St. Raymond
Catholic Church
Served by Dominican Friars

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 15, 2026



St. Raymond Parish

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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)
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.

This Week

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
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, NOVEMBER 15
8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Religious Education
10:00 am Mass followed by Coffee & Donuts near Parish Hall
11:00 am Advent Fair (Parish Hall)
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm BEaST Youth Group

MONDAY TO SATURDAY
8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16
6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Parish Hall)
7:00 pm Speaker Series: The Vice of Anger

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18
10:00 am Bible Study
6:15 pm Compass College Group (New Night!)
7:00 pm Catholic in Recovery (Parish Hall)
7:00 pm Holy Hour (Confession & Adoration)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19
12:00 pm Laudato Si' Zoom Meeting
7:00 pm 4D Young Adults - Vocation in the Valley

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21
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, NOVEMBER 22
8:00 am Mass
9:00 am Religious Education
10:00 am Mass followed by Coffee & Donuts
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm BEaST Youth Group

Liturgical Color for next Sunday (Christ the King)

White

Mass Intentions

Sat., Nov. 14, 5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish
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Sun., Nov. 15, 8:00 am Ruocco & Papa Families, L&D
10:00 am Leopold Mirek †
5:00 pm Teresa Ibarra

Mon., Nov. 16, 8:15 am Tori Lane *birthday*
St. Margaret of Scotland m*; St. Gertrude, Virgin* m

Tue., Nov. 17, 8:15 am Ruth & William Philip ††
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious M

Wed., Nov. 18, 8:15 am DuRussel Family, L&D
The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter & Paul, Apostles m*; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin* m

Thur., Nov. 19, 8:15 pm Harold Curtis † & Family, L&D

Fri., Nov. 20, 8:15 am Galvez, Herborn, & Ritzen Families, L&D

Sat., Nov. 21, 8:15 am Pilar Garcia
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary M

Sat., Nov. 21, 5:00 pm Lurica Caga-anan †
Christ the King S

Sun., Nov. 22, 8:00 am RJay Lane *birthday*
10:00 am Gail Derry Blach †
5:00 pm St. Raymond Parish

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

Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance is now available 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.



The spiritual traditions of the Church have always recognized anger as one of the great vices that can afflict the human person. We see this play out around us as anger more and more seems to dictate our lives and attitudes, as it rules over all of our social and political discourses, and as it seems to corrode and disfigure our relationships with friends, family, and loved ones. The Church, though, has spent many centuries reflecting upon this vice and its consequences for our relationship to the divine, our relationship with our neighbor, and its impact on ourselves.

This talk will offer an overview of that reflection, especially as it was articulated by the earliest spiritual authors of the Christian tradition. What is anger, and how does it affect us and our spiritual lives? How do we combat and overcome it, and what are its remedies? By understanding the riches and the wisdom of the Church's traditions, we can, with God's help, better combat this vice and its corrosive effects on our lives.

Special Collection

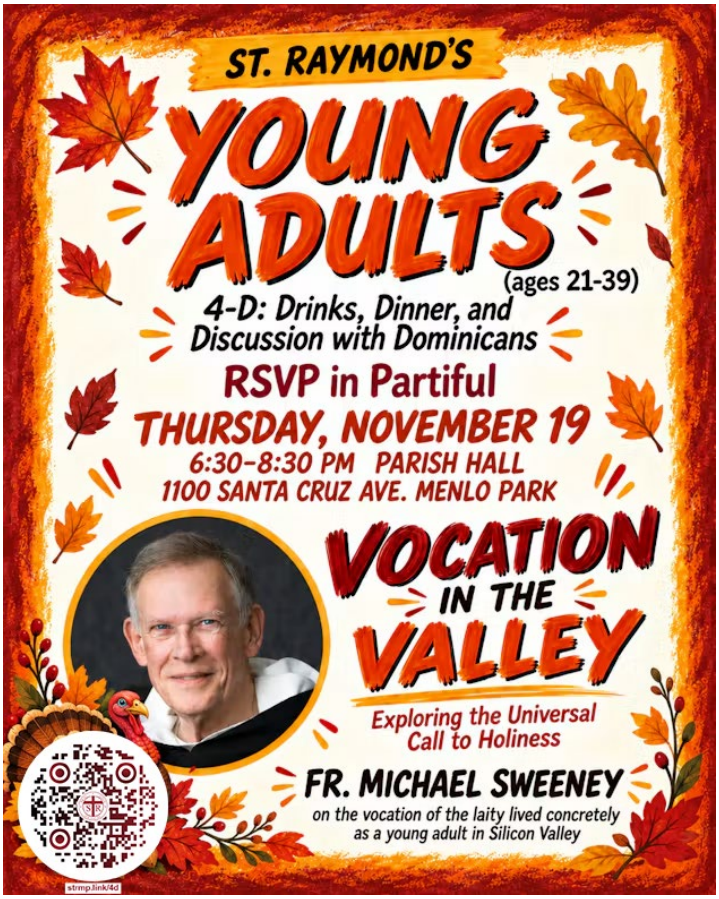
This week's special collection is for **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain here in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

Envelopes are in the pews.



Thank you for all who have already donated!







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.







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.



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.



Your Guide to Catholic Liturgical Colors

Green *Signifies: life, growth, hope, eternity*

Green is the color of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the liturgical year. It reminds us of hope and spiritual growth.

Violet/Purple *Signifies: penance, sacrifice, waiting, purification, royalty*

Violet/Purple is worn during Advent and Lent, the two seasons that prepare us for Christmas and Easter. Priests also wear a violet/purple stole for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and it is used at Masses for the dead.

Rose *Signifies: joy, softened penance, anticipation*

Jesus rose from the dead, he didn't pink! Rose is worn only twice a year: on Gaudete Sunday (the 3rd Sunday of Advent) and Laetare Sunday (the 4th Sunday of Lent). It is a brief break from the penance of Advent and Lent, because joy and victory are near.

White *Signifies: innocence, purity, celebration, joy, triumph, glory*

White unites us to heaven in a special way. It is worn during the Christmas and Easter seasons, on Holy Thursday, and on feasts of Our Lord (those not about his Passion), Our Lady, the angels, and non-martyr saints. It is also used for All Saints Day, Christ the King, and weddings.

Gold *Signifies: glory, victory, light, festivity*

The Catholic faith is one of deep celebration! Gold often appears as a highlight on white vestments, but it may also be worn on its own on the highest feasts of the Church year. It can be used in place of white on Christmas and Easter, during the Easter Octave, and throughout the 12 days of Christmas.

Red *Signifies: Jesus's Passion, the Holy Spirit, fire, martyrdom, sacrifice*

Red is worn on certain days rather than for a whole season. These include Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost, and Confirmation Masses. It is also worn for feasts of the Apostles, Evangelists, and martyrs. Red reminds us of the power of the Holy Spirit and of Christ's words, "Those who lose their life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:25b).

Black *Signifies: mourning, grief, reminder of our mortality*

Black is part of the Church's traditional vestments but is rarely used in the United States today. It may be worn on All Souls Day and at Masses for the dead.

Adapted from Ascension Press: ascensionpress.com/blogs/articles/guide-to-liturgical-colors

Domincan Gospel Reflections

Will You Cooperate with God's Grace?

Br. Jude Angelico DuCharme, O.P.

This Sunday we get the Parable of the Talents. There are many details about this Gospel that might come across as confusing, but this time I want to focus in on the "wicked and slothful" servant. What exactly did this servant do wrong to deserve punishment? Sure, he didn't make any money for his master, but at least he didn't lose anything either. So what is the problem?

The problem with the wicked servant is that he misunderstood his master. When he returns the one talent to his master, he tells him bluntly, "Here you have what is yours." Perhaps the servant thought his master was unjustly taking from others what did not belong to him. Put yourself in the servant's shoes for a moment. From his perspective, maybe the other two servants seemed like extortioners because they were making money off of others. Those extra five talents must have come from somewhere, and they didn't originally belong to the master.

The wicked servant admitted that he was afraid, and that's why he hid his talent in the ground. But he wasn't so much afraid of his master as he was of the world. If he were more afraid of the master, he would have invested, he would have put his master's money to use. But instead, he hid the talent. He hid his master's gift. He was more afraid of the world. He feared the accusation of making unfair gain off of other people. By following his own sense of justice, he failed to see the broader picture: that everything, even what didn't seem to belong to his master, actually did belong to the master from the very beginning.

The point here is that God often takes from the world what doesn't seem to belong to him. He is constantly in search of unbaptized souls, so that He can incorporate them into His fold. We are His ambassadors in this task, but it can be intimidating to reach out to people who think that God has no claim on them. We have to remember that the whole of creation belongs to God the Creator and it always has from the beginning. It is our job as Christians to win back for God what already belongs to Him, namely, those who do not yet adore Him.

ST. RAYMOND · ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Pack the Pantry

All items MUST be non-perishable

Items needed

- ☐ Peanut Butter (16oz preferred)
- ☐ Canned Tuna
- ☐ Canned Chicken
- ☐ Beans
- ☐ Canned Fruits
- ☐ Canned Vegetables
- ☐ Pasta
- ☐ Rice

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!

Located right here!
Drop off in the courtyard between the Parish Hall and Youth Center.

Ongoing project
Give any week — unopened items only.

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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 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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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

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