



ST. RAYMOND
CATHOLIC CHURCH
SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 5, 2026



2026 YOUTH MISSION TRIP RECAP

"My mission trip with our church to the Eastern Shore of Virginia was one of the best experiences of my life. I was so excited for the trip that I even convinced some of my friends to come with me. Even though I was nervous too, I kept reassuring them because I prayed that everything would be okay, and God definitely took care of us.

During the week, we served migrant workers in many different ways, attended Spanish Mass, and connected with people through our shared faith. Even though we did not all speak the same language, God's love brought us together. Seeing the impact we had on the migrants and the joy they shared with us made me realize that serving others is one of the most important things I am called to do as a Catholic. When we serve others, we are also serving Christ.

I also felt so loved throughout the entire trip. The friendships I made felt more like family, and I know those relationships will stay with me for a long time. We also had Adoration and meaningful conversations that challenged me to grow in my faith and helped me become closer to God.

Overall, this mission trip changed me in the best way. It strengthened my faith, helped me understand my purpose as a Catholic, and reminded me that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference. It is an experience I will always be grateful for."

— Camilla

This Week

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 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, JULY 5, 2026

- 8:00 am Mass
- 10:00 am Mass followed by 🍰, ☕, 🍩 & 🍷
- 5:00 pm Mass

MONDAY-SATURDAY

- 8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026

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

SATURDAY, JULY 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

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

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

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, Pia Jensen, Margaret Kelly (Dn. Tom's mom), Sandra Lecha, Bonnie Morey, Rosie & Roger Piden, Anjuli & Rashmi Nunn, Linda Rasmussen, Miguel Rosa, Enrique Diaz Salazar, Esperanza Quintanilla, Varsha Saxena, 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.

Mass Intentions

Sat., July 4, 5:00 pm Ed Kennedy † & Sharon Kennedy Gerlach †

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., July 5, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish
10:00 am Connie Auyeung †
5:00 pm Luisa Clementina Alva †

Mon., July 6, 8:15 am Joseph Iannelli †
St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr (m)

Tue., July 7, 8:15 am Ronnica Hagy 🍰

Wed., July 8, 8:15 am Isabella Garcia Teresa Bautista †

Thur., July 9, 8:15 am Wilfred Delizo †
*St. John of Cologne, OP, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs (m);
St. Francis de Capillas, OP, Priest, St. Peter Sanz, OP, Bishop, St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs (m)*

Fri., July 10, 8:15 am Margarita Pina †

Sat., July 11, 8:15 am Kathryn Billings †
St. Benedict, Abbot (M)

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., July 12, 8:00 am Blach & Derry Families, L&D
10:00 am Otello Ascani †
5:00 pm Oswaldo Espinoza †

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

Mass Intentions are still available for 2026.

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of

Rosario Tavora

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Join Us in Celebration

St. Raymond Front Dedication

Sunday, July 5, 2026

10 AM Mass

Ice Cream Trucks
& Mimosas
Following 10 am Mass



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Thank you to everyone who donated to last week's special collection to support Peter's Pence. You can still donate to this collection using the green blank envelopes in the church pews.

Next week's special collection will support the Society of African Missions (SMA Fathers). Our guest homilist next weekend will speak more about the SMA. This is part of our annual mission appeal as part of the Archdiocese's Society for the Propagation of the Faith.



SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS

SMA FATHERS

COMPASS COLLEGE GROUP
Ages 18-25
Mondays July 13 & 27
August 10 @ 7 pm

**ADORATION
CONFESSION
LECTIO DIVINA
FELLOWSHIP**

ST. RAYMOND CATHOLIC CHURCH, MENLO PARK
Questions? Contact: lilyeahern@icloud.com

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.

The South San Mateo Legion of Mary is hosting an outdoor function at St. Raymond Church on Sunday, July 19 at 2 pm. All are invited. Come and learn more about the works of the Legion of Mary.



June 29, 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today it was announced a bankruptcy agreement has been reached in principle. This will affect our community, and I am writing you with my commentary with a broken, apologetic, angry, and hopeful heart.

My heart is broken because I have been a Catholic priest for 19 years and have seen God's love, grace, and healing in my ministry. I have seen lives changed, God and sinner reconciled, and beautiful lives of faith lived out. Growing up I never thought of becoming a priest of Jesus Christ, but today I cannot see my life without the blessings and joys that come from serving you as a priest.

Unfortunately, we know some priests have violated their divine calling. God's faithful should be able to trust, respect, and love their priests. I always am humbled and chuckle when one of our children says, "Hello God" to me. I am called "Father," and a father is called to protect his children. My heart breaks to even think about the evil some have inflicted upon God's children; yet we know this evil was a reality. This is why my heart breaks at the pain and suffering that has been inflicted by men who profess to be God's instruments on earth.

I pray that the closure of this bankruptcy proceeding will bring healing to those who have been abused.

In addition to those who were directly harmed, I am apologetic to you whose Church and faith have been dragged through the mud. A friend of mine who was not directly abused said to me, "I have had to walk around with a scarlet letter on my forehead due to guilt by association. I have had to live with people calling my judgment into question for staying in the Catholic Church." Thus, I offer you an apology, as your pastor, for the bishops and priests whose actions have hurt you in any way. You should not have to bear the burden of the sins of others.

I pray that the closure of this bankruptcy proceeding will bring healing to you whose faith and Church have been maligned.

I am angry because their actions will also impact our parish. As part of the settlement, our parish will be contributing monetarily into a channeling injunction. The channeling injunction will allow the parish to receive the bankruptcy protections against any more claims from the past. This way when, not if, the legislators in California open the statute of limitations again, we are protected from further lawsuits from past claims.

What can bring us solace is that the victims can receive treatment and consolation for the crimes committed against them. While no amount of money can undo their pain and suffering, our financial support can assist them in their healing process.

I pray the closure of this bankruptcy proceeding will bring healing to you who have been abused or affected and allow us to continue forward, but also learn from this horrible situation in our Church's history.

Finally, I am hopeful today and for our future. Today, our church is a leader in child protection and safety:

- Our church has implemented better screening and formation for the men in formation to become priests
- There is now a zero-tolerance policy for those who abuse, and strict reporting guidelines have been established.
- Our church works with multiple outside organizations to ensure widespread compliance.
- Our church mandates background checks, fingerprinting, and safe environment training for all staff, faculty, employees and volunteers.
- Finally, we teach our children in our ministries what are appropriate boundaries and that should something happen it is necessary for them to talk to their parents or guardians in their lives.

I pray the resolution of this bankruptcy proceeding will allow the Church to continue to be the light of Christ to the world and lead more people to a loving and salvific relationship with Jesus Christ.

While I do not yet have all the details about how the bankruptcy will affect our parish, please know I am more than willing to talk to anyone about this issue. We hope to host a town hall meeting the end of July. This will give us a chance to process the information that is forthcoming from the Archdiocese. For more information please visit <https://sfarch.org/chapter-11/>

As a community, together we recently survived and thrived through a global pandemic. Again, while there is nothing that can undo the past, with God and each other there is nothing we cannot overcome.

Please know our church and you are in my heart and prayers,

Fr. Jerome
Pastor



June 29, 2026

Dear Faithful of the Archdiocese of San Francisco:

Today, I am informing you that we have reached a settlement agreement in principle associated with the Chapter 11 bankruptcy action in the amount of \$395 million.

The proposed financial settlement would resolve all lawsuits related to child sexual abuse brought against the Archdiocese under California Assembly Bill 218 (AB-218).

We recognize that no financial settlement can erase the painful legacy of these past actions. However, we believe this proposal offers a path toward fair compensation for survivors who have carried the burden of this abuse for a lifetime. Sexual abuse of children and young people is a tragedy that has affected many parts of society, including the Church. Although most of the sexual abuse claims brought under AB-218 in the Archdiocese of San Francisco involve incidents dating back many decades and individuals who are deceased or no longer in ministry, we accept responsibility for the failures that allowed this harm to occur. I sincerely apologize to all those who have suffered because of those failures. We remain committed to fostering healing and reconciliation and to accompanying all who deserve our unwavering respect, attention, and prayers.

California has, on more than one occasion, lifted the civil statute of limitations for historical sexual abuse claims, and the real possibility of future legislative changes presents a significant risk to our Archdiocese, parishes, and schools. To address potential liability arising from known and unknown historical claims, the proposed settlement includes a channeling injunction and releases for the Archdiocese and other archdiocesan entities. These protections require that covered claims be resolved through the settlement trust established for that purpose rather than through civil litigation.

Over the past decades, the Archdiocese has absorbed the financial impact of legal expenses and settlements on behalf of parishes, schools and other related entities. The current environment is much more challenging. While parishes and other archdiocesan entities were not included in the Chapter 11 filing, they will need to contribute funds and assets not restricted for specific purposes toward this proposed settlement to secure these legal safeguards and share in the work of making amends for the harm of the past. I want to emphasize that our central archdiocesan chancery office is contributing as much as possible to minimize parish impact, and no donor-restricted donations to parishes, schools, or the Archdiocese, nor donations to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, will be used. Each pastor is receiving information about parish contribution amounts, and additional information about channeling injunctions and releases is available in the attached Q&A document.

We want our Catholic family to move forward together and continue to focus on and grow our vital [ministries](#) to the faithful and community members who rely on our services and charity. Our faith calls us to maintain strong screening and preventative measures to protect children and eradicate this shameful crime from our midst and from society as a whole. Since the 1980s, the Archdiocese of San Francisco has prioritized training and background screening, and our Office of Child and Youth Protection and [Safe Environment Program](#) has an outstanding independent audit record.

I want to express my deepest appreciation to our chancery, parish and other archdiocesan leadership teams who, along with a very capable team of legal professionals, worked tirelessly for more than 30 months to bring about this proposal. Together, they engaged in this very challenging work with the highest integrity, character and authentic care and sensitivity. While there is much work still to be done as we make progress in good faith on the details of a consensual Chapter 11 plan of reorganization, I ask you to join me in prayer for all survivors of sexual abuse, for our Archdiocese, parish communities and schools.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone
Archbishop of San Francisco

YOUNG ADULTS

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

Plug into our growing young adult community by joining our WhatsApp group – scan the QR code!



Young Adult Mass Meet-Up (YAMM)

Every Sunday, young adults:

- 1) Sit at 10 am Mass together (center-right);
- 2) Greet clergy & one another outside Parish Hall;
- 3) Enjoy **FREE** ☕, 🍷, & fellowship @ Rose Garden.

Second Sunday Social (S3) on Sunday, July 12!
We brunch after YAMM at 11:30 am downtown.



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. Contact Dn. Tom Kelly at tfk@sbcglobal.net or 650-670-2200. He's happy to answer any questions you might have.



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>

St. Raymond Catholic Church

Summer Date Night Challenge

June, July, August 2026

Marriage grows through small, intentional moments. This summer, commit to one date per month for three months and watch how simple connection can renew your marriage.

How It Works

1. Sign up for the Summer Date Night Challenge.
2. Go on one date each month in June, July, and August.
3. At the beginning of each month, you'll receive an email with date night ideas and simple conversation starters.
4. Enjoy your date—keep it simple and meaningful.
5. Send in a photo of the two of you on your date for a chance to win prizes!

Your marriage is worth it.

ebwell00@stanford.edu



Sign up today!



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INSPIRES SPOUSES AND EMPOWERS PARENTS

PRESENTED BY ARCHDIOCESE OF
SAN FRANCISCO



WHERE SPOUSES DISCOVER
GOD'S PLAN FOR THEIR FAMILY

SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 24, 2026
ST. PATRICK'S SEMINARY
MENLO PARK, CA

FOCUSING ON THE THEME:

Hope in the Domestic Church

For more information, contact Conference Coordinator
Christel Vallagomesa at christel@forlifeandfamily.org.



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COME AND SEE VOCATION WEEKENDS

2026
Oct 9-11
Nov 20-22

2027
Feb 5-7
Apr 9-11



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TO REGISTER, CONTACT:
Fr. John Winkowitsch, O.P.,
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vocations@opwest.org
opwest.org/comeandsee



Interested?

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



Catholic sacramental
recovery and fellowship for
those seeking freedom from
addictions, compulsions, and
unhealthy attachments.



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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



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.



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

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

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