



St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Maronite Catholic Church

Most Rev. A. Elias Zaidan, Bishop of The Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon

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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



HOSANNA SUNDAY

Liturgy p. 284
Zechariah 9:9-11, 15a, 16-17
Philippians 1:1-13
John 12:12-22



PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

Sunday, March 29th, 2026

**DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS
DOWNTOWN:**

Sat. Mar 28	<i>Martyrs: Philanos, his wife, Lidia, and their two children</i>
Sun. Mar 29 10:15 am	HOSANNA SUNDAY +Ralph Wahby By Diana Deeba and Family +Bishop Richard Stika By Charles & Theresa Miller +Ameal Nassif By Dom & Shelly Vitale +Terry Rask
12 noon	No Divine Liturgy (Arabic)
Mon. Mar 30 12:00 pm	<i>St. John Climacos</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tue. Mar 31	<i>Pope Lucius I</i>
Wed. April 1 12:00 pm	<i>St. Mary the Egyptian</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thurs. April 2 7:00 pm	<i>Thursday of the Mysteries</i> <i>Divine Liturgy/Washing of the Feet/ Adoration</i> All living and deceased priests who served our Altar +Ralph Wahby By Effie & David Westphal +Ameal Nassif By Stephanie Baker +Dr. John Bouhasin By David & Kathy Mueckl
Fri. April 3 9:00 am 7:00 pm	<i>Great Friday</i> Signing of the Chalice Liturgy Adoration of the Crucified Prayer
Sat. April 4 10:00 pm	<i>Midnight Resurrection Divine Liturgy</i> For living and deceased parishioners +Ralph Wahby By the family of the late Baxter Sr. and Catherine Leisure
Sun. April 5 10:15 am	GLORIOUS RESURRECTION For living and deceased parishioners +Ralph Wahby By Theresa & Charles Miller

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

Sat. Mar 28 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. Gontran</i> Mary Ojile Charles and Joan Powell By Linda Hill Alster Family
Sun. Mar 29 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	PALM SUNDAY Subdeacon George & Marilue Simon Maria & John Zamarlo
Mon. Mar 30 8:00 am RC 7:00 pm MC	<i>St. John Climacos</i> Grace Minton Coming to the Harbor Prayer
Tue. Mar 31 8:00 am RC 7:00 pm MC	<i>St. Benjamin</i> Neal Alster by Pat Alster Coming to the Harbor Prayer
Wed. April 1 8:00 am RC 7:00 pm MC	<i>St. Mary of Egypt</i> Brendan Moran The Rite of the Lamp, blessing with oil/healing
Thurs. April 2 7:00 pm RC	<i>Maundy Thursday, St. Francis of Paula</i> Nick Swatek
Fri. April 3 3:00 pm	<i>Good Friday, St. Richard</i> For Christians in the Holy Land/Middle East
Sat. April 4 8:00 pm RC	<i>Easter Sunday Vigil, St. Isidore of Seville</i> Pro Populo
Sun. April 5 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	EASTER SUN: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Pro Populo Pro Populo

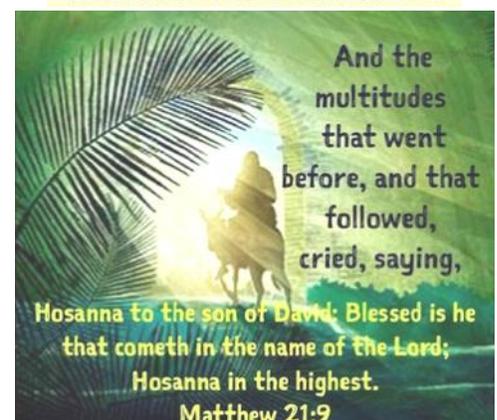
**WEEKLY FINANCES 3/22/2026
ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:**

4:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	418
Checks/Envelopes	1,590
7:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	-
Checks/Envelopes	-
8:00am Sunday	
Loose cash	179
Checks/Envelopes	370
10:30am Sunday	
Loose cash	248
Checks/Envelopes	280
Candles	213
Pickleball	194
Revenue during the week	9,616.10
Easter Flowers	50
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethungary/funds	615
Expenses	\$2,038.05

ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday	
Loose cash	99
Checks/Envelopes	
10:15am Sunday	
Loose cash	29
Checks/Envelopes	999
Revenue during the week	500
Candles	119
Coffee hour	121
2nd Collection	141
Fish Fry	7,777
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds	2,083
Expenses	\$12,835.88

**PALM SUNDAY
CELEBRATING THE KING**





A note from the pastor

Lent & Holy Week 2026

St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral
St. Raymond - St. Elizabeth Maronite Catholic Church

HOLY / PASSION WEEK

Saturday, March, March 28	4:00 pm	Roman Catholic Mass, <i>Crestwood</i>
	5:15 pm	Maronite Divine Liturgy, <i>Crestwood</i>
Palm Sunday, March 29 Hosanna Sunday M	8:00 am	Roman Catholic Mass, <i>Crestwood</i>
	10:30 am	Roman Catholic Mass, <i>Crestwood</i>
	10:15 am	Maronite Divine Liturgy, <i>Downtown</i>
Monday, March 30	8:00 am	Roman Catholic Liturgy, <i>Crestwood</i>
	7:00 pm	Coming to the Harbor, Maronite, <i>Crestwood</i>
Tuesday, March 31	8:00 am	Roman Catholic Liturgy, <i>Crestwood</i>
	7:00 pm	Coming to the Harbor, Maronite, <i>Crestwood</i>
Wednesday, April 1	8:00 am	Roman Catholic Liturgy, <i>Crestwood</i>
	7:00 pm	The Rite of the Lamp, Maronite, <i>Crestwood</i>
Maundy Thursday, April 2 Thursday of the Mysteries M	7:00 pm	Roman Catholic Mass & Washing of the Feet, <i>Crestwood</i>
	7:00 pm	Maronite Divine Liturgy & Washing of the Feet, <i>Downtown</i>
Good Friday, April 3 Great Friday M	9:00 am	Signing of the Chalice, Maronite, <i>Downtown</i>
	3:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Roman Catholic, <i>Crestwood</i>
	7:00 pm	Adoration of the Crucified, Maronite, <i>Downtown</i>
Holy Saturday, April 4 Saturday of the Light M	8:00 pm	Paschal Vigil, Roman Catholic, <i>Crestwood</i>
	10:00 pm	Midnight Resurrection Divine Liturgy & Rite of Peace, <i>Downtown</i>
Resurrection Sun., April 5	8:00 am	<u>Roman</u> Catholic Mass, <i>Crestwood</i>
	10:30 am	Roman Catholic Mass, <i>Crestwood</i>
	10:15 am	<u>Maronite</u> Divine Liturgy, <i>Downtown</i>
Bright Monday, April 6	8:00 am	Roman Catholic Mass, <i>Crestwood</i>
	12:00 pm	Maronite Divine Liturgy, <i>Downtown</i>

RECONCILIATION times during Holy Week in *Crestwood*

Monday - Wednesday 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm

Holy Saturday 7:00 pm - 7:45 pm

Resurrection Sunday 9:30 am - 10:15 am

(EASTER EGG-HUNT for our children: Sat. March 28, at 10:30 am, 12:30 pm Pizza lunch, *Crestwood*)

PALM SUNDAY Luncheon, March 29, from 11:30am- to 1:30pm, at the Cedars, *Downtown*

GOOD FRIDAY Dinner, April 3, at 7:45pm at the Cedars)

CARITAS LEBANON USA

We are praying for peace in Lebanon, the Middle East, and the world.

Caritas Lebanon always is helping the families in need with food, medicine, and shelter. You may donate to help the families affected by the war.

1/ You can go to www.CaritasLebanon.org and donate, (there is a Donate button on the right).

2/ or make a check to the order of Caritas Lebanon and mail to: St Raymond Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Dr, St Louis, MO 63104

3/ Stock donations, contact your financial advisor to donate stock to "St. Raymonds Church" account number 5887-3955 DTC# 0141 @ Wells Fargo

4/ wire transfer to Bank of America (call 314 621 0056)



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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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

ONLINE GIVING

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

MERCY MEAL

Kathleen Wahby 314 276 3062

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Donate or Borrow piece of medical equipment, please call
Patty Renschen 314 517 7044

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Carla Aouad
Margo Kassab

YOUNG ADULTS

Joseph Nesser



LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, Mar. 28 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
Sun, Mar. 29 8:00 am 10:30 am	Glen Brookman Jean Minton
Holy Thursday April 2 7:00 pm	Nancy Wall
Good Friday April 3 3:00 pm	Kathleen Herring
Holy Saturday April 4 8:00 pm	Kathleen & Dan Ralph & Margie
Easter April 5 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Austin Krueger

UP COMING EVENTS

- *Fish Fry: Feb 20,27, March 6,13,20,27, April 3 (Good Fri at St Raymond's)
- *March 28: Easter Egg Hunt
- *Sun March 29: Palm Sun Lunch/Bake Sale
- *April 25-26: Parish Ladies' Sodality Retreat
- *May 3: First Communion
- *May 5-13: Our Lady of Fatima Novena
- *May 10: Mother's Day
- *June 6: Golf Tournament
- *June 9-10: Synodality Conf. at the Cedars
- *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: Breakfast with Santa

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

Please, the Holy Week schedule of Liturgies for both our churches is posted in the bulletin, and on our church website. I hope we all have a prayerful Holy Week, living all the holy events with Our Lord!

EASTER EGG HUNT FOR OUR CHILDREN

Our Youth are organizing Easter Egg Hunt, March 28th, at 10:30am, at our church, St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church in Crestwood. For more information and reservation, see flyer in the back

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE BORDER TOWNS OF LEBANON

We will have a second collection on Hosanna Sunday, for the Christian families who still live in the border towns in southern Lebanon. Thanks for your support!

PALM SUNDAY LUNCH, MARCH 29

Palm Sunday Lunch will be open from 11am-1:30pm. Pre-orders will begin Sunday March 22nd and will close Saturday March 28th at 7pm. Wednesday lunch will be closed March 25th and April 1st, and will resume April 8th. Thank you! Denise and Gina

LADIES' SODALITY BAKE SALE, MARCH 29

Ladies' Sodality annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Please support this fundraiser and consider donating a dessert (Easter theme). Bring your donation Saturday the 28th between 9 and 11 am, or Sunday before 10:15am Mass. Thanks! Ramona Milford

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. Mar. 30, 8:30am—5:00pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rel Ed classes Mon. Mar. 30, at 5:45pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church. Praying the Stations of the Cross!

KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen is closed on Wed. April 1. We will open on Wed. April 8, for more information go to Square <http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/> Thanks! Denise and Gina

THURSDAY CHRISTIAN DOCUMENTARY FILMS

Christian documentary movie on Thurs. April 2nd, after 8am Mass.

OCIA CLASS

No Class on Thurs. April 2nd, 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>

MEN OF ST JOSEPH: FAITHFUL, NOT PERFECT

Meeting on Saturday of the Light, April 4th, at 7:30am at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church.

MEN'S SOCIETY MEETING

The men's society meeting is rescheduled to Thurs. April 9th, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church.

MEN'S AND LADIES' SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

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



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 deacon Bill WilliamMeister@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

✠ Ralph Wahby	3-13-2026
✠ Dorothy Smith	2-25-2026
✠ Patricia Warfel	2-27-2026
✠ Ameal Nassif	2-24-2026
✠ Steven Vidra	2-2-2026
✠ Mary Ojile	1-30-2026
✠ Gloria 'Skip' Leisure	1-13-2026
✠ 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

FISH FRY 2026

We thank the team that was organizing the Fish Fry 2026, it as excellent and job well done!

All net proceeds from the Fish Fry in the Lent season will go to remodel and update the kitchen at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church cafeteria. Net proceeds is around \$30K. Thanks for all the support!

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.

LOOKING FOR LECTORS FOR WEEKDAY MASSES

We are looking for more volunteers to lector for the 8am weekday Masses. If you are interested and able, please email the parish office at steeliz@straymond-mc.org

ST RAYMOND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

High School and College student scholarship applications are at St. Raymond Cathedral and St Raymond– St Elizabeth Church foyers and websites [St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral: Scholarships](#)
For NAM Scholarship information and application visit www.namaronites.org, e-mail scholarship@namaronites.vorg or call NAM at 440-821-6303

GOOD FRIDAY DINNER

We will have a dinner on Friday, April 3rd, after 7pm Liturgy, at St. Raymond's hall, downtown. For more info see flyer in the back.

FAMILY NIGHT

An evening full of fun for families at the Cedars on Sat. May 2nd, for more info see flyer in the back of the bulletin.

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY

We welcome Sr. Therese Touma from the Maronite servants of Christ the Light for a weekend, April 25– April 26 full of prayers and meeting with different groups from our parish. For more info, see flyer in the back of the bulletin.

REMODELING

Installed new LED wall and canopy fixture lights for St Raymond Cathedral parking and outside buildings. Rectory in Crestwood is being remodeled too with a new roof. Thanks for all your support to our church, Downtown and Crestwood!

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD!

Our prayers and condolences to the families and friends of: Shirley Leisure Keisker who passed on into Eternal Life, March 16th. Brother Leo Slay, S.M. who passed on into Eternal Life, March 20th. Enas Najeeb Ayuka Essu, who tragically (heart attack) passed on into Eternal Life. Enas is the sister of Rasha Issou Kamil from our church community.

May the souls of Shirley, Brother Leo, Enas, and the souls of all faithful departed through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace!

Saint Raymond— Saint Elizabeth
Mission Weekend
April 24-26, 2026

Walking in the Footsteps of Mary

We invite all parishioners to join us for a beautiful weekend of inspiration, reflection & fellowship.

Friday April 24: Meet & Greet (St. R-St. E Church)
5:00-7:00PM Friendraiser with Sr. Therese Maria

Saturday April 25: Retreat Day (St. R-St. E Church)

11:00 Welcome & Prayer & Icebreaker
11:15 Talk #1 Mary's Receptivity & Small Groups
12:05 Lunch & Fellowship**
12:35 Talk #2 Mary's Generosity & Small Groups
1:30 Rosary (Joyful Mystery)
2:00 Confession/Silent Adoration/Guided Reflection
3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet
3:30 Talk #3 Mary's Humility
4:00 Roman Catholic Liturgy
5:15 Maronite Liturgy & Sister to speak after Liturgy

Sunday April 26: (St. Raymond's Cathedral)

10:15 Divine Liturgy & Sister to speak after Liturgy
11:30 Rosary Making with the Children Ministry & MYO
3:00-5:00PM MYA Social Hour & Discussion

RSVP by April 17 to Denise at 314-629-7645 or
St. Raymond-St. Elizabeth 314-621-0056 or 314-968-0760

**** For Meal preparation RSVP Required**

Retreat Speaker for the Parish Mission:

Sr. Therese Maria Touma from the
Maronite Servants of Christ the Light.

To learn more about the sisters or to support their
mission visit maroniteservants.org
or scan the QR Code.



Good Friday

Dinner— April 3, 2026
After 7:00 PM Prayer Service
at the Cedars Hall of
St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral
931 Lebanon Dr., St. Louis 63104

Food Menu :
Spinach pies,
Mjaddara (lentil & rice), Cabbage Salad, Breaded Cod
Fish, Loubyi b'zeyt (green beans), cauliflower with tahini,
Hummus, and Lebanese Bread, Coffee, and Ice tea

Donation: \$5 child (12 years and under)	Donation: \$20 adult \$10 youth (13-17)
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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
50% of the proceeds to our church and 50% to our Youth Ministry

JOIN OUR MYO FOR
AN
**Easter
Egg Hunt**

Join us for a fun Easter Egg
Hunt with face painting, music
and dancing, and pictures with
the Easter Bunny.

Cost: \$10 per child or \$20 per family
(Includes lunch and the egg hunt)

Reserve your spot:
☎ 636-628-5529
✉ rosesmary2025@yahoo.com

March 28th
10:30 a.m.
1420 Sappington Rd, St.
Louis, MO 63126

St. Raymond Cathedral Youth MYO

FAMILY NIGHT

**KIDS
ZONE**

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MAY 02, 2026 · 5 TO 10 PM

ADULTS \$60 12&UNDER \$20

THE CEDARS BANQUET HALL
939 Lebanon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63104

It's a seated dinner so please be prompt.
Doors open at 5:00 pm with appetizers and salads.
Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm.
Security and police will be present for the entire time.

For tickets and seat reservation contact
Carla 314-660-9031, Elssy 636-219-2125
All reservations are due by March 31st.
NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR!

DJ

All proceeds will benefit St. Raymond youth activities.