



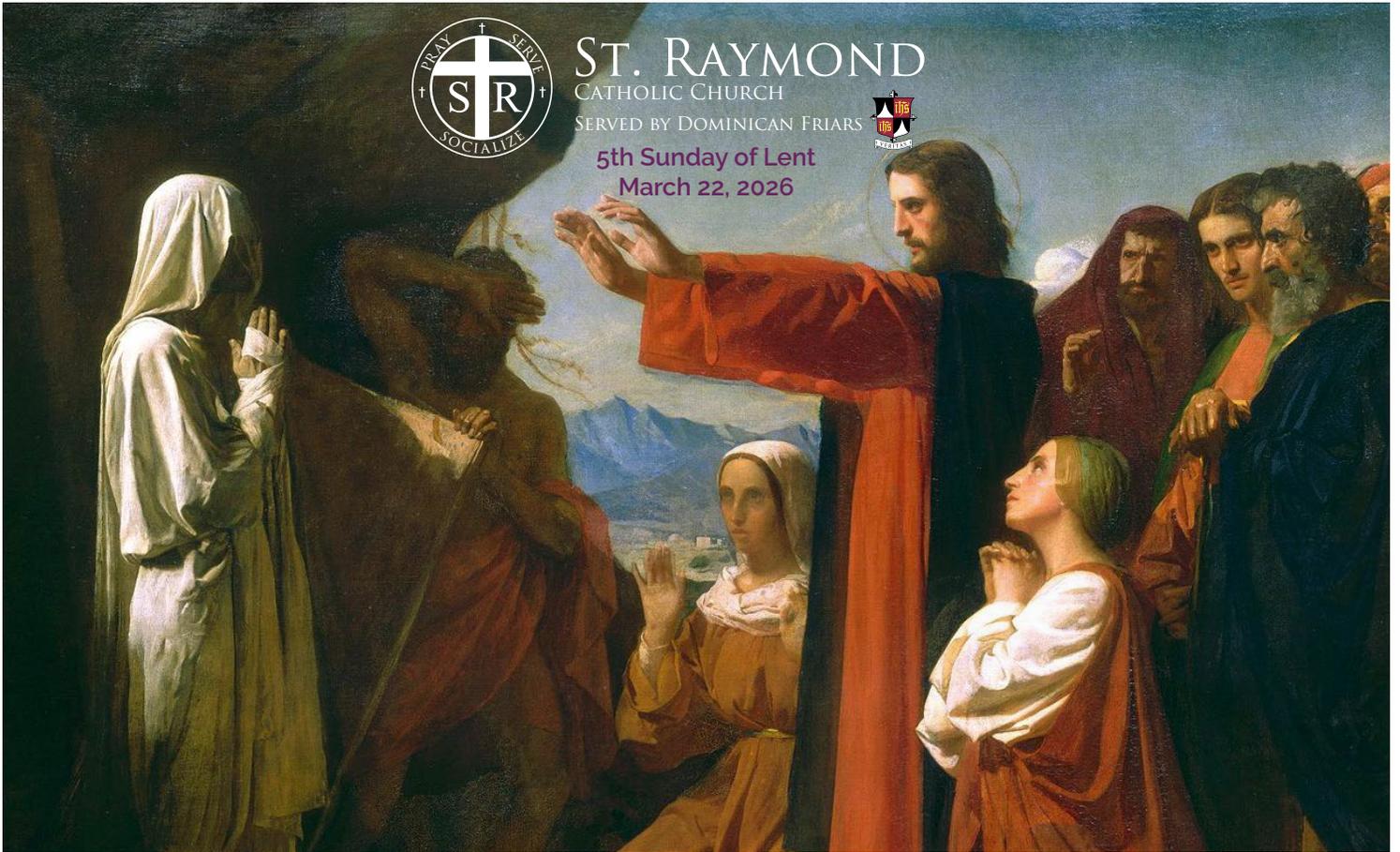
ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



5th Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026



Palm Sunday, March 29
Holy Thursday, April 2

Tenebrae: 8:15 am
Mass: 7:00 pm
Altar of Repose: Gym until 11 pm

Good Friday, April 3

Tenebrae: 8:15 am
Tre Ore Service: 12:00 pm
Celebration: 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 4

Tenebrae: 8:15 am
Easter Vigil Mass: 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 5

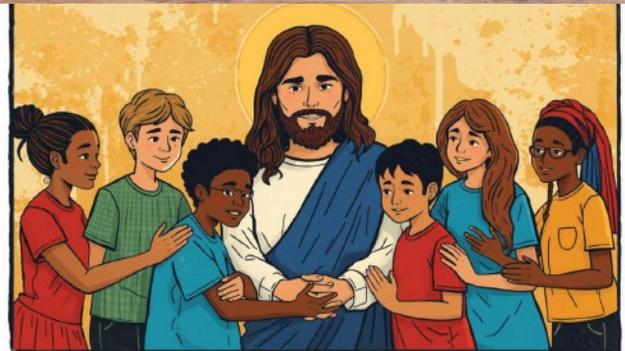
Masses: 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
and 10:00 am outside
Arbor House



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>

This Week

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

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026

- 7:00pm 4D Young Adult Event - Catholic Social Teaching

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 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

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 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

Next Weekend's Liturgical Color

Mass Intentions

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| 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 |
| Mon., Mar. 23, 8:15 am | Sharon Kennedy Gerlach † |
| <i>St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop (m)</i> | |
| Tue., Mar. 24, 8:15 am | Ellet Cruz |
| Wed., Mar. 25, 8:15 am | Grace Tabora 🕯️ |
| <i>The Annunciation of the Lord (S)</i> | |
| Thu., Mar. 26, 8:15 am | Fr. Jerome Cudden, O.P. 🕯️ |
| Fri., Mar. 27, 8:15 am | Br. Anthony Maria Akerman, O.P. 🕯️ |
| Sat., Mar. 28, 8:15 am | Robert Leite † |
| Sat., Mar. 28, 5:00 pm | Hamer Family, L&D |
| <i>Palm Sunday</i> | |
| Sun., Mar. 29, 8:00 am | Ena Krueger |
| 10:00 am | Marion Moreno † |
| 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

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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

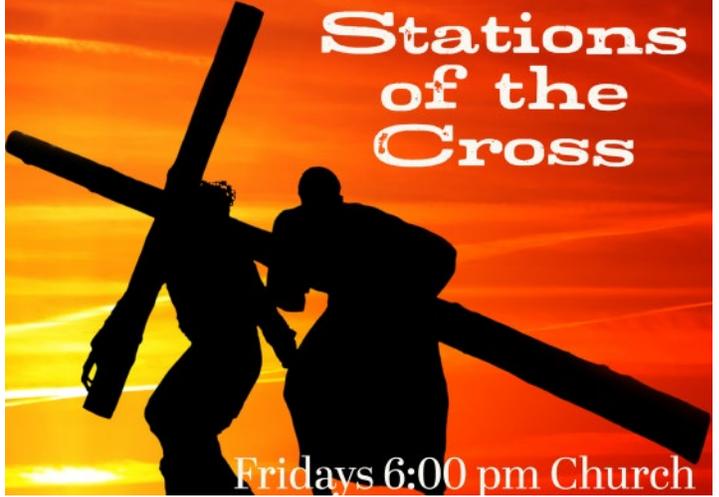
Every month that includes a fifth Sunday, our parish takes up a special collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) Conference at St. Raymond. Your generosity allows us to continue serving neighbors in need within our own community—providing food, rent assistance, clothing, utilities, and 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.

Stations of the Cross



Fridays 6:00 pm Church

YOUNG ADULTS

ST. RAYMOND'S

YOUNG ADULTS

(ages 20-40)

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

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



Catholic Social Teaching

Discussion led by
Fr Brad Elliott, OP

Our next 4D event is Thursday, March 26 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. See flyer above.

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.

DOMINICAN CORNER

WHAT “TOMB” OF SIN ARE WE STUCK IN?

Br. John Paul Puschautz, O.P., reflects on the Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent (Jn 11:1-45)

The raising of Lazarus is one of my favorite Gospels. It's so moving. Jesus' friend Lazarus dies and comes to the tomb, and Scripture says that Jesus wept. In this short verse, we see that Jesus is fully man; he shares our nature, our joys, our sorrows, and he sanctifies this human grief. He is Emmanuel, God with us, especially in our sorrow, but we have to take away the stone of the tomb. We're wounded. We have to go to the Divine Physician and show Him where it hurts.

So, what is that tomb that I am stuck in? Where am I experiencing death? You can be vulnerable with Jesus, because He is God. He knows you and he can heal you, but you have to invite him in. Even the darkness is not dark for him. He is the resurrection and the life, so we do not grieve as those without hope. We don't have to stay in that sorrow.

You can even imagine yourself in that dark cave, that tomb, and little by little, the stone is taken away, and the darkness is pierced by a growing light. Jesus calls Lazarus out of the sleep of death, and he recreates each one of us by speaking our name: “My child, come out of that tomb; you don't have to stay there.” If you're oppressed by the attacks of the enemy, come out of that tomb; you don't have to be ruled by him anymore. Satan, the strong man has been bound by Jesus, a much stronger man. Feel stuck in the slavery of sin? Go to the Confession, the Tomb where sin goes to die and come out of that tomb a new creation; experience it as a place of victory and resurrection. He calls us by name; come out of that tomb. Walk in the light. Do not be afraid.



New from the Dominican Friars!

Watch now for free at youtube.com/OPWest

SAVE THE DATE

We are overjoyed to announce that Dn. John Paul will be ordained to the priesthood on **Thursday, June 26 at 10:30 am at St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco**. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for this sacred milestone.

He will celebrate his **First Mass at St. Raymond on Sunday, June 28 at 10 am**. All are welcome to join us for this joyful occasion, **followed by a BBQ celebration**. We look forward to celebrating with you!

ASK FR. ANTONY

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

We are required to come to Mass each Sunday to celebrate the Sacrifice of the Mass. In the Mass, bread and wine are changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. He becomes actually, substantially present to us in the Eucharist even though it only looks like bread and wine. It is this Jesus, really present on the Altar, whom we offer back to God as the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. But, because He loves us so much that He wants to continue to spend time with us in this substantial way, Jesus allows us to keep His body in the Tabernacle after Mass. In Eucharistic Adoration we take Jesus' body, keep it in a place of honor on the Altar, and spend time in prayer with Jesus who is substantially present to us. Being able to look and see Jesus actually present on the Altar helps our prayer to be more focused and directed, and we receive special grace from God just by being in His real presence! At St. Raymond, we have Eucharistic Adoration every Wednesday evening from 7-8pm, and every Saturday morning after the 8:15am 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.

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

PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the most important week in Catholicism. This week of great reverence and reflection spans the final eight days of Jesus' life—from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. It is astounding how much wisdom, insight and inspiration are available to us during this one week.

When is Holy Week 2026?

This year, Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday: March 29, 2026. It ends on Easter Sunday: April 5, 2026.

What is Palm Sunday?

Every day of Holy Week is one step on a spiritual pilgrimage, and Palm Sunday is the day that pilgrimage begins.



Palm Sunday takes place one week before Easter and commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Catholics carry blessed palm branches into church, symbolizing the crowd's welcoming gesture as Jesus rode into the city on a donkey. The Gospel readings recount the story of Jesus' death and Passion, inviting us to reflect on his sacrificial love and the profound significance of Holy Week.

How to Observe Palm Sunday

Celebrating Palm Sunday begins with a uniquely powerful experience of Mass. This particular Mass includes two incredible readings from the Gospels. As Mass begins, we hear the account of Jesus triumphantly entering Jerusalem on a donkey and being praised by massive crowds. It is a special opportunity to begin a spiritual pilgrimage toward Easter.

Then, during the Liturgy of the Word, we dive into the entire Passion account. Many parishes present this account in an interactive format: the priest reads Jesus' lines,



lectors narrate and read the parts of many characters, and everyone in the pews reads the part of the crowd. As you listen, place yourself there in the story. Imagine the sights and sounds. Who do you resonate with? What words or phrases stick out to you? It is a particularly long reading, so try to focus on the one thing God is trying to say to you.

At Palm Sunday Mass, you'll also receive blessed palm branches. Many people keep these palm branches all year, using them as a religious decoration in their home or weaving them into a cross shape. Since palm branches are a blessed item, they should not be thrown in the trash. If you do not want to keep your branch, you can return it to the church where it will be burned for ashes the following Ash Wednesday!

From: Dynamic Catholic (<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/holy-week.html>).

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.



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

13th Annual World-Famous St. Raymond Rummage Sale

Do you have new or gently used items at home that could find a new life with someone else? Donate them to the 13th Annual World-Famous St. Raymond Rummage Sale and help us raise funds for parish ministries – while lightening your load!

Drop off your donations at the storage container past the priest's residence off Arbor Road to the left of the barn. The container is open Monday-Friday, 7:45-3:15 pm and weekends, 9 am-4 pm.

Want to give more? Volunteer your time! An easy-to-use volunteer link will be available soon. It's a great way to meet your 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday we have our monthly Family-Supported Mass, with children from our program reading, bringing the gifts, or singing. Please contact Lauri Hofstrom (music@straymondmp.org) or Florence de Bretagne (florence.debretagne@straymondmp.org) if you would like your child to be involved next time.

Next Sunday, March 28, all children in the religious education program will gather in the Parish Hall to paint wooden eggs – a wonderful way to build a sense of waiting and expectation for Easter.

On Easter Sunday, April 5, there will be no class, but a giant egg hunt will follow the 10 am Masses for all children from pre-K through 6th grade. Teens are welcome to help hide the eggs and assist the little ones in finding them. Please contact Florence at florence.debretagne@straymondmp.org for more information.

Registration for our summer camps (1st-5th grade and 6th-7th grade) is still open. Half the spots in "Mary's Garden" are already filled – don't wait to sign up! Use the links or QR codes to the left. .



Rosary making workshop and prayer in the 3rd grade class



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

BEAST YOUTH MINISTRY

Last Sunday our BeAST youth group (BE A SainT) split into two groups: some visited St. Patrick's Seminary while others stayed to serve at St. Raymond through games and egg stuffing.



As the end of this blessed season of Lent nears, may we embrace the spirit of this sacred time and open ourselves to the possibility of a new way of living – one where we love those around us more deeply and with more gratitude,

but also to a life where we are aware that we are called to be family with all God's people and creation. As Fr. Jerome nudged us to remember in his homily a few weeks ago, we are all created in God's image, we are one body in Christ. In light of this, we are called to build a better world for God's creation, for all God's people and for future generations.

During Holy Week we will recall with graphic clarity how Jesus suffered to pay the price for our sins, and then we celebrate His resurrection and our hope of everlasting life with Him. In gratitude for the saving grace through Jesus, let us try to live according to Pope Leo XIV's letter on love for the poor (Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te*). He reminded us that God calls us to "make a radical choice in favor of the weakest" in the way we live our daily lives. Essential to this call is our care for creation, as it is the vulnerable who suffer the most from our lack of care. To keep this close in our hearts even as the Easter season ends, make it a habit of pausing every day to notice the magnificence of God's creation. Really look at the trees and flowers, and look up at the sky every night and see the glories of the stars and planets – all designed by our loving Creator.



Father God, we are grateful for your great love for us and for your gift of creation. Help us to live our lives with thoughtful care of others and acknowledgment of our duty to care for the earth and the most vulnerable in it.

 Legatus

WINE RECEPTION

MARCH | 28 | 6PM

*St. Raymond Catholic Church
Menlo Park, CA*

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

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

This gathering is hyperlocal and intentionally small leaders to build a real community.

Exclusive by design. Space is limited.

To Request an Invitation:



Mayra Brown
mbrown@legatus.org

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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