



ST. RAYMOND
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026



13th Annual St. Raymond Parish

rummage
sale

Saturday, April 25, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 26, 2026

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: St. Raymond School Gym
1211 Arbor Road, Menlo Park

This Week

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

- 8:00 am - 3:00 pm Rummage Sale (Gym)
- 8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration & Confession until 9:15 am
- 3:30 pm Confession until 4:30 pm
- 5:00 pm Confirmation Mass

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

- 8:00 am Mass
- 9:00 am Religious Education
- 10:00 am Mass followed by ☺ & 🎂
- 11:00 am - 3:00 pm Rummage Sale (Gym)
- 5:00 pm Mass
- 6:00 pm Beast Youth Ministry

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

- 6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Parish Hall)
- 7:00 pm Young Adults - A Catholic Exploration of Work (Parish Hall)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026

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

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

- 5:45 pm Young Adult Spring Swing (p. 4)

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 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, MAY 3, 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

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| Sat., Apr. 25, 5:00 pm | Daniel Mohrman † |
| <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> | |
| Sun., Apr. 26, 8:00 am | Siosua & Elisapeta Penisini |
| 10:00 am | Eleanor Jekot † |
| 5:00 pm | St. Raymond Parish |
| Mon., Apr. 27, 8:15 am | Kathleen Engels |
| Tue., Apr. 28, 8:15 am | Pete Redoblado 🎂 & Petra Cantoria † |
| <i>St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr (m); St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest (m)</i> | |
| Wed., Apr. 29, 8:15 am | Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother <small>(Tita's birthday)</small> |
| <i>St. Catherine of Siena, OP, Virgin & Doctor of the Church (F)</i> | |
| Thur., Apr. 30, 8:15 am | Alice Carr † |
| <i>St. Pius V, Pope (M)</i> | |
| Fri., May 1, 8:15 am | Harold & Carlyn Iuzzolino |
| <i>St. Joseph, the Worker (m)</i> | |
| Sat., May 2, 8:15 am | Antigone & Chris Dafnides †† |
| <i>St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church (M)</i> | |
| Sat., May 2, 5:00 pm | Puz & Harold Nelson †† & Family, L&D |
| <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i> | |
| Sun., May 3, 8:00 am | St. Raymond Parish |
| 10:00 am | Matsakis Family, L&D |
| 5:00 pm | Rosina, George, & John Iuzzolino ††† & Family, L&D |

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, Carlyn DeMarce, 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.

To add a name or to relist a name, please contact the Parish Office.

DOMINICAN DRAFT

THE DOMINICAN PASTORAL ASSIGNMENT “DRAFT” FOR THE 2026–2027 SEASON HAS CONCLUDED!

Team St. Raymond Menlo Park is proud to announce our Dominican roster for the upcoming ministry season of 2026–2027:

Fr. Jerome Cudden, O.P., will continue as our Pastor and starting quarterback. What the veteran quarterback lacks in arm strength and physical mobility in the pocket, he more than makes up for with pastoral IQ and strategy execution. He hopes this is finally the year he gets to hoist the Pope Peter Trophy by winning his first Vatican Bowl.



Knowing he cannot do it alone, we are thrilled to announce that **Deacon Brother John Paul Puschutz, O.P.**, will be ordained to the priesthood on Friday, June 26 at St. Dominic’s in San Francisco at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend. We are especially excited that this year’s number one draft pick is staying right here in Menlo Park! He is a versatile, multi-position player with many gifts, but he especially thrives in youth and young adult ministry.

Unfortunately, our salary cap only allows for two priests on the active roster. This means we will be trading last year’s number one draft pick, **Fr. Antony Augustine Cherian, O.P.**, to Saint Dominic’s in Benicia in exchange for future draft picks and an undisclosed amount of salary cap relief. Thank you, Fr. Antony, for your inspired service and energy this past year—you earned your Rookie of the Year award. We are happy Saint Dominic’s in Benicia is not in our division and we will not have to preach against him.

Looking to the future, we are also keeping an eye on a rising talent: **Br. Antony Marie Akerman, O.P.** (a student brother who served with us during the 2022–2023 season) will be making his solemn vows with the Western Dominican Province at St. Dominic’s in Benicia on Saturday, May 30 at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to attend. Our scouts will be watching this promising prospect as a future draft pick.

Overall, Team St. Raymond is very well positioned for the next season. We’re aiming for our first Vatican Bowl victory at the Roman Colosseum in February 2027 and look forward to bringing the Pope Peter Trophy back to Menlo Park—where it belongs!

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

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today!

Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its current and former territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities for their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous.



Envelopes are in the pews.

Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

YOUNG ADULTS

— SAINT RAYMOND'S YOUNG ADULTS —

Spring Swing

A CATHOLIC SINGLES SOCIAL

BAY AREA YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 21-40)

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING MORE THAN A SWIPE?

Join us for an intentional evening of rhythm, connection, and community. Whether you're a pro on the dance floor or have two left feet, this night is built for you to meet someone new in a high-vibe, low-pressure environment.

THE DETAILS

WHEN: Friday, May 1st

WHERE: St. Raymond Catholic Church
1100 Santa Cruz Ave.
Menlo Park, CA 94025
Inside the Parish Gym

TIME: Doors open at 5:45 PM
Socializing & Vibes start immediately

ADMISSION: Register via Partiful
Use the "Crush" feature to connect!

FOOD & DRINK: Dinner and drinks provided.
Suggested Donation: \$15-\$20 to help us cover costs!

SERVE THE MISSION

NOT SINGLE BUT WANT TO SUPPORT?
We need a "Wing Team" for setup and speed dating rotations.
Reach out to Amytza to jump in!

THE LINEUP

6:00 PM • WELCOME
Kickoff with Amytza + a mini-testimony on modern Catholic dating.

6:30 PM • SPEED DATING
Hosted by the St. Raymond's Team. Fast-paced, fun, and intentional. (Don't forget to use the "Crush" feature on Partiful!)

7:30 PM • CONNECTION & ETIQUETTE
Brief words from the Catholic Dance Crew, David and Krista, on the art of the dance.

7:45 PM • SWING LESSONS
Hosted by the Catholic Dance Crew, David and Krista!
Speed dating Part 2! We'll rotate partners so you meet everyone on the floor.

8:15 PM • OPEN SOCIAL
Social dancing, drinks, and deeper conversations.

SAINT RAYMOND'S — YOUNG ADULTS —

FAITH. FRIENDSHIP. PURPOSE.
Real connection. Eternal impact.

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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>



DOMINICAN CORNER

Who is the Good Shepherd?

Br. Albert Mary Uplaznik, O.P., reflects on the Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Easter (Jn 10:1-10).

The parable of the Good Shepherd is probably one of the most known parables of Jesus. This surely has to do with the many images depicting Jesus shepherding his flock found in Christian art.

However, in John's Gospel, where Jesus tells this parable, our familiarity with the image of Jesus as Shepherd might make us miss an important detail. Jesus is actually addressing this parable to some Pharisees who refuse to believe in him in spite of the fact that he just gave sight to a man born blind. This contextual detail is important to understand the intention of Jesus. Jesus wants to reproach them of leading people astray by their bad example and teachings. But even more so, he wants to dispose their minds and heart to his own project of love for humanity, by teaching them who he is and why he came, so that they can turn from their sins and follow him.

As a good teacher, he starts from what they know. The Pharisees were well educated in Scriptures, and the image of the shepherd is deeply biblical. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were shepherds; Moses was tending the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, when God appeared to him in the burning bush; holy King David was tending sheep when the Lord called him to become king of Israel through the prophet Samuel. The Pharisees were also aware of the prophecies of the prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel, in which God says that He will punish the bad shepherds of his people Israel, who are shepherding themselves, take the care of the flock away from them, and come Himself to shepherd his people. Through Ezekiel, especially, God even says that He will send a new David, the Messiah, who will shepherd over His people. He says, "I will appoint one shepherd over them to pasture them, my servant David; he shall pasture them and be their shepherd" (Ezekiel 34:23).

By presenting himself as the Good Shepherd, Jesus shows himself to be the one fulfilling these prophecies. It is like he was saying to them: "You are the bad shepherds who are pasturing yourselves. I am the one shepherd, the new David, of whom Ezekiel spoke. I am God Himself coming to shepherd my own flock."

Jesus wants to make them realize that their ways are not

God's ways; he wants to open their eyes to the much greater plan that He has for His creation, and especially for mankind. That is why he says, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). The true shepherd aims at the divine life of the sheep. Jesus is the true shepherd, who leads his flock to a share in His own divine life, imperfectly, already in this life, by grace, and perfectly, in the next, by the vision of God. By teaching them thus, Jesus invites them to set aside their own rigid ideas and to attune their mind and heart to God's mind and heart. He invites them to cooperate in his divine plan of love for his sheep and to become true shepherds, with Him, who enter the sheepfold by the gate.

ORDINATIONS



The Dominican Friars of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus joyfully announce the Ordinations of their Brothers

Benedict Mary Bartsch, O.P.
Francis Dominic Nguyen, O.P.
Philip Neri Gerlomes, O.P.
Luke Maria Lee, O.P.
John Paul Puschautz, O.P.

to the Order of the Priesthood through the Imposition of Hands and the Prayer of Ordination by

The Most Reverend José Gómez
Archbishop of Los Angeles

Friday, June 26, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.
St. Dominic Church
2390 Bush Street — San Francisco, California

Reception to follow at Priory of St. Albert the Great,
5890 Birch Court — Oakland, California

RSVP by June 8th at <https://opwest.org/blog/presbyterate-ordinations-2026>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education News

This past Saturday, the religious education program hosted a joint retreat for all First Communion students and their parents from both the school and the parish. We had full attendance, with nearly 80 participants! See the photos of the Parish Hall filled with students and parents preparing for First Communion.



BeAST News

This past Sunday, our 7th and 8th graders helped sort donations for the Rummage Sale. Karyn Leahy shares her thanks: "They were kind, helpful, funny, energetic, and came ready to work. Their efforts really helped us further prepare for the sale this weekend — thank you!"

This Saturday at the 5 pm Mass, 51 confirmandi will receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Summer Camps

For current 1st–5th graders: "Mary's Garden Summer Camp," Aug. 10–14. strmp.link/marysgarden

For current 6th–7th graders: "Hands of Jesus Summer Camp," June 29–July 1. strmp.link/handsofjesus

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.

PACK THE PANTRY

All items MUST be
NON-PERISHABLE.
Items needed:

Peanut Butter (16oz preferred)
Canned Tuna
Canned Chicken
Canned Fruits
Canned Vegetables
Pasta
Rice
Beans

As part of our parish mission to pray, serve, and socialize we will have a "Pack the Pantry" collection site at our parish. We will be collecting unopened non-perishable items to supplement our St. Raymond St. Vincent de Paul conference's mission to feed the vulnerable. Next time you're at the store, please grab a few extra items from our list! This will be an ongoing project. Located right here!

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.



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. 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>



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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>



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

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

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

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.



ST. RAYMOND PARISH

Served by the Dominican Friars of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus (Western Dominican Province) since 2013.

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LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE

Low-gluten hosts are available at every Mass. Simply join the presiding priest's Communion line to receive one.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Know someone who is homebound or ill? We'd love to connect with them. Our parish family cares for those who cannot join us for Mass, bringing the comfort of faith directly to their homes. Please contact the parish office at (650) 323-1755 so we can reach out and provide the ministry they need.