



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



6TH SUNDAY OF THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

Liturgy p. 315
Deuteronomy 31: 1-3, 6-9
Romans 101-13
Luke 24:36-48



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Psalm 66
1 Peter 3:15-18
John 14:15-21

Sunday, May 10th, 2026

DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

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| Sat. May 9 | <i>Isaiah, the prophet</i> |
| Sun. May 10 10:15 am | 6TH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION For All Mothers in our Community +Ralph Wahby- 40 Day Divine Liturgy By his Family +Elias Hitti- 3rd Ann. By Nazha Hitti and Family +Adnan Khoudr By his granddaughter Lea Zaidan and Family |
| Mon. May 11 12:00 pm | <i>St Fantios</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory |
| Tue. May 12 | <i>St Epiphanos, bishop of Cyprus</i> |
| Wed. May 13 12:00 pm | <i>St Germanos, Patriarch of Constantinople</i> Ameal Nassif By John and Mary Denny |
| Thurs. May 14 | <i>The Ascension of Our Lord</i> |
| Fri. May 15 12:00 pm | <i>Feast of Our Lady of the Harvest</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory |
| Sat. May 16 | <i>Saint Abda and his companions</i> |
| Sun. May 17 10:15 am | 7TH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION +Marwan Sholy By the Kevorkian Family +Enas Ayuka Essu By David & Effie Westphal +Ralph Wahby By Dom & Shelly Vitale +Ameal Nassif By John and Denise Seifert +Antoinette Aljalkh, mother of Fr. Mikhael Aljalkh |

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

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| Sat. May 9 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC | <i>Sunday Vigil; Isaiah the Prophet</i> Mary G. Ojile by Christine Ojile Our Lady of Fatima Mass and Rosary +Tony Turco By LaDonna Rask For the Alster Family |
| Sun. May 10 8:00 am RC 10:00 am RC 10:30 am RC | 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER Maureen Meyers Our Lady of Fatima Novena- Rosary Mass- Beth Drewett |
| Mon. May 11 8:00 am RC 6:30 pm RC 7:00 pm | <i>St Ignatius of Laconi</i> Jordan Lauber by Wyatt Lauber Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Mass- Charles and Joan Powell By Linda Hill |
| Tue. May 12 8:00 am RC 6:30 pm MC 7:00 pm | <i>St Nereus and St Achilleus</i> Neal Alster by Pat Alster Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Divine Liturgy for Poor Souls in Purgatory By Brenda & Mike Winebright |
| Wed. May 13 8:00 am RC 6:30 pm RC 7:00 pm | <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i> Jack Lauber by Wyatt Lauber Our Lady of Fatima Novena Mass- Mike & Anne Brotherton By Linda Hill |
| Thurs. May 14 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm RC | <i>The Ascension of the Lord; St Matthias</i> +Bill Pfeiffer By Pat Busekrus +Megan Saldanha by Steven Gilroy Confirmation Mass- Bishop Zaidan celebrant |
| Fri. May 15 8:00 am | <i>St Dymphna; St Isidore the farmer</i> Lee Kearney |
| Sat. May 16 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC | <i>Sunday Vigil; Martyrs of Saint Sabas - 44 saints</i> Vittorio Moran Terry Rask By David & Kathy Mueckl |
| Sun. May 17 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC | ASCENSION OF THE LORD Subdeacon George and Marilue Simon By Patti Carnie Ruth and Jack Carnie By Linda Hill |

WEEKLY FINANCES 5/3/2026 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

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| 4:00pm Saturday Loose cash | 397 |
| Checks/Envelopes | 1,750 |
| 7:00pm Saturday Loose cash | 16 |
| Checks/Envelopes | 200 |
| 8:00am Sunday Loose cash | 20 |
| Checks/Envelopes | 455 |
| 10:30am Sunday Loose cash | 289 |
| Checks/Envelopes | 850 |
| Candles | - |
| Pickleball | 284 |
| Revenue during the week | 435 |
| Second Collection | 100 |
| Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethungary/funds | 1,269.29 |
| Expenses | \$1,179.74 |

ST. RAYMOND:

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| 5:15pm Saturday Loose cash | 45 |
| Checks/Envelopes | 430 |
| 10:15amm Sunday Loose cash | 373 |
| Checks/Envelopes | 1,108 |
| Revenue during the week | 7,099 |
| Candles | 94 |
| Coffee hour | 200 |
| Second Collection | 1,366.88 |
| Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds | 3,064 |
| Expenses | \$9,405.93 |

WED LUNCH 5/6/2026

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| Income | 5,749.35 |
| Expenses | \$1,484.75 |





A note from the pastor

Vatican Publishes Letter Prohibiting Formal Blessings for Same-Sex Couples



The Vatican released a letter on May 4, but dated November 2024, in which the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF) categorically rejected a proposal from the German episcopate to introduce ritualized blessings for couples in same-sex unions and irregular situations, warning that such blessings could be interpreted as the legitimization of unions incompatible with Church doctrine.

The letter is signed by the prefect of the dicastery, Cardinal Víctor Manuel Fernández, and addressed to Stephan Ackermann, bishop of Trier, and through him to the entire German episcopate. In the letter, Rome issued a categorical rejection of a text proposing the implementation of blessings with a prescribed ritual form.

In the November [2024 letter](#), the DDF recalled that *Fiducia Supplicans* clearly establishes that the “Church does not have the power to confer its liturgical blessing when this, in any way, might offer a form of moral legitimation to a union that purports to be a marriage or to an extramarital sexual practice,” nor to those who claim “the legitimization of their own status.”

Further details can be found [here](#) at the EWTN Catholic News Agency website



May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

✠Sun. May 3rd at St. Raymond Cathedral By the Ladies' Sodality

✠Sat. May 9th at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church By the First Communicants and Rel Ed Students

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

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Carla Aouad
Margo Kassab

YOUNG ADULTS

Joseph Nesser



LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

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| Sat, May 9 4:00 pm | Ralph & Margie |
| Sun, May 10 8:00 am 10:30 am | Nancy Wall Fabi Pineda |
| Sat, May 16 4:00 pm | Sister Rosalie |
| Sun, May 17 8:00 am 10:30 am | Dan & Kathleen Austin Krueger |

UP COMING EVENTS

- *May 2: Family Night
- *May 3: First Communion
- *May 5-13: Our Lady of Fatima Novena
- *May 14: Confirmation
- *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 Sun May 10

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 the Young Adults of our parish, thank you!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. May 11, 8:30am—5:00pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church.

REHERSAL PRACTICE FOR CONFIRMATION

Mon. May 11, at 5:00pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church.

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 6:30pm 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>

KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen will be open Wed. May 13, 2026.

On Tuesday, May 12, at 8:30am we will be preparing kibbe aras, and rolling grape/cabbage leaves and another shift at 2pm for April 28th. 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. May 14, after 8am Mass.

CONFIRMATION

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

OCIA CLASS

We are changing OCIA to meet once per month 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>

APRIL- MAY SHOWER FOR OUR LADY'S INN

The Ladies Society will be collecting items for Our Lady's Inn. Please see wish list in the vestibule of the church or find the wish list on Our Lady's Inn website. Items can be dropped off in the vestibule of either church in box provided until May 11, 2026. Thank you for your generosity!

FAMILY NIGHT

We thank our youth and their parents for successful Family Night event, the net profit is about \$5K, we will have a detailed report.

FIRST COMMUNION OF OUR CHILDREN

Sunday, May 3rd, 17 of our children will received their First Holy Communion. We thank all the Rel. Ed. Teachers, parents, and all friend who worded on the formation of our children.



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

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| ✠ Marwan Sholy | 4-13-2026 |
| ✠ Jean Brendel | 4-9-2026 |
| ✠ 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 |

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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))

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

REGISTRATION FOR REL ED & 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>

HELP TO CHRISTIAN FAMILIES IN LEBANON

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)

COLLECTION FOR CHRISTIANS FAMILIES

The total collection designated for the Christian villages of South Lebanon amounts to \$155,779, from the parishes in the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles. Thank you for your continued support. God bless! Jamileh Khoury at the bishop's office

WELCOME OUR NEW PARISH SECRETARY

We welcome our new parish secretary at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church, Pam Gazall DiMercurio. Pam worked with late bishop Shaheen and our bishop Zaidan, it is a blessing to work for us!

BLESSED BAPTISM

Blessed Baptism to George Raymond Michaels IV. "for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." Galatians 3:27

Our Lady of Fatima May Crowning



St Raymond-St Elizabeth Church

Saturday, May 9th @ 4:00pm Holy Mass, please arrive at 3:45 to line up
All children are invited to join in the Procession

May Crowning is a traditional Catholic ritual held during the month of May. It is a solemn procession. At the close of the procession a statue of the Blessed Virgin is crowned with a garland or crown of flowers honoring Mary as "the Queen of May." **Why a Crowning?** The queen symbol was attributed to Mary because she was a perfect follower of Christ, who is the absolute "crown" of creation.

He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High; the Lord will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there will be no end Luke 1:32-33

Dear Parents,
 Congratulations to the youth who received First Holy Communion this week. It was a beautiful and Holy Week for our Priests, families, teachers and students. God loves these students so much and we know He'll be with them through each day of their lives.

We are very blessed this year to host the **Novena to Our Lady of Fatima in preparation for the Feast on May 13th**. The beautiful statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on the altar surrounded by beautiful flowers. Thank you to the Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima for this special time with Our Lady! The children will process into church holding single roses in procession this year before Holy Mass at 4pm. They then will place them in vases beside Our Blessed Mother.

*First Communicants and Confirmation students are invited to lead the procession and wear First Communion attire if you'd like. Then you will be seated in the Congregation with your families.

Congratulations to the First Communicants May 8, 2026
 Ally Abodeely Catherine Issawi Mary Loyet Desi Arenas
 Margaret Issawi Charbel Kassab Charlotte Cullins Lukas Hleiss
 Amelia Malo Vincent Hleiss Lucy Ann Wiegert Kayden Riley
 Caden James Kopecky Carter Riley Mason Gibson Gauch George Simon
 Talia Day

Please pray for Confirmation Candidates scheduled for Thursday, May 14th @ 6:00pm

Confirmation Candidates St. Raymond - St. Elizabeth
 Camila JoAnn Abeln Emma Sofia Enamorado Pineda Kaelyn Mia Parrott
 James Lafayette Parrott IV Patrick Lawrence Duke Marilyn Miller Bain



Cor Jesu Adveniat Regnum Tuum Adveniat Per Mariam

"Tell Everybody that God Grants Us Graces Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary... And that the Heart of Jesus Wants the Immaculate Heart of Mary to be Venerated at His Side." Jacinta to Sister Lucy



PENTECOST SUNDAY

— in Support of —

TELE LUMIERE & NOURSAT

Let the Light Shine in the Middle East



The Maronite Church in the US is designating
Pentecost Sunday, May 24, 2026

A Sunday across our parishes in support of the mission of Tele Lumiere & Noursat.

Together, let us support Tele Lumiere & Noursat in their mission of evangelization, bringing Christ's light and hope to hearts around the world. Parishes are encouraged to raise awareness and host a simple breakfast in support of this mission.



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<https://noursat-usa.tv/>

Our Lady of Fatima

**Where: St Raymond - St Elizabeth Maronite Catholic Church
 1420 South Sappington Rd, Crestwood MO 63126**

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| May 5 | Tues | Holy Rosary 6:30 pm & Holy Mass (M) 7 pm - Father Anthony Simon |
| May 6 | Wed | Holy Rosary 6:30 pm & Holy Mass (R) 7 pm - Father Jack Siefert |
| May 7 | Thurs | Holy Rosary 6:30 pm & Holy Mass (R) 7 pm - Father Robert Lawson |
| May 8 | Fri | Holy Rosary 6:30 pm & Holy Mass (R) 7pm - Father Lawrence Herzog |
| May 9 | Sat | Holy Mass (M) 5:15 pm & Holy Rosary 6:15 pm - Monsignor John Nahal |
| May 10 | Sun | Holy Rosary 10:00 am & Holy Mass (R) 10:30 am - Father Anthony Simon |
| May 11 | Mon | Holy Rosary 6:30 pm & Holy Mass (R) 7pm - Monsignor Timothy Cronin |
| May 12 | Tues | Holy Rosary 6:30 pm & Holy Mass (R) 7pm - Father Ryan Quarnstrom |
| May 13 | Wed | Holy Rosary 6:30 pm & Holy Mass (R) 7pm - Father Robert Lawson - Deacon John Paul Angeli (Homolist) |

Enrollment in Brown Scapular After Last Mass
 (R) Roman Rite (M) Maronite Rite

Advocated by St Raymond - St Elizabeth & SIL World Apostolate of Fatima