



St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Maronite Catholic Church

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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 OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

NEW SUNDAY

Liturgy p. 386

Isaiah 52:7-12

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

John 20:26-31



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Acts 2:42-47

Psalms 118

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 12th, 2026

DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. April 11	<i>St. Anatobios</i>
Sun. April 12 10:15 am	2ND SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION; NEW SUNDAY +Samuel Elking By Dennis & Roxanne Elking +Shirley Leisure Keisker By Charles & Theresa Miller +Ralph Wahby By Dom & Shelly Vitale +Ameal Nassif By the Oesterlei Family +Brother Leo Slay By Francis Leisure and Family
12:00 pm noon	Repose of the soul of Enas Najeeb Ayuka Essu By her sister Rasha and Dr. Mazin Kamil Family
Mon. April 13 12:00 pm	<i>St. Zosima</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. April 14	<i>Armanjaldos, a king and martyr & St. Aristorkos</i>
Wed. April 15 12:00 pm	<i>Saba, martyr & Pope Zotiros</i> Dominic Elking By Dennis & Roxanne Elking
Thurs. April 16	<i>St. Bernadette Soubiroux</i>
Fri. April 17 12:00 pm	<i>St. Agapitos</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat. April 18	<i>St. Tasia the Penitent</i>
Sun. April 19 10:15 am	3RD SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION +Ralph Wahby By Nina Bouhasin and Family +Shirley Leisure By John & Mary Denny +Ameal Nassif By Brad & Mary Anne Powell +John & Mary Louis By David & Kathy Mueckl +Mildred Colbert By Linda Hil

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

Sat. April 11 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil; St. Gemma Galgani</i> Rafaello Moran Joseph & Elizabeth Mueckl By David & Kathy Mueckl
Sun. April 12 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC 3:00 pm RC	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Neal & Aaron Alster by Pat Alster Mary Jane Hart <i>Divine Mercy Mass</i> Jack & Mary Pudlowski By Linda Hill
Mon. April 13 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Hermenegild</i> Geraldine Brischetto
Tue. April 14 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Peter Gonzales</i> Neal Alster by Pat Alster Fr. Stanley Konieczny by Steven Gilroy
Wed. April 15 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Anastasia</i> Judy Bremer Taxman
Thurs. April 16 8:00 pm RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Bernadette Soubiroux</i> Brendan Moran Ciro Iorio by Steven Gilroy
Fri. April 17 8:00 am	<i>St. Anicetus</i> Roger Schallom
Sat. April 18 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil; St. Apollonius</i> James McDonald Alster Family
Sun. April 19 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER Alster Family Subdeacon George & Marilue Simon by Patricia Carnie

WEEKLY FINANCES 4/5/2026 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

Holy Thursday	222
Good Friday	912
8:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	616
Checks/Envelopes	975
8:00am Sunday	
Loose cash	2,370
Checks/Envelopes	
10:30am Sunday	
Loose cash	616
Checks/Envelopes	975
Candles	136
Pickleball	268
Revenue during the week	613
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds	1,934.29
Expenses	\$3,221.04

ST. RAYMOND:

Thursday of the Mysteries	333
Great Friday	1,442
10:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	29
Checks/Envelopes	526
10:15amm Sunday	
Loose cash	494
Checks/Envelopes	1,519
Revenue during the week	990
Candles	232
Great Friday dinner	2,052
2nd Collection	41
Memorial	135
Mercy Meal	1,143
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds	3,484
Expenses	\$8,043.83

WED LUNCH 4/8/2026

Income	5,787.51
Expenses	\$1,264.24





A note from the pastor



Divine Mercy Sunday / New Sunday/ Birth of the Church from the Side of Jesus

Divine Mercy Sunday (Roman Catholic Church, established by Pope St. John Paul II), or New Sunday (Maronite Church) is the Sunday after the Resurrection of Our Lord. Both are connected to the heart of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all Graces.

When Longinus, the Roman soldier pierced Jesus with the spear to hasten his death because of the Sabbath. Blood and water gushed from Jesus' side. At that was birth of the Church from the side/ Heart of Jesus Christ at the cross. All three events are connected to the Heart of Jesus the source of all Graces. At the Cross, the Church was born from the Heart of Jesus.

A week after, St. Thomas believed that Jesus is Lord and God, in putting his hand in the side of Jesus and touching His Heart.

Divine Mercy is the revelation to St. Maria Faustina Kowalski about the Graces that we receive in trusting Our Lord and God Jesus Christ.

Reach out your hand and put it into my side.

Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jn 20: 27-28

CARITAS LEBANON USA

SPECIAL SUPPORT FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE BORDER SOUTHERN TOWNS OF LEBANON



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

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/stelizabethungary/funds
Downtown:
straymond-mc.org/online-giving

MERCY MEAL

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Donate or Borrow piece of medical equipment, please call
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Carla Aouad
Margo Kassab

YOUNG ADULTS

Joseph Nesser



LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, April 11 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
Sun, April 12 8:00 am 10:30 am	Glen Brookman Jean Minton
Sat, April 18 4:00 pm	Ralph & Margie
Sun, April 19 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Fabi Pineda

UP COMING EVENTS

- *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 7-11: Vacation Bible School
- *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

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| 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 | Gabe Vollet |
| Michelle Bausworth | Barb Rohr |
| Tom Saucier | Gerry Nassif |
| Rhoda Simpher | Tim Gamma |
| Patricia Beck | Munir Matar |
| Don Ganim | Rima Cabbabe |
| John Anton | Lynn Kersting |
| Jim Hoffman | Mary Saucier |
| Richard Baker Sr | |
| Patrick Carr | |
| Steve Baker | |

COFFEE HOUR

We welcome all our parishioners and visitors to the Cedars hall right after 10:15am Divine Liturgy for Coffee and donuts, prepared and served by our Young Adults, thanks!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. April 13, 8:30am—5:00pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rel Ed classes Mon. April 13, at 5:45pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church.

KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen will be open Wed. April 15, 2026, On Tuesday, April 14, at 8:30am we will be preparing kibbe aras, and rolling grape/cabbage leaves and another shift at 5:00pm. We encourage you to place your orders, Monday and Tuesday before the Wed. luncheon, through Square (<http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/>). Dine in and Carry out are both available. Thank you! Denise and Gina

THURSDAY CHRISTIAN DOCUMENTARY FILMS

Christian documentary movie on Thurs. April 16th, after 8am Mass.

OCIA CLASS

We are changing OCIA to meet once per month on April 23rd and on May 21st at 6:30pm. 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>

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.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION OF OUR CHILDREN

Sunday, May 3, Fifteen of our children will receive their First Holy Communion at 10:15am Divine Liturgy at St. Raymond Cathedral. Let us keep them and all our children in our prayers.

NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

More than 100 years ago, Our Lady appeared to three children in Fatima Portugal. The annual novena in her honor begins May 5-13th at 6:45pm each evening, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church. If you can volunteer to lead the rosary or do the readings one or more evenings please contact Roxanne Elking <dennyelking@yahoo.com>

CONFIRMATION

Sun. May 14, at 6pm, 8 of our confirmation class candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation celebrated by bishop A. Elias Zaidan. Let keep them in our prayers.



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

- ✠ Bro Leo Slay 3-20-2026
- ✠ 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

CONGRATULATIONS DAVID ROBLES

David Robles, from our youth at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church is one of the finalists for the 2026 Respect Life Creative Writing Contest. Congratulations David and keep you in our prayers!

35th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church, 35th Annual Golf Tournament at Oak Valley Golf Course and Resort on Saturday, June 6th, 2026. For Registration/Sponsorship and additional information please log on to the link:

[St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral: Events \(straymond-mc.org\)](http://St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral: Events (straymond-mc.org))

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

ADORERS NEEDED FOR MONDAY ADORATION

We have adoration Mondays 8:30-5pm and are in need of a second adorer especially for the 9:30-10:30am. The other hours in need of an adorer are 11:30-12:30pm....3:30-4:30pm, 4-5pm. If you are able to commit to one of the hours, please call the office at 314.968.0760 or email 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

MEN'S AND LADIES' SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

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

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registrations are open for Religious Education classes for year 2026-2027, and for the Vacation Bible School June 7-11, 2026. For more information, please contact Pam Olimpio, Director, at <pamela.olimpio@johnpaulprep.org>

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

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Flowers in memoriam/honor:

Vincent & Josephine Daus; The Avery Codden Family; Richard Barry Dennis O'Connor; Barbara Tournour; Frank Miles; Art & Madge Dorr; Paul, Amelia; Pauline Miles; Mcgrath Family; Cameron Family; Sullivan Family; Friends

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.



Scan to register
or donate

**The Run for Life and Learning is June 6!
Benefiting Birthright Counseling, St. Louis**

Join us at Creve Coeur Lake on June 6 for a chip-timed 6K Run/Walk, 1 Mile Fun Walk/Run, and ¼ Mile Kids Run with Louie® of the St. Louis Blues. Register or donate at runsignup.com/run4lifeandlearning. Proceeds enable women who are financially stressed by an unplanned pregnancy to continue their education and secure better lives for themselves and their families. For sponsorship opportunities, email run4lifeandlearning@gmail.com.

A Call to Prayer for Peace

In response to the call of the Holy Father, **Pope Leo XIV**, and His Eminence and Beatitude Cardinal **Bechara Boutros al-Rahi**, Patriarch of Antioch and All the East **HIS EXCELLENCY BISHOP A. ELIAS ZAIDAN** invites all the faithful of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles to unite in prayer for peace on **SATURDAY, APRIL 11.**

In these challenging times, we turn to God with hope and trust, asking for peace in Lebanon, the Middle East, and throughout the world.

Bishop Zaidan encourages each of you to take part in this moment of grace - **whether through personal prayer, as a family, or within your parish community.**

 EPARCHY OF OUR LADY
OF LEBANON OF LOS ANGELES

St. Raymond Cathedral Youth MYO

FAMILY NIGHT

KIDS ZONE

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!

All proceeds will benefit St. Raymond youth activities.