



ST. RAYMOND
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



4th Sunday of Lent
March 15, 2026



Palm Sunday, March 29
Holy Thursday, April 2

Mass: 7:00 pm

Good Friday, April 3

Celebration: 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 4

Mass: 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 5

Masses: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and
10:00 am outside Arbor House

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

Lenten Meditation with Art

Learn how to use your senses and imagination to pray. Led by Dcn. John Paul Puschautz.



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

This Week

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

- 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 16, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026

- 7:00pm Lenten Meditation with Art (Church)

FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 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
- 7:00 pm Baywide Young Adult Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 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

Mass Intentions

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| Sat., Mar. 14, 5:00 pm | Eleanor Jekot † |
| <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> | |
| Sun., Mar. 15, 8:00 am | Elizabeth Moran † |
| 10:00 am | Charles Joseph D'Souza † |
| 5:00 pm | St. Raymond Parish |
| Mon., Mar. 16, 8:15 am | Ethel & Isador Scherba †† |
| <i>St. Frances of Rome, Religious (m)</i> | |
| Tue., Mar. 17, 8:15 am | Ed Kennedy 🍀 † |
| <i>St. Patrick, Bishop, Principal Co-Patron of Archdiocese (S)</i> | |
| Wed., Mar. 18, 8:15 am | Tersina Biada |
| <i>St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (m)</i> | |
| Thu., Mar. 19, 8:15 am | Rud & Claire Scholz (healing) |
| <i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)</i> | |
| Fri., Mar. 20, 8:15 am | Galvez, Herborn, & Ritzen Families, L&D |
| Sat., Mar. 21, 8:15 am | Christina Monahan † |
| Sat., Mar. 21, 5:00 pm | Johnny Warfel † |
| <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i> | |
| Sun., Mar. 22, 8:00 am | Paul Caletti † |
| 10:00 am | Suzanne Sullivan † |
| 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, Rud & Claire Scholz, 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.

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.

ST. RAYMOND PARISH

Fifth Annual

FISH SUPPER



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



Adults \$25

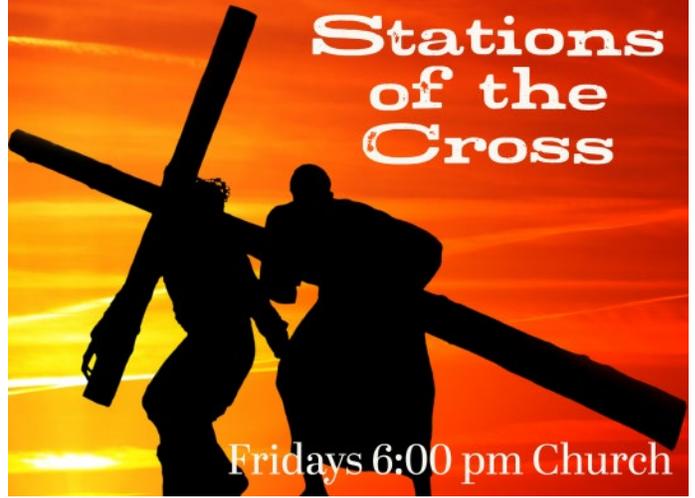
Children 10 and under Free

<https://strmp.link/fish>

Tickets available at strmp.link/fish

1100 SANTA CRUZ AVE MENLO PARK CA 94025

Stations of the Cross



Fridays 6:00 pm Church

Soup Supper Fridays



6:45 pm Parish Hall

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

ST. RAYMOND SVDP CONFERENCE - FIFTH SUNDAY COLLECTION - MARCH 29

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.

As we approach this Fifth Sunday Collection throughout the month of March, 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.

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY BABY SHOWERS!

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

Formula
Baby Food
Diaper Wipes
Diapers (Larger Sizes)

HOW CAN WE BE HEALED OF OUR BROKENNESS?

Br. Serafin Guadalupe Malfabon, O.P., reflects on the Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Jn 9:1-41).

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, we read in the Gospel of John the story of our Lord Jesus healing the blind man born blind. Our Lord spits on the ground and makes clay with the saliva, and then he smears the clay on the man's eyes. Our Lord then tells the man to "go and wash in the pool of Siloam, a name that means sent," and the man is miraculously healed of his blindness.

Okay, what is going on here? Well, St. Augustine gives us a mystical and allegorical explanation. He tells us that the saliva which descends from the head signifies the Word of God, who proceeds from the Father. The Lord then made clay from the earth and the saliva when, as John chapter one tells us, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

In the incarnation, God, in his immense love for us, becomes man and takes on our littleness, opening the door for us to encounter him in a new and intimate way.

We can allow Jesus Christ to come and touch the very wounds and brokenness we carry; just like how in the story, the Lord smears the clay on the man's eyes. The man born blind receives the incarnate Son of God on his very blindness! And indeed, the Lord tells us, this is why God the Father allowed this blindness, "so that the works of God might be displayed in him."

We are invited, then, to do the same: to receive Christ, the Incarnate Word of God, into our lives and to allow him into our dysfunction, to heal our wounds, through perseverance in prayer and a lively reception of the sacraments. Developing an intimate friendship with him in his church.

It is appropriate, then, that this reading is proclaimed this Sunday in anticipation of the Easter Season, because once we allow ourselves to be vulnerable before his healing hands and we begin to encounter Him in this intimate way, we are then sent to be washed in the waters of baptism.

So, if you are a catechumen preparing to be baptized, rejoice in this amazing gift, and cooperate with the grace to persevere on your journey! And if you have already been baptized, rejoice! and ask the Lord to help you renew your baptismal promises this Easter.

Why do we Genuflect and Bow in church?

Have you ever wondered why Catholics go down on one knee before they walk into their pew? This gesture is called a "genuflection", from the Latin genu (knee) and flectere (to bend). To genuflect, a person bends their right knee down to the ground, and makes a Sign of the Cross, touching their forehead, chest, and shoulders with their right fingertips. A genuflection is a sign of great respect, and it is made towards the Tabernacle, the decorated box where the Eucharist is kept after Mass. It shows our respect to the real, substantial presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, and reminds us that we are in the presence of God in a special way when we enter the Church. Catholic genuflect towards the Tabernacle whenever they pass in front of the tabernacle, and whenever they enter or leave their pew.

Similarly, you may have also seen that Catholic bow at the waist at different times. The Altar – the table on which the Sacrifice of the Mass is celebrated – is also shown great respect as the physical location where bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Christ. Whenever a Catholic is walking through a Church, and passes in front of the Altar, they bow towards it to show their respect, and to remind themselves of the importance of the Altar and the Mass.

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.



New from the Dominican Friars!

Watch now for free at youtube.com/OPWest

St. Patrick, St. Joseph, and the Conversion that Makes All the Difference

By Bishop Robert Barron

I am always pleased when the feasts of St. Patrick and St. Joseph roll around every year, the first on March 17th and the second on March 19th. Joseph is especially dear to the Italian people, who celebrate him with festive meals, and Patrick, of course, is specially revered by my own people, the Irish, who celebrate him with parades, parties, and (often) too much drinking. Though separated by four centuries and though hailing from extremely different cultures, Patrick and Joseph have a great deal in common, spiritually speaking. For both stubbornly situated their lives in the context, not of the ego-drama, but the theodrama, and therein lies their importance for the universal church.

Let's consider Patrick first. A Roman Briton, born in the early fifth century, Patrick, while still a young man, was kidnapped by raiders and brought to Ireland, where he lived the brutal life of a slave. One can only imagine the darkness of these years: torn away from family, friends, and home, compelled to learn an unfamiliar language, treated with disdain, forced to do the most disagreeable work. How often he must have wept. How often he must have cried out to God, wondering how he could have been so thoroughly abandoned. After six years in Ireland, Patrick finally managed to escape and return home. Some accounts have it that he then sojourned in France, doing his theological studies there and becoming ordained as a priest.

Looking at this life from a purely natural or psychological perspective, one would readily conclude that still youthful Fr. Patrick would never want to journey again to the place where his life had hit rock bottom. Or perhaps, he would want to return there as chaplain to an invading army! Instead, he decided to go back to Ireland in order to carry the Gospel to those who had enslaved and persecuted him. How can we explain this? We have to move beyond a merely natural and psychological framework and understand his life theologically. Stated differently, we have to appreciate that Patrick, like all of the saints, saw his life as ingredient in a drama that God was directing and producing. He appreciated that the whole awful experience of being a slave was not simply dumb suffering, but was, strangely, a preparation for the work that God had for him. During those terrible years, he learned a great deal about the history, topography, and language of the Irish; he came, perhaps, to love some of their lore and religious customs. Like Moses among the Egyptians, he

came to understand the “enemy” culture from the inside and hence was able, with special skill and creativity, to engage it. Now think of the worst moment of your life, the time when you hit bottom. How do you read it? Pointless pain—or a moment of particular grace?

Now let us look at St. Joseph. Every episode of his life recounted in the Bible is a crisis. He discovers, to his dismay, that the woman he loved and to whom he was betrothed to marry, was pregnant. How lost and confused he must have been. The Mosaic law permitted him to hand Mary over to be stoned to death, but his native decency prevented him from taking that path. Instead, he resolved, undoubtedly with a broken heart, to divorce her quietly. But then the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream and explained the anomalous pregnancy. Placing his own fears and preoccupations to one side, Joseph understood what was happening in the context of God's providence and he took Mary as his wife.

Next, discovering that the child was in mortal danger, Joseph took mother and baby on a perilous journey, across hundreds of miles of trackless desert, to an unknown country, an unknown village, an unknown people. Anyone who has ever been forced into exile, compelled to leave his homeland, or even obliged to move to a new city to take up a job knows the anxiety that Joseph must have felt. Now add to it the keen sense that your baby is being pursued by agents of the government, intent upon murder. But Joseph went because God had commanded him.

Finally, we hear of Joseph desperately seeking his lost twelve-year old son. Speak to any parent who has gone through a similar experience—looking for a child who has wandered away or been taken—and you will hear of a fear beyond measure. And this anxious search went on for three days. Did Mary and Joseph sleep? Did they eat? What did they say to one another? Thus we fully understand Mary's reaction when, having finally discovered Jesus among the doctors in the Temple: “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety?” And they received that devastatingly understated response: “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?” Quietly taking the child home, Joseph once more put aside his human feelings and trusted in the purposes of God. The little we know about Joseph is that he experienced heartbreak, fear unto death, and a parent's deepest anxiety, but each time, he read what happened to him theo-dramatically and not ego-dramatically.

This shift in attitude, this re-orientation of the heart, this conversion is what made Patrick the patron of the Irish and Joseph the patron of the universal 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.

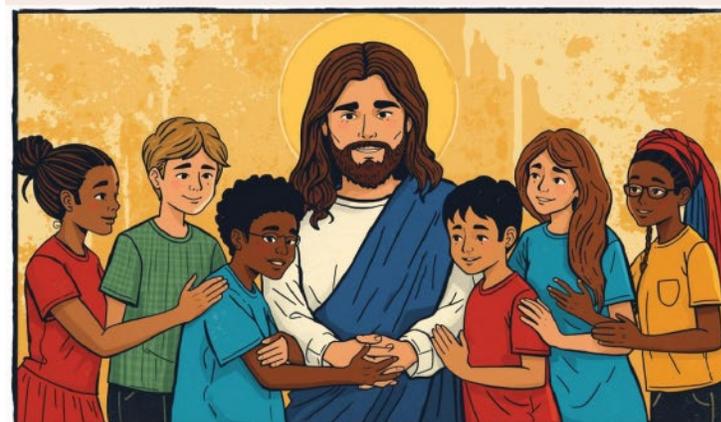
Register here. strmp.link/handsofjesus



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>

UGANDA EDUCATION FUND

Emmanuel Nsamba, a Stanford University postdoctoral researcher in Life Sciences, grew up in rural Uganda and became the only student from his village to reach university – made possible through his mother's sacrifice and a series of scholarships. Now he is giving back through The Uganda Education Project, which provides educational support to vulnerable children and youth in Uganda.

Donations range from \$100 (uniforms and textbooks for a year) to \$1,500 (a year of college tuition). Make checks payable to St. Raymond Catholic Church (memo: Uganda Education Project) or give online at strmp.link/uganda.



HELPLINES FOR CLERGY/CHURCH SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIMS

(415) 614-5506 This number is answered by Rocio Rodriguez, LMFT, Archdiocesan Pastoral Outreach Coordinator. This is a secured line and is answered only by Rocio Rodriguez.

(415) 614-5503 If you wish to speak to a non-archdiocesan employee please call this number. This is also a secured line and is answered only by a victim survivor.

(800) 276-1562 Report sexual abuse by a bishop or a bishop's interference in a sexual abuse investigation to a confidential third party. www.reportbishopabuse.org

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.

YOUNG ADULTS



Last Sunday, over 20 St. Raymond young adults met at Cafe Borrone for their monthly 2nd Sunday brunch. Their next brunch is Sunday, April 12, following the 10:00 am Mass.

The next Baywide Young Adult Candlelight Mass will be hosted by St. Raymond on Saturday, March 21, at 7:00 pm, with fellowship and food to follow.

Our next 4D event is Thursday, May 26. Details to come!

Plug into our growing young adult community (ages 20-40) by joining our WhatsApp group – scan the QR code!



Young Adults Meetup Mass (YAMM): Every Sunday, young adults meet up after the 10:00 am Mass to enjoy coffee.

Where's the storage container?



1231 Arbor Road, past the priest's residence.

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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