



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

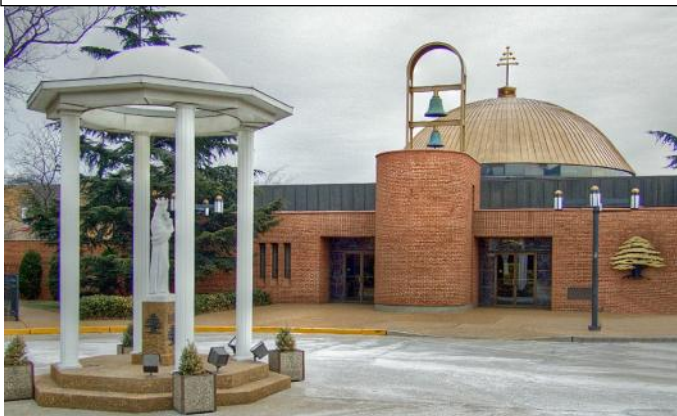
MINISTERING THE SACRAMENTS/MYSTERIES

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



REVELATION TO JOSEPH

Liturgy p. 57
Isaiah 7:10-15
Eph 3:1-13
Matthew 1:18-25



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Psalm 146
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

Sunday, December 14th, 2025

DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. Dec. 13	<i>St. Lucia, a Virgin</i>
Sun. Dec. 14 10:15 am	REVELATION TO JOSEPH +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
Mon. Dec. 15 12:00 pm	<i>Oltarious and his mother</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. Dec. 16	<i>Prophet Hajjai & St. Olympia, a widow and deaconess</i>
Wed. Dec. 17 12:00 pm	<i>The 3 young men: Hanania, Azra, and Michael</i> Jack & Connie McDermott By Linda Hill
Thurs. Dec. 18	<i>Prophet Daniel, the fourth among the Great Prophets</i>
Fri. Dec. 19 12:00 pm	<i>St. Athanodoros & St. Pope Pius the 5th</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat. Dec. 20	<i>St. Ignatius the martyr, patriarch of Antioch</i>
Sun. Dec. 21 10:15 am	GENEALOGY SUNDAY Terry Leong By David & Effie Westphal Dennis Slay (10th anniv.) By Nancy Slay & Family Dominic Elking By Dennis & Roxanne Elking

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

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	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Patricia Drewett-Cooseman and Charles Drewett Janina Boleslaw Zmuda
Mon. Dec. 15 8:00 am RC 6:30 pm MC	<i>St. Virginia Centurione Bracelli</i> David Schneider Christmas Novena
Tue. Dec. 16 8:00 am RC 5:45 pm MC 6:30 pm MC	<i>St. Eusebius</i> Frank Miles Neal Alster for Healing Christmas Novena
Wed. Dec. 17 8:00 am RC 6:30 pm MC	<i>St. Josep Manyanet y Vives</i> Anthony Samel Christmas Novena
Thurs. Dec. 18 8:00 am RC 5:45 pm MC 6:30 pm MC	<i>St. Gatian</i> Mary Wheeler Carolyn Riley by Steven Gilroy Christmas Novena
Fri. Dec. 19 8:00am RC 6:30 pm MC	<i>St. Nemesion</i> Rosaria Iorio by Steven Gilroy Christmas Novena
Sat. Dec. 20 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, Sts. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob</i> Jack Finke by Janet Finke Barbara Bufka by Janet Svejkosky
Sun. Dec. 21 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Valentino Robles for Healing Subdeacon George and Marilue Simon by Patricia Carnie

WEEKLY FINANCES 12/7/2025 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

4:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	473
Checks/Envelopes	2,390
7:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	-
Checks/Envelopes	450
8:00am Sunday	
Loose cash	-
Checks/Envelopes	100
10:30am Sunday	
Loose cash	285
Checks/Envelopes	655
Candles	85
Pickleball	672
Revenue during the week	190
Christmas Flowers	90
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds	606
Expenses	\$16,362.44

ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday	
Loose cash	20
Checks/Envelopes	105
10:15am Sunday	
Loose cash	213
Checks/Envelopes	763
Revenue during the week	11,825
Candles	57
2nd Collection	7,220
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds	2,602
Expenses	\$6,694.59





A note from the pastor

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 Litur- gies:

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



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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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
equipment, please call
Patty Renschen 314 517 7044

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YOUTH MINISTER

Jacquelyn Olimpio
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LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, Dec. 13 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
Sun, Dec. 14 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Austin Krueger
Sat, Dec. 20 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
Sun, Dec. 21 8:00 am 10:30 am	Glenn Brookman Jean Minton

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 Luven
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	

COFFEE HOUR

We welcome all our parishioners and friend visitors to socialize and for coffee hour after 10:15am Divine Liturgy at St. Raymond Cathedral. We thank the Young Adults of our church for serving the Coffee hour . Please, let us enjoy each other, and celebrate the Day of Lord, (no soliciting).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rel Ed classes Mon. Dec. 15, the Advent Family Night. We will begin at 5:30 so everyone will have time to go to the First Night of the Advent Novena. Families will meet in the cafeteria.

PreK, 1st, 3rd, 4th graders will get a snack then practice the Nativity play from 5:30-6:00pm. Costumes are welcome.

2nd, 5, 8th graders will help prepare food and gifts for the homeless from 5:30-6:00.

At 6:00pm families can eat a snack and be seated for the Advent Play.

We will close at **6:30 for the Christmas Novena at the Church.**

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!

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

We will resume on Jan 8th. God willing, Blessed Advent!

OCIA CLASS

Class Dec. 18, 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>

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 & 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

† 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

SAT DEC 20 BLESSING OF THE DONOR WALL

Bishop Zaidan will bless the Donor/ Memorial Wall at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church, on Sat. Dec. 20, at 3:55 pm, right before 4 pm Mass. Thanks for all your support and help to our church!

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.

LEGACY SUNDAY

We thank our parish ambassadors Rob & Teddy Garagiola who presented and explained about Legacy Sunday, Nov. 1-2, at St. Raymond – St. Elizabeth church after Masses. For more information log on to website <https://rcf-legacy-sunday.squarespace.com/home>

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

BLESSED BAPTISM

Blessed Baptism to Ethan Wahby the son of our parishioners Anthony & Marissa Wahby, and grandchild of subdeacon David & Kathi Wahby.

"for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. " Galatians 3:27

NEW BORN CHILD OF GOD

Congratulations to new born baby boy Jaxon, child of Olivia & James Muchow, and grandchild of Fr. Tony and Mary Simon.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

RIP BETH DREWETT

Beth Drewett , Janet Finke and Jean Minton's sister, passed on to eternal life on November 23rd, 2025. May she rest in the Lord!

RIP MARILYN MEISTER

We offer our prayers and condolences to deacon Bill in our church on the passing of his sister Marilyn to Eternal Life.

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

"11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13 their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. 14 If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. 15 If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames. "

Donor/ Memorial Wall at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church

Suggested Donation toward the In Honor / in Memory plaques



For a standard two liner with “In Memory of Mr — & Mrs ———” or “In Honor of Mr — & Mrs ———”
of for each size plaque :

the \$1,000 has 33pt font size

the \$500 has 31pt font size

the \$100 has 24pt font size

with Arial Bold as the font.



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Renew your Sacrament, deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, and rekindle your romance by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience! The following upcoming weekend experiences are available. Sign-up now as space is limited! For more information or to apply, go to wwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

2/6/2026 - 2/8/2026, St. Peters, MO

4/17/2026 - 4/19/2026, St. Peters, MO

6/12/2026 - 6/14/2026, St. Peters, MO