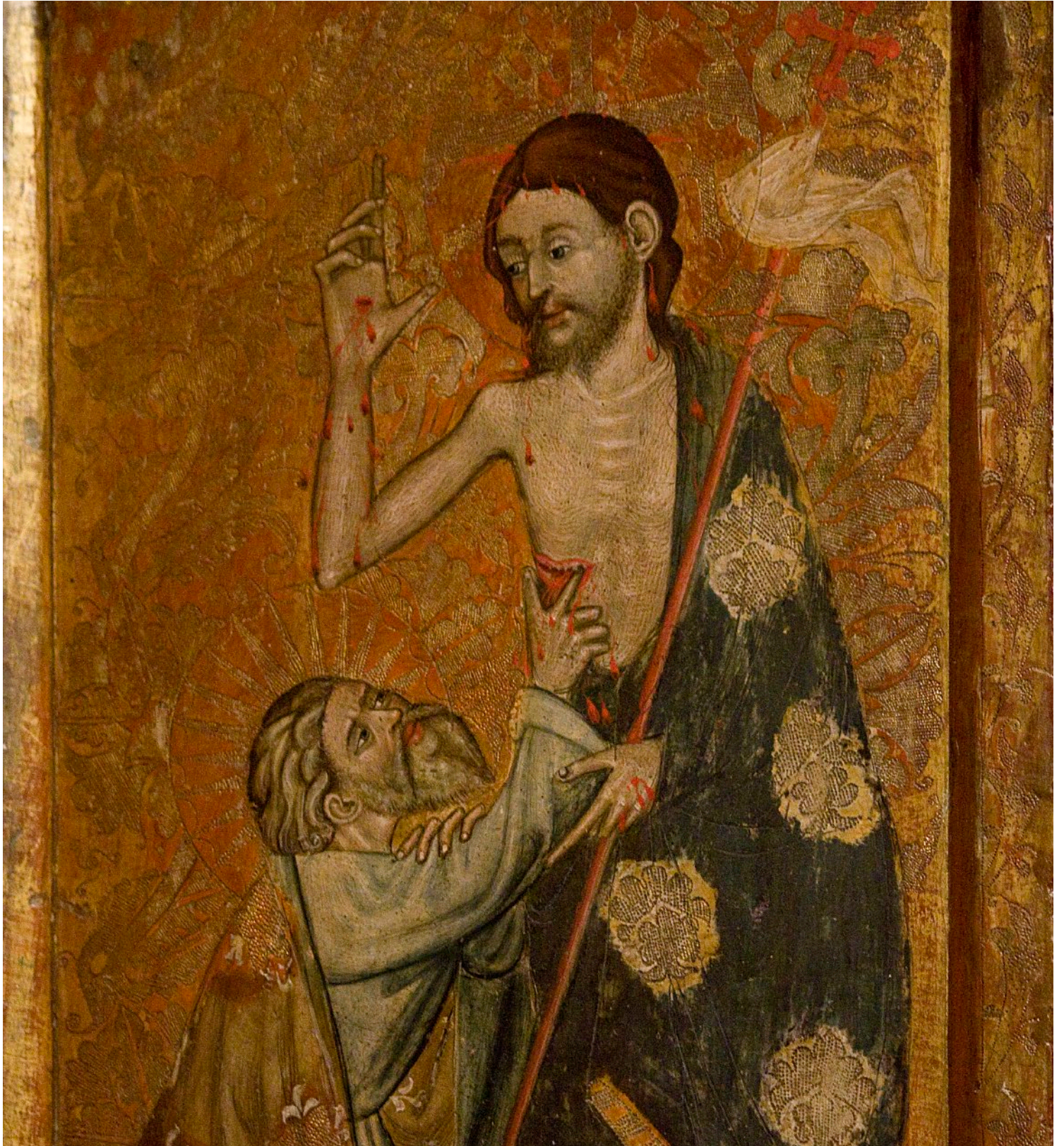




ST. RAYMOND
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026



This Week

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
- 6:00 pm Beast Youth Ministry

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026

- 6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Parish Hall)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026

- 7:00 pm Mercy Night (Church)

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 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, APRIL 19, 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 Ministry

Mass Intentions

Sat., Apr. 11, 5:00 pm Ed Kennedy † & Sharon Kennedy Gerlach †

Divine Mercy Sunday (2nd Sunday of Easter)

Sun., Apr. 12, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish
10:00 am Braulio Bautista †
5:00 pm Doran Laidlaw †

Mon., Apr. 13, 8:15 am Dr. Michael Kelleher
75th 🇺🇸

St. Martin I, Pope & Martyr (m)

Tue., Apr. 14, 8:15 am Fr. Augustine Hilander, O.P. 🇺🇸

Wed., Apr. 15, 8:15 am Elżbieta Braun

Thur., Apr. 16, 8:15 am Galdes & Spiteri Families,
L&D

Fri., Apr. 17, 8:15 am Galdes, Herborn, & Ritzen
Families, L&D

Sat., Apr. 18, 8:15 am Nau Moataane (on her
wedding day)

Sat., Apr. 18, 5:00 pm Irmengard Rauch Carr †
3rd Sunday of Easter

Sun., Apr. 19, 8:00 am Blach & Derry Families, L&D
10:00 am Haarmann & Vuong
Families, L&D
5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

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.

Need healing? Renewal? A miracle?

Mercy Night

Encounter God in
Adoration,
Reconciliation,
Fellowship &
Worship Music

THURSDAY APRIL 16th 7-8:30pm
ST RAYMOND CATHOLIC CHURCH
1100 Santa Cruz Ave, Menlo Park
Future date 5/23

SAVE THE DATE

We are overjoyed to announce that **Dn. John Paul** will be ordained to the priesthood on **Friday, 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/solemn-vows-2026>.



st.rmp.link/baby

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!!!

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



You can donate online at <https://strmp.link/crs> or use the QR code above.

Don't forget about those Rice Bowls!

YOUNG ADULTS

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



St Raymond Young Adults

A Catholic Exploration of WORK

April 20, 2026
7:00 - 8:30 PM

St Raymond Parish Hall
1100 Santa Cruz Ave
Menlo Park, CA



Young Adult Small Groups

"Work is for man, not man for work." – Pope St. John Paul II

Work is ubiquitous and an inescapable part of the human condition. When we work, we can participate in the creative act and bring order to chaos. However, work is just one aspect of a rightly ordered life. In our secular society, especially here in the Bay Area, work is often considered either the number-one priority in many people's lives or something to be avoided altogether.

Join the St. Raymond Young Adult Ministry as we kick off an 8-week small group reading and discussion series exploring the role and purpose of work. We will start with the first book of Genesis and read selections from the Old Testament, the New Testament, the writings of Doctors of the Church, Papal Encyclicals, and 20th century Catholic philosophers and saints. No prior reading is required. If possible, please bring a Bible.

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.

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)



<https://strmp.link/young-adult-retreat>



Hands of Jesus Summer Camp

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

What if your perfect summer camp... was designed by YOU?

This year, we're creating a one-of-a-kind 3-day parish summer camp just for middle schoolers—and you get to help shape it. Want more games? Creative projects? Chill hangouts? Meaningful service that actually makes a difference? Let's build it together.

Register today



Or contact florence.debretagne@straymondmp.org if you have questions

<https://strmp.link/handsofjesus>



*New from the
Dominican Friars!*

Watch now for free at
youtube.com/OPWest

The Western Dominican Province's new series, *St. Dominic's Holy Family*, was just shortlisted for a 2026 People's Telly Award. Can you help us? The Telly Awards are a premier honor in the online media industry, and winning this award means that these inspiring true stories of our Dominican brothers will reach a vast secular audience.

Please help the Dominicans and vote for St. Dominic's Holy Family before Friday, April 17!

To vote:

1. Follow this link to vote: strmp.link/telly-awards
2. Rate St. Dominic's Holy Family "5 stars"!
3. Login or create a new account to register your vote, following directions on-screen. (It's easy!)
4. Check your email, and confirm your vote if necessary (new registrants only)

P.S. You can have an even bigger impact by forwarding this to family, friends, and anyone who appreciates spreading the Gospel. Ask them to vote for St. Dominic's Holy Family today!



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

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.

We have 30 spots only. It will fill out, please register today.



<https://strmp.link/marysgarden>

ASK FR. ANTONY

HOW DO I RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST?

The Eucharist is the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. He is really present in the Eucharist even if it only looks, smells, and tastes like bread and wine. This is one of the central mysteries of our faith. Because of what the Eucharist is, we must approach the Eucharist with great respect and reverence – it is unjust to Jesus to receive Him without due respect or without preparing ourselves to receive Him. Our external action of receiving the Eucharist signifies that we are internally in communion with Jesus; to receive Him without being in this state would be to live a lie. This is why the only people who may receive communion are Catholics who are not in a state of mortal sin, and who have prepared to receive Jesus by prayer and the Sacrament of Confession.

This also means that Catholics who do receive Communion must do it with appropriate respect. We fast for at least an hour before receiving communion as physical preparation. We also spend time before the Mass quieting our hearts and minds and preparing ourselves to enter into prayer. When we come up to receive communion, we bow just before we get to the front of the line to show our respect for the real presence of Jesus. We may receive Jesus in one of two ways. First, we may open our mouth and extend our tongue forward and flat so that the Eucharist may be placed directly on our tongue. This shows that we receive the Eucharist as our spiritual food from Jesus Himself and not by any power of our own. We may also receive the Eucharist in our hand. To do this, we place our left hand over our right, with our palms facing up, creating a little throne for Jesus to be placed in. We then reverently place the Eucharist in our mouth using our right hand. Regardless of which way we do it, the most important thing is to be continuously aware of how precious a gift the Eucharist is, and to treat it with due respect and gravity.

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.

DOMINICAN CORNER

DO WE PLACE OUR FAITH IN JESUS' WORD?

Br. Benedict Mary Bartsch, O.P., reflects on the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Easter (Jn 20:19-31)

“My Lord and My God!” These are the words that St. Thomas the Apostle exclaimed in astonishment and adoration as he stood before the risen Lord. Just a week before, Thomas refused to believe when the other disciples told him that they had seen the risen Jesus. Because of his incredulity, he has earned the rather unfortunate moniker of “doubting Thomas”. I sometimes wonder what had happened in that intervening week between the time the Lord appeared to the other disciples and when he met with Thomas. Surely, the disciples must have had some conversations with him to try and convince him of the truth, and yet, he couldn't believe it until he had seen it for himself.

After Thomas's confession, the Lord exclaims: “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” The Lord here is speaking of those who have faith in Jesus and His resurrection not through corresponding sensory proof, but on the testimony of His word. The Bible says that “The Lord's word is faithful and true.” Jesus' testimony is trustworthy and we should believe Him on His word. Thomas should have believed Him when He said He would rise again on the third day.

I think it's kind of unfortunate that St. Thomas is often remembered for his doubt. That this is the significant point of the story that is often pointed out. Sure, his doubt is rather remarkable. I find it rather hard to believe that he couldn't be convinced by the testimony of at least 10 people. Surely, they couldn't have all been lying. But I find his response to be even more noteworthy. He exclaims in faith: “My Lord and My God”. He's the only person recorded in the Gospels who directly calls Jesus “God.” It's one of the most powerful testimonies we have of Jesus' divinity.

St. Thomas's response is for us both a warning and an example. May we exclaim with faith “My Lord and My God,” not because we need to see everything with our own eyes or touch everything with our own hands, but because we place all our faith in Jesus' word. And His word is faithful and true.

2026 CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO
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OCTOBER 4-15, 2026 | OPTIONAL PRE-STAY IN SORRENTO

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.



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

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