



St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Maronite Catholic Church

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Most Rev. Mitchell Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis

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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 Fr. 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; Fr John's emergency contact is on the answering machine

Intentions for Divine Liturgy: call the rectory, mail, or email your intentions



SUNDAY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Liturgy p. 166
Ezek 37:1-10
1 Thes 5:1-11
Lk 16:19-31



SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
Ps 103
1 Cor 15:45-49
Luke 6:27-38

Sunday, February 23th, 2025

**DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS
DOWNTOWN:**

Sat, Feb. 22	<i>Establishment of the Chair of St. Peter in Antioch</i>
Sun, Feb. 23 10:15 am	SUNDAY OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED +Anthony Sarkis Sr. & John Elking By The Sarkis Family +for the Family of Michael and Betty Wolff By the members of the Crenshaw Family +Patricia and Lydia Elking By Edward Elking and Family 12:00 pm noon Poor Souls in Purgatory
Mon, Feb. 24 12:00 pm	<i>St. Margarita the penitent</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tues, Feb. 25	<i>St. Felix the 2nd</i>
Wed, Feb. 26 10:00 am	St. Proforios bishop of Gaza Georgette Kevorkian By Tony BouAoun and Family (welcome Pius X HS students/faculty at St. Raymond Cathedral for Mass and lunch)
Thurs, Feb. 27	<i>St. Talalaos</i>
Fri, Feb. 28 12:00 pm	<i>Sts. Cyra and Marana, disciples of St. Maron</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat, Mar. 1	<i>St. Domnina & the Guardian Angel</i>
Sun, Mar. 2 10:15 am	SUNDAY OF THE ENTRANCE INTO LENT/ MIRACLE AT CANA IN GALILEE +Georgette Kevorkian- 40 Day Divine Liturgy By her Family +Baxter Leisure, Sr. By Francis Leisure, Jr. & Family

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, M Maronite)

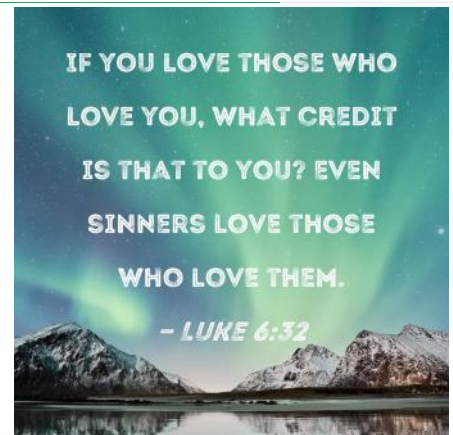
Sat, Feb. 22 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm M	<i>Sunday Vigil</i> Jack & Mary Pudlowski By Linda Hill Georgette Kevorkian By Nazha Hitti and Family
Sun, Feb. 23 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Mildred Colbert By Linda Hill Avery Krussel
Mon, Feb. 24 8:00 am RC 9:30 am	<i>Bl. Tommaso Maria Fusco</i> Chompunut Walbridge Mass/Funeral for Judy Roderick
Tue, Feb. 25 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm M	<i>St. Tarasius</i> James R. Brenton John Elking By Dennis & Roxanne Elking
Wed, Feb. 26 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Porphyry</i> Aaron Alster
Thurs, Feb. 27 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm M	<i>St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows</i> Henry Llewellyn Ruth and Jack Carnie By Linda Hill
Fri, Feb. 28 8:00 am RC	<i>Sts. Romanus & Lupicinus</i> Mike & Anne Brotherton By Linda Hill
Sat, Mar. 1 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm M	<i>Sunday Vigil</i> Pro Populo (celebrant Bishop Mark Rivituso) Mark Crenshaw By David & Kathy Mueckl
Sun, Mar. 2 8:00 am M 10:30 am RC	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Joseph Ojile By Linda Hill Judy Roderick

**WEEKLY FINANCES 2/16/2025
ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:**

4:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	492
Checks/Envelopes	420
7:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	5
Checks/Envelopes	140
8:00am Sunday	
Loose cash	110
Checks/Envelopes	205
10:30am Sunday	
Loose cash	24
Checks/Envelopes	117
Candles	75
Pickleball	274
Revenue during the week	4,250
Second Collection	30
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethungary/funds	335
Expenses	\$19,979.01

ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday	
Loose cash	201
Checks/Envelopes	5
10:15am Sunday	
Loose cash	155
Checks/Envelopes	510
Second collection	55
Revenue during the week	125
Candles	22
Coffee hour	286
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds	1,987
Expenses (Property Insurance)	\$61,587.43





A note from the pastor

Sunday of the Faithful Departed

The beautiful Maronite icon for the “Sunday of the Faithful Departed” perfectly encapsulates the Maronite view of death. In the Maronite incense hymn for the departed we hear in verse 5 (although often we do not understand because we hear it in Syriac):

5. A new vessel has been seen laden with a great reward traversing a stormy sea enriched by its store.

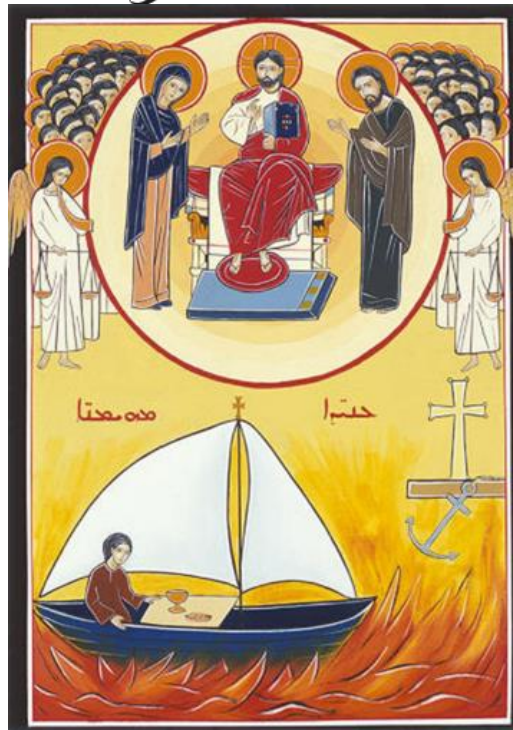
Mary is the vessel’s name, Christ -within-her, the reward, who travels throughout the world to give mortals life.”

Looking at the icon we see the departed person in a boat, and as we hear in the hymn, the boat is representative of Mary who assists us as we journey through the dangerous seas of fire to heaven. For some of us (depending on how we lived our life on earth) the journey is more dangerous and treacherous than others. Mary is often depicted as a boat because she is the vessel through which God was made Man. In the boat is Christ, represented by the bread and wine which has been consumed by the departed to give them life. Christ even now, accompanies the departed on the journey to heaven.

The scene at the top of the icon is a depiction of what is contained in Revelations 20-22. In the icon we can see that the departed is travelling to be judged according to their deeds.

The anchor in the icon is one of the earliest Christian symbols and represents hope. In Hebrews 6:19 we hear: “We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.” The symbol of the anchor was often found on first century Christian tombs. We live in hope for all the faithful departed that they may reach the new Jerusalem.

(livingmaronite.com)



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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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT- CRESTWOOD

Mondays 8:30am-5:00pm

MERCY MEAL

Kathleen Wahby 314 276 3062

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Donate or Borrow piece of medical equipment, please call
Patty Renschen 314 517 7044

PICKLEBALL

David Miller
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LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, Feb. 22 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
Sun, Feb. 23 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Austin Krueger
Sat, Mar. 1 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
Sun, Mar. 2 8:00 am 10:30 am	Glenn Brookman Jean Minton

UP COMING EVENTS

- *Sun. March 9 : Ladies’ Sodality Purse Bingo
- *Sat. April 12: Easter Egg Hunt
- *Sun. April 13: Palm Sun. Lunch.
- *Sun. May 4 : First Holy Communion
- *Sun. May 11 : Mother’s Day Brunch
- *Thurs. May 29: Confirmation at St. R– St. E
- *Sat. June 7: Men’s Society Golf Tournament
- *June 23-26: Vacation Bible School
- *June 23-28: MYO Youth National Conf.
- *Sep. 19-21: St. Louis Lebanese Festival
- *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

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|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Tom Hearst | Patrick Carr |
| Victor Sciarrino | Steve Baker |
| Rosalie Hubert | Jana Smith |
| Mike McSorley Sr. | Janet Zhakaria |
| James Brumfield | John Cleary |
| Christopher & Cathy Seemayer | Tom Morrow |
| Mary Lou Works | Marie Kallial |
| Chris Nelms | Mary L Simon |
| Ted Arunski | Jim Benoist |
| Dave Holdinghausen | Eddie Bremehr |
| Michelle Bausworth | Judy Roderick |
| Tom Saucier | Rob Turner |
| Rhoda Simpher | Dr. John Bouhasin |
| Patricia Beck | Emil Salman |
| Terry Leong | Jennifer Van Luven |
| Mary Ojile | Milad Abounader |
| Gloria (Skip) Leisure | Pat Lampe |
| Don Ganim | |
| John Anton | |
| Jim Hoffman | |
| Richard Baker Sr | |

DIVINE LITURGY AT NOON FEB 23

We will celebrate the last Sunday of the month, Feb. 23, Divine Liturgy at noon (mostly in Arabic language), at St. Raymond Cathedral.

COFFEE HOUR SUN FEB 23

We welcome all our parishioners and visitors for coffee hour Sun. Feb. 23, at the Cedars, prepared and served by the Ladies’ Sodality.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

No Eucharistic Adoration this Mon. Feb. 24, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church, from 8:30am to 5:00pm, due to a Funeral.

REL. ED. CLASSES

- Monday, Feb. 24, 2025 Class [Teachers Meeting]
- Monday, March 3, 2025 Class
- Monday, March 10, 2025 Class All School Confessions
- Monday, March 17, 2025 No school Spring Break
- Monday, March 24, 2025 Class First Communion Meeting
- Monday, March 31, 2025 Class Stations of the Cross @ 6:45

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR JAD on MON FEB 24

Join Fr. Jad, our assistant pastor, for a Bible Study on St. John’s Gospel. Classes will meet on Mondays, 6:00-7:00 pm. Please bring your Bible! (and bring a friend!) Location: St Raymond-St Elizabeth Fr. Edwards hall, Crestwood.

FISH FRY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Fish Fry committee will meet Tue. Feb. 25, at 6:30pm at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church Cafeteria to talk about the menu, and planning for the Fish Fry on Fridays during Lent this year. Please, we need volunteers to help, you can call the church offices or sign up in the foyer of the church for volunteering.

KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen will be open Wed. Feb. 26, 2025. On Tuesday, Feb. 25, 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 VIDEO SERIES

We will have Christian documentary films Thursday morning, on Feb. 27, 2025, after 8am Mass, at Fr. Edwards Hall.

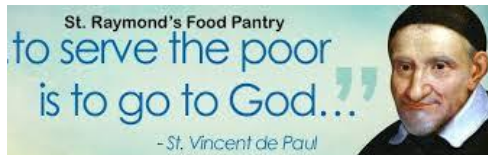
PROTECTION OF GOD’S CHILDREN

Please, all volunteers and employees 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



ST. RAYMOND FOOD PANTRY:

Please help us restock St. Raymond’s Food Pantry. Current needs: canned or packaged meat/fish, soups/stews, peanut butter, rice/pasta, pasta sauce, and cereal. 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 WilliamMeister@archstl.org

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

- ✠ Judith A. Roderick 2-9-2025
- ✠ Henry Llewellyn 2-2-2025
- ✠ Jane Bell Wilcox 2-2-2025
- ✠ Georgette Kevorkian 1-5-2025
- ✠ Chris Beck 12-3-2024
- ✠ Mary Ann Reiter 11-14-2024
- ✠ Patricia Cooseman 11-4-2024
- ✠ Carolyn Smith 10-26-2024
- ✠ Wesley Kempfer 10-2-2024
- ✠ Carol Alkobri 9-30-2024
- ✠ Gary Wayne Bieller 9-9-2024
- ✠ Amal Kweiter 8-8-2024
- ✠ Larry Tuberty 7-23-2024
- ✠ Robert Deutschmann 7-18-2024
- ✠ Robert Reask 7-10-2024
- ✠ Mary Hopfinger 7-2-2024
- ✠ Albertha Marchi 6-27-2024
- ✠ Robert Kelly 6-23-2024
- ✠ Roberto Mendoza 6-3-2024
- ✠ James Hamm 4-27-2024
- ✠ Gerald Peters 4-25-2024
- ✠ Teresa Syron 4-20-2024
- ✠ Sandra Wahby 4-16-2024
- ✠ William Appelbaum 4-3-2024
- ✠ Charles Nesser 3-23-2024
- ✠ Hisham Altwal 3-18-2024
- ✠ Phyllis Sullivan 2-23-2024
- ✠ Robert Schwarz 2-16-2024
- ✠ Marilyn Flores 2-14-2024
- ✠ Virginia Morrow 2-10-2024
- ✠ Charles LaMartina 1-26-2024
- ✠ Arline Deutschmann 1-21-2024
- ✠ Adel Altwal 1-11-2024
- ✠ Catherine Leisure 12-29-2023

ST RAYMOND’S SCHOLARSHIP

College scholarship applications are at St. Raymond Cathedral and St Raymond– St Elizabeth Church foyers starting this coming Sunday February 16.

PURSE BINGO SUN MARCH 9

Purse Bingo at the Cedars hall on Sunday. For any questions or information, see flyer in the back, and contact Mary Denny <marypdenny@gmail.com>

FISH FRY EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT

St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church cafeteria will have a Fish Fry every Friday of Lent 2025, starting March 7, 4pm– 7pm. At 6:00pm we will have at the church, the Stations of the Cross and Maronite Adoration of the Cross Prayers. We will have the different church organizations and committees to help in the Fish Fry. Pre-orders, Menu, Carry-out, Dine-in will be posted on our church Square page <http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/>

LIGHT WEIGH CATHOLIC WEIGHT-LOSS GROUP

For more information contact group leader Kathy Harkins, kathyharkins@charter.net or Pam Olimpio pcatherine@att.net, Director of Formation.

DELEGATES FOR NAM AND PROJECT ROOTS

Our church needs a volunteer delegate for NAM, National Apostolate of Maronites, and a delegate for Lebanese Project Roots. Please, if you would like more information contact Msgr. John

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2024

Contribution statements for 2024 are mailed to all parishioners, please if you have any questions, please call or email the church offices, at St. Raymond Cathedral or St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church. Thanks for your support and help to our church.

MEN’S SOCIETY & LADIES’ SODALITY

St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Men’s Society and Ladies’ Sodality sent their membership applications to most parishioners/Men and Women, please if you would like to be a member of the societies, send or renew your membership to church offices (\$25 annual fee membership).

RIP

Judith A. Roderick passed on to Eternal Life on Sun. Feb. 9. Funeral Mass on Monday, February 24th at 9:30 AM at St. Raymond- Elizabeth Catholic Church. Interment at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Visitation on Sunday at KUTIS AFFTON CHAPEL (10151 Gravois Rd., 63123) 4:00 – 6:00 PM.

May the soul of Judith and the souls of all faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in Peace. Prayers and condolences to her family and friends.

Rev. 5:8 *“And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people.”*



*St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth
Maronite Catholic Church*
1420 S. Sappington Rd- Crestwood, MO



Every Friday During Lent- 2025
3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28. 4/4, 4/11,
(4/18 at St. Raymond's downtown)
From 4PM - 7PM



Carry Out Available- order and pick up from Cafeteria
Pre- order online before Thursday at 10pm at <http://st-raymond-cathedral.square.site/>
Plate: 1 entrée and 2 sides for \$10

Jubilee Year Eparchial Pilgrimage
to
Rome & Sicily
August 25-September 4

10 Days - 9 Nights
Package includes:

- Stay at 4 Star Hotels
- Most Meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner)
- Visits to important sites
- English Speaking Guide
- Bus transportation between sites & flights from Rome to Sicily (Palmero) and back to Rome

\$3,900

FOR DOUBLE OCCUPANCY
PER PERSON

Additional \$1,000 Supplement for
Single Occupancy (Total \$4,900)

Flights to/from the United States to Rome
(FCO) Round Trip need to be booked
separately.



First 50 People Only!

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT CONTACT:

ivette Jackson: 323-336-3168
Jamilah Koury: 818-626-9193
Email: info@eparchy.org

\$1,200 Deposit Required Per Person or
registration/space cannot be guaranteed

Full Pilgrimage amount due by May 31, 2025

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

ST. RAYMOND'S MARONITE CATHEDRAL SPONSORED BY ST. RAYMOND-ST. ELIZABETH LADIES SOCIETY

SUNDAY MARCH 9TH, 2025

THE CEDARS BANQUET CENTER
939 LEBANON DR. ST. LOUIS, MO 63104

DOORS OPEN @ 12 NOON

BINGO BEGINS @ 1PM

\$30.00 PER PERSON or \$240.00 PER TABLE OF 8

20 BINGO GAMES-20 DESIGNER PURSES

ATTENDANCE PRIZES

COFFEE, TEA, WATER PROVIDED/CASH BAR

TABLE FOOD ALLOWED/NO FOOD FOR PURCHASE

MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

MARY DENNY

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scan the QR Code below

