



ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SERVED BY DOMINICAN FRIARS



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 20, 2026



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

Call 650-323-1755 or email office@straymondmp.org.

ST. RAYMOND PARISH

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This Week

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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, SEPTEMBER 20

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Religious Education
10:00 am Mass followed by Coffee & Donuts
11:00 am Young Adult Meetup (Rose Garden)
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm BEaST Youth Group

MONDAY TO SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Parish Hall)
7:00 pm Compass College Group

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:30 pm 4D Young Adults - The Battle For Your Soul with Fr. Gary Thomas (Parish Hall)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

3:30 pm Pumpkin Festival until 9:00 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration & Confession until 9:15 am
11:00 am Pumpkin Festival until 4:00 pm
3:30 pm Confession until 4:30 pm
5:00 pm Mass

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Religious Education
10:00 am Mass followed by Coffee & Donuts
11:00 am Young Adult Meetup (Rose Garden)
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm BEaST Youth Group

Mass Intentions

Sat., Sept. 19, 5:00 pm Eleanor Jekot †
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Sept. 20, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish
10:00 am Specht & Duffy Families
5:00 pm Howard Benden

Mon., Sept. 21, 8:15 am Matthew Willer *birthday*
St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist F

Tue., Sept. 22, 8:15 am Jayden Rhodes & Rachel Turn
birthdays

Wed., Sept. 23, 8:15 am Caletti & Cormick Families, L&D
St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), Priest M

Thur., Sept. 24, 8:15 pm Nino Panichi †

Fri., Sept. 25, 8:15 am Todd Martin †

Sat., Sept. 26, 8:15 am Rosie Pidena †
Ss. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs m

Sat., Sept. 26, 5:00 pm Patrick Foote †
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Sept. 27, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish
10:00 am Members of the St. Vincent de
Paul Society, L&D
5:00 pm Maurice Galvez †

S - Solemnity; F - Feast; M - Obligatory Memorial;
m - Optional Memorial; L&D - Living & Deceased
Mass Intentions are still available for 2026.

On Sunday, **October 4**, St. Raymond will be celebrating the Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi, Principal Co-Patron of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

On Sunday, October 11, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary.

PRAYERS

As a parish community we pray for the sick, including: Jackie Archibald, Nony & Penny Bantug, Howard Benden, Carolyn DeMarce, Maureen DeMoss, Enrique Diaz Salazar, Andrea Edwards, Esther Falsario, Janice Hagy, Richard Hammerud, Mark Head, Pia Jensen, Margaret Kelly, Bonnie Morey, Anjuli & Rashmi Nunn, Roger Pidena, Esperanza Quintanilla, Linda Rasmussen, Miguel Rosa, Enrique Diaz Salazar, Varsha Saxena, Emily Wong, 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. RAYMOND
PUMPKIN FESTIVAL
 MENLO PARK
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FESTIVAL FUN INCLUDES

★ Giant Slide	★ Games
★ Carnival Swing	★ Food & Drinks
★ Rock Wall	★ Face Painting
★ Euro Bungee	★ Petting Zoo
★ Train Rides	★ Pony Rides

JOIN US!
 St. Raymond School
 1211 Arbor Rd.
 Menlo Park

SCHEDULE
FRIDAY
 SEPTEMBER 25
 3:30 PM-9:00 PM
 LIVE MUSIC
 WILD CHILD
 5:30 PM-8:30 PM
SATURDAY
 SEPTEMBER 26
 11:00 AM-4:00 PM
 MUSIC
 DJ PERCY
 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Wristband Presale
 SCAN HERE!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL

Special Collections

Next Sunday's special collection is for the Archdiocese of San Francisco Priests Retirement Fund. For decades, priests have faithfully served our parishes, schools, hospitals, ministries, and communities. Even after retirement, many continue to provide spiritual guidance and pastoral support whenever they are able. As they age, however, their needs often increase, including healthcare, assisted living, and retirement support.

Envelopes will be in the pews.

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of

Rosie Piden

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.

Young Adult Group

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 coffee, donuts & fellowship @ Rose Garden.



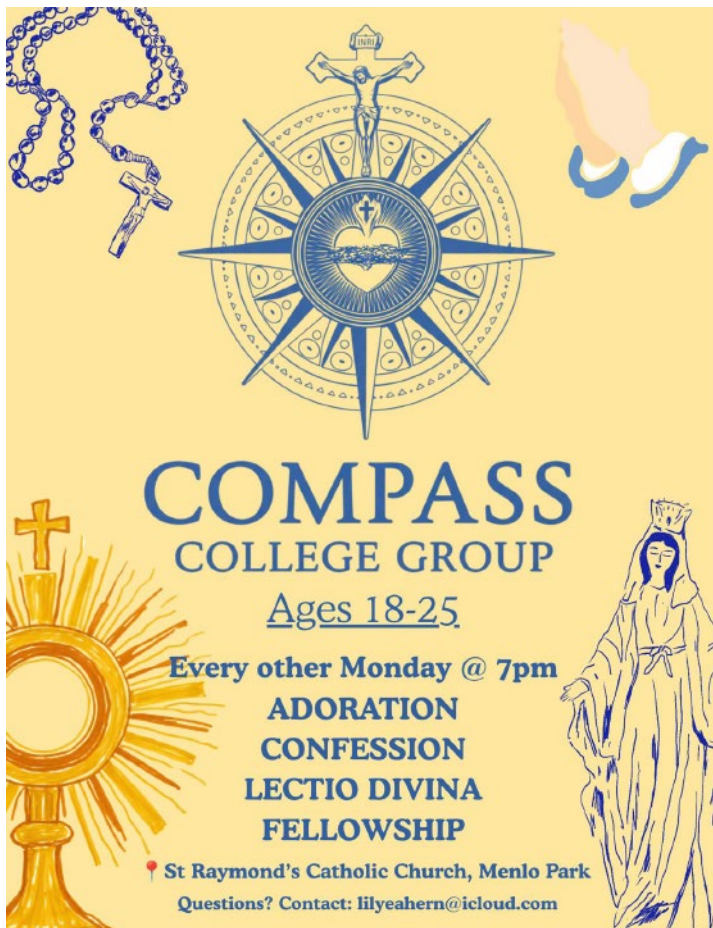
ST. RAYMOND'S
YOUNG ADULTS
 (ages 21-40)

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

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
 6:30-8:30 PM PARISH HALL
 1100 SANTA CRUZ AVE. MENLO PARK

THE BATTLE FOR YOUR SOUL

FR. GARY THOMAS
 on angels, demons, and his experiences as an exorcist



COMPASS
COLLEGE GROUP
Ages 18-25
Every other Monday @ 7pm
ADORATION
CONFESSION
LECTIO DIVINA
FELLOWSHIP
St Raymond's Catholic Church, Menlo Park
Questions? Contact: lilyeahern@icloud.com

Next Session: Monday, Sept 21.



St. Raymond Church

Parish Hall | 1100 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park



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Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

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

For more information visit:

www.catholicinrecovery.com
or contact jcudden@straymondmp.org

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ST. RAYMOND
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GRADES 8-12
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REGISTER TODAY!
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **SEPT. 21**

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is a group of Catholic laypeople who come together each week to pray, grow in faith, and serve others — all under the guidance and intercession of Mother Mary. Members volunteer in a variety of ways, from visiting the sick and homebound to outreach in the community, bringing the love of Christ to those who need it most. Along the way, members find genuine friendship and community with fellow parishioners who share their desire to live the faith.

The Legion of Mary at St. Raymond meets every Monday at 6 pm in the Parish Center. All are welcome to join us and learn more about this beautiful apostolate.

Baptismal Prep Classes

Contact Fr. John Paul at brjohnpaul@straymondmp.org for details.

Faith Formation

Religious Education

We hope you and your friends will join our Religious Education program for PreK–6th grade, Sundays 9–10 AM, and/or BEaST (Be a Saint) for 7th–12th grade, Sundays 6–8 PM. Registration is still open for both!



Youth Retreat | Oct. 16–18

Our annual retreat in the Santa Cruz Mountains for 8th–12th graders: “Jesus Is Calling You by Name.” Come away from the busyness, leave your burdens behind, and discover your true identity. Registration closes soon!



New Sacrament Prep Class

For students older than 2nd grade preparing for First Communion or older than 8th grade preparing for Confirmation who still need sacrament preparation. This new class has just begun and will meet 8 Saturdays from 3:45–4:55 PM this fall. Contact Florence.debretagne@straymondmp.org if you have questions or know a young person who would like to join.

Summer Camp & Seniors Bingo

Our 30 campers from “Mary’s Garden Summer Camp” created postcards for our elderly parishioners. The postcards were handed out at the seniors’ first Bingo of the fall, where the seniors also offered to be prayer partners for our students preparing for First Communion and Confirmation this year.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this beautiful connection between our children and our seniors!



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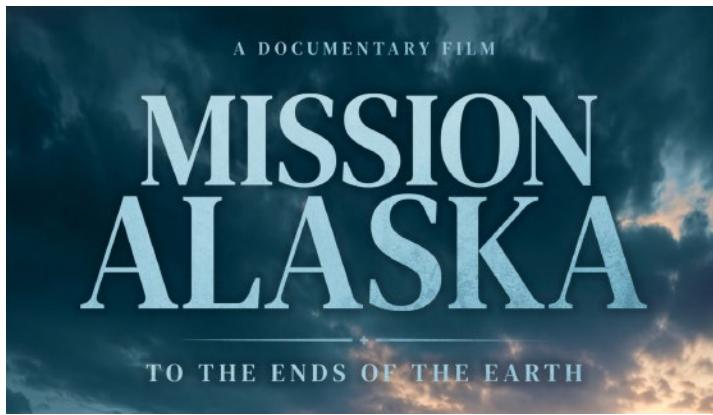
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Dominican Corner



Are you ready for a Catholic story you've never heard before?

Mission Alaska: To the Ends of the Earth, a new documentary coming in December, shares the dangerous realities and beautiful witness of ministering in one of the harshest environments on earth.

Watch the trailer at <https://www.missionalaskafilm.com/>

Containing the two geographically largest dioceses in the United States, and some of the most difficult living conditions, the Catholic Church in Alaska is unlike anything you've experienced, with some parishes only able to celebrate Mass once or twice a year, if at all. But faith perseveres.

This film tells the story of the Dominicans, diocesan priests, religious, and lay faithful who face danger, darkness, and extraordinary distances to bring the light of faith to remote Alaskan communities across the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau and the Diocese of Fairbanks.

In production for over three years, this moving documentary will take you deep into the Catholic communities of Alaska and the incredible challenges they face to practice their faith in the Last Frontier.



Come and See Retreats ~~January 17, 2026~~
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DOMINICAN NUNS ~~October 17, 2026~~
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**COME AND SEE
VOCATION WEEKENDS**

2026	2027
Oct 9-11	Feb 5-7
Nov 20-22	Apr 9-11

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TO REGISTER, CONTACT:
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O.C.I.A.

Curious about the Catholic Faith? You're not alone. OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) brings together adults who are exploring what it means to be Catholic — whether you're new to faith entirely or returning after time away. We'd love to have you join the conversation. Contact **Dn. Tom Kelly** at tfk@sbcglobal.net or 650-670-2200.

Word on Fire

The Broadcast Bishop: Fulton J. Sheen - Pt. 1

By Isabelle Larivee

On September 24, 2026, a man already beloved by multitudes in the Catholic Church will finally receive the title of “Blessed.” Though not yet canonized, he is already a household name throughout the United States. He was the first television evangelist in history, with an influence so pivotal that the FBI kept a file on him for much of his life and *America* magazine called him “the greatest evangelizer in the history of the Catholic Church in the United States.” Perhaps America’s favorite priest, he is Bishop Fulton J. Sheen.

On May 8, 1895, the first of four sons was born to Newton Morris Sheen and Delia Fulton in El Paso, Illinois. He was christened Peter John Sheen in the diocese of Peoria. Unfortunately, he was sickly as an infant and was usually taken care of by Delia’s side of the family, and so, when enrolled in school, he was enrolled as a Fulton. He eventually went by Fulton Sheen.

As a boy, Fulton never desired any path other than the priesthood. When he was eight years old, he was altar serving for Mass with Bishop John Lancaster Spalding—the historic first bishop of Peoria and co-founder of the Catholic University of America (CUA)—as the celebrant. A cruet was dropped and smashed into pieces, and Bishop Spalding had a talk with the young future bishop after Mass. Spalding predicted to the small, shaking altar boy that he would one day study in Louvain, Belgium. And then he said, “Someday, you will be just as I am.”

Fulton attended high school at the bishop’s own Spalding Institute. He did well in the academic world and went on to St. Viator College followed by the St. Paul Seminary in Minnesota. He was ordained on September 20, 1919, at the age of twenty-four but continued his studies at CUA. In 1921, Fr. Fulton Sheen did indeed go to Louvain, Belgium, to further his studies and then to Paris and Rome from 1923 to 1925.

In 1926, when he was thirty-one, he taught theology at St. Edmund’s College in England. Former teachers of his recommended him for prestigious positions, but his bishop called him back to a small parish in Illinois. He was only there for eight months, however, before being assigned to teach at CUA. Fr. Sheen asked the bishop why he didn’t just send him

immediately to CUA instead of waiting eight months. The bishop replied, “I was afraid you might become proud. I wanted to find out if you were obedient and would do what you were told.” Sheen would teach at the university for 23 years, and countless numbers of students and visitors would overflow in room 112 in McMahon Hall to hear a lecture by the revered professor.

His reputation for speaking meandered off the campus, and in 1926, Fr. Fulton was asked to record a series of Sunday evening sermons for a New York radio station. In 1930, he was asked to fill in for an absence on the radio program, *The Catholic Hour*. What was supposed to be a two-week stint turned into a regular occurrence as the listeners couldn’t get enough of Fr. Sheen’s talks. He ended up speaking on the show for twenty more years.

In addition to his classes and regular radio appearances, Fulton Sheen began teaching classes to converts, taking the train from Washington, DC, to New York almost every weekend. He also started preaching on street corners in the South, accompanied by a sign that read, “Questions cheerfully answered.” His work attracted more than a few, and in 1934, Pope Pius XI granted him the honored title “Monsignor” when he was only thirty-nine.

In 1937, he wrote to the university’s rector, Msgr. Corrigan, and said,

During the past year letters demanding personal attention have run between 75 and 100 a day. . . . This coupled with classes never given with less than six hours preparation for each lecture has left me physically exhausted. However the good to be done is such that one dare not shrink from its opportunities for apostolate.



Msgr. Sheen did not slow down but spoke all over the United States and was a columnist for the secular press. On Easter Sunday 1940, he preached in history’s first televised Catholic religious service on what would later be New York’s WNBC. Ten years later, the beloved professor at last left the university and became the national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Part 2 will be in next week’s bulletin, or if you can’t wait, visit <https://www.wordonfire.org/articles/the-broadcast-bishop-fulton-j-sheen/>

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.

MISSION STATEMENT

St. Raymond is a Catholic parish where we Pray, Serve, and Socialize together as we live out our faith in Jesus Christ.

VISION STATEMENT

St. Raymond Catholic Church is a vibrant parish in which every parishioner is engaged in ministry and all parishioners pray-serve-socialize together to keep the fire of our faith growing.

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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.

ST. RAYMOND PARISH

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(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. reportbishopabuse.org