



St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Maronite Catholic Church

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Most Rev. Mitchell Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis

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DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday: 10:15am
Mon, Wed, Fri: 12 noon

RECONCILIATION:

Sunday: 9:15am
or by appointment

DIVINE LITURGY/HOLY MASS:

Saturday: 4:00pm- Roman
5:15pm— Maronite
Sunday: 8am and 10:30am—Roman
Monday-Friday: 8am
Tuesday & Thursday: 6pm

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:00pm; Sunday: 9:45am

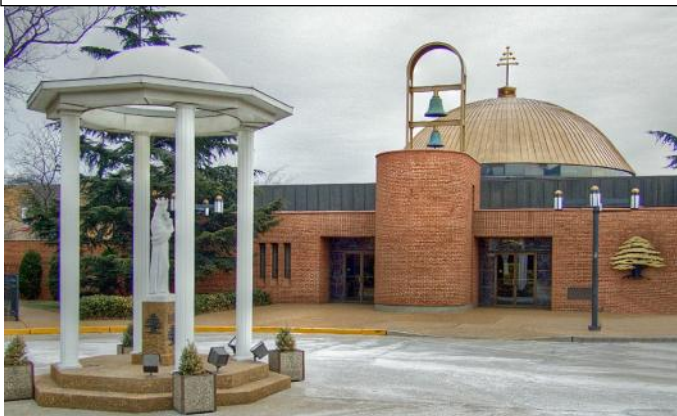
MINISTERING THE SACRAMENTS/MYSTERIES

Sacrament of Baptism: call the rectory 1 month in advance to schedule an appointment and date with Msgr. John

Sacrament of Matrimony: call the rectory 6 months in advance (1 year in advance if there are canonical issues)

Visitation and Anointing of the Sick: call the rectory; Msgr. John's emergency contact is on the answering machine

Intentions for Divine Liturgy: call the rectory, mail, or email your intentions



2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Liturgy p.
Jer 1:4-10
2 Cor 4:5-15
Jn 1:35-42



2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
Psalm 40
1 Cor 1:1-3
John 1:29-34

Sunday, January 18th, 2026

DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. Jan 17	<i>St. Anthony the Great</i>
Sun. Jan 18 10:15 am	2ND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY +Bob Risha By Monica Kunkel and Family +William Shaheen By the Shaheen Family +Janet Wright By the Fanetti/ Schmidt Family
Mon. Jan 19 12:00 pm	<i>St. Macarius of Alexandria</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Jan 20	<i>St. Aphtimos</i>
Wed. Jan 21 12:00 pm	<i>St. Sebastian</i> Dr. John Bouhasin By the Fanetti/Schmidt Family
Thurs. Jan. 22	<i>St. Timothy and St. Anastasius</i>
Fri. Jan 23 12:00 pm	<i>St. Sergius the first, a pope</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat. Jan 24	<i>St. Francis de Sales</i>
Sun. Jan 25 10:15 am	SUNDAY OF PRIESTS +Agnes Koram,- Timmons, Mary Farley, Gary Peters By the Denny and Timmons Familiees +Dan and Denise Metz By Rose Reynolds +Deceased members of Mike & Betty Wolff Family By the Crenshaw & Wolff Families
12pm noon	Noon Divine Liturgy (mostly in Arabic Language)

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

Sat. Jan. 17 4:00 pm RC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. Anthony the Abbot</i> Patricia Augustyniak
5:15 pm MC	Bryan Mueckl By David & Kathy Mueckl Loretta & Anthony Simon By Linda Hill
Sun. Jan. 18 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Bob Anthony Subdeacon George & Marilue Simon by Patti Carnie
Mon. Jan. 19 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Canutus</i> Jordan Lauber by Sam Lauber
Tue. Jan. 20 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Sebastian</i> Neal Alster for healing Joseph Ojile By Linda Hill
Wed. Jan. 21 8:00am RC	<i>St. Agnes</i> Lillian Howard by Luke Lauber
Thurs. Jan. 22 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Vincent</i> Aaron Alster Elias Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family
Fri. Jan. 23 8:00am RC	<i>St. Marianne Cope</i> Claudia Barnier
Sat. Jan. 24 4:00 pm RC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. Francis de Sales</i> Vittorio Moran
5:15 pm MC	+Jack and Theresa Haddad By Jodi & Cathi Slinkard +Alster Family
Sun. Jan. 25 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Joey & Mary Ann Klohr by Maureen Toberman Pro Populo

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WEEKLY FINANCES 1/11/2026 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

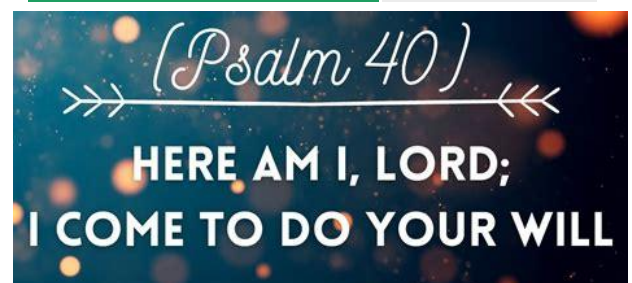
4:00pm Saturday Loose cash	555
Checks/Envelopes	650
7:00pm Saturday Loose cash	-
Checks/Envelopes	150
8:00am Sunday Loose cash	89
Checks/Envelopes	115
10:30am Sunday Loose cash	152
Checks/Envelopes	300
Candles	118
Pickleball	281
Revenue during the week	10,466.10
Initial Offering	20
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds	778
Expenses	\$2,154.51

ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday Loose cash	67
Checks/Envelopes	145
10:15am Sunday Loose cash	73
Checks/Envelopes	995
8:00am Sunday	
Revenue during the week	1,497.96
Candles	103
Coffee hour	168
2nd Collection	4,061
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds	2,327
Expenses	15,413.65

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON 1/14/2026

Income	5,094.25
Expenses	\$1,191.45





A note from the pastor



St. Maron 350-410 AD Feast Day, Feb. 9 Priest and Hermit Patron and Father of the Maronite Church

Saint Maron was a mystic who started this new ascetic-spiritual life that attracted many people in Syria and Lebanon to become his disciples. Accompanying his deeply spiritual and ascetic life, he was a zealous missionary with a passion to spread the message of Christ by preaching it to all he met. He sought not only to cure the physical ailments that people suffered, but had a great quest for nurturing and healing the "lost souls" of both non-Christians and Christians of his time. This missionary work came to fruition when in the mountains of Syria, Saint Maron was able to convert a temple into a Christian church in Kafr Nabu. This was to be the beginning of the conversion to Christianity in Syria which would then influence and spread to Lebanon. After his death in the year 410 in Kalota, his spirit and teachings lived on through his disciples. The Maronite movement reached Lebanon when Saint Maron's first disciple, Abraham of Cyrrhus, who was called the Apostle of Lebanon, realized that there were many non-Christians in Lebanon and so he set out to convert them to Christianity by introducing them to the way of Saint Maron. Maronites have always remained in full communion with the Holy See / Chair of St. Peter.

St. Raymond
MARONITE CATHEDRAL
939 LEBANON DRIVE, SAINT LOUIS, MO 63104

St. Maron's Feast Day Celebration and Reception

**St. Maron's Feast Day on Sun. Feb. 1, 2026,
10:15 AM Divine Liturgy, Presided by
Bishop A. Elias Zaidan
at St. Raymond Cathedral, St. Louis, MO**
Installation of Officers/Members of all Church Organizations/Committees

St. Maron's Feast Day Reception at The Cedars,
Sun. Feb. 1, at 12:00 PM noon
(939 Lebanon Dr, St. Louis, MO 63104)

- ✦ Bishop's Eparchial Awards
- ✦ Silver Massabki Medal Awards
- ✦ Faith of Mountain Award

Food Menu: Chicken Ouzi (chicken/rice and roasted nuts), Kibbe bi Sayniyye (ground beef and cracked wheat), Humus, Salad, Sweets, and Beverage drinks

**\$20 per adult, (Family at \$50)
\$10 per youth (13-17 yo)
\$5 per child (5-12 yo)
Free for children (4 year old and under)**

For table reservation, please contact:

The church offices at:

314 621 0056 Downtown, or 314 968 0760 Crestwood
email: secretary@straymond-mc.org, or steeliz@straymond-mc.org

We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express, Checks, and Cash Payments
50% of the proceeds to our church, 25% to our Youth, 25% to Caritas Lebanon

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: 8am Tuesdays
To submit: Email Felicity
steeliz@straymond-mc.org

ONLINE GIVING

Crestwood:
osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds
Downtown:
straymond-mc.org/online-giving

MERCY MEAL

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MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Donate or Borrow piece of medical equipment, please call
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YOUTH MINISTER

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Clergy retreat- Scottsdale, AZ

Jan 12-16, 2026





LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, Jan. 17 4:00 pm	Ralph & Margie
Sun, Jan. 18 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Austin Krueger
Sat, Jan. 24 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
Sun, Jan. 25 8:00 am 10:30 am	Glen Brookman Jean Minton

UP COMING EVENTS

- *Sun Feb. 1: St. Maron's Feast Day
- *Sun March 8: Purse Bingo
- *Fish Fry: Feb 20,27, March 6,13,20,27,
April 3 (Good Fri at St Raymond's)
- *May 3: First Communion
- *May 5-13: Our Lady of Fatima Novena
- *May 10: Mother's Day
- *June 6: Golf Tournament
- *June 23-28: Youth National Conference
Univ. of Dayton OH
- *June 29-July 5: NAM Conv., San Diego, CA
- *Sep. 18,19,20: Lebanese Festival
- *Sep. 28- Oct. 9: Trip to Lebanon
- *Oct. 17: Autumn Harvest Festival
- *Nov. 14: Vendor Fair
- *Dec. 3: Men's Christmas Dinner
- *Sun Dec. 6, 2026: Breakfast with Santa

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

Tom Hearst	Janet Zhakaria
Victor Sciarrino	John Cleary
Rosalie Hubert	Tom Morrow
Mike McSorley Sr.	Marie Kallial
James Brumfield	Rob Turner
Cathy Seemayer	Emil Salman
Mary Lou Works	Jennifer Van Luven
Chris Nelms	Janet Emerson
Ted Arunski	Burton Droste
Dave Holdinghausen	Dot Smith
Michelle Bausworth	Gabe Vollet
Tom Saucier	Barb Rohr
Rhoda Simpher	Ameal Nassif
Patricia Beck	Gerry Nassif
Mary Ojile	Tim Gamma
Gloria (Skip) Leisure	Munir Matar
Don Ganim	Susan Dugan
John Anton	Rima Cabbabe
Jim Hoffman	Ralph Wahby
Richard Baker Sr	
Patrick Carr	
Steve Baker	

Fr. JAD NEW ASSIGNMENT

We thank Fr. Jad for all his ministry at St. Raymond Cathedral and St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth church, bishop Zaidan assigned Fr. Jad to be the pastor of Our Lady of Lebanon Maronite church in Chicago, IL. We pray for Fr. Jad on his new assignment to be successful. We will bid him farewell at the coffee hour this coming Sat/Sun, Jan 10/11 after Masses at St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth church in Crestwood, and Sunday, Jan. 18, a farewell reception at St. Raymond Cathedral, downtown.

COFFEE HOUR

We welcome all our parishioners and friend visitors to socialize and for coffee hour after 10:15am Divine Liturgy at St. Raymond Cathedral. We thank our Youth MYO for serving the Coffee hour, it will be a Farewell reception for Fr. Jad. Please, let us enjoy each other, and celebrate the Day of Lord!

LADIES' SODALITY MEETING- SUN. JAN. 18

Congratulations to new officers, Linda Hill, president; Renee Meier, vice president; Mary Ann Mueller, secretary; Reema Rahaman, treasurer. The Ladies' Sodality will meet on Sun. Jan. 18, at St. Raymond Cathedral, beginning will 10:15am Divine Liturgy (3rd Sunday of the month).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

No Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. Jan. 19th, at St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Church. Martin Luther King Jr. Day!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

No Rel Ed classes Mon. Jan. 19th, at 5:45pm

KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen is open on Wed. Jan. 21st, 2026. On Tue., Jan. 20th, at 8:30am we will be preparing kibbe aras, and rolling grape/cabbage leaves. We encourage you to place your orders, Monday and Tuesday before the Wed. luncheon, through Square

<http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/>

Thanks!

Denise and Gina

THURSDAY CHRISTIAN DOCUMENTARY FILMS

Christian documentary movie on Thurs. Jan. 22nd, after 8am Mass.

OCIA CLASS

Class on Thurs. Jan. 22nd, at 6pm. If you like to know more about the Catholic/Maronite Faith, please join the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults OCIA. For more info Jacob Garanzini <jacob.hart.g@gmail.com>

YOUTH ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

All our youth are invited to participate in the meetings/events/ activities of the church, to benefit first our church, have community service hours, and participate in the national youth conference. Our youth this school year raised \$5K, and they need another \$5K to cover the fees of their events. Thanks for supporting our Youth!



ST. RAYMOND FOOD PANTRY & ASSISTANCE FUND:

Please consider making a monetary donation to the St. Raymond Food Pantry Assistance Fund to help with rent, utilities, and medical expenses for those in our parish who are in need. You may contribute through on-line giving or by personal check payable to St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral. If paying by personal check, please write "Food Pantry Assistance Fund" in the note section of your donation in the weekly collection or mail it to St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Drive, St. Louis, MO 63104. Thank you for your generosity.

COMMUNION CALLS & HOME VISITS

If you are sick or homebound and would like a Communion minister to come to your home, please let us know! Contact the office to get in touch: (314) 968-0760 or email deaconBillWilliamMeister@archstl.org

PARISH DEVOTIONS

Monday

Adoration 8:30-5pm

Tuesday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help after 8am Mass
Patriotic Rosary at 5:15pm

1st Friday

Sacred Heart Litany

4th Saturday of the Month

Rosary at noon for Intentions at Fatima.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

✠ Christine Van Doren	11-30-2025
✠ Janet Wright	11-14-2025
✠ Gus Millati	11-13-2025
✠ Patricia Augustyniak	11-1-2025
✠ Terry Leong	10-31-2025
✠ Jad Michel Gennaoui	10-17-2025
✠ Milad Abounader	10-6-2025
✠ Carol Bilger	9-25-2025
✠ Christopher Seemayer	9-5-2025
✠ Mary Susan Bickel	8-24-2025
✠ Barbara Marchetto	7-18-2025
✠ John D. Bouhasin	7-9-2025
✠ Eileen Bayer	6-18-2025
✠ Mary Ann Friehs	5-20-2025
✠ Elaine Snyder	3-30-2025
✠ John Michaels	3-29-2025
✠ Agnes Guhman	3-25-2025
✠ Marilue Simon	3-24-2025

ST. MARON'S FEAST DAY

We will celebrate with bishop Zaidan the feast of our patron saint Maron on Sunday, February 1st, at St. Raymond Cathedral.

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

Save the date! Sunday March 8th, 2026

The Cedars Hall, St. Raymond Cathedral - Downtown.

For more info, contact Mary Denny <marypdenny@sbcglobal.net>

MEN'S AND LADIES' SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Membership form will be mailed to the men and women of our parish. Please, consider joining those two organizations.

FOOD DRIVE

Sincere thanks to those who have generously donated food to St. Raymond's Food Pantry. If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, please help yourself to the food in the Food Pantry bins in the back of church before or after Mass, or contact the church offices at (314) 621-0056 to schedule a time to pick up food.

PROTECTION OF GOD'S CHILDREN

Please, all volunteers and employees, including for Lebanese and Autumn Festivals of St. Raymond Cathedral and St. Raymond - St. Elizabeth Church have to do online training for the Protection of God's Children and Safe Environment, at

<https://eparchyofourladyoflebanon.cmgconnect.org/>

For any questions, please contact Msgr. John

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2025

All registered families at our church, at both locations, will receive a contribution statement before the end of January for the year 2025. Thanks for your love and support to our church.

P & L FOR 2025

In addition a P&L report will be posted on the church website, as a non-profit 501 c3 should do once a year.

SECURITY CAMERAS AND PATROL CAR

St. Raymond Cathedral will be installing more security cameras and purchasing a car to patrol (purchased already), the parking lots downtown. Some of the proceeds of the church events that we will have this coming year will go to offset the security fees, please let us support our church.

RIP SKIP

Gloria. (Skip) Leisure passed on to Eternal Life this past week. May God grant her Eternal Rest in His Kingdom. We pray for peace and comfort to her family members, special to her son Joe Leisure and his family. We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the repose of Gloria Skip Leisure's soul on Sat. Jan. 24, at noon, at St. Raymond Cathedral.

"But the souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of death shall not touch them." Wisdom 3:1



2026 National MYO Conference



SAVE THE DATE!

Registration will be open beginning February 1, 2026.

Feb 1 - March 31, 2026	April 1 - May 15, 2026	May 16 - June
Regular Registration	Late Registration	Registration
\$559	\$609	N/A

Prayer for the Year 2026

Dear Lord, as we enter the new year, bless us with peace, keep us healthy, and guide our steps in love. May we serve You and one another with faithful hearts. In Your name we pray, Amen.



COST:

\$200 PER TABLE OF 8 (INCLUDES BEER AND SODA)

\$320 FOR VIP TABLES (INCLUDES SNACKS, 3 BOTTLES OF WINE, & TABLE SERVICE)

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DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

ST RAYMOND'S MARONITE CATHEDRAL/SPONSORED BY ST RAYMOND-ST ELIZABETH LADIES SODALITY

SUNDAY MARCH 8th, 2026

THE CEDARS BANQUET CENTER

939 LEBANON DR ST. LOUIS, MO 63104

DOORS OPEN @ 12 NOON

BINGO BEGINS @ 1PM

\$30.00 PER PERSON or \$240.00 PER TABLE OF 8

PAYMENT DUE AT TIME OF RESERVATION-NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR

20 BINGO GAMES-20 DESIGNER PURSES

ATTENDANCE PRIZES

COFFEE, TEA, WATER PROVIDED/CASH BAR

TABLE FOOD ALLOWED/NO FOOD FOR PURCHASE

MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

MARY DENNY

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To purchase tickets :

scan the QR Code below



CASEY'S KICKERS TRIVIA NIGHT 2026



**SATURDAY
FEB. 21ST
7PM**

**DOORS OPEN
AT 6PM**

**RAFFLES!
AUCTIONS!
50/50!**