



ST. RAYMOND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 25, 2026



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays 5:00 pm Vigil
Sundays 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 5:00 pm
Weekdays 8:15 am (Mon-Sat)
All Saints Regular Weekend Schedule

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.

This Week

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

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 25

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) & Brunch
1:00 pm Crop Hunger Walk
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm BEaST Youth Group

MONDAY TO SATURDAY

8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26

6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Parish Hall)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

8:15 am Mass followed by Adoration & Confession until 9:15 am
3:30 pm Confession until 4:30 pm
5:00 pm All Saints Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:00 am All Saints Mass
9:00 am Religious Education
10:00 am All Saints Mass followed by Coffee & Donuts
5:00 pm All Saints Mass
6:00 pm BEaST Youth Group

Mass Intentions

Sat., Oct. 24, 5:00 pm Rosario Tavora †
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun., Oct. 25, 8:00 am Blach & Derry Families, L&D
10:00 am Martha Delfina Greene †
5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

Mon., Oct. 26, 8:15 am Jo Ann Morrison †

Tue., Oct. 27, 8:15 am Hugo Diego Garcia Varela †

Wed., Oct. 28, 8:15 am Aileen Marie Alvarez †
Ss. Simon & Jude, Apostles

Thur., Oct. 29, 8:15 pm Rev. Jerome Murphy †

Fri., Oct. 30, 8:15 am Guido Budelli †*birthday*

Sat., Oct. 31, 8:15 am Allan Moises *birthday*

Sat., Oct. 31, 5:00 pm Ed Hamilton †
All Saints Day

Sun., Nov. 1, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish
10:00 am Carmen Moreno *birthday*
5:00 pm Eleanor Jekot †

S - Solemnity; F - Feast; M - Obligatory Memorial;
m - Optional Memorial; L&D - Living & Deceased
Mass Intentions are still available for 2026 and 2027.

PRAYERS

As a parish community we pray for the sick, including: Sally Adams, Jackie Archibald, Nony & Penny Bantug, Howard Benden, Carolyn DeMarce, Maureen DeMoss, Enrique Diaz Salazar, Andrea Edwards, Esther Falsario, Janice Hagy, Richard Hammerud, Mark Head, 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 Rev. Jerome Murphy, Rosie Pineda and David Fencil.

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

A DOCUMENTARY FILM

MISSION ALASKA

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

Get Your Tickets to the Premiere of *Mission Alaska*

Join Bishop Maekawa at an exclusive premiere!

Filmed over two years, this highly anticipated documentary chronicles the heroic efforts of the Dominicans, diocesan priests, religious, and laity as they share the light of faith throughout the Last Frontier.

Don't miss it — tickets are expected to sell out!

Fairbanks
November 5

Seattle
November 9

Anchorage
November 11

Oakland
November 13

Rome
December 6

Tickets & Trailer at:
MissionAlaskaFilm.com




GIVE THE GIFT OF WARMTH!

ST. RAYMOND COAT DRIVE

St. Raymond families, it's time to clean out your closets! Please help us collect as many warm coats as possible for our local friends in need. All items must be in good condition.

NOW UNTIL NOV. 20

drop off location

St. Raymond School or Church

collecting

- * Heavy Coats
- * Jackets
- * Rain Coats/pullovers

COATS

SVDP




Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance will be available beginning Sunday, November 1, until the end of November. Sheets will be available in the church. If you would like to add your own special page with pictures and names, please use standard letter-sized paper.

Special Collections

Thank you for your support of the 100th World Mission Sunday. Envelopes are still in the pews if you missed the collection.

Next weekend, the special collection will be for St. Patrick's Seminary and University.



Faith Formation News

Religious Education

Our K-6 students will dress up as their favorite saints and enter the 10 AM Mass in a procession on Sunday, Nov. 1.

BEaST Youth Ministry

Our high schoolers are serving at Project WeHOPE in East Palo Alto this week, helping serve a meal and play bingo with residents at the shelter.

Youth Retreat Testimonials

Thirty young people and seven chaperones spent a beautiful weekend in the Santa Cruz Mountains, stepping away from the pressures of high school life to listen to Jesus calling them by name. Through prayer, friendship, and the sacraments, we explored what it means to leave our masks behind and let ourselves be loved by God just as we are. Here are a few reflections from our youth about their experience.

"I went to the Santa Cruz Mountains retreat last year, so I was a veteran this year at Mount Hermon. During both retreats I grew so much spiritually, learned so much about God and his teachings, and made so many new friends, but last weekend was different. First of all, I gave a testimony to the group, along with some of my friends, which was a really meaningful experience for me.

But to me the most impactful part of the retreat was adoration on Saturday night, especially the small group prayers. We gather around one person we're all collectively praying for, and we put our hands on their shoulders. Then we pray, 'Holy Spirit, come,' and you can physically feel God's power during these moments. To me, the special part of the group prayers wasn't when I was receiving prayers, but when I was praying for others. I felt God working through me, and it reminded me that God can use all of us to make a difference in other people's lives."

- Enzo

"This past weekend the BEaST youth group traveled to Mount Hermon for a retreat! The retreat was focused on the theme 'God is calling you by name,' and throughout the weekend we had several talks and testimonies regarding this subject! This retreat was very healing and lots of fun! I cannot wait for the next one!" - Camilla



Please join us on **Wednesday, November 4**, for a special Thanksgiving gathering of STARS Senior Bingo. We will begin in the church at 12:15 PM for a Senior Mass. Following Mass, we will offer the beautiful Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick for those who 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, and all are welcome!

If you have any questions, please contact Karyn Leahy at leahyfamily@msn.com.

With heavy hearts, we
announce the passing of

**Rev. Jerome
Murphy**

He was a graduate of St. Raymond School and St. Francis High School. He was ordained in the Archdiocese of San Francisco in 2012.



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

Dominican Gospel Reflections

What Does Christ Command?

Br. Thomas Maria Johns, O.P.

The Pharisees' testing of Jesus in today's Gospel is in many ways reminiscent of a passage from the Babylonian Talmud, an ancient Jewish text. In the story a gentile approaches Rabbi Shammai and says that he will convert to Judaism if Shammai can teach him the entire Torah while he stands on only one foot. Shammai, finding the man presumptuous and disrespectful of God's Law, drives the man away with his rod. The man then goes to Rabbi Hillel and repeats his challenge. Hillel accepts and tells him, "What is hateful to you, do not to your neighbor: that is the entire Torah, and the rest is the commentary thereof; go and learn it." Upon hearing this, the man converts. Unlike the lawyer who approaches Jesus, this man has an openness to the truth.

Although Jesus's answer to the lawyer sounds somewhat like Hillel's answer to the Gentile, Jesus's teaching is far more radical, and is not simply a repetition of Hillel's. Hillel's command is expressed negatively: do not do to another what you would not want done to you. However, the New Law that Jesus commands us to follow is expressed positively: first, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." And second "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

The difference is striking. The Christian life, under the law of grace, is not about avoiding evil. It is not about NOT doing things. Rather, it is about living well. It is about becoming the person that God created you to be. The Christian life demands that we learn to love—to actively will the good of the other.

This is why St. Augustine says, "love and do what you will." He is not telling us to simply indulge our passions. Rather, St. Augustine is telling us that if we love God and allow ourselves to be formed by this love, then everything else will fall into place. The law will no longer be something burdensome, an imposition that keeps us from doing all the "fun" things that the rest of the world gets to do. To understand the law in this way is to follow it primarily out of fear of punishment, which totally misses the point!

Rather, if we love God, we will come to delight in God's law, and fear being separated from Him. By conforming ourselves to God's law in charity, we will become fully alive, desiring nothing else but God's will. And so, with God's grace, we will come to proclaim with the Psalmist: "Oh, how I love thy law! It is my meditation all the day."

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.

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.

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.



Catholic in Recovery

St. Raymond Church

Parish Hall | 1100 Santa Cruz Avenue, Menlo Park

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

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



Scan to learn
more & join us

For more information visit:

www.catholicinrecovery.com

or contact jcudden@straymondmp.org

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COMPASS COLLEGE GROUP

Ages 18-25
1st & 3rd Mondays @ 7 pm

FELLOWSHIP
LECTIO DIVINA
ADORATION

St. Raymond Catholic Church, Menlo Park
Questions? Contact Br. Hyacinth: hbui@straymondmp.org

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ST. RAYMOND SCHOOL

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION NIGHT

Join us for an informative evening to learn more about our
JK and Kindergarten programs.

All prospective parents are welcome!

**November 10th
5:00pm**

REGISTER NOW

- ✓ Learn about curriculum
- ✓ Daily Routines and Expectations
- ✓ Visit classrooms
- ✓ Meet teachers and current parents

www.straymond.org



ANYONE IN YOUR FAMILY NEED TO BE
BAPTIZED?

Baptism



prep class

MONDAY, OCT. 26, 7:00 PM

RSVP OR ?8:

BRJOHNPAUL@STRAYMONDMP.ORG

ST RAYMOND YOUTH OFFICE



“You shall not molest or oppress the alien... You shall not wrong any widow or orphan.” (The least and most vulnerable of their time.) Instead, be imitators of the saints and of Jesus,

follow His teachings, and become a model for all believers. Jesus told us what our priorities should be and where our energies should go: first, into our love relationship with Father God, and then into active, caring love for our neighbor. In His parable of the “Good Samaritan,” we learn that our neighbor is not just the person next door, but the “other,” the person who is different from us and even the least among us. We are called to listen attentively to understand their needs and to actually provide material support for them.

What does this have to do with Care for Creation?

If we are indifferent to the needs of those different from ourselves and the most vulnerable, we cannot even be aware of their needs, and we cannot be attentive and actively engage in helping them. We cannot be aware that it is the poor and vulnerable (human and creature) who suffer most from climate change and the hardships it inflicts.

Pope Francis urged us to understand that Care for Creation (nature) is deeply connected with truly caring for the most vulnerable. “The responsibility for God’s earth means that human beings, endowed with intelligence, must respect the laws of nature and the delicate equilibria existing between the creatures of this world... The laws found in the Bible dwell on relationships, not only among individuals, but also with all living beings.” (LS68)

Let us pray that the Spirit will help us to grow in compassion for the most vulnerable, and for the earth on which all life depends, and that the Spirit will guide the choices and actions in our daily lives so that we prioritize care for the earth, our common home.

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. reportbishopabuse.org

ST. RAYMOND'S
COUPLES MINISTRY

Rooted in Christ. Growing together.

Build a stronger marriage and meaningful friendships through faith, fellowship, and community.

GATHER WITH US



Friendsgiving

NOVEMBER 13 • 6:30 PM

An evening of fellowship, food & fun.



Christmas Party

DECEMBER 4 • 6:30 PM

Celebrate the season with a gingerbread house competition.

GROW IN FAITH, TOGETHER

Couples' Small Groups

4–6 couples meet monthly in one another's homes to pray, discuss marriage and faith, and support one another in the sacrament of marriage.

Groups are forming now.

Leilani Ahern • laniahern@gmail.com

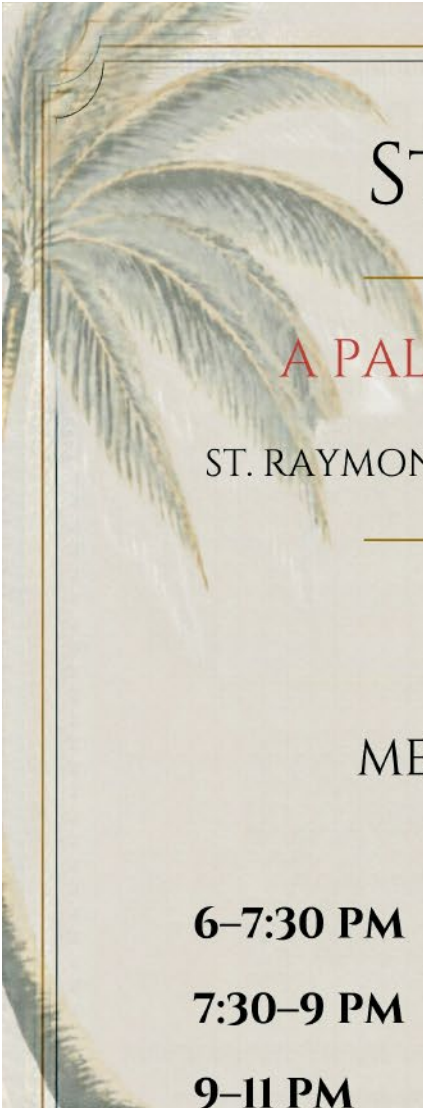
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SCAN TO SIGN UP





STR ROYALE

A PALM ROYALE EVENING

ST. RAYMOND CATHOLIC SCHOOL AUCTION

11.14.26

MENLO CIRCUS CLUB

6–7:30 PM | COCKTAILS & HORS D'OEUVRES

7:30–9 PM | LIVE AUCTION & DINNER

9–11 PM | DANCING & AFTER-PARTY

SCAN TO:

ATTEND

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TICKETS BY NOVEMBER 6 · LIMITED TO 250 GUESTS

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.

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.



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ST. RAYMOND PARISH

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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!