



St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Maronite Catholic Church

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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



5th SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Liturgy p. 315
Ez 34:11-16, 23-25
Eph 2:1-10
Jn 21:15-19



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:26-31
Ps 22
1 Jn 3:18-24
Jn 15:1-8

Sunday, April 28, 2024

DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sun, Apr 28 10:15 am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION +Elias Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family +Sandy Wahby By the Wahby Family +James & Elizabeth Crenshaw By Marie Gilliam and Family
12pm noon	Adel Altwal, Hisham Altwal, Moufid ALAhmar, George ElKhoury
Mon, Apr 29 12:00 pm	<i>St Catherine of Siena</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tues, Apr 30	<i>St James, Son of Zebedee</i>
Wed, May 1 12:00 pm	<i>Jeremiah the Prophet</i> Raymond Gazall By Pam Gazall DiMercurio
Thurs, May 2	<i>St Athanasius the Bishop</i>
Fri, May 3 12:00 pm	<i>Friday of the 5th Week of the Resurrection</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sun, May 5 10:15 am	SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION First Communicants +Sandy Wahby By Diana Deebea +Donnie Behiter By Dennis & Roxanne Elking

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, M Maronite)

Sat, Apr 27 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm M	<i>Sunday Vigil</i> Cris Tallent John & Mary Louis
Sun, Apr 28 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Deacon Lou Peters William Appelbaum, Phyllis Sullivan, Marilyn Flores, Virginia Morrow, Arline Deutschmann
Mon, Apr 29 8:00 am RC	<i>St Catherine of Siena</i> Nick and Maggie Pappus
Tue, Apr 30 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm M	<i>St Pius V</i> Jack and Connie Mc Dermott By Linda Hill Sandy Wahby By Pat Busekrus
Wed, May 1 8:00 am RC	<i>St Joseph the Worker</i> +Art and Madge Doerr
Thurs, May 2 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm M	<i>St Athanasius</i> Mildred Colbert By Linda Hill George Simon Sr. By George & Elaine Simon
Fri, May 3 8:00 am RC	<i>St Philip and St James</i> Jordan Taylor By Janet Emerson
Sat, May 4 11:00am RC 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm M	<i>Sunday Vigil</i> Funeral Mass for Teresa Syron Ruth & Jack Carnie By Linda Hill Judge Paul J. Simon by Jim Simon
Sun, May 5 8:00 am M 10:30 am RC	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Sandy Wahby By Mary L. Simon Terry Syron

WEEKLY FINANCES 04/21/2024 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

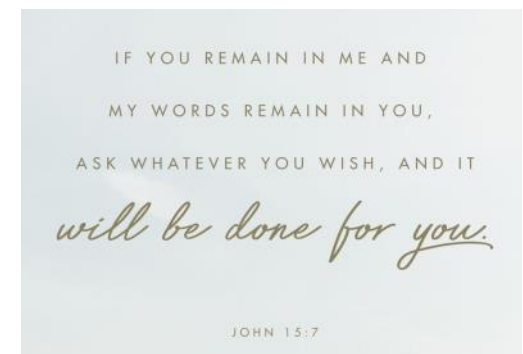
4:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	415
Checks/Envelopes	440
7:00pm Saturday	
Loose cash	12
Checks/Envelopes	200
8:00am Sunday	
Loose cash	87
Checks/Envelopes	463
10:30am Sunday	
Loose cash	218
Checks/Envelopes	210
Candles	131
Pickleball	305
Revenue during the week	1,942
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds	341.25
Expenses	\$7,353

ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday	
Loose cash	78
Checks/Envelopes	75
10:15am Sunday	
Loose cash	315
Checks/Envelopes	794
Second Collection	620
Revenue during the week	250
Candles	117
Coffee hour	237
Online Giving straymond-mc.org/online-giving	1,673
Expenses	11,500.69

WED. LUNCH 04/24/24

Total Revenue Lunch	4,940.59
Expenses	\$3,239.96





A note from the pastor

Pope Francis and Gender Ideology

The Holy Father is clear: “Gender ideology, at this time, is one of the most dangerous ideological colonization’s. It goes beyond the sexual.” (Pope Francis)

“Today the ugliest danger is gender ideology, which cancels out differences”. (Pope Francis)

Gender identity theory “denies the difference and reciprocity in the nature of a man and a woman and envisages a society with-out sexual differences”

with the consequence that “human identity becomes the choice of the individual, one which can also change over time“. (Pope Francis)

“Erasing difference is erasing humanity. Man and woman...are in a fruitful ‘tension’”. (Pope Francis)



Gender Ideology is “Dangerous”

“Why is it dangerous? Because it dilutes differences, and the richness of men and women and all humanity is the tension of differences.” (Pope Francis)

Pope Francis warns us that “Once the human being declares independence from reality and behaves with absolute dominion, the very foundations of our life begin to crumble“. (Laudato Si, 117)

Humanity grows “through the tension of differences. The question of gender is diluting the differences and creating an equal world, all blunt, all the same. And that goes against the human vocation.” (Pope Francis)

This is not novel. The Church has held this eternal truth since it was revealed in Genesis; “male and female he created them” (Genesis 1:27)

The Beauty of Man and Woman

“‘Being man’ or ‘being woman’ is a reality which is good and willed by God.” (CCC, 369)

“I talk about it (gender ideology)...because there are somewhat naive people who believe that it is the path of progress and do not distinguish what is respect for sexual diversity or various sexual options from what is already an anthropology of gender”. This “is extremely dangerous because it annuls differences, and it annuls humanity, the richness of humanity”. (Pope Francis)

“Anyone who is Christian has a duty to bear witness to the Gospel“. (Pope Francis)

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To submit: Email Felicity
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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, Apr 27 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
Sun, Apr 28 8:00 am 10:30 am	Jake Garanzini Jean Minton
Sat, May 4 4:00 pm	Ralph & Margie
Sun, May 5 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Fabi Pineda

UP COMING EVENTS

- *Sat June 1, Golf Tournament
- *June 10– June 13: Vacation Bible School
- *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 Harvest/Vendor Fair, St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Church
- *Nov. 16-17: St. Elizabeth & St. Romanos
- *Sun Dec. 8: Breakfast with Santa

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	Emil Salman
Don Ganim	

SUN APRIL 28 NOON DIVINE LITURGY

Sun. April 28, we will celebrate at St. Raymond Cathedral, noon Divine Liturgy (mostly in Arabic language).

COFFEE HOUR

This Sunday April 28, coffee hour at the Cedar’s hall after Divine Liturgy prepared by The Ladies’ Sodality.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this Mon. April 29, from 8:30am till 5:00pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (at the Cafeteria)

Religious education this Mon. April 29, at 6:00pm, Trivia Night!

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL (at Fr. Edwards hall)

Eucharistic Revival session Mon. Apr 29.

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.

KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen will be open Wed. May 1, 2024.

We will be rolling cabbage Tue. April 30, 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

THURSDAY MORNING CHRISTIAN DOC FILMS

We will have a showing of a Christian Doc Film on Thursday after morning 8am Mass, May 2, at Fr. Edwards Hall.

MEN’S SOCIETY MEETING THURS MAY 1

Men’s Society will meet on Thurs. May 1st, beginning with 6pm Divine Liturgy at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church.

ADORATION THURS MAY 1

Young Adult group that started adoration at St. Elizabeth of Hungary will have one hour of Adoration on Thurs. May 1, at 7pm at our church.

MARONITE 8AM DIVINE LITURGY MAY 5

We will celebrate the Maronite Divine Liturgy at 8AM on Sun. May 5, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church in Crestwood (First Sunday of the month).

PRO-LIFE ALERT

Please DO NOT sign any initiatives, no matter what they say it is for. **DECLINE TO SIGN.** If you have signed, you may **UNSIGN.** (Call Jean Flanagan for information at 314-496-1347) **PRAY** to stop this initiative. Thank you.

PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES FOR FR. PATRICK

Our bishop A. Elias Zaidan has appointed Fr. Patrick Kassab as the pastor of St. Maron Church, in Cleveland, OH, effective July 1, 2024. We will keep Fr. Patrick in our prayers, and thank him for all his pastoral works and duties at our church for the past three and half years. O God, give us holy priests!



ST. RAYMOND FOOD PANTRY:

Please consider making a monetary donation to the St. Raymond Food Pantry to help with rent and utilities expenses for those in need. You may contribute on-line giving or by personal check payable to St. Raymond Food Pantry, which you can place in the weekly collection or mail to St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Dr, 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

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

✠ 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
✠ Marilyn Flores	2-14-2024
✠ Virginia Morrow	2-10-2024
✠ Charles LaMartina	1-26-2024
✠ Arline Deutschmann	1-21-2024
✠ Robert Schwarz	1-20-2024
✠ Adel Altwal	1-11-2024
✠ 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION CALENDAR

- *Monday, April 29, 2024 Class Family Trivia Night Special all family event
- Sacraments:
- *Saturday, May 4, 2024 10:30-11:30am 1st Communion Practice St Raymond Cathedral
- *Sunday, May 5, 2024 10:15am (arrival 9:00) 1st Holy Communion Divine Liturgy @ St Raymond Cathedral
- *Monday, May 6, 2024 6:00pm Confirmation Practice St Raymond -St Elizabeth
- *Thursday, May 9, 2024 6:00 pm Confirmation Mass @ St Raymond- St Elizabeth arrival @ 5:15pm
- *Saturday, May 11, 2024 4:00pm May Crowning of the Bl. Virgin Mary @ St Raymond-St Elizabeth arrival @ 3:30
- *June 10-13, 2024 Vacation Bible School in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Registrations are open for Religious Education classes for year 2024 -2025, and for the Vacation Bible School June 10-13, 2024. For more information, please contact Pam Olimpio, Director, at <pamela.olimpio@johnpaulprep.org>

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 at [St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral: Scholarships \(straymond-mc.org\)](http://St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral: Scholarships (straymond-mc.org))

33RD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Church, 33rd Annual Golf Tournament, is on Sat. June 1, 2024, at Sugar Creek Golf Course (5224 Country Club Dr.). For Registration/Sponsorship and additional information please log on to the link: [St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral: Events \(straymond-mc.org\)](http://St. Raymond Maronite Cathedral: Events (straymond-mc.org))

APRIL SHOWERS FOR OUR LADY’S INN

Saint Raymond-Saint Elizabeth Ladies’ Sodality April Showers for Our Lady’s Inn, container tubs are in the foyer of both our churches. Wish List: Diapers and Wipes, Sleepers, Swaddlers, Baby Blankets, Bottles, Bibs, Burp Cloths, Towels, Baby Lotion, Soap, Powder, Pacifiers, Changing Pads, healthcare/Grooming Kits, baby Books, Diaper Bags. Thank you!

AUTUMN HARVEST/ VENDOR FAIR

Our St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Autumn Harvest/ Vendor Fair is on Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 12 noon till 10pm. For Volunteering or any information contact co-chair Tim Kallial at <timkallial@gmail.com>

BLESSED BAPTISM JOHN SIMON HILL

Blessed baptism to John Simon Hill son of Samuel & Claudia Hill

RIP TERRY SYRON

We pray to God for the repose of the soul of our parishioner Teresa “Terry” Syron. Funeral Mass is on Sat. May 4, at 11am, Crestwood.

Vocation Pilgrimage Weekend
with the
Daughters of St. Paul



July 5-7 | St. Louis
9804 Watson Road

A vocational discernment retreat for
single Catholic women ages 18-30.

Discover the Eucharistic spirituality and
media mission of the Daughters of St. Paul,
and participate in the Eucharistic Revival
Pilgrimage as it passes through our city!



Register:
connect.pauline.org/vocational-pilgrimage

Questions? Contact Sr. Amanda Marie at stlouisvocations@paulinimedia.com

**Eparchy of
Our Lady of Lebanon
of Los Angeles**

**Poland & Prague
Pilgrimage**

**August 26
to
September 4
2024**

Price

\$2,900 Double Occupancy
Price per person

**ADDITIONAL \$800 SUPPLEMENT
FOR SINGLE OCCUPANCY**

**ALL LAND ACCOMMODATIONS AND
MEALS INCLUDED**

Flights will need to be booked
separately.

SPACE IS LIMITED
Space reservation requires a
\$900 deposit per person.
June 15, 2024.

TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT CONTACT:
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Jamileh Koury: 818-626-9193
Email: info@eparchy.org

59th Annual NAM Convention
JULY 4-7, 2024 | ST. SHARBEL CHURCH
DETROIT MARRIOTT RENAISSANCE CENTER



CONVENTION REGISTRATION Deadline: June 1st
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