



ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



2nd Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026



LENT AND OUR CALL TO METANOIA

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

RETREAT LEADER: DEACON TOM KELLY

To RSVP, scan the QR code, call St. Raymond Parish at 650-323-1755, or visit sttmp.link/lenretreat.



sttmp.link/lenretreat

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

VALLOMBROSA RETREAT CENTER, 250 OAK GROVE AVE., MENLO PARK

This Week

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

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 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
- 6:00 pm Legatus Informational Wine Reception (Parish Hall)

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 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. 28, 5:00 pm | Mike Brown † |
| <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i> | |
| Sun., Mar. 1, 8:00 am | Ralph Ruocco † & the Papa Family & Toni Anne Papara 🍷 |
| 10:00 am | Jessica Peñafort |
| 5:00 pm | St. Raymond Parish |
| Mon., Mar. 2, 8:15 am | Cardenas Elfego Gomez † |
| Tue., Mar. 3, 8:15 am | Chris Monahan † |
| Wed., Mar. 4, 8:15 am | Intentions of Lynn Galleti & Sharif Mostafa (int) |
| <i>St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin (m)</i> | |
| Thu., Mar. 5, 8:15 am | Ralph Yob † & Yob Family L&D |
| <i>St. Casimir (m)</i> | |
| Fri., Mar. 6, 8:15 am | Ida Bickerton † |
| Sat., Mar. 7, 8:15 am | Marion Moreno † |
| <i>Ss. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs (m)</i> | |
| Sat., Mar. 7, 5:00 pm | St. Raymond Parish |
| <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i> | |
| Sun., Mar. 8, 8:00 am | John Charles Cattermole † |
| 10:00 am | Jed Pritera 🍷 |
| 5:00 pm | Donald Closs † |

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, Anjuli & Rashmi Nunn, Karel Sykora, Miguel Rosa, Anna Greco, Mark Head, Rosemary Yob, 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 pray for the repose of Mark van Ekelenberg.

To add a name or to relist a name, please contact the Parish Office.

COUPLES MINISTRY

MARCH MADNESS COUPLES DATE GAME NIGHT

• SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH •

6-8PM

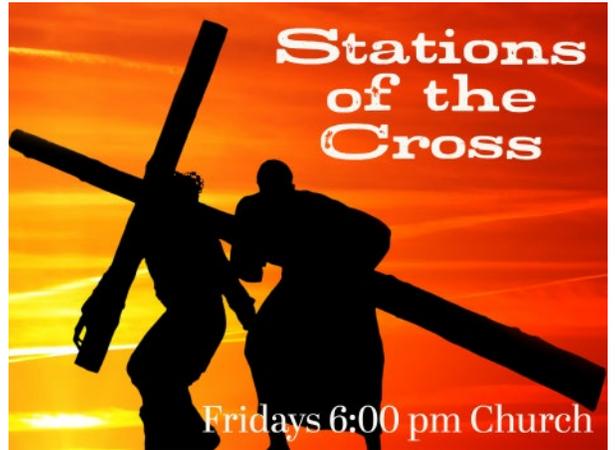
• ST RAYMOND'S PARISH HALL •

• DINNER, TRIVIA AND COMPETITIVE
GAMES WITH PRIZES •

• CHILD CARE AVAILABLE •



<https://strmp.link/datenight>



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



strmp.link/fish

Adults \$25

Children 10 and under Free

<https://strmp.link/fish>

Tickets available at strmp.link/fish

1100 SANTA CRUZ AVE MENLO PARK CA 94025



Wednesday, March 11, 2026

12:15 pm - Senior Mass

1:00 pm - Bingo & Lunch

Please join us on Wednesday, March 11 for a special St. Patrick's gathering of STARS Senior Bingo. We will begin in the church at 12:15 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. Bring 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Summer Opportunities for All Ages

Please contact florence.debretagne@straymondmp.org if you have any questions.

Youth Service Trip to VA: Final Days to Register

On June 13-19, our 8th-12th graders have the opportunity to take part in a truly life-changing service trip to Eastern Shore, VA. Teens will engage in a variety of service activities throughout the week, including agricultural work and community outreach. Each day will be anchored in prayer, Mass, and fellowship, with time set aside for rest and community building.

Click this link to register your teen! strmp.link/youthservice

Children Summer Camp: "Mary's Garden"

Aug. 10-14, 9 am-3 pm, at St. Raymond. For current 1st-5th graders.

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. Click here to register. strmp.link/marysgarden

Middle School Local Service Camp: "The Hands of Jesus"

June 29-July 1, around St. Raymond campus. For current 6th-7th graders.

One can have a lot of fun serving others in creative and meaningful ways—cooking and sharing meals, performing and creating art for our elderly neighbors, spreading encouragement through handmade postcards, and working together on projects that make our parish a more welcoming place. Real service, real connection, and a lot of fun along the way.

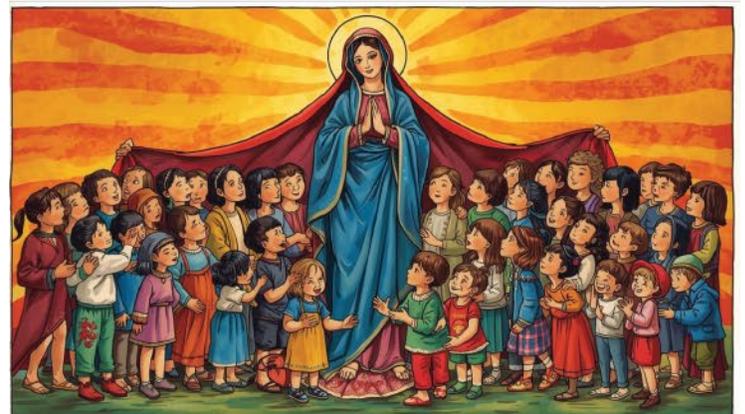
Register here. strmp.link/handsofjesus



Youth Service Trip

Living the Gospel in Virginia

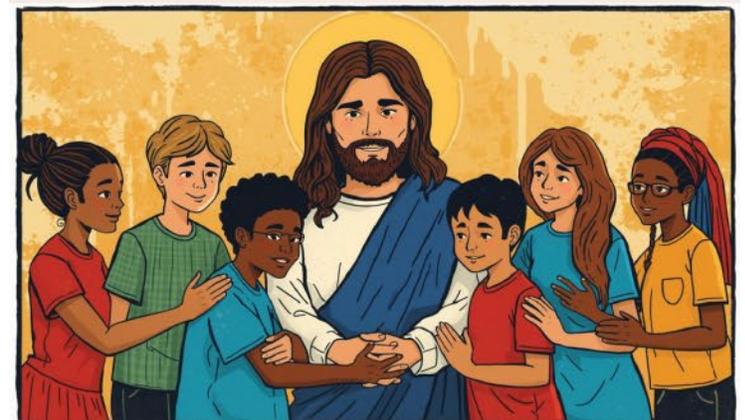
- For current 8th-12thth graders (20 spots)
- June 13-19, in Eastern Shore VA
<https://strmp.link/youthservice>



Mary's Garden Summer Camp



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



Hands of Jesus Summer Camp

Serving our parish community by living like Jesus



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

DOMINICAN CORNER

HOW CAN THE TRANSFIGURATION STRENGTHEN US?

Br. Joseph Sadoc Lee, O.P., reflects on the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent (Mt 17:1-9).

We often hear that the Transfiguration was meant to strengthen the faith of the apostles. Peter, James, and John are given a preview of the resurrection. It's something that they can hold onto so that during Jesus' passion and death, they would know and remember that He is truly divine.

But if we fast forward to Good Friday, it may not seem like the plan actually worked. Jesus will be hanging on the cross, and the apostles will have all abandoned Him—except, of course, for John, the beloved disciple. Even though Peter and James are given this inside look at the future glory of the risen Christ, they still run away. But John was different: the beloved disciple knew that God loves us first, and that we don't get to decide how God loves us or how He reveals Himself to us.

We see this in each of our lives. They are mixes of Transfiguration moments, where we see God so clearly, and Passion moments, where pain and suffering make Him seem distant or absent. But God is just as present, and glorious, and powerful, no matter what we face.

Perhaps the mountain of the Transfiguration, Tabor, and the mountain of the Crucifixion, Calvary, are really not that different. Wherever we are, as long as we have followed Jesus there, it is a good place to be.

The Father tells us to listen to Jesus, and so we must go where He leads and do as He says.

As we journey through Lent, may our faith truly be strengthened by Transfiguration moments so that we may be faithful in the difficult Passion moments.

Let us allow the Lord to reveal Himself in the ways we need most, and to love us in the ways He knows best.



*New from the
Dominican Friars!*

Watch now for free at
youtube.com/OPWest

ASK FR. ANTONY

What are our different Postures of Prayer, and why are they important?

God created us as body and soul. In other words, the human person isn't just a soul that happens to be in a body, but a unity of body and soul. Because of this, the way we relate to the God who created us is by using both our body and our soul. To help us with this, the Church has established specific postures of prayer for different moments in the Mass. We stand in the Mass to signify respect and attentiveness. For example, we stand for the words of the Gospel to show our respect for the very words of Jesus himself. Sitting is the posture of listening and meditation. We take this posture as we listen to the first two readings of the Mass, and as we listen to the priest's homily. Kneeling signifies penance and homage. We kneel for the Eucharistic prayer to emphasize our humility before God, and to pay homage to Jesus as He comes to be with us in the Eucharist.

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.

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*

Need healing? Renewal? A miracle?

Mercy Night

Encounter God in
Adoration,
Reconciliation,
Fellowship &
Worship Music

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11th 7-8:30pm

**ST RAYMOND CATHOLIC CHURCH
1100 Santa Cruz Ave, Menlo Park**

Future dates - 4/16 & 5/23

YOUNG ADULTS



Over 70 young adults joined us this week for our latest 4D event with Fr. Thomas Aquinas Pickett, O.P. Our next 4D event is Thursday, March 26.

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.

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.

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



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



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.

PROMISE TO PROTECT



PLEDGE TO HEAL

REPORT ABUSE OR INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR WITH A MINOR OR VULNERABLE ADULT

IMMEDIATELY!

<p>For any abuse of a minor, contact:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">San Mateo County Hotline for Child Protective Services (650) 802-7922</p>	<p>For any abuse of a vulnerable adult, contact:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">San Mateo County Hotline for Adult Protective Services (844) 868-0938</p>
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You can also report abuse by contacting the Sheriff's Department: **(650) 363-4911**

If the abuser is a church minister or employee of the Archdiocese, also contact:

**Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator,
ROCIO RODRÍGUEZ
(415) 614-5506**

(Reporting situations to the Archdiocese include, but are not limited to, incidences involving priests, deacons, volunteers, youth chaperones, and employees of a parish, school or of the Archdiocese of San Francisco)



Registration is now open for Serra's one-week academic enrichment camps for rising 7-9th grade boys and girls. Designed for curious minds, these hands-on camps feature robotics, ceramics, financial literacy, mock trial, engineering DNA, forensics, and more. Students learn by doing while exploring new interests and building real-world skills during an engaging week on Serra's beautiful campus.

Visit our website to explore camps, dates, and registration details. <https://www.serrahs.com/summer/school-enrichment-program>

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.

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

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.



ST. RAYMOND PARISH

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