



## *St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Maronite Catholic Church*

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

**Most Rev. Mitchell Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis**

**Rev. John Nahal, Rector**

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Facebook: [www.facebook.com/  
groups/saintraymonds](https://www.facebook.com/groups/saintraymonds)

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Tel: (314) 968-0760

Website: [stelizabethhungary.org](http://stelizabethhungary.org)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/  
sehcrestwood/](https://www.facebook.com/sehcrestwood/)

### 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



### BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Liturgy p. 48  
1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19b-22  
Gal 4:21-5:1  
Luke 1:57-66



### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Psalm 72  
Romans 15:4-9  
Matthew 3:1-12

*Sunday, December 7th, 2025*

## DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. Dec. 6	<i>St. Nicolas the miraculous, Archbishop of Mira</i>
Sun. Dec. 7 10:15 am	<b>BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> +Terry Leong By St Raymond's Choir +Dr. John Bouhasin By Ramona Milford +Gus Millati +Janet Wright
Mon. Dec. 8 12:00 pm	<i>The Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Dec. 9	<i>St. Francis Paula</i>
Wed. Dec. 10 12:00 pm	<i>Sts. Mina, Hermojanos and Ogranos &amp; St. Pope Melkida</i> Anna Elking By Dennis & Roxanne Elking
Thurs. Dec. 11	<i>St. Daniel the Stalagmite</i>
Fri. Dec. 12 12:00 pm	<i>St. Ispiridon the miraculous</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat. Dec. 13	<i>St. Lucia, a Virgin</i>
Sun. Dec. 14 10:15 am	<b>REVELATION TO JOSEPH</b> +Terry Leong By Roxie Rask and Family +Edward Elking By Dennis & Roxanne Elking +Subdeacon George & Marilue Simon By Linda Hill +Tom & Teresa McDermott By David & Kathy Mueckl

## CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

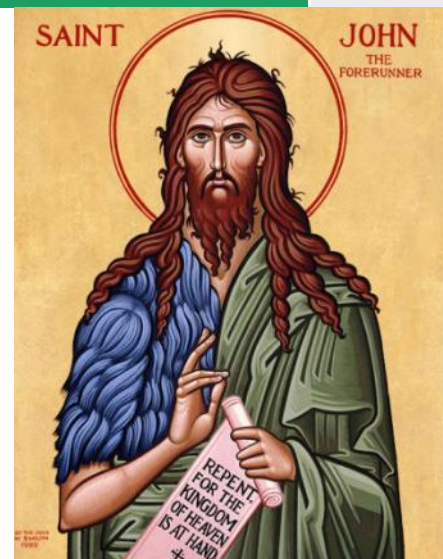
Sat. Dec. 6 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. Nicholas</i> Vittorio Moran Dr. and Mrs. Michael McCann
Sun. Dec. 7 8:00 am MC 10:30 am RC	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Joseph Gioeli by Steven Gilroy Randy Ehert
Mon. Dec. 8 8:00 am RC 7:00 pm RC	<i>Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary—Holy Day of Obligation</i> Grace Minton Pro Populo
Tue. Dec. 9 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin</i> Brendan Moran Richard Kerkhoff
Wed. Dec. 10 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Gregory III</i> Eleanor Gerardi by Steven Gilroy
Thurs. Dec. 11 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Damasus I</i> Claire Minton Mary Largent Byrne
Fri. Dec. 12 8:00am RC	<i>St. Valery</i> Neal & Aaron Alster by Pat Alster
Sat. Dec. 13 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. Lucy</i> Raffaello Moran Aaron Alster
Sun. Dec. 14 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	<b>3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Patricia Drewett-Cooseman and Charles Drewett Janina Boleslaw Zmuda

## WEEKLY FINANCES 11/30/2025 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

<b>4:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	451
Checks/Envelopes	660
<b>7:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	1
Checks/Envelopes	150
<b>8:00am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	159
Checks/Envelopes	315
<b>10:30am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	113
Checks/Envelopes	1,010
Candles	56
Pickleball	239
Revenue during the week	2,198
Christmas Flowers	15
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds">https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds</a>	1,040
Expenses	\$2,334.38

## ST. RAYMOND:

<b>5:15pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	-
Checks/Envelopes	
<b>10:15am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	120
Checks/Envelopes	743
Revenue during the week	70
Candles	77
Coffee Hour	130
2nd Collection	-
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds">https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds</a>	5,384
Expenses	\$8,743.13





## A note from the pastor

### Our Lady of Lebanon Immaculate Conception

The Maronite people in Lebanon have always had a great love and devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the year 1904, the Venerable Patriarch Elias Howayek wanted to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the dogma of Mary's Immaculate Conception in a big way! Patriarch Howayek announced the construction of a shrine for the Blessed Mother to be built high upon the mountain and large enough to be seen from afar.

In October 1904, the laying of the foundation stone of the Shrine took place in the village of Harissa. The village of Harissa is located about 17 miles north of Beirut and overlooks the bay of Jounieh. The statue of the Blessed Mother was created in 1907. It is made of bronze and painted white. The statue weighs 15 tons, which is over 33,000 lbs, and is almost 28 feet tall (about the height of a 2-story building). In 1908, the engineers finished preparing the land and creating the statue's pedestal. Once the statue was in place, the Shrine was ready for the big day to celebrate Our Lady of Lebanon.

On May 3, 1908, the people gathered in Harissa for the inaugural celebration with prayers and the blessing of the statue. Patriarch Howayek celebrated the Divine Liturgy and in his homily he highlighted the Lebanese people's love and devotion to Mary, and asked for her protection and intercession. Patriarch Howayek also named the Blessed Mother as the "Queen of Lebanon".



Pope Leo XIV in his visit to Lebanon (Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 2025), and on Mon. Dec. 1, at the basilica of Our Lady of Lebanon, Harissa, meeting with the clergy and consecrated religious monks, nuns, prayed in front of the statue of Our Lady of Lebanon (made from the wood of the Cedar of Lebanon tree), that was processed all over the villages and towns of Lebanon in 1954, 100 th Anniversary of the acclamation of the Immaculate Conception Dogma.

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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

Kathleen Wahby 314 276 3062

##### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Donate or Borrow piece of medical  
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## LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

<b>Sat, Dec. 6</b> 4:00 pm	Ralph & Margie
<b>Sun, Dec. 7</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Fabi Pineda
<b>Sat, Dec. 13</b> 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
<b>Sun, Dec. 14</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Austin Krueger

## UP COMING EVENTS

- \*Nov. 22: Blessing of the Memorial Wall
- \*Nov. 23: St. Elizabeth & St. Romanos Feast
- \*Nov. 25-Dec 6: Pilgrimage to Lebanon
- \*Dec. 4: Men's & Ladies' Christmas dinner
- \*Sun Dec. 7: Breakfast with Santa
- \*Wed Dec 31: New Year's Eve Celebration
- \*Youth National Retreat: Dayton Univ, OH
- \*June 29-July 5: NAM Conv., San Diego, CA
- \*Sep. 18,19,20: Lebanese Festival
- \*Oct. 17: Autumn Harvest Festival
- \*Nov. 14: Vendor Fair
- \*Sun Dec. 6, 2026: Breakfast with Santa

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

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

## MISSION SUNDAY & BREAKFAST W SANTA, SUN DEC 7

On Sun. Dec. 7, we will celebrate Mission Sunday, at 10:15am Divine Liturgy, with all our children that they bring gifts with them to the less fortunate children in our beloved city, St. Louis. Afterward we will have Breakfast with Santa at the Cedars hall. For more details, see flyer, last page of bulletin.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rel Ed classes Mon. Dec. 8, First Reconciliation of our children, preparing for First Holy Communion, and Mass at 7pm, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## BLESSED PILGRIMAGE FR JAD & PARISHIONERS

We pray for Fr. Jad and the parishioners who went to Rome, Italy for the jubilee year pilgrimage of hope. Safe travel going and coming back!

## KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen is closed for the rest of the year, we will resume our luncheons, God willing, on Wed. Jan. 7, 2026. For more information, log on to Square <http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/> Thanks! Denise and Gina

## THURSDAY CHRISTIAN DOCUMENTARY FILMS

Thurs., Dec. 4, after 8am Mass was our last video series before Christmas. We will be resuming on Jan 8th. Have a blessed break!

## OCIA CLASS

Class Dec. 11, 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>

## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON, WED. DEC. 17

The Christmas luncheon for our Kitchen Volunteers is on Wed. Dec. 17, at 12 noon, at the Cedars, all our kitchen volunteers and workers are invited. Thanks for an amazing job!

## 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.

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our Youth put up Christmas Giving Tree, at our church in both locations, St. Raymond Cathedral, and St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church in Crestwood. The gifts will benefit Our Lady's Inn for single mothers. Please support the less fortunate families in our city. You can drop off your gift in the provided receptacle in the church foyers.





### **ST. RAYMOND FOOD PANTRY & ASSSTANCE 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](mailto:deacon Bill@archstl.org)  
[WilliamMeister@archstl.org](mailto: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**

† 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
† Thomas Bremehr	3-16-2025

### **Christmas Schedule – 2025**

**St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral, St. Louis &  
St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Church, Crestwood**

### **Mission Sunday & Breakfast with Santa:**

Sun. Dec 7th at 10:15am Divine  
Liturgy and Reception  
(Downtown)

### **Christmas Novena:**

Dec 15th till Dec 23rd at 6:30pm  
at St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Church (Crestwood)  
(Saturdays and Sundays, Novena  
are prayed during the Divine Liturgy)

### **Christmas Masses/Divine Liturgies:**

Wed. Dec. 24: 4:00pm Roman  
(Crestwood) - Christmas  
Vigil

5:15pm Maronite (Downtown) - Nativity

10:00pm "Midnight" Mass Roman

(Crestwood)

10:00pm "Midnight" Maronite

(Downtown)

Thurs. Dec. 25: 10:15am Maronite (Downtown) &  
10:30am Roman (Crestwood)

### **Solemnity of Mary (Roman)/ Circumcision (Maronite)**

Thurs. Jan. 1: 10:15am Maronite (Downtown) &  
10:30am Roman (Crestwood)

\*Confession/Reconciliation before Mass/Divine Liturgy &  
at Christmas Novena





# St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Breakfast with Santa



**Sunday, December 7, 2025**

**Starting 10:15am with Mass**

**(and Gift Donation to the less fortunate children)**

**11:30am Breakfast at The Cedars of St. Raymond**

**Cathedral, 939 Lebanon Dr, St. Louis, MO 63104**



**Brunch 11:30am—12:15pm**

**Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Potatoes,  
Biscuits, Orange Juice, Milk  
(prepared and served by the Men's Society)**



**\$20 per adult  
(17 years and younger are free)  
(reservation and payment by Sun. Nov. 30)**

For tickets and reservation please contact

The church offices at:

314 621 0056 Downtown, 314 968 0760 Crestwood

email: [secretary@straymond-mc.org](mailto:secretary@straymond-mc.org), or [steeliz@straymond-mc.org](mailto:steeliz@straymond-mc.org)

or Chairperson Barbara Skitt 314 223 5923

We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express, Checks, and Cash Payments

Online payment at [www.straymond-mc.org](http://www.straymond-mc.org)

• "Cripple Creek" Band,  
live music

• Photo with Santa  
Gifts and Treats  
With Santa's helpers,  
Our Youth MYO

• Cookie Decorating  
Arts & Crafts

• Carols, and Singing  
with our Children

• Competitive Games



## Joy to the World! Annual Benefit Nativity Display

**Bring the entire family to experience  
the real reason for the season!**

Enjoy 150 unique nativity sets, a hands-on kids room, and free parking! In lieu of an entry fee, we will collect new kitchen & bath towels to be given to Welcome Neighbor STL. Cash donations are also accepted.



**10am-4pm on Saturday & Sunday, Dec 6-7  
Tau Center at 335 S Kirkwood Rd, St Louis**

Behind PNC Bank bldg (next to KinderCare on S Clay).  
Children under 12 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Use East covered porch entry with stairs. Accessible parking/entry is on Southwest corner. Call from the lot.



[www.fsolph.org](http://www.fsolph.org) (314) 965-3700 [info@fsolph.org](mailto:info@fsolph.org)

## POPE LEO XIV IN LEBANON VISIT TO THE TOMB OF SAINT CHARBEL

DECEMBER 1, 2025

## PARENTS NIGHT OUT

HOLIDAY SHOPPING FOR YOU, FUNDRAISING FOR  
OUR YOUTH!

**DECEMBER 12, 6-8:30PM**

ST. RAYMOND-ST. ELIZABETH  
CAFETERIA

COST: \$20/CHILD, \$10/EACH ADD.  
SIBLING

AGE: KINDERGARTEN-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
FUN ACTIVITIES AND PIZZA  
PROVIDED!

CONTACT ALEXIS TO RSVP AT  
[LEXROMEOW@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:LEXROMEOW@SBCGLOBAL.NET)  
CASH DAY OF OR VENMO PLEASE