



ST. RAYMOND
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



3rd Sunday of Lent
March 8, 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 strmp.link/lentenretreat.



strmp.link/lentenretreat

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, 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

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2026

- 8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration & Confession until 9:15 am
- 8:30 am Lenten Retreat with Dn. Tom (Vallombrosa)
- 3:30 pm Confession until 4:30 pm
- 5:00 pm Mass
- 6:00 pm March Madness Couples Game Night

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026 (HINT)

- 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., 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 Priteria 🍷 |
| 5:00 pm | Donald Closs † |
| Mon., Mar. 9, 8:15 am | Charles Joseph D'Souza † |
| <i>St. Frances of Rome, Religious (m)</i> | |
| Tue., Mar. 10, 8:15 am | James Wolf † |
| Wed., Mar. 11, 8:15 am | Constantine Cachola † |
| 12:15 pm | St. Raymond Seniors |
| Thu., Mar. 12, 8:15 am | David Dioli † |
| Fri., Mar. 13, 8:15 am | John McEnery |
| Sat., Mar. 14, 8:15 am | Imelda Bueno † |
| Sat., Mar. 14, 5:00 pm | Eleanor Jekot † |
| <i>4th Sunday of Lent (hint)</i> | |
| Sun., Mar. 15, 8:00 am | Elizabeth Moran † |
| 10:00 am | Charles Joseph D'Souza † |
| 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, 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>

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.

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

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

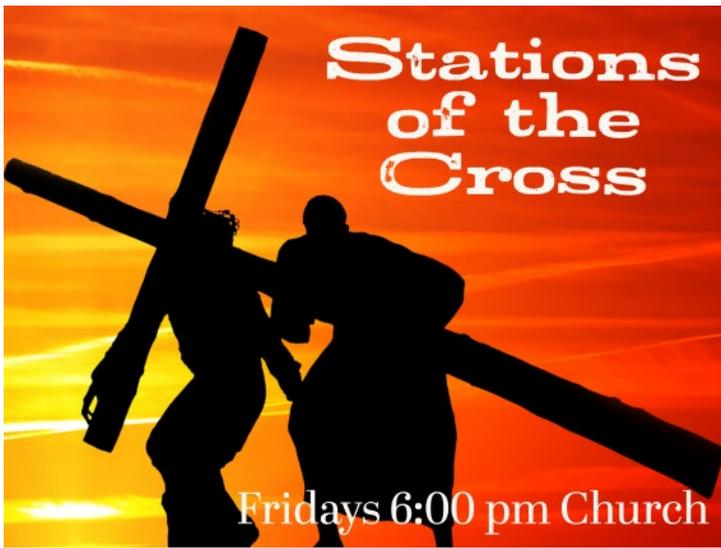
Catholic sacramental
recovery and fellowship for
those seeking freedom from
addictions, compulsions, and
unhealthy attachments.



FAITH | FREEDOM | FELLOWSHIP

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meets every Monday at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center. Feel free to join us and learn more about the Legion of Mary.

A graphic for 'Senior BINGO' with green glittery text, a horseshoe, and bingo balls. Below the graphic, the text reads: 'Wednesday, March 11, 2026', '12:15 pm - Senior Mass', and '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.



YOUNG ADULTS



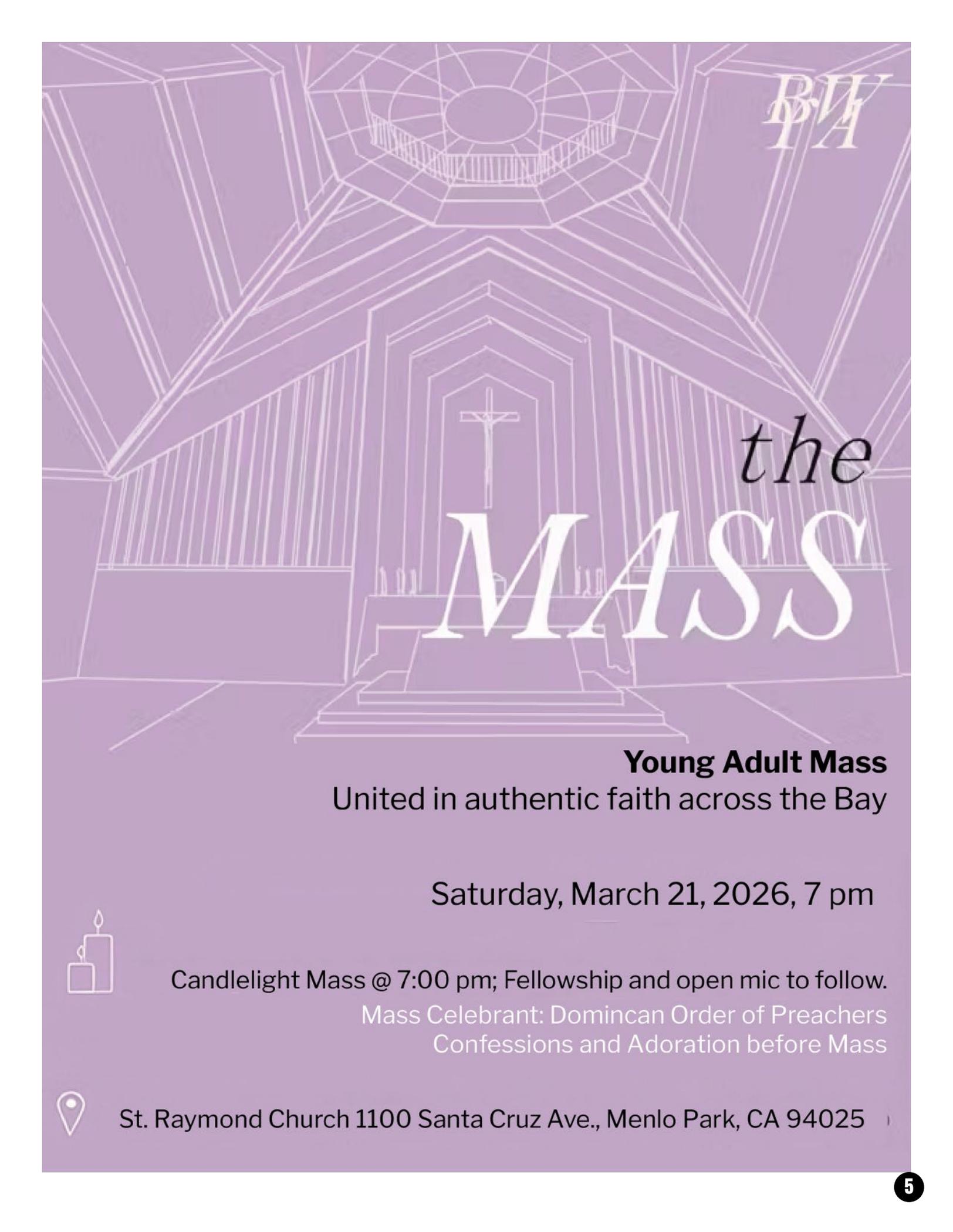
Over 70 young adults joined us last week for our latest 4D event with Fr. Thomas Aquinas Pickett, O.P. Our next 4D event is Thursday, March 26.

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.





BVA

the
MASS

Young Adult Mass
United in authentic faith across the Bay

Saturday, March 21, 2026, 7 pm



Candlelight Mass @ 7:00 pm; Fellowship and open mic to follow.
Mass Celebrant: Dominican Order of Preachers
Confessions and Adoration before Mass



St. Raymond Church 1100 Santa Cruz Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025

DOMINICAN CORNER

HOW DO WE OBTAIN THE WATER OF ETERNAL LIFE?

Br. Raphael Akita Knox, O.P., reflects on the Gospel for the Third Sunday of Lent (Jn 4:5-42).

In the Gospel reading for this Sunday, Jesus has a conversation with a Samaritan woman at a well in Samaria, and he says something very peculiar. He says, "The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." What could this mean? And where and when does Jesus give this water? The answer becomes clear if we read further in John's Gospel. Jesus gives it from the cross, as He's dying. There's a deep connection between this story of the woman at the well in John chapter 4 and the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, on the other hand.

Because, at the well, Jesus asks for a drink. He's not so much thirsting for water as he is for the Samaritan woman's faith and for her salvation. On the cross, Jesus says, "I thirst," and He still thirsts to this day for your faith and salvation.

At the well, Jesus gives new life to the Samaritan woman. On the cross, Jesus gives new life to the Church. He gives birth to the Church, His Mystical Body and Bride.

At the well, Jesus promises living water. On the cross, Jesus fulfills this promise when the soldier pierces His side with a lance, and out flowed Blood and Water.

When we receive this living water at our Baptism, the Holy Spirit comes to dwell in our souls, and continuously and increasingly supplies the grace that brings us to heaven. This is why Jesus calls it living water: because it flows directly from the Holy Spirit who dwells in our souls.

And how do we obtain this water? There are two things: by our prayer and by our desire. Like the Samaritan woman, we can ask Jesus humbly, "Lord, give us this water always, so that we may never thirst again."



*New from the
Dominican Friars!*

Watch now for free at
youtube.com/OPWest

ASK FR. ANTONY

What is Fasting, and why do we do it?

Fasting is one of the oldest traditions in the Judeo-Christian tradition. Our bodies like pleasant things such as food, drink, and entertainment. While these things can be good for us in moderation, we easily become distracted by them and spend our time and energy pursuing them instead of learning to love the God who gave them to us. Fasting involves intentionally giving up some of these goods for the sake of training our bodies and souls to rely on God instead of on the pleasure these good things give us. While we can fast from any good thing, the most common kinds of fasting involve giving up food.

Because our spiritual works are more powerful when they are done together, the Church sometimes requires all her members to fast in a unified way. These days, every Catholic from the age of 18 to 59 is obligated to fast on two days every year: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In the United States, the description of fasting which our bishops have provided is as follows: "When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal."

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.



Lenten Meditation with Art

*Learn how to use
your senses and
imagination to pray.
Led by Dcn, John
Paul Puschantz.*



**THURSDAY MARCH 19TH
AT 7PM
ST RAYMOND CHURCH**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Summer Opportunities for All Ages

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

1st to 5th Graders: Mary's Garden Summer Camp

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.

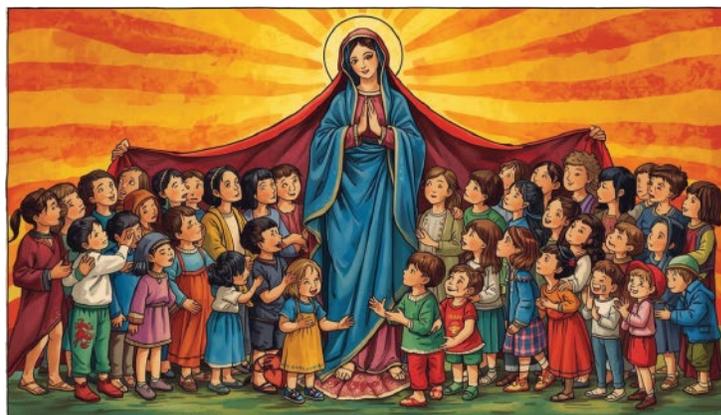
One can have a lot of fun serving others in creative and meaningful ways—cooking and sharing meals, performing and creating art for our elderly neighbors, spreading encouragement through handmade postcards, and working together on projects that make our parish a more welcoming place. Real service, real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

Register here. strmp.link/handsofjesus



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.

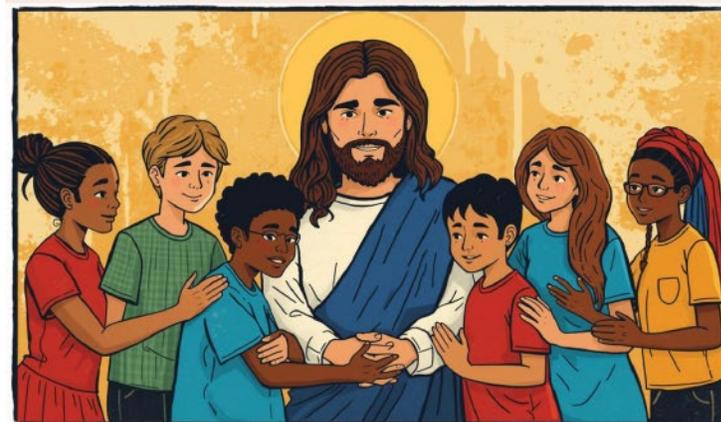
Visit our website to explore camps, dates, and registration details. <https://www.serrahs.com/summer/school-enrichment-program>



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–7th 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>

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY BABY SHOWERS!

Join us as we collect new baby items for The Samaritan House!! Beginning March 31.

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 storage container location past 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.



Storage Container Location: 1231 Arbor Road, past the priest's residence.

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

Tickets available at strmp.link/fish

1100 SANTA CRUZ AVE MENLO PARK CA 94025

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.



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