

*Happy,  
Mother's  
Day*



**ST. RAYMOND**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 10, 2026



*Our Lady of Fatima (May 13)*

# This Week

## SATURDAY, MAY 9, 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
- 6:00 pm Couples' Ministry BBQ

## SUNDAY, MAY 10, 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

## MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026

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

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026

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

## SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

- 8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration & Confession until 9:15 am
- 10:30 am First Holy Communion
- 3:30 pm Confession until 4:30 pm
- 5:00 pm Mass

## SUNDAY, MAY 17, 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., May 9, 5:00 pm  | Eileen Kennedy 🎂                        |
| <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>   |   |
| Sun., May 10, 8:00 am   | Linda Rasmussen (healing)               |
| 10:00 am  | St. Raymond Moms                        |
| 5:00 pm   | St. Raymond Parish                      |
| Mon., May 11, 8:15 am   | Angie Robbiano 🎂                        |
| Tue., May 12, 8:15 am   | Nguyen Family, L&D                      |
| <i>Ss. Nereus &amp; Achilleus, Martyrs (m); St. Pancras, Martyr (m)</i> |   |
| Wed., May 13, 8:15 am   | Eleanor Jekot †                         |
| <i>Our Lady of Fatima (m)</i>   |   |
| Thur., May 14, 8:15 am  | DuRussel Family, L&D                    |
| <i>St. Matthias, Apostle (F)</i>  |   |
| Fri., May 15, 8:15 am   | Frazier Family, L&D                     |
| <i>St. Isidore (m)</i>  |   |
| Sat., May 16, 8:15 am   | Vernon Scherba †                        |
| Sat., May 16, 5:00 pm   | Galvez, Herborn, & Ritzen Families, L&D |
| <i>The Ascension of the Lord (S)</i>                                    |   |
| Sun., May 17, 8:00 am   | Lydia Cooper 🎂                          |
| 10:00 am  | Josie Raon 🎂                            |
| 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, Anna Greco, Janice Hagy, Mark Head, Carolyn DeMarce, Sandra Lecha, Bonnie Morey, Rosie & Roger, Anjuli & Rashmi Nunn, Linda Rasmussen, Miguel Rosa, Karel Sykora, 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.

## SPECIAL COLLECTION

### THIS WEEK IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES SUNDAY.

The special collection during Mother's Day weekend is an opportunity for parishioners in the Archdiocese of San Francisco to support families and individuals in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin counties.

Every day, Catholic Charities serves the most vulnerable members of our community – our brothers and sisters in Christ – often through the most difficult times in their lives. Your gift provides hope and can keep families housed and off the streets, provide kids with opportunities to learn and grow, aid immigrants through the legal system, and help seniors to age with dignity.

Help support the merciful works done by Catholic Charities this Mother's Day weekend (May 9-10) by placing a donation in the envelopes available in your pews.

You can visit [CatholicCharitiesSF.org/CCSunday](https://CatholicCharitiesSF.org/CCSunday) to donate online.

As we were given very few envelopes, clear collection boxes will be located on each side of the church.

**Next Weekend:** The special collection will be for the Catholic Communication Campaign

There are also 5 Sundays this month.

## RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU!

To our St. Raymond Parish Family,

Thank you to everyone who helped make our 13th Annual "World-Famous" Rummage Sale a record-breaking success – we raised over \$44,000 this year! From volunteers who gave their time, to donors who contributed items, to shoppers who experienced our warm community firsthand, this was truly a team effort across all generations. We are so grateful for each of you.

With gratitude and many blessings,  
Karyn Leahy and Holly Williams  
Rummage Sale Co-Chairs

## 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>



**Dn. John Paul** 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!

## 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:   
**THURSDAY, MAY 28TH**  
**6:30-8:30 PM PARISH HALL**  
**1100 SANTA CRUZ AVE. MENLO PARK**

  
**Why Do I Do What I Do?**  
**Understanding Human Action**  
Discussion led by  
**Fr Raphael Mary, OP, PhD**

## ASK FR. ANTONY

### WHY DO WE HAVE CRUCIFIXES AND STATUES EVERYWHERE?

Catholic Churches are always filled with statues, paintings, and stained-glass windows of moments from the life of Jesus and Mary, of stories from the Bible, and of various moments from the lives of the Saints. Because God created us as both body and soul, He uses both our bodies and our souls to draw us closer to Himself. The many works of art which fill Catholic Churches are one of the ways He does that. When we use our physical sense to witness these examples and moments of holiness in human history, we are taught and reminded of the power of God and the many gifts He gives those who remain faithful to Him. He gives us courage and strength to imitate these examples even when we are going through moments of difficulty, and reminds us that we have a whole company of older brothers and sisters in the faith – the saints in heaven who pray for us constantly so that we may also join them in the eternal and perfect joy of heaven.

The Crucifix has a special place in Catholic art. Because Jesus' death on the Cross was His moment of victory over death – defeating death and sin by His own death – we constantly remind ourselves of that great victory whenever we look at a Crucifix. As St. Paul wrote: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20, RSVCE).

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](mailto:frantony@straymondmp.org).



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## DOMINICAN CORNER

### IS OUR LORD NO LONGER WITH US?

*Br. Anthony Michael Martin, O.P., reflects on the Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter (Jn 14:15-21).*

Why does Jesus ask the Father to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit?

As we know in this Easter season, there's a big event coming up: the Ascension. Our Lord says in today's Gospel that "in a little while the world will no longer see me." Elsewhere in the Gospel of John, He also says, "In a little while you will no longer see me." We can take this as referring to the Ascension. Jesus in His human, bodily form ascends to the Father to sit at His right hand.

And this raises a question: is our Lord no longer with us? Are we abandoned? But we also see in the Gospel today the promise, "I will not leave you orphans." And we see this promise fulfilled in the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

So, there's a very deep connection between Ascension and Pentecost. Because even though the Son ascends to the Father, the Spirit is sent to us. God is always with us; we are not left as orphans.

Why did this take place? Why did it need to take place? Why couldn't Jesus just stay with us forever on Earth in his glorified body? One suggestion that Saint Thomas has is that it marks a transition that takes place to upgrade our faith, to upgrade our hope, to upgrade our love. While Jesus is still here on Earth in His human form, in a way, it's a carnal love because He's physically there, sensibly there before us. It's only when He goes to the Father and when we receive the Holy Spirit that we're able to interiorize all these elements. All the visible, sensible, physical things that are there are no longer present in the same way. So it all becomes incorporated deeply in our own lives and the theological virtues.

We can think of that passage from John where our Lord also says, "Blessed are those who do not see and yet believe." And so, by receiving the Spirit after the ascension of the Son, in a way, we're able to deepen our relationship with God. It's the spirit of truth that will lead us into all truth.

And so, I would suggest to all of you as we continue this Easter season that we especially pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit and that we also pray that we may have a deeper faith, a deeper hope, and a deeper love. Even when it seems like our Lord has abandoned us or that we can't see Him or sense His presence, that we can know with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, received at baptism, strengthened in confirmation, that He is with us always."

A graphic for Memorial Day Mass 2026. It features a background image of a cemetery with tombstones and trees. Overlaid on the right is a large, semi-circular graphic with a blue-to-purple gradient. Inside this graphic, there are four white stars in the top right and bottom right corners. The text is in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**Memorial Day  
Mass 2026**

**Monday, May 25  
11 am**


**Holy Cross Cemetery  
Menlo Park**

### 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](mailto:tfk@sbcglobal.net) or 650-670-2200. He's happy to answer any questions you might have.

### Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m. St. Raymond Church

A photograph of a woman with blonde hair, wearing a white lace top, with her hands clasped in prayer and eyes closed.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026  
7:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

ST. RAYMOND'S PARISH HALL  
1100 SANTA CRUZ AVE,  
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"LAUDATO SI, mi Signore" — "Praise be to you, my Lord." In the words of this beautiful canticle, St. Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs."

May is the month for mothers. As we direct our attention and love this month to all mothers, our own human mothers and our heavenly mother Mary, let us also remember our communal "Mother Earth," in which all life is brought forth, making us sisters and brothers of all creatures who crawl, walk, swim, and fly through it.



We see God's power in every ocean, river, waterfall, lake, and stream. God has judged them "Good" and has given us the duty to keep their waters clean and unpolluted.



We see God's glory in the lilies of the field and in towering redwoods, in the fields, forests, prairies, and mountains. God has judged them "Good" and has given us the privilege to care for their health.



As we pray "For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever," may our "Amen" be our vow to find more ways to appreciate and protect Mother Earth.

Need healing? Renewal? A miracle?

## MERCY NIGHT



Healing, Adoration, Confession, Prayer Ministry,  
Praise & Worship

05/13 | 7pm | Memorial Church

The next Mercy Night at St. Raymond is on Saturday, May 23.

## 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.



## Hands of Jesus Summer Camp

- For current 6th-7th<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:florence.debretagne@straymondmp.org) if you have questions

<https://strmp.link/handsofjesus>



## Mary's Garden Summer Camp

- For current 1st-5<sup>th</sup> 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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**(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](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org)

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# 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](mailto:office@straymondmp.org) or register online at [straymondmp.org/register](http://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](mailto: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](http://straymondmp.org/giving).



## 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.

## ST. RAYMOND PARISH

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