

# Saint Robert's Church



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## **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

There is a six month period of preparation for the celebration of this Sacrament. Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

## **SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please call the rectory in case of serious illness and before surgery and hospital care.

## **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

High school students call the Religious Education Office. Adult confirmation is available on an individual basis. Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

There is a period of preparation for the celebration of this Sacrament. Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal class. Please contact the rectory in advance.

## **SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST**

Vigil Mass 4:30 pm (Saturday)

Sundays: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am and 5:00 pm

Holy Days: Please consult weekly bulletin.

**Weekdays:** Masses are on Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 6:30 a.m. and Monday through Saturday at 8:30 a.m. *Communion Services* are held Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30 a.m.

*Our Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring the Eucharist to the sick or homebound.*

*Please contact the Rectory.*

## **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm or call 589-2800 to make an appointment.

## Dear Parishioners,

If we ever doubted that the decisions of a group of greedy people could radically affect the entire country, the past few weeks have convinced us. And if we thought that we were not part of a global society in which our actions affected the people of every nation, that illusion has disappeared as well. I realize the audacity of my trying to comment on the economic situation on a Tuesday, when by Saturday evening or Sunday, it may have changed drastically again.

I participated in the California Catholic Advocacy workshop over the weekend, sponsored by the California Conference of Bishops and Catholic Relief Services. One of the participants works for Catholic Charities, but had previously had a career as an economist and stock broker. In addition to explaining what had actually happened in layperson's terms, he explained the role of credit in our economy. If McDonald's could not get credit (which it couldn't at one point last week), it would need to close outlets and lay off employees, setting off a horrid domino effect. And if a bank won't lend to McDonald's, what chance did a small business have of borrowing to ease its cash flow? In the dire picture he painted - hoping all the while that he was wrong - he said that half of the economist colleagues he had consulted predicted a 3-5 year depression, the other half a 10 year depression. And all of them concurred that most people would take a major step down in their socioeconomic level: the wealthy would move into the middle class and have little money to fund foundations and other charitable efforts; the middle class would slip into the working and lower class; many families just making ends meet would slide into poverty; and the poverty of the poor would become misery.

What does this say to us? Some parishioners have already told me what percentage of their 401k, the retirement they had counted on, has disappeared. Those who serve at Café St. Vincent have noticed an increase in numbers of people coming for meals. Though neither presidential candidate has said so, there will be little money for badly needed social programs. The wisdom of older folks who lived through the depression can be a guide for the rest of us. We need to live within our means, perhaps using our credit cards more carefully than we have in the past. We and our families need to distinguish between what we need and what we want. We are being nudged to take on that small town value of checking with neighbors and friends to see if any of them need some help. Perhaps, we need to set aside our pride and ask for help for ourselves or our loved ones in this strange economic situation.

Let us pray for those charged with working out a solution to this crisis which impacts the whole human family. And may the Spirit open our hearts to respond to the new ways in which our assistance may be needed.

**Peace, S. Sheral**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday-October 20th

Mass Intention 6:30 Louis Anthony Rinaldi †  
8:30 Arturo 'Macky' Lopez †  
**Cheerleading Pract. 1:45pm Hall**

### Tuesday-October 21st

Mass Intention 6:30 Carolyn Sue Johnston †  
8:30 Harry Seagrave, Jr. †  
**Adult Religious Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel**  
**Rel Ed/Gr 1-5 3:30pm Church & Hall**  
**Rel Ed/Jr. High 6pm Hall**  
**Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library**

### Wednesday-October 22nd

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service  
8:30 Eliseo Medrano †  
**Cheerleading Pract. 3pm Hall**  
**9:30am Mass Choir 7pm Church**  
**Scripture Study 7:30pm Convent Chp.**

### Thursday-October 23rd

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service  
8:30 Frances Friedman †  
**Athletic Board Mtg 7pm Mahoney Room**  
**RCIA 7pm Convent Chapel**

### Friday-October 24th

Mass Intention 6:30 Mary Shick †  
8:30 Gwen Ferro †  
**Cheerleading Pract. 3pm Hall**  
**Confirmation Pract. 7pm Church**

### Saturday-October 25th

Mass Intention 8:30 John Paul Interdonato †  
4:30 Rosemary Farac †  
**AA meeting 9:30am Mahoney Room**  
**Confirmation 10:30am Church**  
**Grief Consolation 3pm Convent Chapel**

### Sunday-October 26th

Mass Intention 7:30 Charles Xuereb †  
9:30 Sister Loreto †  
11:30 Anne Avalos †  
5pm People of St. Robert's  
**Choir Practice 2pm Church**

*We continue to ask each week that parishioners pray for the chronically ill of our parish. If you have a friend or loved one in need of our parish prayers please call the Rectory at 589-2800.*



**As a Parish Community we pray ...**  
 On this world Mission Sunday, we pray for Pope Benedict and all missionaries who give their lives to proclaim the word of God throughout the earth. May they be loving, wise and holy Witnesses of Christ, our Savior.



Our sincere sympathy to the family of  
**Janet Wilson**  
 who died recently



**Mass for those Affected  
 by Crime, Abuse, or Violence  
 October 26th at 3:30 p.m.**

**At St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco  
 Presider will be Archbishop George Niederauer**

This is a Mass for those of all ages who have been victimized in any way through crime, abuse and violence. It is also for secondary victims the families and friends of those traumatized and voiceless.

**ALL SOULS (2008)**

November is traditionally the month set aside by our church to commemorate and celebrate the memories of our departed loved ones. This year *"The feast of All Souls"* falls on a Sunday so we will celebrate it at all the Masses on November 2nd.

**(1.)** The names of those buried from St. Robert's during the past year will be read aloud during all four Masses.

**(2.)** A special shrine erected by Our Lady's statue with the names inscribed in a Memorial Book. Please, bring pictures, memorial cards or flowers to place in this shrine for the month of November.

**(3.)** We will have a special *Wall of Remembrance*. We post the names of those who died during the period November 1, 2007 – October 31, 2008 around the walls of the church, so that the faithful will be reminded of our departed loved ones each time they enter the Church.

**(4.) We are asking a special favor** from you, the parishioners. We have records all those buried from Saint Robert's during the past year, but would like to remember all of your departed loved ones that were buried /cremated from any other church or Funeral Home during the past year. Call, e-mail or fax their names to the Rectory or to Sister Patricia at [posullivan3@juno.com](mailto:posullivan3@juno.com) before October 25th. This will give Emil Ruggiero time to prepare the **"St. Robert's Wall of Remembrance"** by Nov. 1st, "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead."

*Sister Patricia*

**St. Roberts  
 The Second Annual  
 Choral Concert**



**Sunday, November 2nd at 3 p.m.**

The choirs of St. Roberts and St. Matthews are getting together to present a concert of sacred choral music, featuring the choirs of our two parishes as well as soloists and small groups. There will be music of different styles and seasons. Those who attended the concert last year were treated to some beautiful and uplifting music. This program will feature music from Thanksgiving to Christmas to Easter.

The concert will be here **Sunday, November 2nd at 3 PM**. I hope that you will be able to attend, not only to hear a wonderful program, but also to support choral music. These choir members are working hard attending extra rehearsals on Sunday afternoons. An offering will be taken to help with the cost of the music.

The choir and I look forward to presenting this beautiful music, and hope that you will enjoy it as well.

**Kevin Imbimbo**

**WE CONGRATULATE  
 THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Kaiya Jaymes Olivas  
 Michael Vincent Perez  
 Ella Marie Cary  
 Lana Rose Trehan  
 Kaimana Duke Ancheta



**STEWARDSHIP**

July 1st to Oct. 12th (goal)	150,750.00
July 1st to Oct. 12th (actual)	154,190.00
7/1/08-6/30/09 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 10/12)	8,629.21

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

As of 10/7/08 **356 Families** have pledged  
**\$83,925.10.**

*Our goal this year is \$95,100.00*

**Thank you for your generous donation.**

**Sign up for E-Contributions**

Go to [www.saintroberts.org](http://www.saintroberts.org) and click on the e-contributions button.

*There is no cost to you for this service.*

# MINISTER SCHEDULE/OCT 25 & 26

## **Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass**

**Presider: Msgr. Dreier**

**Eucharistic Ministers: J. Scannell (C)**

B. Moniz, T. Dachauer, R. Aveson, J. Finegan, D. Bisagno,  
C. Holland, M. Murphy, K. Hornung

**Lectors: C. Aveson and B. Rudometkin**

**Altar Servers: D. McElroy and K. Ravelo**

## **Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass**

**Presider: Fr. Ring**

**Eucharistic Ministers: M. Noce (C)**

A. Doherty, R. Jardin, E. Ruggiero, C. Noce

**Lectors: S. Heaney and A. Reyes**

**Altar Servers: A. Clifford and L. Clifford**

## **Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass**

**Presider: Fr. O'Dell**

**Eucharistic Ministers: M. Bourne (C)**

M.A. Saisi, M. Bologna, A. Romine, R. Valdez, J. Valdez,  
S. Murray, T. Jones, H. Mar

**Lectors: J. Shick**

**Altar Servers: J. Chase, A. Shick and N. Stelmashenko**

**Children's Liturgy: Family Mass**

## **Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass**

**Presider: Fr. O'Dell**

**Eucharistic Ministers: R. Benavente (C)**

C. Morgan, L. Sing, P. Fernandez, M. Fernandez, D. Murphy,  
B. Chester, V/L Picinini, A. Maron

**Lectors: F. Firpo and G. May**

**Altar Servers: F. Abellana and A. Dharmadi**

## **Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass**

**Presider: Fr. Schaukowitz**

**Eucharistic Ministers: M. Salvato (C)**

V. Hawkins, M. Dowden, M. Alberouette, M. Santiago,  
P. Landholt, G. Landholt, G. Lynch, D. Ferris

**Lector: J. Marty and G. Jurkowitz**

**Altar Servers: S. Delucchi and M. Godfrey**

### **WEEKLY READINGS**

#### Monday-October 20th

Readings: Eph 2:1-10 Lk 12:13-21

#### Tuesday-October 21st

Readings: Eph 2:12-22 Lk 12:35-38

#### Wednesday-October 22nd

Readings: Eph 3:2-12 Lk 12:39-48

#### Thursday-October 23rd

Readings: Eph 3:14-21 Lk 12:49-53

#### Friday-October 24th

Readings: Eph 4:1-6 Lk 12:54-59

#### Saturday-October 25th

Readings: Eph 4:7-16 Lk 13:1-9

#### Sunday-October 26th

Readings: Ex 22:20-26 1 Thes 1:5c-10 Mt 22:34-40

# Living the Liturgy

## Year of St. Paul

You may have noticed in Catholic San Francisco that the Holy Father has designated this year as the Year of St. Paul. As best we know, Paul was born between 8 and 10 AD, so this is the bi-millennium of his birth. Sometimes Paul gets a “bad rap” for certain passages that are taken in isolation and interpreted from our perspective instead of from the cultural and religious context in which they were written. But his letters are among the first accounts we have of the early Christian communities. His first letter to the Thessalonians, for example, was written between the years 51-52. Mark’s gospel, the first one we have, was written between 66 and 70. Since we’ll be hearing sequential readings from I Thessalonians for the next three weeks, I’ll focus on Paul’s wisdom for us contained in those passages.

It’s easy to discount Paul’s greeting as merely an introduction, but we need to reflect on it. If we read it carefully, we’ll see that Paul is thanking God for the community’s faith, love and hope, the same three virtues we are called to practice in our everyday lives. He mentions that they know that they are “brothers and sisters loved by God” who were “chosen.” Paul didn’t have a clue that we’d be hearing his words so many years later, but they surely apply to us. What would our lives be like if we could keep in mind that we are – each of us – loved by God and chosen! That awareness might lessen our occasional bouts of depression or feelings of insecurity. If we focus on God’s love for us, our response would be the “work of faith and labor of love” which Paul speaks of.

On this Mission Sunday weekend, let us pray for all the missionaries throughout the world who are spreading the Good News of God’s love. Closer to home, let us remember our high school candidates who will be receiving the Holy Spirit in confirmation this Saturday. And may all of us live the coming week aware of God’s love and extending it to everyone we encounter! Peace, S. Sheral

## All Saints and All Souls

Since the solemnity of All Saints falls on a Saturday this year, it is not a holyday of obligation. The readings for the 4:30 pm Mass that day will be those of All Souls Day.

## Just So You Know

You may have noticed people with notepads in the aisles of the church these past two weekends. They are doing the annual October count of parishioners which we need to submit to the archdiocese.

***Consolation Ministry*** - Saint Robert’s Grief Support Group will hold their next meeting on **October 25th** in the Convent Chapel from 3 to 4:15 p.m. (before the 4:30 p.m. Mass). Anyone who is suffering from the loss, whether (recent or not so recent) of a loved one— spouse, sibling, child, parent, friend or relative is invited to come and pray, share, comfort and be comforted. You are invited to bring a companion for support and strength. God Bless you in your sorrow.  
*Sister Patricia* 589-0104.

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Daniel & Julie Agius & Family

David & Terri Stines & Family

Dan & Nanette Ficker & Family

Marie Finau & Family

Jeffrey & LaVerne Cachapero & Family

Parinda Uleinberg & Family

Barbara Boffi

**IF YOU ARE NEW TO ST. ROBERT’S,** we ask that you complete a registration form found in the vestibule of the church. Drop it either in the collection basket, the mail, or at the parish office. We will send you a New Parishioner Packet with information about the parish, its organizations and groups. If you chose, you can register online at: [www.saintroberts.org](http://www.saintroberts.org).

## Receiving Holy Communion

Every time I distribute Holy Communion during Mass, I am inspired by the reverence with which you, our parishioners, receive the Lord. Thank you. Just two small reminders. If you have a little one who hasn’t received First Communion, could you please remind him/her that crossing the arms over the chest will let the Eucharistic minister know to give a blessing? And when we adults receive the Lord, we are asked to respond, “Amen.” “Amen” means, “So be it” or more colloquially, “I believe.” That we recognize who it is we are receiving is obvious by our body language, but it would be good to verbalize our belief as well.

## Faithful Citizenship

Msgr. Bob McElroy will be giving a session on the U.S. Bishops’ document, “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship” at Taube Hall at Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont this Thursday at 7:30 pm. The building is at the entrance to the campus.



## 2008 Centerplate Schedule

_____ Sunday	October 26 <sup>th</sup> 49ers vs Seattle	8:00 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
_____ Sunday	November 16 <sup>th</sup> 49ers vs Rams	8:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.
_____ Sunday	December 7 <sup>th</sup> 49ers vs Jets	8:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.
_____ Sunday	December 28 <sup>th</sup> 49ers vs Redskins	8:00 a.m.	1:15 p.m.

**Dress Code: Full length Black Slacks (no jeans, capris, spandex), white shirt with collar, closed toe shoes (black or white).**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign up on-line at [www.saintroberts.org](http://www.saintroberts.org). Click on the Centerplate button.

**As of October 12th  
we have received  
\$33,404.36 for Baseball  
\$8,057.38 Football Training Camp  
\$10,830.66 Football  
Totaling \$52,292.40  
*Thanks* to the many people  
who have volunteered.**