



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



EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Liturgy p. 606

Ex 17:8-15

1 Cor. 1:18-25

John 12: 20-32



FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Numbers 21:4b-9

Psalms 78

Philippians 2:6-11

John 3:13-17

Sunday, September 14th, 2025

DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. Sept. 13	<i>St. Christopher</i>
Sun. Sept. 14	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
8:00 am	Intentions of All Volunteers at Lebanese Festival Terry Rask By David & Kathy Mueckl
10:15 am	Dr. John Bouhasin By the Oesterlei & Randazzo Families Joseph Ojile By George & Elaine Simon and Family Deacon Lou Peters
Mon. Sept. 15 12:00 pm	<i>Mar Shina & Mar Sassine</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Sept. 16	<i>St. Cyprian, bishop of Carthage</i>
Wed. Sept. 17 12:00 pm	St. Sofia and her three daughters, martyrs Healing of Ralph Wahby by James Gera Dr. John Bouhasin By Elie Asfour
Thurs. Sept. 18	<i>Memorial of the flight of Jesus Christ to Egypt</i>
Fri. Sept. 19 12:00 pm	<i>St. Gennao of Napoli</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat. Sept. 20	<i>Astatis, his wife and children, martyrs</i>
Sun. Sept. 21 10:15 am	1ST SUNDAY AFTER HOLY CROSS +Dr John Bouhasin By Farideh Salman and Reema Rahaman +George Elkhoury by the Makhoul Family +Charles Reynolds By Rose Reynolds

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

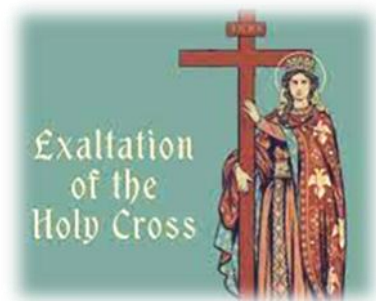
Sat. Sept. 13 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. John Chrysostom</i> Mike & Anne Brotherton By Linda Hill Mary & John Louis
Sun. Sept. 14 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS Charles and Joan Powell By Linda Hill Mary Susan Bickel
Mon. Sept. 15 8:00 am RC	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> Maureen Brand
Tue. Sept. 16 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>Sts. Cyprian & Cornelius</i> Thomas Fitzgibbons Joseph Ojile By George & Elaine Simon
Wed. Sept. 17 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Robert Bellarmine</i> Aaron Alster
Thurs. Sept. 18 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Joseph of Cupertino</i> Susie Bickel Elias Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family
Fri. Sept. 19 8:00am RC	<i>St. Januarius</i> Frank Emerson
Sat. Sept. 20 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. Eustachius and Companions</i> Raffaello Moran Subdeacon George and Marilue Simon By Linda Hill
Sun. Sept. 21 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Mickey Emerson David Brophy

WEEKLY FINANCES 9/07/2025 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

4:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	216
Checks/Envelopes	2,815
7:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	-
Checks/Envelopes	100
8:00am Sunday	
Loose cash	20
Checks/Envelopes	132
10:30am Sunday	
Loose cash	161
Checks/Envelopes	855
Rentals	
Candles	50
Pickleball	260
Revenue during the week	970
Second Collection	83
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds	1,058
Expenses	\$13,004.70

ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday	
Loose cash	60
Checks/Envelopes	15
10:15am Sunday	
Loose cash	241
Checks/Envelopes	908
8:00am Sunday	
Loose cash	93
Checks/Envelopes	145
Revenue during the week	490
Candles	112
Festival (presale, raffle)	1,710
Coffee hour	151
2nd Collection	165
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds	1,267
Expenses	\$8,101.36





Feast of The Exaltation of The Glorious Cross

September 14

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 1 Corinthians 1:18

The Season of The Glorious Cross in The Maronite Church begins on September 14, and ends on the last Sunday of October. The Rite of The Exaltation of The Cross includes prayers of blessing the four corners of the earth. The celebrant blesses too, the water by placing the hand cross three times into the water and traces the sign of the cross with it through the water. Each time the celebrant removes the hand cross from the water vertically, as a sign of the spiritual power the cross itself has acquired through the death and resurrection of Christ.



This feast is called The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, The Triumph of the Cross, or The Feast of the Glorious Cross.

According to legends that spread widely, the True Cross was discovered in 326 by Saint Helena, the mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine the Great, during a pilgrimage she made to Jerusalem. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher was then built at the site of the discovery, by order of Helena and Constantine. The church was dedicated nine years later, with a portion of the cross placed inside it. Other legends explain that in 614, that portion of the cross was carried away from the church by the Persians, and remained missing until it was recaptured by the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius in 628. Initially taken to Constantinople, the cross was returned to the church the following year.

The date of the feast marks the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in 335. This was a two-day festival: although the actual consecration of the church was on September 13, the cross itself was brought outside the church on September 14 so that the clergy and faithful could pray before the True Cross, and all could come forward to venerate it.

In the Maronite Church, as in many Eastern Churches, on the Eve of The Feast of The Glorious Cross a ceremony of religious chanting around a bonfire is celebrated. According to tradition, the bonfire commemorates how Queen Helena found with the smoke of a bonfire, where to search for the true cross in Jerusalem, or how, by a series of bonfires, she signaled to her son, Constantine, in Constantinople her success in finding it.

"In hoc signo vinces"; "In this sign thou shalt conquer"

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ONLINE GIVING

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

MERCY MEAL

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MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

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LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, Sept. 13 4:00 pm	Ralph & Margie
Sun, Sept. 14 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Fabi Pineda
Sat, Sept. 20 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
Sun, Sept. 21 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Austin Krueger

UP COMING EVENTS

- *Sep. 12-14: St. Louis Lebanese Festival
- *Mon. Sep. 29: Skeet Shooting Tournament
- *Oct. 25: Autumn Harvest Festival, Crestwood
- *Nov. 8: Vendor Fair, Crestwood
- *Nov. 22-23: St. Elizabeth & St. Romanos
- *Sun Dec. 7: Breakfast with Santa
- *Wed Dec 31: New Year's Eve Celebration

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

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

ST LOUIS LEBANESE FESTIVAL SEP 12, 13, 14

Come join us and enjoy the Lebanese Festival for good food music and fun for the entire family. Free Parking, on Purina and additional lot by the Maronite Pastoral Center on Lebanon Dr. and 11th St.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. Sep 15, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church, from 8:30am till 5pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rel Ed classes Mon. Sep 15, 5:45pm–7:00pm, Sacramental Preparation, Youth Group, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Family Night, OCIA, Adult Formation. Please, contact Pam Olimpio, DRE at pcathe@att.net or call church offices 314 968 0760

KITCHEN SCOOP

We are closed until Wed. Sep. 24, 2025. For more information, log on to Square <http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/> Thank you! Denise and Gina

THURSDAY CHRISTIAN DOCUMENTARY FILMS

We will have morning videos Thurs., Sep. 18, after 8am Mass. Join us for coffee and inspiration!

AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL & MEETING

Meeting Sep. 18, at 6:30pm. St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Autumn Harvest Festival is on Saturday, October 25, 2025, from 12 noon till 9pm. For Volunteering/ Sponsoring and more information, please contact Tim Kallial at 314 761 6017 <timkallial@gmail.com>

VENDOR FAIR

The Ladies Sodality is having a VENDOR FAIR on Saturday, November 8th from 9am-1pm at St. Raymond–St. Elizabeth Gym. If you know of any vendors or are interested in having a booth, please contact Karen Crenshaw <crenshawkfc@outlook.com> Also, we will need volunteers to set up on November 7th and take down afterwards on November 8th for the Vendor Fair. This involves tables so we are looking for some man power. Any help would be appreciated.

ROSARY DRIVE

Knights of Columbus Council 2117 is collecting new or gently used rosaries to help St. Louis Lambert Airport Chaplains evangelize among the employees and travelers they serve each day. Their supply is completely gone after giving away hundreds of rosaries. Please drop off rosaries in the vestibule of the Church in a basket marked Rosaries for Airport Chaplains by September 30th. Thank you!

FINANCIAL REPORTS 2024

St. Raymond Cathedral and St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church financial reports are posted on our church websites. www.straymond-mc.org and <https://stelizabethhungary.org/>

ST RAYMOND CATHEDRAL FACILITY MANAGER

We are looking for a Facility Manager at St. Raymond Cathedral, Downtown. If you are interested full time or part time, please contact Msgr. John Nahal rector@straymond-mc.org



ST. RAYMOND FOOD PANTRY:

Please help! The supplies in St. Raymond's Food Pantry are getting very low. Currently needed are: canned or packaged soups/stews, peanut butter, rice/pasta, fruits, vegetables, beans, meats/fish, and cereal/oatmeal. No glass jars please! Thanks for helping those in need.

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](mailto:deacon Bill@archstl.org)
WilliamMeister@archstl.org

PARISH DEVOTIONS

Monday

Adoration 8:30-5pm

Tuesday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help after 8am Mass

Prolife Rosary at 5:15pm

1st Friday

Sacred Heart Litany

4th Saturday of the Month

Rosary at noon for country, family, Church and world peace.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

✠ 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
✠ Thomas Bremehr	3-16-2025
✠ Brenda Wenner	3-12-2025
✠ Rose Franz	3-2-2025
✠ Judith A. Roderick	2-9-2025
✠ Henry Llewellyn	2-2-2025
✠ Jane Bell Wilcox	2-2-2025
✠ Georgette Kevorkian	1-5-2025
✠ Mary Rudolph	1-1-2025
✠ Chris Beck	12-3-2024
✠ Richard V. Wagner	11-28-2024
✠ Mary Ann Reiter	11-14-2024
✠ Patricia Cooseman	11-4-2024
✠ Carolyn Smith	10-26-2024

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COFFEE HOUR SERVED BY OUR YOUTH

Our Youth will serve Coffee hour on Sun. Sep. 21, with additional breakfast food items as fundraiser to benefit their activities.

AUTUMN HARVEST FESTIVAL

SATURDAY
OCT 25 2025
12NOON to 9PM

FOOD - DRINK - CRAFTS - VENDORS - GAMES

St. Raymond - St. Elizabeth
1420 Sappington Road - Crestwood, MO. 63126

OUR LADY OF LEBANON
MYA
2025 EPARCHIAL
CONFERENCE

JUBILEE 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

WHEN:
OCTOBER 24-26, 2025

COSTS:
CONFERENCE: \$175
HOTEL: \$99/NIGHT

HOTEL INFORMATION:
HYATT PLACE
HOUSTON SUGARLAND
16730 CREEKBEND DRIVE
SUGARLAND, TX 77478

HOST PARISH:
OUR LADY OF THE CEDARS
HOUSTON, TEXAS

@OLOLMYA

Saint Raymond-Saint Elizabeth
1420 Sappington Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63126

Looking for Vendors
Join our Annual Vendor Fair

Saturday
November 8, 2025
9:00am-1:00pm

Space rental includes a 3'x8' table and 2 chairs.
\$60 per space (limit 2).
Space rental will be limited to one representative
per Vendor and will be on a
"first-come first-served" basis.

For registration form email crenshawkfc@outlook.com

ST. LOUIS LEBANESE FESTIVAL, SEP. 12-14, 2025

BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS, WORKERS, PARTICIPANTS, AND SPONSORS

SPONSORS

Diamond Level

In Memory of
Subdeacon George Simon & Marilue Simon, Tony and Husnee Simon

Platinum Level

Jay Wolfe Toyota of West County
by Johnnie Andrawos
Simon Financial Group

Gold Level

In Memory of Dr. John Bouhasin
by The Bouhasin Family
In Memory Samuel & Dominic Elking
by The Elking Family
In Memory of Patricia Ann Elking
by Ed Elking Jr.
In Memory of "The Wahby Matriarchs"
Delia Wahby, Bernice Baker, Eleanor Wahby, and Sandy Wahby
by the Wahby/ Baker Family
In Memory of Gene Slay
by Gene and Joan Slay Charitable Foundation
In Memory of Joseph, Raymond, Lou and John Djile,
Amal Kweiter, Louis and Mitchell Kilo by Christine Djile
Jim & Ann Simon
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by Jay & Barb Skitt
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Bob Nichols
St. Raymond Ladies' Sodality
Hoppy's Self Service by Hoppy Randazzo
Anonymous

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Gina Fanetti
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TIRELESSLY BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER EACH FESTIVAL!**