



ST. RAYMOND
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026



ST. RAYMOND PARISH

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This Week

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026

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

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Indoor & Outdoor Masses followed
by ☕ & 🍷

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026

6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Parish Hall)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass followed by ☕ & 🍷
5:00 pm Mass

Mass Intentions

Sat., Apr. 4, 8:00 pm	St. Raymond Parish
<i>Easter Vigil</i>	
Sun., Apr. 5, 8:00 am	Papa & Ruocco Families, L&D
10:00 am (Church)	Scherba & Philip Families, L&D
10:00 am (Outside)	Jeremiah Webb †
Mon., Apr. 6, 8:15 am	Deceased Relatives & Friends of Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Hofstrom
<i>Easter Octave (continues until Sunday)</i>	
Tue., Apr. 7, 8:15 am	Terry Johnson †
Wed., Apr. 8, 8:15 am	Dionisio Reyes †
Thur., Apr. 9, 8:15 am	Antonio Moises †
Fri., Apr. 10, 8:15 am	Joanie Sorrentino
Sat., Apr. 11, 8:15 am	Lucy D'Souza
Sat., Apr. 11, 5:00 pm	Ed Kennedy † & Sharon Kennedy Gerlach †
<i>Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter)</i>	
Sun., Apr. 12, 8:00 am	St. Raymond Parish
10:00 am	Braulio Bautista †
5:00 pm	Doran Laidlaw †

S - Solemnity; **F** - Feast; **M** - Obligatory Memorial;
m - Optional Memorial; **L&D** - Living & Deceased

Mass Intentions are still available for 2026.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

ST. RAYMOND SVDP CONFERENCE - FIFTH SUNDAY COLLECTION - THANK YOU!

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.

Thank you to all who contributed this past weekend! If you missed the collection, you can still donate online using the link or QR code below, or use a St. Vincent de Paul envelope available in the church. Your donations make these encounters possible and help us continue this sacred work of bringing Christ to – and receiving Christ from – our neighbors.



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!

On **Saturday, May 30, 2026**, our former student brother **Br. Anthony Maria Akerman, O.P.**, will make his Solemn Vows at St. Dominic Church in Benicia. The Mass will begin at 10:30 am. To RSVP, please visit <https://opwest.org/blog/soler>

Don't forget to turn in your Rice Bowl!

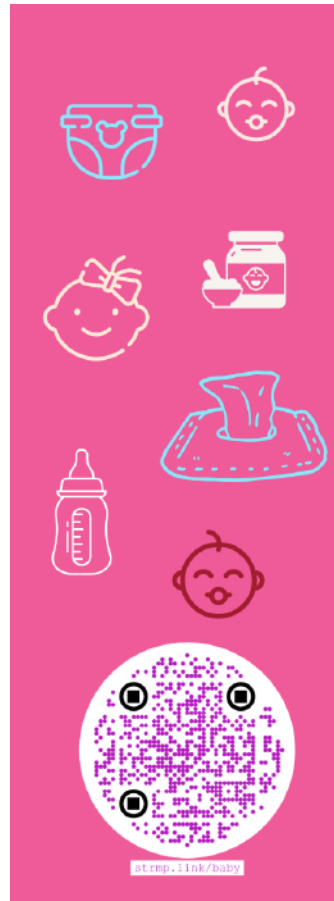


APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY BABY SHOWERS!

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

Formula
Baby Food
Diaper Wipes
Diapers (Larger Sizes)

St. Raymond is collecting new baby items **March 31-May 3, 2026**. Please drop items off in one of the collection bins or feel free to order on Amazon and have it sent directly to the parish. Thanks for your support!!!



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.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS



Young Adult Group (ages 21–40). Looking for community and authentic friendship centered on Christ, or hoping to learn more about the Catholic faith? We meet on the 4th Thursday of every month for our 4D Event: Dinner, Drinks, & Discussion with Dominicans.

Plug into our growing young adult community (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 and donuts. Look for the Young Adult table after Mass.



ST. RAYMOND'S

YOUNG ADULTS

(ages 21-40)

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

RSVP in Partiful

THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD
6:30-8:30 PM PARISH HALL
1100 SANTA CRUZ AVE. MENLO PARK


Integral Health: Wholeness and Holiness

Discussion led by
 Dcn. John Paul, OP




A RETREAT FOR ST RAYMOND'S YOUNG ADULT PENTECOST

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you."
 Acts 1:8




FRI. MAY 15, 6 PM-
SUN. MAY 17, 2 PM

ST. FRANCIS RETREAT
 SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, CA

Unplug to Encounter. Transformation is here. Trade the anxious daily grind for a weekend of fearless joy, real friendship, and life in the Holy Spirit.

Talks by Fr. Antony, Dcn. John Paul and Florence De Bretagne

Register Early & Save!
 ★ **Early Bird: \$275 (Until 4/30)**
Regular: \$299 (After 4/30) Final Deadline: 5/7
 (financial assistance available)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Photos from Religious Education and BeAST Ministry last weekend.



SUMMER CAMPS



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>



New from the Dominican Friars!

Watch now for free at youtube.com/OPWest

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.



DOMINICAN CORNER

THE EASTER OCTAVE: RIPPLING JOY

By Br. Alphonsus Vu, O.P.

"Would you like to go to Easter egg hunt?" "No, I am too old for that." At some point, we hear that response from children. The excitement for the Easter egg hunts and the chocolate bunnies starts to fade away. And this is normal. But we adults do not have to give up our childhood Easter egg hunt just because we have grown to a certain age. If the joy of an Easter egg hunt comes with finding a hidden egg, then we can discover hidden joy in our everyday lives. All authentic joys are rooted in Christ. His Resurrection brings joy to the world and transforms it, rescuing it from the place of spiritual darkness.

"Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed!" Eastern Christians use this greeting and response throughout the Easter season. In the Roman Catholic Church, Easter lasts fifty days, beginning on Easter Sunday and ending on Pentecost Sunday. But the first eight days are the most important, bearing the same festive characteristics of Easter Sunday itself. We call that period of eight days an octave. Think of every day in the Octave of Easter as another Easter Sunday. Like a drop of water that makes a ripple on the surface of a lake, the joy of Easter is so great that it diffuses out, rippling through time. And, we may ask, what joy are we celebrating?

It is the joy of the resurrection of Christ. It is in His resurrection that we find hope for eternal life. Through His Resurrection and Ascension, we know that Heaven exists, that eternal life exists, and that God prepares it for those who follow Christ. Scripture says, "For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life" (1 Cor 15: 22). The Resurrection of Christ that we celebrate in these eight days reminds us that Christ brings us new life—the new life of the children of God. This is felt most ardently by those who have just been baptized at the Easter Vigil, but even those of us who have been baptized for a long time should renew our baptismal joy, as well. We are called to remember the grace of baptism by which we have been completely made new. That new life brought to us by the Resurrected Christ is the most precious gift that we can receive. May God, through the intercession of the joyful Mother of Christ, bless us abundantly and pour into our hearts the joy of the Resurrection of Christ.

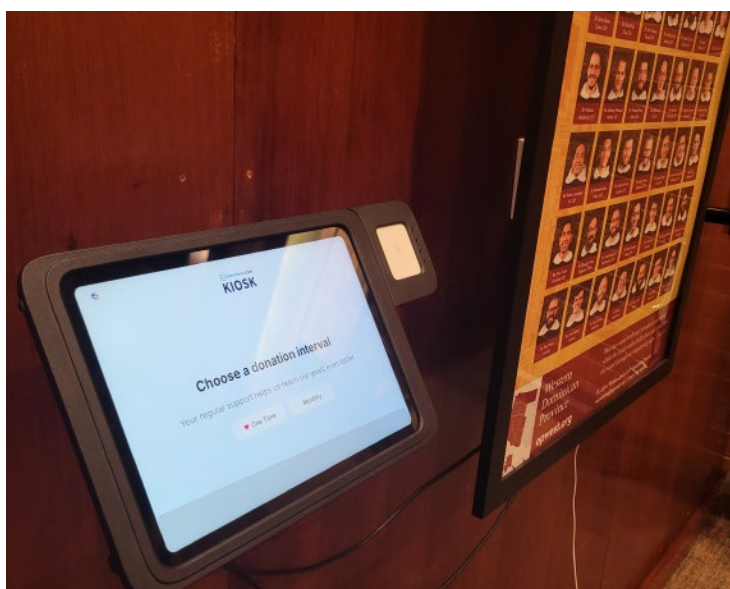
DONATION KIOSKS AVAILABLE

Give conveniently at St. Raymond! Two donation kiosks are located on the Marian side of the church, making it easy to support our parish.

Payment Options: Credit or debit card, Google Pay, and Apple Pay.

Why Give Digitally? Whether you forgot your checkbook, prefer not to carry cash, or simply want a quick and convenient way to give, these kiosks are here for you. Your generosity supports our parish ministries, programs, and community outreach.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Raymond!



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.

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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

**13th Annual World-Famous
St. Raymond Rummage Sale**

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.).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need your help! Volunteer opportunities are available beginning Wednesday, April 15 through the sale weekend. It's a wonderful way to serve the parish and have fun with your fellow parishioners. Current openings include:

Organize/Set Up: Help organize items by department and set up for the sale.

Security: Provide support and oversight during the sale.

Greeter/Price List Distributor: Greet customers at the gym entrance and distribute price lists.

Sign up at <https://strmp.link/rs-volunteer>



Questions? Contact Karyn Leahy at leahyfamily@msn.com.

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.

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.

