



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



VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH

Liturgy p. 38
2 Samuel 6:9-15, 17, 18b
Ephesians 1:1-14
Luke 1:39-45



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—YEAR A

Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13: 11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

Sunday, November 30th, 2025

DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sat. Nov. 29	<i>Sts. Satorinos & Sisinius, martyr</i>
Sun. Nov. 30 10:15 am	THE VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH +Terry Leong—40 Day Divine Liturgy By her family +Arthur Sander By Charlie & Theresa Miller
12pm noon	No Divine Liturgy
Mon. Dec. 1 12:00 pm	<i>Prophet Nahum</i> No Divine Liturgy
Tue. Dec. 2	<i>Prophet Habkhouk & St. Nounis</i>
Wed. Dec. 3 12:00 pm	<i>St. Francis Xavier</i> No Divine Liturgy
Thurs. Dec. 4	<i>St. Barbara the Martyr</i>
Fri. Dec. 5 12:00 pm	<i>St. Saba</i> No Divine Liturgy
Sat. Dec. 6	<i>St. Nicolas the miraculous, Archbishop of Mira</i>
Sun. Dec. 7 10:15 am	BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST +Terry Leong By St Raymond's Choir +Dr. John Bouhasin By Ramona Milford +Gus Millati +Janet Wright

CRESTWOOD: (RC Roman Catholic, MC Maronite)

Sat. Nov. 29 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. Saturninus</i> Patricia Augustyniak Subdeacon George & Marilue Simon
Sun. Nov. 30 8:00 am RC 10:30 am RC	1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Amy Lauber by Luke Lauber Ula Zamarlo
Mon. Dec. 1 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Charles of Jesus</i> Neal & Aaron Alster by Pat Alster
Tue. Dec. 2 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Bibiana</i> + Helen Murphy by Pat & Aaron Alster Joseph Ojile By Linda Hill
Wed. Dec. 3 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Francis Xavier</i> + William J. O'Brien
Thurs. Dec. 4 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm MC	<i>St. Barbara</i> + Beth Drewett by Janet Finke Elias Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family
Fri. Dec. 5 8:00am RC	<i>St. Gerald</i> Robert C. Withington
Sat. Dec. 6 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm MC	<i>Sunday Vigil, St. Nicholas</i> Vittorio Moran Dr. and Mrs. Michael McCann
Sun. Dec. 7 8:00 am MC 10:30 am RC	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Joseph Gioeli by Steven Gilroy + Randy Ehert

WEEKLY FINANCES 11/23/2025 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

4:00pm Saturday Loose cash	450
Checks/Envelopes	170
7:00pm Saturday Loose cash	38
Checks/Envelopes	150
8:00am Sunday Loose cash	159
Checks/Envelopes	210
10:30am Sunday Loose cash	145
Checks/Envelopes	292
Candles	157
Pickleball	280
Revenue during the week	4,047
Second Collection	50
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds	858
Expenses	8,683.11

ST. RAYMOND:

5:15pm Saturday Loose cash	75
Checks/Envelopes	95
10:15am Sunday Loose cash	208
Checks/Envelopes	1,735
Revenue during the week	1,200
Candles	297
Coffee Hour	
2nd Collection	
Online Giving https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds	1,363
Expenses	15,329.15

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON 7/1/2026

Income	7,417.25
Expenses	3,083.87

You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

Luke 12:40



A note from the pastor

Pope Leo XIV: Christians living in the midst of war are seeds of peace

- On the eve of his departure for Türkiye and Lebanon, the Pope invites us to pray for Christian communities who live in war-torn or conflict zones.
- Leo XIV invites them to not feel abandoned and to be “seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.”

He then asks all Christians in the world “to not fall into indifference” and to be “builders of unity.” (Vatican City, 26 November 2025) – Today, on the eve of **Pope Leo XIV’s** departure for his **first apostolic journey to Türkiye and Lebanon**, The Pope invites to pray specifically for the Christian minorities who live in the midst of war. In fact, in this last prayer intention of the year, the Holy Father asks that we pray “that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.” He is the first to do so, reciting a prayer to the “God of peace,” in the video produced and distributed by the [Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network](#), with the collaboration of **Vatican Media**.

Builders of hope, instruments of peace

Christians “living amidst wars and violence” should never feel alone, “even [when] surrounded by pain,” the Holy Father says. “May they never cease to feel the gentle kindness” of God’s presence, “and the prayers of their brothers and sisters in faith,” he continues. “May they become seeds of reconciliation, builders of hope in ways both small and great, capable of forgiving and moving forward, of bridging divides and seeking justice with mercy.”

Even in those parts of the world in which war seems to be the only rule of law, “where harmony seems impossible,” Christians are called to be “instruments of peace.” This goes not only for those living there, but for all of us as well, because Jesus “called blessed those who work for peace.” The Pope asks the Holy Spirit not only to sustain “the faith of those who suffer” and to strengthen “their hope,” but also that he “not allow us to fall into indifference,” and to make us “builders of unity.”

Faith amidst the rubble

This month’s prayer intention, as well as Pope Leo XIV’s first apostolic journey, focus on one of the most unstable areas in the world from a political, economic, and safety perspective. According to *Aid to the Church in Need’s Religious freedom report 2025*, the number of conflicts in the Middle East and the socio-economic conditions there expose religious minorities, and Christians in particular, to a condition of extreme vulnerability. After two years of war, the population in **Palestine** is beyond exhaustion; homeless families have taken refuge in many churches. The severe economic crisis in **Lebanon** has driven thousands of people to emigrate, emptying parishes and schools. In **Syria** and **Iraq**, reconstruction struggles to make progress due to political instability, insecurity, and the lack of prospects for the young. And yet, in the midst of these difficulties, many small communities continue to safeguard the faith, serve the poor, and build bridges of co-existence with their neighbors who practice other religions.

Source: <https://www.popesprayer.va/2025-12-tpv-press-release-for-christians-in-areas-of-conflict/>

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Deadline: 8am Tuesdays
To submit: Email Felicity
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Downtown:
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Donate or Borrow piece of medical
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LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

Sat, Nov. 29 4:00 pm	Janet Finke
Sun, Nov. 30 8:00 am 10:30 am	Glen Brookman Jean Minton
Sat, Dec. 6 4:00 pm	Ralph & Margie
Sun, Dec. 7 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Fabi Pineda

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

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	

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this coming Mon. Dec. 1, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church, from 8:30am till 5pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Rel Ed classes Mon. Dec. 1, we will have a visit from St. Nicholas!

BIBLE STUDY WITH FR JAD

Fr. Jad will have the Bible study this coming Mon. Dec. 1, at 6pm, he will have it on Wed. Dec. 3. at 4pm, at Fr. Edwards hall at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church.

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 have the video Thurs., Dec. 4, after 8am Mass.

OCIA CLASS

No Class Dec. 4, 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>

CHRISTMAS DINNER, THURS. DEC. 4

The Men's Society and Ladies' Sodality are having their annual Christmas Dinner at Sam's Steakhouse (10205 Gravois Rd, St. Louis, MO 63123). Arrive at 6:30pm, dinner at 7pm. For more info contact Jason Oesterlei (joesterlei@bpps401k.com); or Linda Hill (lindahlhillcpa@gmail.com)

MISSION SUNDAY & BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Our children are invited Sun. Dec. 7 to bring a gift to the church to be given to the fortunate children in our city. Breakfast with Santa event right after at the Cedars banquet hall, for more info see flyer in back!

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!

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 & ASSSTANCE 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

Christians in the Middle East



4%

of the population
(20% 100 years ago)

8 million

have fled abroad

Reasons for the drop:

war
violence
socio-economic situation

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

HOLIDAY SHOPPING FOR YOU, FUNDRAISING FOR OUR YOUTH!

DECEMBER 12, 6-8:30PM

ST. RAYMOND-ST. ELIZABETH CAFETERIA

COST: \$20/CHILD, \$10/EACH ADD. SIBLING

AGE: KINDERGARTEN-5TH GRADE
FUN ACTIVITIES AND PIZZA PROVIDED!

CONTACT ALEXIS TO RSVP AT LEXROMEOW@SBCGLOBAL.NET
CASH DAY OF OR VENMO PLEASE



Joy to the World!

Annual Benefit Nativity Display

Bring the entire family to experience the real reason for the season!

Enjoy 150 unique nativity sets, a hands-on kids room, and free parking! In lieu of an entry fee, we will collect new kitchen & bath towels to be given to Welcome Neighbor STL. Cash donations are also accepted.



10am-4pm on Saturday & Sunday, Dec 6-7
Tau Center at 335 S Kirkwood Rd, St Louis

Behind PNC Bank bldg (next to KinderCare on S Clay). Children under 12 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Use East covered porch entry with stairs. Accessible parking/entry is on Southwest corner. Call from the lot.



Good tidings of comfort & joy

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by Dennis Talley
In Memory of Sharon Droege Sansone
by Robert Sansone

Donations

Westlake ACE Hardware - Weber Grill Raffle
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Grill Donation
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Ladies and Men's Sodality
Nancy Elking - Stevens
Smoothie Booth

Ramona Milford
Games Booth
Renee Meier & Helen Ingold
Wine Bar
Hamad Family
Shawarma Booth
Sabat Family
Gary & Mary Wagner

St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Breakfast with Santa

Sunday, December 7, 2025
Starting 10:15am with Mass
(and Gift Donation to the less fortunate children)
11:30am Breakfast at The Cedars of St. Raymond
Cathedral, 939 Lebanon Dr, St. Louis, MO 63104

- "Cripple Creek" Band, live music
- Photo with Santa
Gifts and Treats
With Santa's helpers,
Our Youth MYO
- Cookie Decorating
Arts & Crafts
- Carols, and Singing
with our Children
- Competitive Games

Brunch 11:30am-12:15pm
Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Potatoes, Biscuits, Orange Juice, Milk
(prepared and served by the Men's Society)

\$20 per adult
(17 years and younger are free)
(reservation and payment by Sun. Nov. 30)

For tickets and reservation please contact
The church offices at:
314 621 0056 Downtown, 314 968 0760 Crestwood
email: secretary@straymond-mc.org, or steeliz@straymond-mc.org
or Chairperson Barbara Skitt 314 223 5923
We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express, Checks, and Cash Payments
Online payment at www.straymond-mc.org

Bring your family to a Baby Jesus Party on
Saturday, December 6. 10am to 3pm.



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