



## *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

931 Lebanon Drive  
St. Louis, MO 63104

Tel: (314) 621-0056

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

Facebook: St. Raymond's  
Maronite Cathedral group

### DIVINE LITURGY

Sunday: 10:15am  
Mon, Wed, Fri: 12 noon

### RECONCILIATION:

Sunday: 9:15am  
or by appointment

### Crestwood

1420 S. Sappington Road  
Crestwood, MO 63126

Tel: (314) 968-0760

Fax: (314) 968-8023

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

Facebook: St. Elizabeth of Hungary  
Catholic Church @sehcrestwood

### 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



### VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH

Liturgy p. 38  
2 Sam 6:9-18  
Eph 1:1-14  
Lk 1:39-45



### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jer 33:14-16  
Psalm 25  
1 Thes 3:12-4:2  
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

*Sunday, December 1st, 2024*

## DIVINE LITURGY & MASS INTENTIONS DOWNTOWN:

Sun, Dec. 1 10:15 am	<b>VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN TO ELIZABETH</b> Rick and Janet Baker—Blessed 40 years of Marriage +Marguerite Khayat Mazloun By Dr. Edmond & Rima Cabbabe
Mon, Dec. 2 12:00 pm	<i>Prophet Habkhouk &amp; St Nounis</i> James Dayle (for healing) By James Gera
Tues, Dec. 3	<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>
Wed, Dec. 4 12:00 pm	<i>St. Barbara the Martyr</i> Eusebio Barragan By Pam DiMercurio
Thurs, Dec. 5	<i>St. Saba</i>
Fri, Dec. 6 12:00 pm	<i>St. Nicolas the miraculous, archbishop of Mira</i> David Mueckl (for healing) By Ralph Wahby
Sat, Dec. 7	<i>St. Ambrose, bishop of Milan</i>
Sun, Dec. 8 10:15 am	<b>BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST</b> +Anna A Elking By Joe Elking Sr. and Family +Eusebio Barragan By Mary Denny and Family +Carey Goldsmith By David & Kathi Wahby and Family

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

Sat, Nov. 30 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm M	<i>Sunday Vigil; St. Andrew</i> Sam Vitale George Simon Sr. By Linda Hill
Sun, Dec. 1 8:00 am M 10:30 am RC	<b>1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Kim Ponton by Pam Olimpico Maria & John Zamarlo
Mon, Dec. 2 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Bibiana</i> William Busekrus by Pat Busekrus
Tue, Dec. 3 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm M	<i>St. Frances Xavier</i> David Goedde Subdeacon George Simon Sr By Olivia Muchow
Wed, Dec. 4 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Barbara</i> Pat Cooseman by Janet Finke
Thurs, Dec. 5 8:00 am RC 6:00 pm M	<i>St. Sabas</i> Rosemary Shaughnessy Elias Hitti By Nazha Hitti and Family
Fri, Dec. 6 8:00 am RC	<i>St. Nicholas of Bari</i> Greg Simpher by Rhoda Simpher
Sat, Dec. 7 4:00 pm RC 5:15 pm M	<i>Sunday Vigil; St. Ambrose</i> Sam Vitale Mary Ann Schmidt By LaDonna Rask
Sun, Dec. 8 8:00 am M 10:30 am RC	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> Mary Jane Simon by Jim Simon Janina & Boleslaw Zmuda

## WEEKLY FINANCES 11/24/2024 ST. RAYMOND-ST.ELIZABETH:

<u>4:00pm Saturday</u>	
Loose cash	361
Checks/Envelopes	310
<u>7:00pm Saturday</u>	
Loose cash	28
Checks/Envelopes	140
<u>8:00am Sunday</u>	
Loose cash	67
Checks/Envelopes	140
<u>10:30am Sunday</u>	
Loose cash	156
Checks/Envelopes	373
Candles	74
Pickleball	106
Revenue during the week	12,449.99
Second Collection	
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds">https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds</a>	315
Expenses	\$6,741.60

## ST. RAYMOND:

<u>5:15pm Saturday</u>	
Loose cash	19
Checks/Envelopes	800
<u>10:15am Sunday</u>	
Loose cash	134
Checks/Envelopes	1,007
Food Pantry	7,621
Second collection	1,875
Revenue during the week	2,164
Candles	112
St Raymond's Feast Day	1,260
Ladies' Sodality to Youth	1,000
Online Giving <a href="https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds">https://osvhub.com/straymond-mc/giving/funds</a>	1,248
Expenses	\$12,228.91





# A note from the pastor



*Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings and Peace!

The Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles is once again participating in #GivingTuesday taking place on December 3, 2024. #GivingTuesday is the single largest giving movement in the world which focuses on generosity and giving back.



Black Friday and Cyber Monday are days when we focus on our personal and family needs. Join us this #Giving Tuesday to make a difference in our Maronite Church and community across the United States by giving to the various causes and ministries of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles, including charitable contributions at home, Lebanon, and the Middle East for the needy and less fortunate.

The Eparchy works diligently to support our seminarians, retired priests, religious education, youth and young adult formation, marriage preparation, laity ministry, and formation, as well as assisting our parishes and missions. Over the years, the Eparchy has also worked to send much needed help to Lebanon and the region in these troubled times. We hope you will join our efforts.

I also ask you to consider supporting your local parish in a special way.  
<https://www.straymond-mc.org/>

Thank you for your consideration in making a difference in our Eparchy and in the lives of the people who depend on its continued work and support.

With sincere best wishes and prayers, I remain

Yours in Christ,

+A. Elias Zaidan  
Bishop of the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles  
[Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon of Los Angeles | Maronite Catholic Eparchy](https://www.straymond-mc.org/)

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### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Deadline: 8am Tuesdays  
To submit: Email Felicity  
[steeliz@straymond-mc.org](mailto:steeliz@straymond-mc.org)

### ONLINE GIVING

Crestwood:  
[osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds](https://osvhub.com/stelizabethhungary/funds)  
Downtown:  
[straymond-mc.org/online-giving](https://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](mailto:davidcmiller60@gmail.com)





## LECTORS: CRESTWOOD

<b>Sat, Nov. 30</b> 4:00 pm	Ralph & Margie
<b>Sun, Dec. 1</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Nancy Wall Fabi Pineda
<b>Sat, Dec. 7</b> 4:00 pm	Sr Rosalie
<b>Sun, Dec. 8</b> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Julie Hoijarvi Austin Krueger

## UP COMING EVENTS

- \*Nov. 23-24: St. Elizabeth & St. Romanos
- \*Wed Dec 4: Men's Society Christmas P.
- \*Sun Dec. 8: Breakfast with Santa
- \*Thurs Dec 12: Ladies' Sodality Christmas P.
- \*Tue Dec 31: New Year's Eve Celebration
- \*Sun. March 9 : Ladies' Sodality Purse Bingo
- \*Sun. April 13: Palm Sun. Lunch.
- +Thurs. May 29: Confirmation at St. R– St. E
- \*Sat. June 7: Men's Society Golf Tournament
- \*Sep. 19-21: St. Louis Lebanese Festival

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

Mark Beck	Jim Hoffman
Tom Hearst	Gary Bieller
Victor Sciarrino	Richard Baker Sr
Rosalie Hubert	Patrick Carr
Mike McSorley Sr.	Steve Baker
James Brumfield	Jana Smith
Christopher & Cathy	Janet Zhakaria
Seemayer	John Cleary
Mary Lou Works	Tom Morrow
Chris Nelms	Marie Kallial
Ted Arunski	Mary L Simon
Dave Holdinghausen	Jim Benoist
Mary Ann Reiter	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	David Taylor
Gloria (Skip) Leisure	Milad Abounader
Don Ganim	
John Anton	

## WELCOME FR. JAD CHLOUK

We welcome Fr. Jad Chlouk to be the assistant pastor at St. Raymond Cathedral and St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church.

## COFFEE HOUR

The coffee hour this Sun. Dec. 1, will be served by Mary, Pam, and Elie, Thank you!

## YOUTH NEWS

Our youth will have their meeting on Sun. Dec. 1, after 10:15am Divine Liturgy at the Cedars.

We thank the Ladies' Sodality, and the Oct 12 Festival, Shawarma/ Falafel booth for donating \$1,000 each to the cause of the Youth and their activities.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration this Mon. Dec. 2, from 8:30am till 5:00pm.

## REL. ED. CLASSES & REGISTRATION

Rel Ed Classes this coming Monday, Dec. 2 at 6pm, at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church in Crestwood.

Religious Education Calendar:

Monday, Dec. 2, 2024 Class St Nicholas Visits

Monday, Dec. 9, Class First Confession and All School Confessions

Monday, Dec. 16, 2024 Class Advent Family Charity Night

Monday, Dec. 23 & 30, 2024 No class Merry Christmas!

## PARISH PATORAL AND FINANCE COUNCILS

The parish pastoral and finance councils will meet on Tue. Dec. 3, at 6:30pm, at the cafeteria of St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth church.

## KITCHEN SCOOP

The Kitchen will be open Wed. Dec. 4, 2024.

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, 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

## MEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY WED. DEC. 4

we will have the Men's Christmas dinner on Wednesday December 4th at 6 pm at Rigazzi's. We'll have a dinner with chicken parmigiana, white & red sauce pasta, salad & toasted ravioli for \$29.95/ person, email Jim Risk <jrisk1@aol.com> or Jason Oesterlei <joesterlei@bpp401k.com>

## THURSDAY VIDEO SERIES

We will not have a film on Thursday, Dec 5, at Fr. Edwards Hall. Blessed Thanksgiving!

## LADIES' CHRISTMAS PARTY WED. DEC. 12

Our 2024 Christmas dinner is Thursday December 12th at 6:30 pm. We would love to have you as our guest.

We will be having dinner at Pietro's, 3801 Watson Rd. You will have a choice of a Beef or Chicken dinner, email Linda Hill <lindahillcpa@gmail.com>



### 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

✠ Mary Ann Reiter	11-14-2024
✠ Patricia Cooseman	11-4-2024
✠ 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
✠ 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
✠ 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

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### GIVING TREES

In the season of Thanksgiving, we have Giving Trees at our church in both locations.

St. Raymond's Giving Tree, the gifts will be donated to St. Peter Claver Church, North St. Louis (Thanks to our Youth)

St. Raymond— St. Elizabeth's Giving Tree will be donated to Our Lady's Inn (Thanks ProLife Committee)

### CARITAS LEBANON USA

Lebanon and the Lebanese families are going through difficult time. We are praying for peace in Lebanon and the world.

Caritas Lebanon always is helping the families in need with food, medicine, and shelter. You may donate to help the families affected by the war in southern Lebanon.

1/ You can go to [www.CaritasLebanon.org](http://www.CaritasLebanon.org) and donate, (there is a Donate button on the right).

2/ or make a check to the order of Caritas Lebanon and mail to: St Raymond Cathedral, 931 Lebanon Dr, St Louis, MO 63104

3/ or you can wire transfer to Bank of America (call 3146210056)



### LECTORS NEEDED

We are in need of a lector for the 8am Sunday Masses at St. Raymond—St. Elizabeth parish. To volunteer please email the office at [steeliz@straymond-mc.org](mailto:steeliz@straymond-mc.org) or call 314-968-0760.

### CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

Join us as we explore and discuss the contemplative tradition of the Church. We will share and support each other's successes and struggles to grow in a life of prayer. Mondays at 12:30pm in Fr. Edward's hall. Contact Jacob with any questions: [Jacob.hart.g@gmail.com](mailto:Jacob.hart.g@gmail.com)

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On Sun. Dec. 8, we will celebrate Mission Sunday, at 10:15am Divine Liturgy, with all our children that they bring gifts with them to the less fortunate children in our beloved city, St. Louis. Afterward we will have Breakfast with Santa at the Cedars hall, the flyer will be posted by next week. For more details, see flyer, last page of bulletin

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

We are planning for a New Year's Eve party at St. Raymond— St. Elizabeth church, Crestwood, on Tuesday, December 31, at 7pm. We will have a live music band, and a DJ for American songs. Some of the proceeds will benefits St. Raymond's scholarship fund, and Caritas Lebanon USA. See Flyer in the back.

### NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

The National Night of Prayer for Life, from 9 pm on the December 8th until 1 am December 9th includes all time zones in the United States when everyone will be in prayer. The Night of Prayer bridges the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and St. Juan Diego, and prepares us for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. We pray to Our Blessed Mother to protect family and Life; to renew the Church, and inspire Courage in the soul of our nation. St Elizabeth/St Raymond will participate in some hours with this 35th Annual Night of Prayer.



Join us December 3, 2024 for **#GivingTuesday**, the single largest giving movement in the world which focuses on the ideals of generosity and collective action.

This season is marked by family gatherings and shopping. We ask you to take the time to also focus on supporting your community and the less fortunate.

Your donations to **#GivingTuesday** will count towards assisting our parish in our ministry of faith, compassion, and mercy.

**Pray, reflect, and consider donating any amount to Church on #GivingTuesday.**

To donate please

Visit at [www.straymond-mc.org](http://www.straymond-mc.org)

Call the church offices at:

314 621 0056 Downtown, 314 968 0760 Crestwood

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

(any time before or after December 3, 2024)



Let's make this the largest giving day of the campaign!

We announce the start of St. Louis senior community group, a group that supports and encourages seniors to participate in multiple activities to promote healthier and more interactive life to our beloved seniors.



Location: at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church (1420 S Sappington Rd, Crestwood, MO 63126), and we will be out for many social and community serving projects

We hope to encourage our seniors to participate in activities like:

- 1- social events
- 2- serving community projects
- 3- volunteer opportunities
- 4- productive projects
- 5- entertainment activities

We will provide transportation for seniors

Our first meeting, will be Friday December 13 2024, at 12pm, RSVP: Saad Alkaade: 3146815837, [saad.k@sbcglobal.net](mailto:saad.k@sbcglobal.net)

Cost including transportation, lunch, and entertainment: 50\$, joining without transportation: 25\$

## St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth

### Breakfast with Santa



**Sunday, December 8, 2024**

**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**

Photo with Santa  
Gifts and Treats  
(Our Youth MYO, Santa's helpers)

Cookie Decorating  
Arts & Crafts

Carols, and Singing  
with our Children

Competitive Games



**Brunch 11:30am—12:15pm**  
**Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Hash browns, Biscuits, Orange Juice, Chocolate Milk, ...**  
**(prepared and served by the Men's Society)**

**\$20 per adult**  
**(17 years and younger are free)**  
**(reservation and payment by Sun. Dec. 1st)**

For tickets and reservation please contact

The church offices at:

314 621 0056 Downtown, 314 968 0760 Crestwood

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



## St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Church

### New Year's Eve Celebration

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HAPPY  
2025  
NEW YEAR

**Tuesday, December 31, 2024**

**Starting 7:30pm- Dinner from 8 PM -9 PM**  
**at St. Raymond– St. Elizabeth Gymnasium**  
**1420 S. Sappington Rd. St. Louis, MO 63126**

- ★ DJ for American Music and Songs
- ★ Champagne Bottle for each table
- ★ Middle Eastern Food Buffet
- ★ Baby Sitting
- ★ B.Y.O.B.

**Singer Saad Abi Akl and Band**



**\$100 per adult**  
**\$50 (12 -17 years old)**  
**Free for children (11 years old and under)**  
**(deadline for sale of tickets/tables is December 26)**

For tickets, please contact (no tickets to be sold at door):

**Nick Chahood 314 749 9697 Claudine Adem 314 497 5524**  
or Church Offices 314 621 0056 Downtown, 314 968 0760 Crestwood

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

We accept Visa, Master Card, American Express, Checks, and Cash Payments

Online payment at [www.straymond-mc.org](http://www.straymond-mc.org)

(50% of the proceeds will benefit St. Raymond's Scholarship Fund)

