

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.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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

**Schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors
& Altar Servers are also available on the
web at www.saintroberts.org.**

Dear Friends:

*Teach me your ways,
O Lord.*

*Your ways, O LORD,
make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth
and teach me,
for you are God my savior.*



THE WEEK AHEAD



When I was invited to reflect on the readings for today I wondered what I might have to offer and then I read the Responsorial Psalm above. A call to teaching and a call to service are the focuses of today and they seem to be calls that each of us can answer in our own way.

I am always impressed by this parish and our speed in answering the call to service of others; evidenced each time we are able to provide support for our community through programs like Friends Helping Friends or St. Vincent DePaul Society. Each organization in their own way provides ALL parishioners with a chance to be of service to others. When we take the time to find those service opportunities and participate, we too are answering God's call today.

Students, who participate in our school and Religious Education programs, are provided with such wonderful examples of service not only by our priests but also by each of us – Teachers, Catechists, parents, and parishioners. Each of us SHOWS our young community the value of service to others and leads by example with no expectation of repayment – except continued prayers.

On Monday (1/19), I spoke with my daughter about the importance of service using MLK day as the backdrop. She reminded me, as we washed my car, that she was doing service by helping me. Each of us can offer some support no matter how big or small – it's just in the taking time to do it!

Ms. Joanne Bartolotti

Monday-January 26th

Mass Intention 6:30 Salome Zepeda †
8:30 Dan Kerwin †

**Grownup's Steering
Committee Mtg 7:15pm Mahoney Room**

Tuesday-January 27th

Mass Intention 6:30 Mark Bouscal †
8:30 Rafael Valladolid †

**Religious Ed/Gr1-5 3:30pm Church & Hall
Rel Ed/Jr. High 6pm Hall
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library**

Wednesday-January 28th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 John Plover †
**Choir Practice 7pm Church
Scripture Study 7:30pm Convent Chapel**

Thursday-January 29th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Bob Bordin †
**Children's Choir 3pm Church
RCIA 7pm Convent Chapel**

Friday-January 30th

Mass Intention 6:30 Ignacio Valladolid †
8:30 Bridget Travers †

Saturday-January 31st

Mass Intention 8:30 Enea Bruno †
4:30 Doreen Kenny †
**AA Meeting 10am Mahoney Room
InBetweener's
Crab Dinner 6:30pm Hall**

Sunday-February 1st

Mass Intention 7:30 James J. Murphy †
9:30 People of St. Robert's
11:30 Robert Fitzgerald †
5pm Leo Pieretti †



As a Parish Community we pray ... for all unborn children. May our love for them keep them safe until the joyful day of their birth and ever after.

**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Katelyn Adele Espino, Jacob William Giessner,
Jasmine Nicole Jimenez, Luis Alfredo Jimenez &
Christopher Michael Scerri, Jr.

Communion for the Sick

If there is someone ill in your family or recovering from surgery or chemotherapy who is unable to come to Mass, please call Sister Patricia at 589-0104 and she will ask someone to bring Holy Communion. Or contact Sr. Sheral at 589-2800 about the option of bringing your family member Communion yourself. There is a very simple procedure to be followed and either of us will be happy to go through it with you.

School  News

KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION

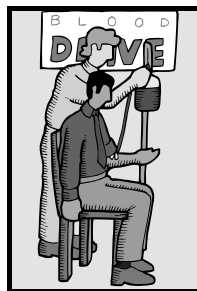
Applications for Kindergarten for the 2009-2010 school year will take place in the school office January 26th through January 30th from 9-3 p.m. Your child must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2009. You will need a copy of your child's birth and baptismal certificates, social security card, and a family picture.

OPEN HOUSE

St. Robert School will hold its annual Open House on Thursday evening, January 29th from 7-8 p.m.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

St. Robert School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at this school. St. Robert School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color and national and/or ethnic origin in administration of education policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school administered programs.



BLOOD DRIVE
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 1st
8am – 1:30pm
In the Hall
**PLEASE SHARE THE GIFT
OF LIFE**

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submission of weekly bulletin announcements is **Tuesday at noon**. Please submit announcements in writing to Kathy or Judy in the Rectory Office, fax us at 588-9628 or email kathywithak2@yahoo.com. - **Thank you!**

**St. Robert's Womens Guild
Proudly Presents.....
"All Around The World"**



Dinner Dance/Auction on March 7th.

5pm-Midnight at the South San Francisco Conference Center. For further information contact Dinner Dance chairs: Jennifer Dias (650) 359-2808 or Lisa Kreysa (650) 737-0211.

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to Jan. 18th (goal)	291,450.00
July 1st to Jan. 18th (actual)	300,299.10
7/1/08-6/30/09 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 1/18)	9,194.30

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 1/13/09 **363 Families** have pledged
\$86,570.10
Our goal last year (2008) is \$95,100.00
Thank you for your generous donation.

Sign up for E-Contributions

Go to www.saintroberts.org and click on the e-contributions button.

There is no cost to you for this service.

MINISTER SCHEDULE/Jan 31 & Feb 1

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Hanley (C)

J. Waldvogel, K. Hornung, D. Bisagno, C. Holland,
D. Hageman, R. Aveson, J. Scannell, Y. Olcomendy

Lectors: P. Scannell and C. Clarke

Altar Servers: L. Balestieri and M. Fogelsong

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Vassallo (C)

J. Jackson, J. Aldinger, T. Montross, R. Lahoz

Lectors: P. Lusic and R. Rolfes

Altar Servers: N. Nussbaum and E. Johnston

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Valdez (C)

L. Canaya, M. Bourne, C. Zolezzi, M. Quilici, A. Romine,
L. Cesca, S. Murray, J. Valdez

Lectors: J. Shick and J. Bartolotti

Altar Servers: A. Shick, N. Stelmachenko and T. Lesser

Children's Liturgy: Mark & Hilda and Gus

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell

Eucharistic Ministers: L. Welch (C)

V/L Picinini, A. Maron, P. Fernandez, M. Fernandez,
L. Juvero, L. Sing, N. Bamba, M. Nuti

Lectors: M. Cadiz and H. Valle

Altar Servers: C. McCann and B. Alvergue

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: V. Hawkins (C)

P. Landholt, G. Landholt, D. Ferris, M. Elmore,
J. Huddleston, P. Linehan, M. Dowden, M. Santiago

Lectors: C. Pisani and G. Jurkowich

Altar Servers: E. Estelita and R. Cuddy

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-January 26th

Readings: 2 Tm 1:1-8 Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday-January 27th

Readings: Heb 10:1-10 Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday-January 28th

Readings: Heb 10:11-18 Mk 4:1-20

Thursday-January 29th

Readings: Heb 10:19-25 Mk 4:21-25

Friday-January 30th

Readings: Heb 10:32-39 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday-January 31st

Readings: Heb 11:1-2,8-19 Mk 4:35-41

Sunday-February 1st

Readings: Dt 18:15-20 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

Living the Liturgy

What A Week!

I don't know about you, but I had many teary moments listening to the events of Martin Luther King, Jr. anniversary celebrations and the inauguration of Barack Obama. I was a high school senior on March 7, 1965 when peaceful marchers were beaten on the Edmund Pettis bridge as they tried to walk from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. Hearing Representative John Lewis speak of the concussion he suffered that day as a 15 year old and how 80 protests followed in cities all over the country, I was struck by the peaceful tone of his voice. I couldn't help but think how I would have responded if that had been my experience. He mentioned that he had studied nonviolence when he was in college and obviously he had internalized that virtue. He spoke of his parents having warned him not to get involved, not to "rock the boat" for fear that he would be hurt. He related how painful it must have been for the PhD's from Tuskegee University to be denied the right to vote because they supposedly couldn't pass the literacy test.

To see almost two million faces beaming – shining, really - during the inauguration itself and hear words of responsibility, accountability and challenge was almost too much to bear! A great sea of humanity, united in hope for a better world for everyone reminded me of the Beloved Community of John's gospel of which Martin Luther King, Jr. often spoke. So many people, interviewed afterwards, declared that they could now pronounce those ringing words at the close of the Pledge of Allegiance: "with liberty and justice for all."

Mark's gospel today proclaims, "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel." Jesus' coming as a human being broke into our history and changed it forever. This moment for our country seems to call forth a new awareness that we are all in this together: what each of us does (or doesn't do) has an effect on everyone else in terms of global warming, financial practices, and recognition of human rights. If any of us ever thought we were an island or that our country's actions affected only ourselves, we surely know differently now.

The passage from Jonah begins where his encounter with the whale left off: after running away from God's command that he preach repentance to the Ninevites who hated the Israelites and treated them terribly. Jonah doesn't **want** to have them repent and receive God's mercy! He hates them, but God doesn't, so God sends Jonah a second time and this time, Jonah obeys. They repent and God forgives them. Might this be a message for us? Can we forgive those who have hurt us or at least pray for their conversion and our own? Relying on God's grace, can we try to move beyond the differences that divide us from family members or co-workers? Can we pull together as a nation and focus on the many values we hold in common? Then we might have a taste of God's kingdom and his wish for all his children. **Peace, S. Sheral**

Men's Club Meeting Monday, February 2nd

Doors open at 6:00 PM

\$ 20.00 / person

Price includes dinner, drinks and Raffle!

RSVP to Tim Fuller at:

tim.fuller@rgcreations.com

(650) 280-9800



**Dinner Dance
tickets
will be on sale
After all the Masses
next weekend**



MY SCHOOL'S COOL FUNDRAISER

This fundraiser continues until May 30, 2009. **Shop anywhere** which includes Pennys, Sears and Target at the Tanforan Mall, Food Court, Century ticket stubs and concession at theatre. Save your receipts and Deposit them at SR Locker (located by Sears) or drop them off at the Rectory/School Points = Dollars for St. Robert's Questions, call Chris Peterson at 650-827-1748.

Human Trafficking

The Tuesday morning adult religious education group will be having a guest speaker on modern-day slavery at 9:15 am this Tuesday in Mary's Chapel. You're welcome to join us and find out what you can do to identify possible victims.

Freedom of Choice Act

There is a federal bill pending which will override all state laws limiting access to abortion and which does not include a conscience clause for health professionals whose religious beliefs prevent their participation. You can read the bill on-line by entering its title – Senate and House versions are identical. Then send your comments to the new administration's website at www.whitehouse.gov and click on "Contact us."

A message from Fr. Bruce

The spirit of our parish family is overpowering. Over the Lenten season we outdid ourselves with gifts to the Children's Liturgy giving tree, the adopt a family program, the gifts to the shut-ins and the warm coat donation brought much joy to people.

Several times a year our parish donates blood through the Pacific Blood Centers. Our gifts bring life-giving blood to individuals. Over the past three months, Gene May, whom we all know, received twenty-eight units of blood. Our gift gave Gene strength and life.

The cards, emails, and yes, the chicken soup, brings a food laugh each day. I had a consultation with Doctor So, the head of the live cancer program this past week. He agrees with my doctors' diagnosis and treatment plan. So we continue to fight this disease with oils and prayer. I'm so grateful to be in this parish with all the love and support I have received..

St Roberts Crab Feed & Dance

All are welcome!!

Saturday February 7th, 2009



Doors open at 6pm

Dinner Served at 7:30

\$ 45.00 / person for Dinner

OR

THE DINNER SPECIAL..... \$ 60.00 / person

This includes dinner, 20 raffle tickets and 5 drink tickets (A \$70.00 value!!!)

Raffle tickets are \$ 10 for 10 tickets

Drink Tickets are \$ 2.00 each

Over \$ 1,000 in Raffle prizes given away at the event!

**SPACE IS LIMITED
RESERVE YOUR SPOTS ASAP!**

For Reservations, contact Dan Uroz at: 650-740-4141 or duroz@dtctool.com

For more information on the event, contact Tim Fuller at 650-280-9800