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CHRIST THE KING - NOVEMBER 22, 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 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
11:00 am Young Adults Friendsgiving (Parish Hall)
5:00 pm Mass
6:00 pm BEaST Youth Group

MONDAY TO SATURDAY (EXCEPT THURSDAY)
8:15 am Mass

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23
6:00 pm Legion of Mary (Parish Hall)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
Parish Office Closed
10:00 am Bible Study
6:15 pm Compass College Group
7:00 pm Catholic in Recovery (Parish Hall)
7:00 pm Holy Hour (Confession & Adoration)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26
Parish Office Closed
9:30 am Thanksgiving Day Mass

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27
Parish Office Closed

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28
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 29
8:00 am Mass
10:00 am Mass followed by Coffee & Donuts
5:00 pm Mass

Liturgical Color for next Sunday (First Sunday of Advent)



Violet/Purple

Mass Intentions

Sat., Nov. 21, 5:00 pm Lurica Caga-anan †
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (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

Mon., Nov. 23, 8:15 am Maurice Galvez †
St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr m*; St. Columban, Abbot* m

Tue., Nov. 24, 8:15 am Msgr. Harry Schlitt †
SS. Ignatius Delgado, OP, Bishop, Vincent Liem, OP, Priest, Dominic An-Kam, OP, Layman, Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs M

Wed., Nov. 25, 8:15 am Patricia Brissette †
St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr m

Thur., Nov. 26, 9:30 am Ray Lane *birthday*

Fri., Nov. 27, 8:15 am Melanie Cachola Laggui *birthday*

Sat., Nov. 28, 8:15 am Vernon & Gladys Scherba ††

Sat., Nov. 28, 5:00 pm Dr. Ralph Yob † & Family, L&D
1st Sunday of Advent

Sun., Nov. 29, 8:00 am St. Raymond Parish
10:00 am Sue Wagstaffe *birthday*
5:00 pm Edward Devitt †

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.



5th Annual

CHICKEN DRIVE

Donate Today



For just $15.00 you can provide the main course for a family.

Visit strmp.link/chicken, use the QR code provided, or drop a check off at the parish office.

strmp.link/chicken

Thank you for all who donated this past week. We have raised over $1,000 so far.

Watch our delivery of the chickens last year at https://strmp.link/chickendelivery.



THE ST. FRANCIS CENTER
2026 HOLIDAY TOY PROGRAM

Wish List Ideas

- Large Dolls
- Large Trucks
- Remote Control Cars
- Remote Control Trucks
- Large Lego Sets
- Robots
- Hello Kitty Items
- Board Games
- Large Stuffed Animals
- Disney Dolls
- Puzzles
- Play-Doh Kits
- Barbies
- Super Hero Toys
- Slime Kits
- Bracelet Kits
- Pokémon Cards
- Blow Dryers
- Hair Straighteners
- Hair Ties & Hair Brushes
- Books for ages 6 to 15 years
- Soccer Balls
- Headphones
- Makeup Baskets
- Jewelry
- Sweatshirts
- Tennis Shoes
- Earbuds
- Scooters
- Art Sets & Art Supplies
- Furbys & Plushy Stuffed Animals
- Building Blocks
- Cultural Dolls
- Sensory Boxes
- $25.00 Target Gift Cards
- Christmas Wrapping Paper & Bows
- Large Black Hefty Trash Bags
- Packing Tape
- AA and AAA Batteries



Please take an ornament from the Giving Tree in the Church. Each ornament specifies an age range. Please purchase a new gift for that child and bring it unwrapped to the Church or to the Parish Office on or before **Sunday, December 6.**

Students from St. Raymond School will take the gifts to St. Francis Center in Redwood City. There, families will be able to select items for their children. Your donations help to make a Very Merry Christmas for many local families. Thank you for your support and have a blessed Christmas!





COUPLES' SMALL GROUPS

Looking to go deeper?

Groups of 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!

Contact Leilani Ahern · laniahern@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul

Next Sunday, November 29, is the fifth Sunday in the month of August. In each month that contains five Sundays, St. Raymond's St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) conference takes up a collection on the fifth Sunday to help fund our work. Your support makes a big difference in the lives of the needy right in our area.

We would love to have additional volunteers. The volunteer work is very satisfying and does not take a lot of time. Please contact Camilo Colorado (ccolorado2005@gmail.com) to find out what volunteering involves.

God bless you and thank you for your generosity! Donate at straymondmp.org/giving.

Young Adult Group

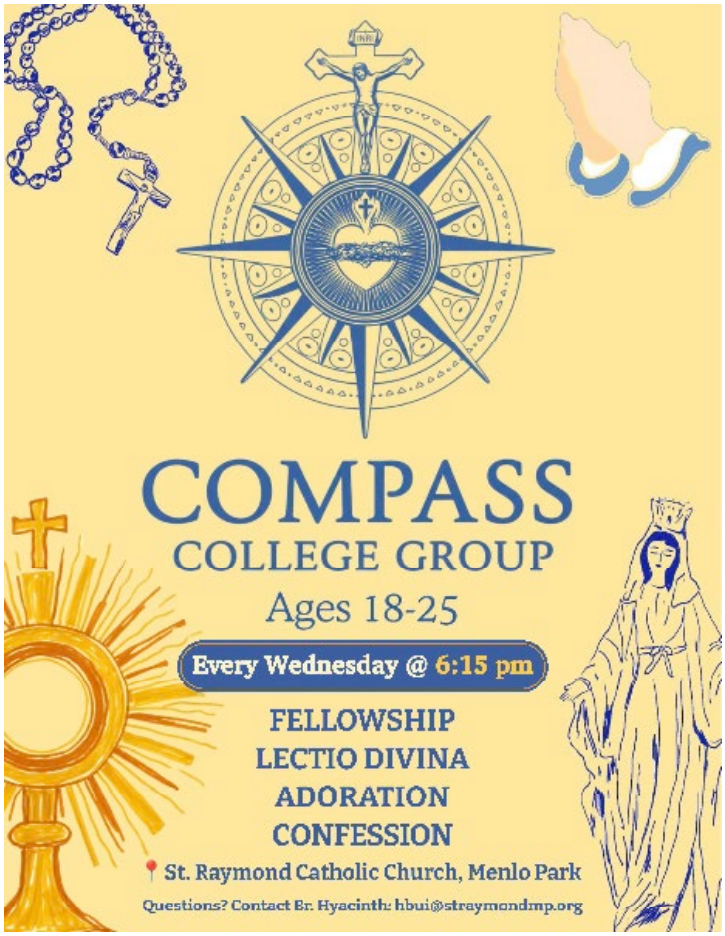
Looking for community and authentic friendship centered on Christ? Hoping to learn more about the Catholic faith? We meet on the 4th Thursday of every month @ 4D Event: Dinner, Drinks, & Discussion w/ Dominicans.

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

Young Adult Mass Meet-Up (YAMM)

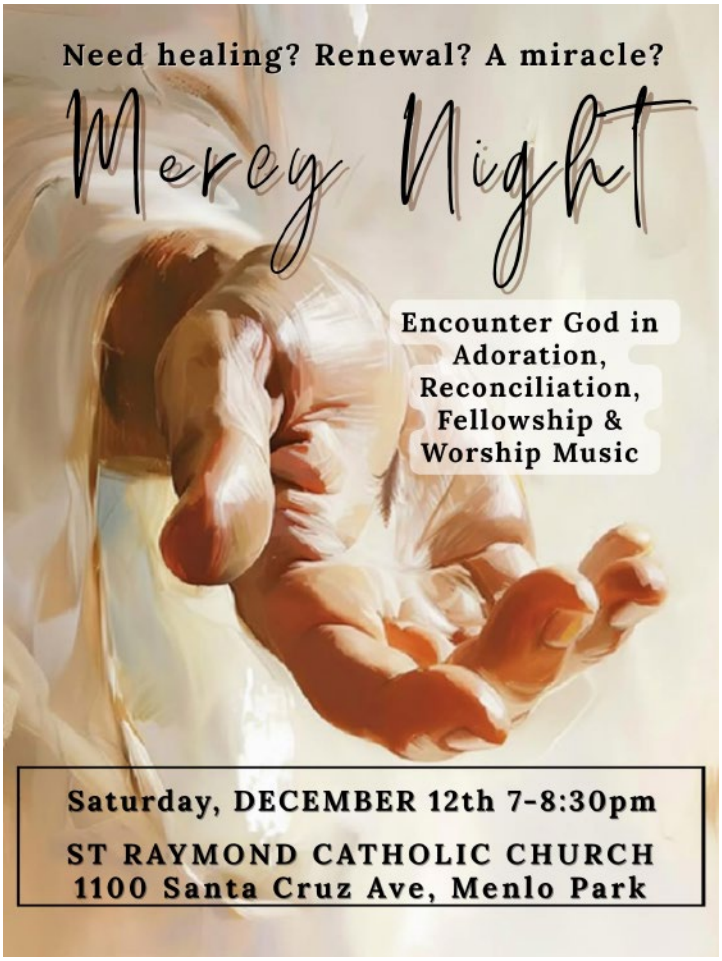
Every Sunday, young adults:

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.



Morning Light on the Tabernacle

Each year, the morning sun lines up with our tabernacle and fills it with a warm glow. It is happening now, from about Nov. 15 to Dec. 7, around 7:25–7:35 AM, arriving a few minutes earlier each day. The sun is expected to return to the same angle from about Jan. 5 to Jan. 20, around 7:40–7:55 AM. If you are at church early, take a moment to see it for yourself!



SPIRITUAL CARE OPPORTUNITY AT STANFORD HOSPITAL

Would you be interested in visiting Catholic patients at Stanford Hospital and offering them Communion as a Eucharistic Minister? If you are a compassionate listener, empathic, well-grounded in your faith and open to serving 2-4 hours a week, then becoming a **Spiritual Care Services Volunteer at Stanford Hospital** might be the right opportunity for you. We particularly welcome bilingual Spanish/English candidates.

Our Spiritual Care volunteer program opens enrollment **once a year** in the Spring. Plan ahead so you don't miss one of the 2 upcoming Spiritual Care Services Volunteer Information Sessions on **January 5th & January 12th 2027**, a virtual orientation about serving as a Spiritual Care Volunteer, program expectations, and application process.

Get on the mailing list for the orientation session today by adding your name to the interest list here (https://strmp.link/shcvol) before it closes on **December 9th.** You can also email your interest for becoming a Spiritual Care Volunteer to Volunteer Resources at Stanford Health Care, specifying your name and faith group at VolunteerResources@stanfordhealthcare.org. We can't wait to see you join our ministry. ■

Religious Education News

A beautiful Family Supported Mass!

Last Sunday, our Religious Education students took an active part in the liturgy during our Family Supported Mass. It was wonderful to see the children participating in the life of our parish!

Our next Family Supported Mass will be on **December 13**.

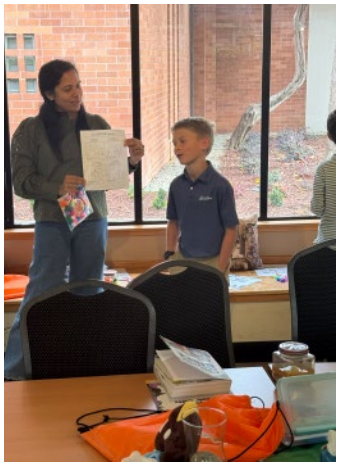




A few reminders: Classes meet this Sunday, November 22, but there will be no classes on November 29 (Thanksgiving weekend).

There's always room for one more! Our Religious Education program welcomes new students throughout the year. Invite a friend or another family to join us! Sometimes, all it takes is a personal invitation to help someone discover God and encounter Jesus.





BEaST Youth Program

BEaST meets this Sunday evening, but will take a break on November 29 for Thanksgiving weekend.

Faith, friendship, and service! Every Sunday evening starts with dinner together before our youth split into three groups: 7th grade, 8th grade, and high school. Meanwhile, parents gather at Arbor House for their own evening of fellowship and formation with Fr. Jerome.

New friends are always welcome! Registration is open throughout the year. Encourage your teens to invite their friends. The more, the merrier! Jesus came for everyone, and there's a place for everyone in our community.

Coming up: Opportunities to serve!

November 27 (Black Friday), 10 AM: Help us replace the missalettes in the church. All helping hands are welcome!

December 6: Our high schoolers return to Project WeHOPE in East Palo Alto, while our middle schoolers assemble hygiene kits for the Order of Malta.

We look forward to growing in faith and serving together! ■

Domincan Gospel Reflections

Will You Be Ready for Christ's Return?

Br. Serafín Guadalupe Malfabón, O.P.

Christ the King is coming back!

On that most awaited of days, at the sight of His presence, we will all tremble, for it will fill many with joy, but many, too, will be filled with dread.

To the friends of the King, it will be the most wonderful of days, for the sight of His coming will be the sight of a friend, a day they've waited for, with hope. His friends will tremble with joy at the sight of their beloved savior, whom their hearts love.

His enemies, however, will tremble with fear, for the sight they see will be the sight of an enemy arriving in full glory, an enemy that will command them to depart into the eternal fire.

Friends, if we love Christ, then He is our King, and we have reason to rejoice and no reason to fear,

But how can we love the God we don't see, if we don't love the neighbor we do see?

Our way to God is the humanity of Jesus Christ.

Our blessed Mother Mary, exemplar of all Christians, tended to her baby's body, clothing His nakedness. And when He cried for hunger, she embraced Him and fed Him. And during His passion, when He was imprisoned, she was there. When He was naked, hanging on the cross, she was there.

We who have been reborn in Christ form His mystical body. And just as our Lady cared for the body of her Son, she continues to love and tend to the body of Christ, his Church. When we are in need, our mother comes to care for and provide for us, her child's mystical body.

In loving us, she loves Christ, and in loving Christ, she loves us. Because to love Christ is to love the ones Christ loves, His own family.

Following her example, we too can love Christ in this way. Because to feed the family of Christ is to feed Him! "Whatever you did to these little ones who are members of my family you did to Me," says the Lord.

Friends, when you see your neighbor naked, hungry, and in need…do you see your King?

Do you see the naked baby Jesus?

Do you see the Crucified Christ?

How can we join our King when he comes in Glory, when we did not join Him here and now, when His body in our neighbor cried out in need?

Let us go then, and crown Christ as king of our lives by loving him in this way! Always remembering His words: "You did it to Me."

And upon His return, the King of the universe will look at you and say, "Come, you that are blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom, prepared for you from the foundation of the world. And you will tremble with joy. ■



Our opening prayer today (the Collect) begins: "Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise."

Today we celebrate Christ as King. We are also about to enter the season of Advent, when we relive waiting for our Savior, Jesus, who out of love for us emptied Himself of divinity to become man and suffered to pay the price for our sins. It is a good time to be reminded that our God's loving will "to restore all things" includes **all** of creation.

We realize that it is always the poor and most vulnerable (those Jesus calls the "least among us" in the Gospel) who suffer most from the harms of climate change. Let us appreciate that caring for our common home is a key way we can worship, serve, and praise our King, as well as a beautiful way to love our neighbors.

We pray: As King of the Universe, Lord Jesus Christ, through whom all things were made, open our eyes to see **Your glory** reflected in the beauty of all creation. Forgive us for the ways we have neglected the cry of the poor. Help us to be humble stewards of Your gifts, so that by caring for our common home, we may serve You as we care for the least of our brothers and sisters. Amen. ■



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.

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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