



## *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



### 3RD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Liturgy p. 425  
Prov 8:22-23, 30-36  
1 Cor 2:1-10  
Jn 14:21-27



### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Genesis 14:18-20  
Psalm 110  
1 Cor 11:23-26  
Luke 9:11b-17

*Sunday, June 22th, 2025*

## DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. June 21	<i>St. Louis Gonzague</i>
Sun. June 22 10:15 am	<b>3rd SUNDAY OF PENTECOST</b> +Nicholas Brawley By Charlie & Theresa Miller +Martha Ibrahim By Haifa & Tony Sabat Family +Marilue Simon By Ann Lehrer and Family +Natasha Johnson and Larry Johnson +George ElKhoury +Anthony Gamma
Mon. June 23 12:00 pm	<i>Agrebinia, martyr &amp; Memorial of the 3rd Ecumenical Council, Ephesus</i> Poor Souls in Purgatory
Tue. June 24	<i>Birth of St. John the Baptizer</i>
Wed. June 25 12:00 pm	<i>St. Veronia, martyr</i> Marilue Simon By Ralph Wahby
Thurs. June 26	<i>John and Paul, martyrs</i>
Fri. June 27 12:00 pm	<i>St. Samson, the receiver of strangers</i> Mass for the retired sisters at Mason Pointe
Sat. June 28	<i>Pope Leo II</i>
Sun. June 29 10:15 am	<b>ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL, APOSTLES</b> +Jane Pringle Seal By David & Effie Westphal +Rose and George Azar By Ramona Milford +Marilue Simon By Diana Deebea +Donnie Behiter By Dennis & Roxanne Elking
12:00 pm	George Soubhi Safayeh - 40 Day Divine Liturgy- By his daughter Elia & Dr. Elias Safar and Family

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

Sat. June 21 4:00 pm RC 5:15pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. Aloysius Gonzaga</i> Vittorio Moran Charlie & Marcia Hertz By LaDonna Rask
Sun. June 22 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	<b>THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS</b> Mike McDonald Subdeacon George & Marilue Simon by Patricia Carnie
Mon. June 23 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Etheldreda</i> Aaron Alster for Healing
Tue. June 24 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Maria Guadalupe Garcia Zavala</i> Gregory Frick by Jack Lauber Theresa Haddad & Jack Haddad By Linda Hill
Wed. June 25 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Posper of Aquitaine</i> 2025 Confirmandi
Thurs. June 26 8:00am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer</i> Patty Renschen Elias Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family
Fri. June 27 8:00am RC	<i>St. Lasdilas</i> Husnie & Thunsa Simon By Linda Hill
Sat. June 28 4:00 pm RC 5:15pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. Irenaeus</i> Kevin Roche by Cathy Roche Joseph & Mary Lee Mueckl By David & Kathy Mueckl
Sun. June 29 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	<b>ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL, APOSTLES</b> Jack & Connie McDermott By Linda Hill Pro Populo

## WEEKLY FINANCES 6/15/2025 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

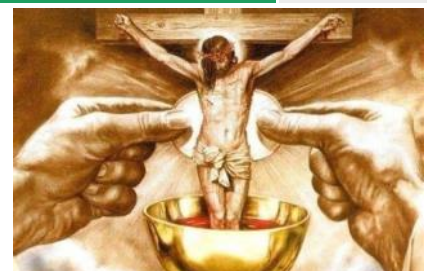
<b>4:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	376
Checks/Envelopes	610
<b>7:00pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	9
Checks/Envelopes	180
<b>8:00am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	159
Checks/Envelopes	318
<b>10:30am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	255
Checks/Envelopes	240
Rentals	800
Candles	50
Pickleball	212
Revenue during the week	615
Second Collection	
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds">https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds</a>	765
Expenses	\$2,332.81

## ST. RAYMOND:

<b>5:15pm Saturday</b>	
Loose cash	70
Checks/Envelopes	20
<b>10:15am Sunday</b>	
Loose cash	258
Checks/Envelopes	1,246
Revenue during the week	700
Candles	52
Second collection	215
Coffee hour	120
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds">https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds</a>	1,942
Expenses	\$6,787.27

## SUN. LUNCH 6/18/25

Total Revenue Lunch	5,861.61
Expenses	\$1,031.46





### The History of the Feast of Corpus Christi

This year marks the 761st celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi (Latin for “Body of Christ”) – also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. The origin of Corpus Christi began with a Eucharistic miracle, which is a moment of divine intervention aimed at confirming the faith in the Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist.

In 1263 a German priest, Peter of Prague, stopped at Bolsena, Italy, while on a pilgrimage to Rome. He was a pious priest, but one who found it difficult to believe that Christ was actually present in the consecrated Host. While celebrating Holy Mass above the tomb of St. Christina (located in the church named for this martyr), he had barely spoken the words of Consecration when blood started to seep from the consecrated Host and trickle over his hands onto the altar and the corporal. The priest was immediately confused. At first, he attempted to hide the blood, but then he interrupted the Mass and asked to be taken to the neighboring city of Orvieto, where Pope Urban IV resided. The Pope listened to the priest's account and absolved him. He then sent emissaries for an immediate investigation. When all the facts were ascertained, he ordered the Bishop of the diocese to bring the Host and the linen cloth bearing the stains of blood to Orvieto. With archbishops, cardinals and other Church dignitaries in attendance, the Pope met the procession and, amid great pomp, had the relics placed in the cathedral. The linen corporal bearing the spots of blood is still reverently enshrined and exhibited in the Cathedral of Orvieto. It is said that Pope Urban IV was prompted by this miracle to commission St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the Proper for a Mass and an Office honoring the Holy Eucharist as the Body of Christ. One year after the miracle, in August of 1264, Pope Urban IV introduced the saint's composition, and by means of a papal bull instituted the feast of Corpus Christi.

This was when St. Thomas Aquinas wrote the hymn containing the verses of Tantum Ergo, which we still sing today during Eucharistic exposition! The papal bull, Transitus, ordered Corpus Christi be celebrated annually on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday throughout the Latin Church. Why Thursday? Perhaps as a reminder that Jesus celebrated the Last Supper on the Thursday before His passion. In modern times, this feast is commonly transferred to the following Sunday to accommodate the faithful.

In August of 1964, on the 700th anniversary of the institution of the feast of Corpus Christi, Pope Saint Paul VI celebrated Holy Mass at the altar where the holy corporal is kept in its golden shrine in the Cathedral of Orvieto.

“I do believe, help my unbelief!” (Mark 9:24)



(Photos of the pilgrimage of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles at Bolsena and Orvieto, Oct. 2024)

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Deadline: 8am Tuesdays  
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#### ONLINE GIVING

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Donate or Borrow piece of medical  
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## LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

<b>Sat, June 21</b> 4:00 pm	Ralph & Margie
<b>Sun, June 22</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Fabi Pineda
<b>Sat, June 28</b> 4:00 pm	Sr. Rosalie
<b>Sun, June 29</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Dan & Kathleen Austin Krueger

## UP COMING EVENTS

- \*June 23-26: Vacation Bible School
- \*June 23-28: MYO Youth National Conf.
- \*July 3-6: NAM Conv. Raleigh, NC
- \*Sat. July 5: Princess Tea Party
- \*Sep. 12-14: St. Louis Lebanese Festival
- \*Mon. Sep. 29: Skeet Shooting Tournament
- \*Oct. 11: Autumn Harvest Festival, Crestwood
- \*Nov. 8: Vendor Event, Crestwood
- \*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

Tom Hearst	Patrick Carr
Victor Sciarino	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	Eddie Bremehr
Ted Arunski	Rob Turner
Dave Holdinghausen	Dr. John Bouhasin
Michelle Bausworth	Emil Salman
Tom Saucier	Jennifer Van Luven
Rhoda Simpher	Milad Abounader
Patricia Beck	Pat Lampe
Terry Leong	Janet Emerson
Mary Ojile	Susan Bickel
Gloria (Skip) Leisure	George Lampe
Don Ganim	Burton Droste
John Anton	Dot Smith
Jim Hoffman	Gabe Vollet
Richard Baker Sr	Barb Rohr

## ST. RAYMOND'S SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Raymond's Scholarship Committee met and announced the winners for the College Scholarship and High School students, and they will be awarded on Sun. June 22, at 10:15am Divine Liturgy at St. Raymond Cathedral.

Malak Kamil, Bishop Shaheen Scholarship 1 (\$2,500)

Alex Kather, Bishop Shaheen Scholarship 2 (\$2,500)

5 High School Students (\$1,500 each):

1 Scholarship in Memory of Deacon Lou Peters, 2 Scholarships in Memory of Mary & John Louis, 2 Scholarships in Memory of Judge Paul & Mary Jane Simon.

We thank, all the supporters and contributors to St. Raymond's Scholarship Fund.

The Scholarship committee thanks in a special way the contributors for the last school year:

Memorial for Judge Paul & Mary Jane Simon (\$50,000)

The Abodeely Family (\$6,250)

The Simon Law Firm (\$6,250)

New Year's Eve Party contribution (\$3,000)

All other donors

## COFFEE HOUR SUN JUNE 22

We welcome all of our parishioners and visitors to coffee hour after 10:15am Divine Liturgy at the Cedars hall. Thanks to the Ladies' Sodality for preparing and serving the Coffee hour.

## YOUTH NATIONAL CONFERENCE

We will keep our Youth in our prayers as they are going to the Youth Conference this week, June 23- 28 (12 youth, and 4 advisors).

Thanks for all your support!

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. June 23, at St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Church, from 8:30am till 5pm.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Registrations are open for Religious Education classes for year 2025-2026, and for the Vacation Bible School June 23-26, 2025. For more information, please contact Pam Olimpio, Director, at <pamela.olimpio@johnpaulprep.org>

## BIBLE STUDY FOR YOUNG ADULTS

We will have Bible Study for Young Adults, Mon. June 23, at 6:15pm, at the Cafeteria of St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth church. For more information call Joey Elking 314 6476300

## BIBLE STUDY WITH FR. JAD

Fr. Jad will have the Bible study this coming Mon. June 23 at 6pm, and Wed. June 25, at 4pm. Location is at Fr. Edwards hall at St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Church. Bring your Bible and a friend.

## KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen will be open on Wed. June 25, 2025,

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



### 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, fruits, vegetables, beans, and cereal. No glass jars please! Thank 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

### PARISH DEVOTIONS

#### Monday

Adoration 8:30-5pm

#### Tuesday

Our Lady of Perpetual Help after 8am Mass

Prolife Rosary at 5:15pm

#### 1st Friday

Sacred Heart Litany

#### 4th Saturday of the Month

Rosary at noon for country, family, Church and world peace.

### ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

✠ Mary Ann Anton 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
✠ Brenda Wenner	3-12-2025
✠ Rose Franz	3-2-2025
✠ Judith A. Roderick	2-9-2025
✠ Henry Llewellyn	2-2-2025
✠ Jane Bell Wilcox	2-2-2025
✠ Georgette Kevorkian	1-5-2025
✠ Mary Rudolph	1-1-2025
✠ Chris Beck	12-3-2024
✠ Richard V. Wagner	11-28-2024
✠ 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

### PARISH PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCILS

Meeting for parish pastoral and finance councils is on Thurs. June 26, at 6:30 pm, at the Cafeteria of St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church.

### CLERGY CONFERENCE AT NAM COVENTION

Msgr. John and Fr. Jad will be at the Clergy Conference at NAM Convention, Raileigh, NC, from June 30 till July 3, please keep all the Maronite bishops and priests in the states in your prayers.

### PRINCESS TEA PARTY

Invitation to a Royal Event, Princess Tea Party, July 5, 2025@11:30 am, The Cedars at St. Raymond's.

Dress in your royal best and come ready for an afternoon of memories fit for a fairy tale! For more information see flyer in the back.

### WHITE HOUSE RETREATS

Men's retreat weekend starts with dinner in the evening of Thursday July 31st and depart by 2:00pm Sunday August 3rd. To register contact Jim Ebert at 314.250.7540 or jim.ebert45@gmail.com. The women's weekend starts the evening of August 7th and concludes on Sunday August 10th. To register contact Karen Lebeau at 314.265.3462. Visit the website at [www.whitehouseretreat.org](http://www.whitehouseretreat.org).

### 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](mailto:steeliz@straymond-mc.org).

### ST. RAYMOND CATHEDRAL- REMODELING

We getting some bids on the church brick tuckpointing repair (parking lot entrance and all brick buildings); parking lot concrete repair. We still painting the hall walls and doors, cleaning storages

### ST. RAYMOND- ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH

We have some remodeling at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church this summer. The right wall at the foyer of the church will be a Donor/Memorial Wall. We are getting some bids on the kitchen floor and some new equipment.

### THANK YOU FOR FATHER'S DAY DINNER

We thank Tim Kallial and the committee in charge for a successful fried chicken country style dinner. It was a success in bringing our community together to celebrate Father's Day. We generated \$3,089 before expenses, and we will use them toward the remodeling of our kitchen at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth in Crestwood.

*Jesus, meek and humble of Heart*



*Make our hearts like unto Thine*





# St Raymond-St Elizabeth & St. John Paul II Prep Vacation Bible School



Come explore Nazareth in our annual VBS dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus!

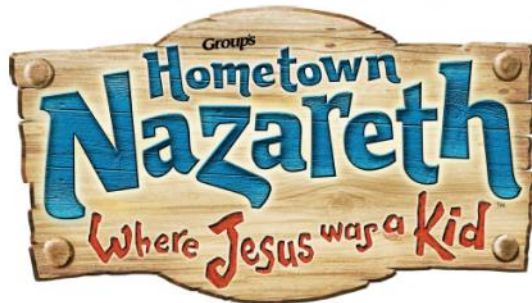
**WHEN:** June 23-26, 9:00-12:00

**CAMPERS:** 4-10yrs - JP II students, ARCH co-op students, St. Raymond-St. Elizabeth parishioners

**HELPERS:** Parent Volunteers needed for teaching, food prep, and games. Student Volunteers needed to lead groups of campers.

**WHERE:** St.-Raymond-St. Elizabeth Parish

**REGISTER or QUESTIONS:** email [Jacob.hart.g@gmail.com](mailto:Jacob.hart.g@gmail.com) or [pamela.olimpio@johnpaulprep.org](mailto:pamela.olimpio@johnpaulprep.org)



"Let the heart of Jesus live in me, so that it is no longer I who live, but the heart of Jesus living in me, as he lived at Nazareth" St. Charles de Foucauld



EVERY PRINCESS DESERVES  
A  
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NOVEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>,  
2025

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