



## 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

### Downtown

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Tel: (314) 621-0056

Website: [straymond-mc.org](http://straymond-mc.org)

Facebook: St. Raymond's  
Maronite Cathedral group

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Crestwood, MO 63126

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

Facebook: St. Elizabeth of Hungary  
Catholic Church @sehcrestwood

### DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday: 10:15am  
Monday–Friday: 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



### THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

Liturgy p. 315

Jon 2:1-11

Phil 2:1-11 (midnight); 1 Cor 15:12-26 (Morning)

Mt 28:1-10 (midnight); Mk 16:1-8 (Morning)



### THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Acts 10:34,37-43

Ps 118

Col 3:1-4

Jn 20:1-9

*Sunday, March 31, 2024*

**DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS  
DOWNTOWN:**

Sat, Mar 30 10:00 pm	<i>Great Saturday of the Light</i> Resurrection Divine Liturgy and rite of Peace Living and Deceased Parishioners +Armando W. Rodriguez By Merry Kweiter
Sun, Mar 31 10:15 am	<b>GREAT SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION</b> Living and Deceased Parishioners
Mon, Apr 1 12:00 pm	<i>Monday of White Week</i> For Badih Khoury (brother of Father Ghattas Khoury)
Tues, Apr 2	<i>Tuesday of White Week</i>
Wed, Apr 3 12:00 pm	<i>Isaiah and Ezekiel</i> Catherine Leisure By Phil Torrisi & Regina Ojile
Thurs, Apr 4	<i>Thursday of White Week</i>
Fri, Apr 5 12:00 pm	<i>Friday of White Week</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sun, Apr 7 10:15 am	<b>NEW SUNDAY</b> +Shirley Milford By Ramona Milford +Lisa Lopez-Galvan By Robbyn & Brian Wahby +Jordan Taylor By Janet Emerson

**CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, M Maronite)**

Sat, Mar 30 11:45 am M 8:00 pm RC	<i>Holy Saturday</i> The Liturgy of Reconciliation Paschal Vigil— Ginny Morrow
Sun, Mar 31 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Pro Populo Pro Populo
Mon, Apr 1 8:00 am RC 10:00 am RC	<i>St Mary of Egypt</i> William Busekrus by Pat Busekrus Funeral Mass for Phyllis Mary Olds Sullivan
Tue, Apr 2 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm M	<i>St Francis of Paula</i> Phyllis Sullivan Theresa Haddad & Jack Haddad By Linda Hill
Wed, Apr 3 8:00 am RC	<i>St Richard</i> Husnie & Thunsa Simon By Linda Hill
Thurs, Apr 4 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm M	<i>St Isidore of Seville</i> Nancy Sexton James Hoffmann By David & Kathy Mueckl
Fri, Apr 5 8:00 am RC	<i>St Vincent Ferrer</i> Jack and Connie Mc Dermott By Linda Hill
Sat, Apr 6 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm M	<i>Sunday Vigil</i> Pro Populo Judge Paul J Simon by Jim Simon
Sun, Apr 7 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC 2-3:00 pm RC	<b>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY</b> Mary Jane Simon by Jim Simon Poor Souls in Purgatory Divine Mercy Adoration/Reconciliation/Mass

**WEEKLY FINANCES 03/24/2024  
ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:**

<b>4:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	564
Checks/Envelopes	630
<b>7:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	0
Checks/Envelopes	
<b>8:00am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	44
Checks/Envelopes	413
<b>10:30am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	338
Checks/Envelopes	530
Candles	102
Pickleball	391
Revenue during the week	10,806.88
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds">https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds</a>	201.25
Expenses	\$938.84

**ST. RAYMOND:**

<b>5:15pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	41
Checks/Envelopes	260
<b>10:15am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	420
Checks/Envelopes	1,908
Second Collection	400
Revenue during the week	560
Candles	127
Fish Fry	3,451
Online Giving <a href="http://straymond-mc.org/online-giving">straymond-mc.org/online-giving</a>	933
Expenses	10,516.06

**Palm Sunday Lunch 03/24/24**

<b>Total Revenue Lunch</b>	10,356.29
<b>Expenses</b>	\$2,283.04





# A note from the pastor



*Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles*

March 28, 2024

Thursday of the Mysteries  
My Dear Brother Priests,  
Happy Feast of the Priesthood!

On this Holy Thursday, my thoughts go to every one of you along with my prayers for your good health and well-being. I express my gratitude for your ministry of bringing God's love and grace to the people.

Holy Thursday is truly a special day in our lives as priests. At the Last Supper, Christ instituted the Mysteries of the Eucharist and the Holy Orders. This interconnection is well reflected in the ritual of our ordination: the bishop places the left hand on the Eucharist and the right hand on the head of the candidate. Also, the priest goes on a procession during the ordination holding the Eucharist on his head. This makes him the servant and the minister of the Eucharist. Thus, the priest celebrates the Divine Liturgy changing the bread and wine into Christ's body and blood and giving Communion to the faithful.

As the Catholic Church in the USA has launched the Eucharistic Revival congress, we as priests are called to lead the way for our faithful. We encounter Christ daily in a very unique way as we repeat the words of Jesus at the Last Supper: "This is my Body," "This is my Blood." There are many challenges of living our vocation to the level Christ wants us to be, mainly to be "eucharistic" priests, to offer our lives as an act of thanksgiving to God, and as a service to the people through our spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

At this time, my dear brother priests, I reiterate my appreciation for your love and support. I renew once again my commitment and love for each and every one of you. You are a blessing to me and to the people of God. I am here at your service, ready to assist and support you.

With my gratitude, best wishes, and prayers, I remain

Yours in Christ,  
+A. Elias Zaidan  
Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles

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### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: 8am Tuesdays  
To submit: Email Fr. Patrick  
patrickkassab@outlook.com

### 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  
davidcmiller60@gmail.com



**LECTORS: CRESTWOOD**

<b>Thur, Mar 28</b> 7:00 pm	Jean Minton
<b>Fri, Mar 29</b> 3:00 pm	Ralph & Margie
<b>Sat, Mar 30</b> 8:00 pm	Julie Hoijarvi
<b>Sun, Mar 31</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Austin Krueger
<b>Sat, Apr 6</b> 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
<b>Sun, Apr 7</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Jake Garanzini Jean Minton

**UP COMING EVENTS**

- \*Sat June 1, Golf Tournament
- \*June 24-29, 2024 National MYO Conference, La Roche University
- \*July 4 - 7, NAM Convention, 59th National Maronite Convention St. Sharbel Church, Clinton TWP., Michigan
- \*Fri. -Sun. Sep. 13-15, Lebanese Festival, St. Raymond Cathedral
- \*Sat. Oct. 12, Autumn Fair/Vendor Event, St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Church

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

Mark Beck	John Anton
Tom Hearst	Jim Hoffman
Victor Sciarrino	Gary Bieller
Rosalie Hubert	Richard Baker Sr
Mike McSorley Sr.	Patrick Carr
James Brumfield	Steve Baker
Christopher & Cathy Seemayer	Jana Smith
Mary Lou Works	Janet Zhakaria
Chris Nelms	Bert Marchi
Ted Arunski	John Cleary
Dave Holdinghausen	Tom Morrow
Pat Cooseman	Marie Kallial
Mary Ann Reiter	Mary L Simon
Michelle Bausworth	Jim Benoist
Tom Saucier	Eddie Bremehr
Rhoda Simpher	Larry Tuberty
Patricia Beck	Judy Roderick
Terry Leong	Rob Turner
Mary Ojile	Dr. John Bouhasin
Gloria (Skip) Leisure	Sandy Wahby
Don Ganim	Emil Salman

**GREAT FRIDAY COLLECTION AND DINNER**

On Friday, March 29, we will have a collection to support the Christians in the Holy Land. After the 7pm Great Friday of the Crucifixion Prayers at St. Raymond Cathedral, we will have a Lenten dinner at the Cedars hall. For more information, please see attached flyer.

**LENTEN EPARCHIAL APPEAL**

The Lenten Appeal for the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon is now taking place. A letter from Bishop Elias Zaidan about the Appeal is mailed to every family. Copies are also available online at [www.eparchy.org](http://www.eparchy.org) The Eparchy relies upon you to support our Maronite Catholic parishes and train our future Maronite priests. Every family is asked to participate in the Appeal and please be generous. You may make a donation using a check, cash or credit card. Please support your Eparchy. Thank you!

<https://eparchy.org/>

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

Our Youth and their parents are sponsoring the Easter Egg Hunt for the children on Sat. March 30, at 11am, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church in Crestwood. Pizza and drink included for \$10 per child.

Please, contact Carole Haddad-Khater <[carolehaddadkhater@gmail.com](mailto:carolehaddadkhater@gmail.com)> For information and reservation.

**EASTER RECEPTION AFTER MIDNIGHT MASS**

Everyone is welcome to come to the Cedars Hall after Easter Midnight Divine Liturgy, for a reception and rejoicing at the Resurrection Glorious Day.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

No Eucharistic Adoration this Mon. Apr 1.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

No religious education this Mon. Apr 1.

**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL**

No Eucharistic Revival session Mon. Apr 1.

This year we are celebrating Eucharistic Revival. We will have seven sessions for our parish to learn more about the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. We will watch a video each session and have a short reflection/discussion. The sessions will be on Mondays at 6pm, March 4, 11, April 8, 15, 22, 29, and May 6, at St Raymond– St Elizabeth church cafeteria.

**KITCHEN SCOOP**

The Kitchen will be open Wed. April 3, 2024.

We will be rolling cabbage Tue. April 2, at 5pm.

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

**FEAST OF ANNUNCIATION IS MOVED TO WED APR 3**

Most Reverend A. Elias Zaidan, Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles moved the Feast of Annunciation of the Blessed Mother Mary from Mon. March 25th to Wed. April 3rd, due to Holy Week Rites and Prayers. Mass at 12pm noon at St. Raymond Cathedral.

**MEN'S SOCIETY MEETING THURS. APRIL 4**

All men of the parish are invited to meet on the First Thursday of the month, April 4, starting with a 6pm Divine Liturgy, and meeting right after at 6:30pm.



**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS  
ITEMS MOST NEEDED:**

Please help us restock the St. Raymond Food Pantry. All the following canned or packaged foods are needed: Meat/fish, fruits, vegetables, beans, cereal/oatmeal, soups/stews, rice, pasta, pasta sauce, and peanut butter. No glass jars, please. Thank you for your generosity in 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**

✠ Marilyn Flores	2-14-2024
✠ Virginia Morrow	2-10-2024
✠ Charles LaMartina	1-26-2024
✠ Arline Deutschmann	1-21-2024
✠ Catherine Leisure	12-29-2023
✠ Raymond Gazall	12-9-2023
✠ Ruth Werkmeister	10-25-2023
✠ John Steuber	10-18-2023
✠ John Putzel	10-4-2023
✠ William Busekrus	9-12-2023
✠ Michel Maghamez	8-14-2023
✠ Kathleen Ann Bruce	8-11-2023
✠ Patricia Elking	8-6-2023
✠ Wafica Issa	8-5-2023
✠ Jordan Taylor	8-1-2023
✠ Elias Hawatmeh	7-26-2023
✠ John William Cary	7-8-2023
✠ Rigo Berto Oseguera	6-18-2023
✠ Angel Mamarbashi	6-16-2023
✠ David Wissler	6-9-2023
✠ Martha Ibrahim	6-1-2023
✠ George Anton	5-29-2023
✠ Bernard Elking Sr.	5-26-2023
✠ Patricia Webbe	5-15-2023
✠ Betty Tracy	5-13-2023
✠ Elias Hitti	5-6-2023
✠ George Alkhouri	4-22-2023
✠ Lynn Warfel	3-13-2023
✠ Sabiha Abdallah	3-2-2023
✠ Rafael Gomez	2-26-2023
✠ Robert Drexler	2-19-2023
✠ Lydia Elking	2-18-2023
✠ Robert Bosch	2-13-2023

**ST RAYMOND AND NAM SCHOLARSHIPS**

\*For all our graduating HS Seniors going to College and High School students, the scholarship applications are in the foyer of both our church locations and you can find them online at the link below. Both HS senior students from St. Raymond Cathedral and from St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church communities are eligible to apply. \*NAM (National Apostolate of Maronites) also offers great and numerous Scholarships. More information online.

**8am MARONITE DIVINE LITURGY**

On Sunday, April 7 (and 1st Sunday of every month), we will have an 8am Maronite Divine Liturgy at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church in Crestwood.

**DIVINE MERCY ADORATION RECONCILIATION MASS**

The Feast of Divine Mercy will be observed and celebrated this year on Sunday, April 7, 2024, at St. Raymond-St Elizabeth Parish, 1421 S. Sappington Rd, Crestwood MO 63126. The celebration will begin at 2:00pm with Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Rosary @ 2:30 and the Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Benediction, and Mass at 3pm. Confessions will be available from 2:00-3:00pm.

**AUTUMN FAIR/VENDOR EVENT**

Our church community in Crestwood will have an Autumn Fair/ Vendor Event on Sat. Oct. 12, 2024, at the grounds and facility of St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church in Crestwood. A meeting will held at the Cafeteria, on Wed. April 10, at 6:30pm. All chairs of the different committees are invited to attend.

**ELIE KASSAB IN THE SUBDEACONATE PROGRAM**

Congratulations to Elie Kassab and welcome in the subdeaconate program at the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon, St. Raymond Cathedral.

**FISH FRY AND PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON**

Big thank you for all parishioners and volunteers who worked at the Fish Fry and Palm Sunday luncheon at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church, and St. Raymond Cathedral. We thank in a special way: St. Louis Review <https://www.archstl.org/st-louis-review> and Mary Thayer - [Show Me St. Louis](#) for covering our events!

**MAY GOD REST THEIR SOULS IN PEACE**

+Phyllis Mary Olds Sullivan— Funeral Mass on Monday, April 1, at 9:30am at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church.  
 +Robert Schwartz– Funeral Mass on Saturday, April 20, at 10:00am at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church.  
 +Charles (Charley) F. Nesser— Funeral Divine Liturgy at St. Raymond Cathedral, on Saturday, April 20, at 11:00am at St. Raymond Cathedral.  
 May the souls of Phyllis, Robert, Charles, and all the souls of the faithful departed through the Mercy of God rest in Peace.



# Good Friday

*Dinner— March 29, 2024*

*After 7:00 PM Prayer Service*

*at the Cedars Hall of*

*St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral*

*931 Lebanon Dr., St. Louis 63104*

**Food Menu :**

**Spinach pies,**

**Mjaddara (lentil & rice), Baked Fish, Cabbage Salad,**

**Lebanese Potato salad, Falafel (mixed of Chick peas and Fava beans) with Garnishes & Tahini, Loubyi b'zeyt (green**

**beans), Hummus, and Lebanese Bread, Coffee, and Ice tea**

**Donation:**

\$5 child (12 years  
and under)

**Donation:**

\$20 adult  
\$10 youth (13-17)

**For table reservation, please contact:**

**the Church offices at:**

**314 621 0056 Downtown, or 314 968 0760 Crestwood**

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

**50% of the proceeds to our church and 50% to our Youth Ministry**