



ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 27, 2026



Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi

Sunday, October 4

Our Lady of the Rosary Sunday, October 11

Ice Cream Trucks after 10 am Mass



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.

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This Week

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

MONDAY TO SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Parish Hall)
 7:00 pm Baptismal Prep Class (p.5)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

6:30 pm Movie Night: Moses (p.3)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

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, OCTOBER 4

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)
 11:30 am Couples' Ministry: Pickleball Tournament
 5:00 pm Mass
 6:00 pm BEaST Youth Group

Mass Intentions

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 †

Mon., Sept. 28, 8:15 am Gina Guevarra *birthday*
St. Wenceslaus, Martyr m
Bl. Dominic Ibañez de Erquica, OP, Priest, St. Larence Ruize, OP, Bl. Alphonsus Navarrete, OP, Priest, & Companions, martyrs m

Tue., Sept. 29, 8:15 am Gina Guevarra *birthday*
SS. Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, Archangels F

Wed., Sept. 30, 8:15 am Camilo & Hallie Colorado *20th anniv.*
St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church M

Thur., Oct. 1, 8:15 pm Agnes Lee
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church M

Fri., Oct. 2, 8:15 am Gina Guevarra *birthday*
Holy Guardian Angels M

Sat., Oct. 3, 8:15 am Barbara Howard

Sat., Oct. 3, 5:00 pm Rosario Tavora †
St. Francis of Assisi, Religious, Principal Co-Patron of the Archdiocese of San Francisco (S)

Sun., Oct 4, 8:00 am The Papa & Ruocco Families, L&D
 10:00 am Nina Panichi †
 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 and 2027.

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 Pineda, 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.

We also pray for the recently deceased Rosie Pineda and David Fencil.

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



Screening of Moses,
an award-winning documentary
15 years in the making

Saint Raymond's Parish Hall
October 2 | 6:30PM

In San Francisco, a man enduring homelessness for two decades connects with passersby to be seen among the invisible, a skill he learned from a promising music career cut short in the 70s, and one that will ultimately transform his life.

In the 1970s, Moses was a gifted songwriter and guitarist on the brink of a breakthrough—until addiction unraveled his life and set him on a very different path.

Watch the trailer



Film rated PG-13

He finds solace on a street corner in the financial district, where he shows a unique gift for connecting with passersby, aiming to make himself visible among the invisible. There he meets a Spanish immigrant film student who offers him the lead role in a narrative short. The making of this film unexpectedly launches Moses on a journey to reclaim his life, family, and music. Along this path, storytellers from the past emerge—a novelist, a photographer, and a cinematographer—each of whom played a vital role in Moses's quest to regain his humanity.

Special Collections

This weekend'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 are in the pews.

Word on Fire

The Broadcast Bishop: Fulton J. Sheen - Pt. 2

By Isabelle Larivee

Part 1 and the whole article can be found at <https://www.wordonfire.org/articles/the-broadcast-bishop-fulton-j-sheen/>

On June 11, 1951, at the age of fifty-six, the monsignor was consecrated a bishop. That fall, Bishop Sheen launched his beloved television series *Life is Worth Living*. With an estimated thirty million viewers, it was the most widely-viewed religious TV series in the history of television. He was awarded an Emmy for Most Outstanding Television Personality and appeared on the cover of Time magazine.

When filming, Sheen never used notes or prompters, but he did not credit his speaking as extemporaneous; each thirty minutes of showtime came from thirty hours of preparation. Ted Bergman from the DuMont Television Network said, "Bishop Fulton Sheen didn't wear a watch. But he came out at 22:30 every single time out. How he did it, I never knew. I finally went to him and said, 'Your Excellency, how can you do this? Do you have a clock in your head?' He said, 'When you've been teaching as long as I have, you know exactly how long to talk.'"

In 1966, when his radio and television presence had progressed for some forty years, he was assigned to be the bishop of Rochester at seventy-one years old. Sheen had always been very absorbed in the plight of the poor, and that certainly didn't change now, but, for unclear reasons, the diocese of Rochester didn't want to pursue that mission with him. Among other disagreements, Bishop Sheen had requested that every parish set aside five percent for the needy, but not every parish followed his lead right away. There were objections, and they wanted to talk about it.

During Sheen's term as Bishop of Rochester, everyone felt they needed to be listened to; everyone had an opinion, and it needed to be heard. Sheen, on the other hand, was from a generation of priests who simply did what their bishop asked of them. They were from

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SATURDAY OCTOBER 4TH 11:30 AM ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL BLACKTOP

\$20 PER TEAM
RSVP BY OCTOBER 1ST AT 11:59 PM

Good Couples Great Rallies

All skill levels welcome!

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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.

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF ST. JAMES

Discover the Chesterton Academy of St. James, the Bay Area's first Catholic classical high school. We believe your children deserve the best the Catholic faith has to offer - its intellectual tradition, cultural richness and moral formation. Come see how our small classes, rich and integrated curriculum, Socratic seminars, faithful faculty, and sacramental life combine to form not just leaders, but saints! Prepare your child for life, not just college! Upcoming open house: 10-12 noon Saturday, October 17. Sign up at: www.ChestertonStJames.org/Admissions or scan the QR code.



40 Days for Life Redwood City

40 Days for Life has already begun and will continue until November 1. Spaces are still available. To RSVP for a spot, or to contact the organizer, visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/redwoodcity> for all the details.

O.C.I.A.

Curious about the Catholic Faith? You're not alone. OCIA 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.



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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!



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.

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.

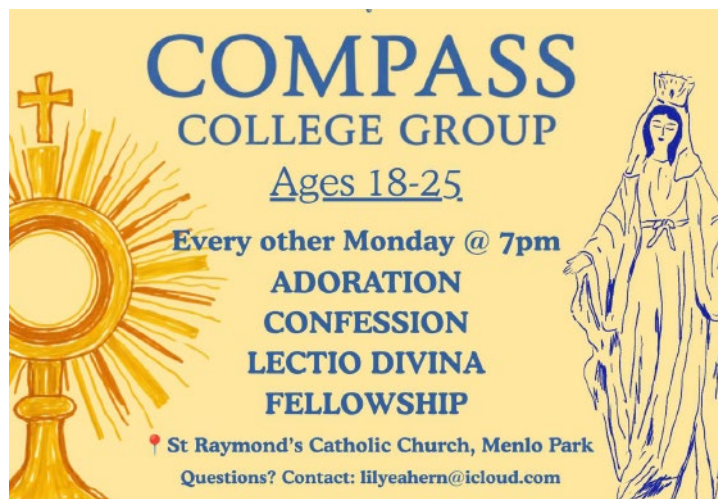
Plug into our growing young adult community by joining our WhatsApp group — scan the QR code!

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.



Next Session: Monday, October 5.

ANYONE IN YOUR FAMILY NEED TO BE
BAPTIZED?

Baptism



prep class

MONDAY, SEP. 28, 7:00 PM

RSVP OR ?S:

BR.JOHNPAUL@STRAYMONDMP.ORG

ST RAYMOND YOUTH OFFICE

SENIOR Mass & Bingo

Pray, Serve, Bingo

Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Mass: 12:15 pm

Lunch & Bingo: 12:45 pm

Please join us on Wednesday, October 7 for a special Halloween gathering of STARS Senior Bingo. We will begin in the church at 12:15 for a senior Mass. Following Mass we will offer the beautiful sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for those that wish to participate.

We will then move to the Parish Center for a light lunch and delicious treats. Bring a friend, or two, to join in the fun with this wonderful group - all are welcome!! If you have any questions, please contact Karyn Leahy leahyfamily@msn.com.

Dominican Corner



Come and See Retreats ~~January 17, 2026~~

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DOMINICAN NUNS
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~~July 18, 2026~~
October 17, 2026

Ordained Deacons



Four Dominicans were ordained to the diaconate at St. Dominic's Church in San Francisco on Saturday, September 19, 2027. Please continue to pray for these friars as they prepare for ordination to the priesthood next year:

Rev. Br. Xavier Marie Wu, OP
Rev. Br. Kevin Peter Cantu, OP
Rev. Br. Anthony Maria Akerman, OP
Rev. Br. Peter Pius Chu, OP

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2027
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the generation of dialogue—he was not. He resigned in 1969, stating, “I am not retiring, only retreading.”

He began spending his time giving retreats for priests in America, Canada, England, and Ireland. He was very concerned about the loss of priestly identity he was witnessing. The alter Christus, sacrificial nature of a priest was being forgotten, drowned out by social work and apostolates. Distracted from Christ, there was a growing crisis of priestly identity, and vocations were plummeting. His chief recommendation was for priests to spend an hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament every day; for the laity, he prescribed at least thirty minutes.

After a long battle with heart disease, Bishop Sheen went in

for open-heart surgery in July 1977. From that point on, he began slowing down, and his public appearances lessened. Two years later, on October 2, 1979, a crowd of Catholics filled St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York. His Holiness, John Paul II, would be giving an audience there soon, but hadn't arrived yet. An eighty-four-year-old bishop entered the church, and, recognized by everyone there as their beloved Bishop Sheen, applause erupted from the entire congregation. This would be his last public appearance. When the pope arrived, he called Fulton J. Sheen forward. He hugged him, and as the two future saints embraced, the pope said, "You have written and spoken well of the Lord Jesus. You are a loyal son of the Church!"

On October 11, 1979, Pope John Paul II wrote to Fulton Sheen, congratulating him on his six decades as a priest: "God called you to proclaim in an extraordinary way his dynamic word . . . in these six decades of your priestly service, God has touched the lives of millions of the men and women of our time." Sheen wrote back, "I bow in humble gratitude for the Pontifical approval of my ministry of the Word."

On December 9 of that year, the beloved bishop died on the floor of his private chapel in front of the Blessed Sacrament, likely praying his holy hour as he had always done.

In all, he wrote sixty-six books and was responsible for countless conversions, including several well-known celebrities. He had raised millions for the Catholic missions, and no one could deny the influence he had. In Vatican II, he had worked very closely with the future Benedict XVI, who later recalled in a 2012 interview, "Fulton Sheen . . . would fascinate us in the evenings with his talks."

He had all the prominence, all the intellect, and all the diplomacy to be a cardinal, but he was never elevated to that rank. This fact perplexed many people, and in a 60 Minutes interview with Mike Wallace, Sheen was asked why he thought this was the case. The bishop hinted that he could have risen, had he wanted to pull strings. Wallace asked him,

"Are you an ambitious man?" Sheen thought and answered, "I suppose there certainly must be ambition in me, because ambition is really, in a certain sense, drive for perfection. But I have never deliberately sought any kind of honor. It is possible for a man in the church to go up and up, and I could have gone higher and higher and higher. But I refused to pay the price." Evidently, there were church politics that Sheen didn't want to be a part of, but he never spoke about it.

His lack of cardinal status did not diminish the scope and success of his mission nor the endurance of his legacy. The education archivist for CUA said, "Catholics had

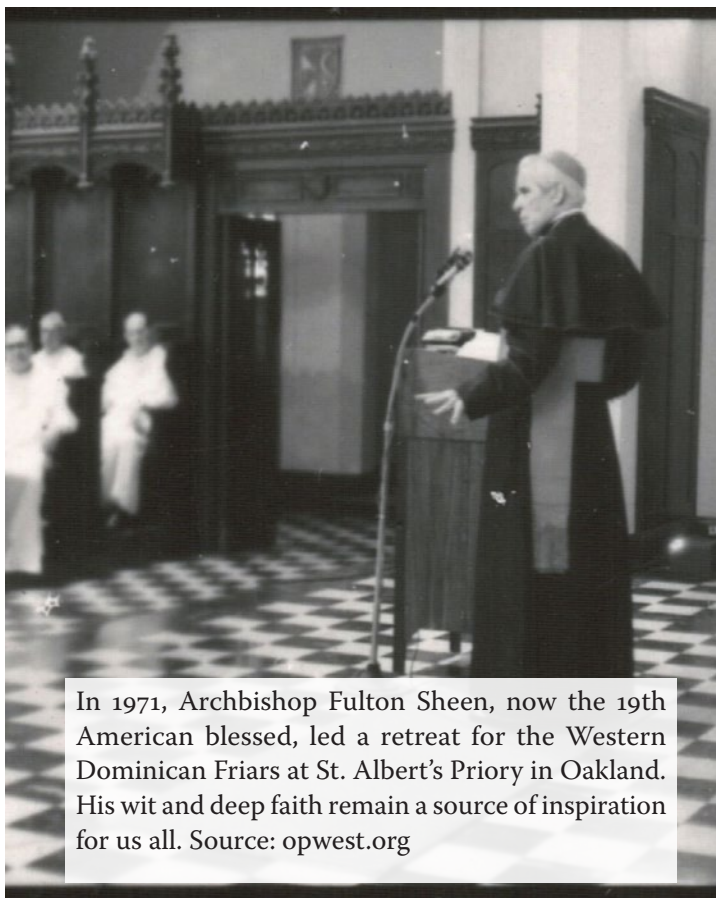
pretty much been excluded at the national level . . . he instilled in them a sense of confidence that enabled their inclusion into American society."

Fr. Charles Connor, an accomplished church historian, was asked what we can learn from Sheen's legacy, to which he replied, "The lesson that can be learned is: Be Catholic. Be authentically Catholic, nothing but Catholic, and don't water down . . . be what you are, and nothing less than what you are."

Bishop Fulton Sheen was not afraid to be a Catholic, whether that was on a local radio station or on television for an audience of thirty million, and the modern world of Catholic media in America owes it all to him. There are now more Catholic radio programs than ever before, even more televised and online

sermons, and the presence of the Church in the world of media now seems like a given—but Bishop Sheen was the first to do it all.

He gave a resounding voice to Catholics—and who could forget that voice? Who could forget his words, so grave yet, at times, so comical? Who could forget his deep-set stare, so austere yet so bright? Who could forget his theatrical way of speaking and the flourish of his writing on his ever-present chalkboard? It seems fitting to close with the unforgettable words that the beloved Sheen used to end every episode: "Good-bye now, and God love you!"



In 1971, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, now the 19th American blessed, led a retreat for the Western Dominican Friars at St. Albert's Priory in Oakland. His wit and deep faith remain a source of inspiration for us all. Source: opwest.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.

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) 614-5506 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. reportbishopabuse.org