fellow parishioners at the biggest annual fundraiser and community builder at the parish. All proceeds benefit parish ministries.

## Now Accepting Donations

We are now collecting the following NEW or GENTLY USED items:

Clothing & Shoes (all ages), Jewelry/Purses, Accessories, Sports Equipment, Household items & decor, Games/Toys (3+), Antiques & Collectibles, Holiday Decor, Tools, Garden decor, Kitchenware, Framed Art, Gift Items, Small Appliances

## SUPER DONATION WEEKEND: April 18-19, 2026

Due to limited space in the storage unit, we'd appreciate you bringing larger quantities of donations and small furniture directly to the St. Raymond gym during **SUPER DONATION WEEKEND - April 18-19, 2026**, between 11:00 am-3:00 pm. We could also use extra boxes/lidded plastic containers, non-wire hangers, and plastic/paper bags. **We CANNOT ACCEPT** used electronics, large furniture, mattresses, sofas, window treatments, stuffed animals, or baby gear (cribs, strollers, car seats, etc.)

Questions? Contact Karyn Leahy at [leahyfamily@msn.com](mailto:leahyfamily@msn.com).



In the 1st reading today We hear that God formed us from His very breath and placed us in a beautiful garden. We were meant to live in harmony with God in His creation. We have disappointed God throughout time, but God's love is so much more powerful than our transgressions. His gracious gift through Jesus brought acquittal and the gift of justification for those who love Him.

The abundance of God's grace can overwhelm us and often causes us to see this sacred season of Lent primarily as a time of giving things up, of extra sacrifices to make amends for our brokenness. But throughout this season of prayer and reflection we need to be aware that God WANTS to heal us. He wants us to be with Him and enjoy the complete magnificence of creation with Him in heaven. Let your thoughts this Lent include deep gratitude for the great gift of creation, its elegant, inspiring beauty, and the knowledge that God made this and meant for us to thrive in it, ultimately, with Him. Let this awareness help us this Lent to be thoughtful about how we can care more responsibly for creation and protect what God has provided for us for future generations.



The Lord's tender mercies are over all His works [Ps. 143:9]

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.  
**St. Raymond Church**



Catholic sacramental recovery and fellowship for those seeking freedom from addictions, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments.



FAITH | FREEDOM | FELLOWSHIP

# 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](mailto:office@straymondmp.org) or register online at [straymondmp.org/register](http://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](mailto: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

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](http://straymondmp.org/giving).



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