

SAINT ROBERT'S CHURCH



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MASS TIMES

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 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 PENANCE

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

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.

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

Dear Parishioners,

I just came back from my month-long vacation in the Philippines last week. I had a wonderful time with my family and friends. This is something that I always look forward to every year. I usually go on vacation in the Philippines at a time when most television and radio stations have started their countdown for Christmas. I know it sounds kind of ridiculous. We are not done yet with the Ordinary season in our liturgical calendar and when the few months come they start the Christmas countdown. There is a big reason for this. Filipinos look forward to Christmas as the best time of the year. For a country that is prone to calamities, nature and man-made, the Christmas season serves like a respite from all the worries and anxieties of everyday life.

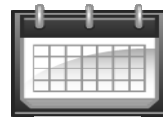
The Philippine government is aware of the Filipinos' mindset about Christmas. The government has even made sure that every Filipino would not be wanting from all the trimmings that the celebration of Christmas entails. This is why it has been legislated a long time ago that every employee or worker gets a 13th month pay around this time of the year. On top of that is the Christmas bonus that every employee receives from the management. The 13th month pay and the Christmas bonus are intended to make sure that there is money to spend during the holiday season.

Here in America, the holiday season has started with Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving. This is when most Americans take advantage of the sales and bargains as they start their holiday shopping. I went to downtown San Francisco that Friday afternoon for the first time in so many years and in spite of the lingering effects of the recession, the foot traffic was crazy as people got in and out of stores. What if there is also a 13th month pay here in America? You can just imagine the shopping galore that it would cause. For those who do not like the crowd, there is also the so-called Cyber Monday.

We may be caught up in this shopping frenzy at this time, here in America or in the Philippines, but we have to remind ourselves that the Advent season is still upon us. Advent reminds us of the two comings of Jesus, his coming at the fullness of time and at his birth. The voice of Advent that we should listen to is that of John the Baptist. John tells us that we should prepare for the coming of the Lord by making straight his paths. This is a call for repentance and spiritual renewal. What better way to welcome Jesus as he comes into our lives than making sure that we are in harmony with the rest of humanity by sharing our blessings with others in gratitude to the God who has come to us in Jesus Christ, the One who came filled with the spirit of the Lord, to draw us more deeply into the life so generously offered by God.

Blessings,
Father Obet Andrey

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-December 6th

Mass Intention 6:30 Ernest P. Frescura †
8:30 Josephine & Stephen
Jerabek †
Women's Guild 6:30pm Hall

Tuesday-December 7th

Mass Intention 6:30 Carlos Bartolome †
8:30 Kathleen Sullivan †
Religious Education 3:30pm Church & Hall
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library
Rel Ed/ Jr High 7:00pm Hall

Wednesday-December 8th

Mass Intention 6:30 Vileta Gutierrez
8:30 Bill & Nancy Curtis †
6pm Peter Richard
Farrell †
Choir Practice 7:00pm Church

Thursday-December 9th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Joseph Drew †
School Christmas Concert 4:00pm Hall

Friday-December 10th

Mass Intention 6:30 Vedo Jo Byrne †
8:30 Maria Teresa Aloise †
Inbetweener's Christmas Party 6:30pm Hall

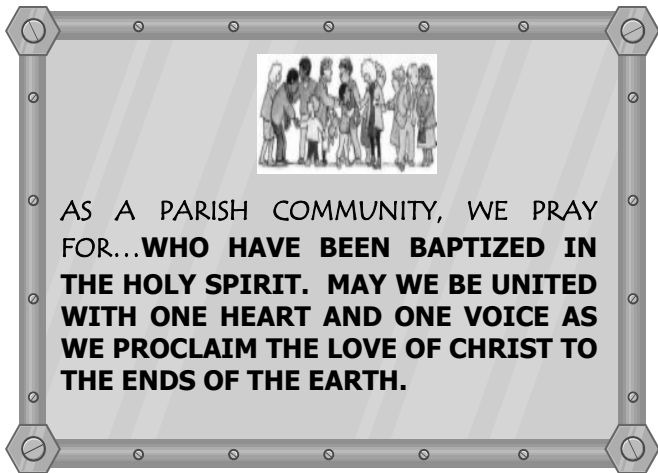
Saturday-December 11th

Mass Intention 8:30 Paul & Rosina Vella †
4:30 C. Angela Foti †
Breakfast with Santa 8:00am Hall
AA 9:30am Mahoney Room



Sunday-December 12th

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intention 7:30 Charles & Rita Agiust
9:30 Carolina Sarti †
11:30 Gene May †
5:00 People of St. Robert's
Tongan Mass 2:00pm Church



SIMBANG GABI




 The Fil-Am Group cordially invites everyone for the Eucharistic Celebration of 9 nights of Masses from December 15-23 at 7:00 pm., followed by a reception at Hennessy Hall. On the last night we will have our Christmas Party. Come, join and celebrate with us.
 

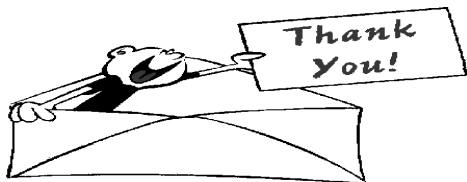

WE CONGRATULATE THE NEWLY BAPTIZED
Brayden Roy Caso
Isabella Marie John
Giuliana Helene Malastina
Ashaan Alexander Ramirez

CONSOLATION MINISTRY
“Getting Ready for the Holidays”

Saint Robert's Grief Support Group will hold special sessions to help those who are faced with the celebrating of **Christmas** for the first or second time since the passing of their loved one, on **December 18**, in the Convent Chapel from 3:00 – 4:15.

Anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one – spouse, sibling, child, parent, friend or relative is invited to come together and pray, share, comfort and be comforted. We will give you some very helpful hints to cope with your grief and sorrow during this festive season. No one is pressured to share or contribute, if your pain is too intense. May God bless and comfort you in your sorrow. If you have any questions, call: **Sister Patricia @ 589-0104.**


 Our sincere sympathy to the family of **Darlene Steen** who died recently.
 



While Thanksgiving Day has come and gone there are still some who have very little to be thankful for. Pray their needs will be fulfilled.

On Saturday before Thanksgiving members of Saint Vincent de Paul Society delivered items to the home of 45 families. These items consisted of food and Safeway scrip so their family would have the means to enjoy a turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

On Behalf of those who received these gifts, Thank You and may God bless you all.

Members of St. Vincent de Paul.

P.S. Special thanks to the students of Saint Robert's and especially the 7th grade for collecting a great number of food items used for this worthy cause.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 1st to Nov 28th (goal)	223,290.00
July 1st to Nov 21st (actual)	183,368.71
July 1st to Nov 28th (actual)	191,788.63
7/1/10-6/30/11 Weekly Goal	10,490.00
Collection (actual 11/21)	7,653.08
Collection (actual 11/28)	8,419.92

Thank you for your generous donation of **\$2,160.87** for the Campaign for Human Development.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
As of 11/30/10
over 500 families have pledged
\$77,218.17
Our goal this year is \$96,000
Thank you in advance
for your generous donation.

MINISTER SCHEDULE/DEC 11 & 12

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Paul

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Scannell (C)

L. Rodriguez, R. Aveson, C. Holland, J. Brooks,
M. Murphy, D. Hagman

Lectors: P. Scannell and C. Bonner

Altar Servers: D. Rodriguez and M. Mar

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Paul

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Nunnery (C)

F. Reyes, M. Noce, C. Noce, J. Aldinger

Lectors: A. Clifford and T. Clifford

Altar Servers: L. Clifford and A. Blumenthal

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Sexton (C)

U. Uniacke, A. Romine, J. Kelly, T. Jones,
M. Quilici, K. Semenza

Lectors: J. Shick and C. Calonje

Altar Servers: C. Shick, A. Bolivar and A. Davis

Children's Liturgy: Mark & Hilda and Darlene

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Benavente (C)

A. Maron, N. Bamba, C. Forsell, H. Madayag,
V/L Picinnini, L. Jovero

Lectors: D. Maron and T. Tannis

Altar Servers: A. Gaines and D. Arellano

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Estelita (C)

M. Elmore, K. Welch, M. Dowden, D. Ferris,
M. Santiago, C. Browne

Lector: M. Estelita and M. Innes

Altar Servers: E. Estelita and N. Estelita

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 6th

Readings: Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday-December 7th

Readings: Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday-December 8th

Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6,11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Thursday-December 9th

Readings: Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15

Friday-December 10th

Readings: Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19

Saturday-December 11th

Readings: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday-December 12th

Readings: Is 35:1-6a, 10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

Year of Renewal in Worship and Prayer

Part 1: "Gathering for Worship"

Sometimes over the years you may have heard the idea that getting ready for and going to church is, in a way, a part of our liturgy (our work of worship and celebration). Virtually all of us need to put in some amount of effort to get ourselves to church. This effort can be part of our expression of faith, our Catholic Christian identity, and our sacrifice offered in the Mass. We gather ourselves--the Lord gathers us--with purpose!

To better understand what we do in our worship, it helps to have first a good understanding why we gather. This involves knowing the Church as *the People of God, the Body of Christ, and the Temple of the Holy Spirit*. Each of these images of the Church includes the individual (person / member / "living stone") drawn into the communal (People / Body / Temple).

No doubt each of us comes to Mass with individual hopes, joys, works, prayers and sufferings -- we must do so -- *yet this time is not our own*. We allow ourselves to be folded into the mix, yet we are conscious and active participants in the worship. Talk about mystery!



"[God] has ... willed to make women and men holy and to save them, not as individuals without any bond between them, but rather to make them into a people who might acknowledge him and serve him in holiness."

Dogmatic Constitution Lumen Gentium on the Church (1964), n. 9.

Religious Retirement Fund

"As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund," notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious supports the day-to-day care of thousands of elder sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please Share in the Care and give generously to next week's second collection.

Bulletin Articles

**Due to the upcoming holiday schedule
If you have an article for the bulletins of December 26
and/or January 2nd
They must be delivered to the rectory no later than
noon on Monday, December 13th.**

The Lion and the Lamb

Hearing this first reading, one might think the author lived in a dream world where everything was in the harmony God originally created. Not so! Isaiah's time, the 8th century B.C., was filled with social and political turmoil. And yet, he can foresee a time when all people and even the animal world live in peace. It is God's doing, of course, and perhaps, we more than those living in simpler eras, know that fact in our bones.

This past Thursday was the 30th anniversary of the martyrdom of the four North American women, Ita Ford and Maura Clarke, Maryknoll Sisters, Dorothy Kazel, an Ursuline, and Jean Donovan, a lay missionary. Oscar Romero had just been murdered in March of 1980 and they knew their lives were in danger. But as Jean wrote to a friend, "Several times I have decided to leave El Salvador. I almost could except for the children, the poor bruised victims of this insanity. Who would care for them? Whose heart would be so staunch as to favor the reasonable thing in a sea of their tears and helplessness. Not mine, not mine." You might recall that our Secretary of State at that time had the audacity to surmise that these good women might have been gunrunners for the opposition, declared Communists by our government. Their ministry, in fact, was comforting those who had family members murdered or "disappeared," burying the dead killed by government soldiers, and trying to protect catechists. And yet, the psalmist affirms that "Justice shall flourish in his time and fullness of peace forever."

We confront that mystery of our all-powerful God relying on our free will to cooperate with his plan and vision for the world. We are the Gentiles spoken of in the first and second readings. How can we cooperate with God's plan in gratitude for the gift of our faith? Might we find ways to give our time and presence to those we love instead of material things? Could we somehow, difficult as it is, carve out some quiet moments for ourselves to reflect on Isaiah's hopeful vision for our lives and our world? Can we expand our prayers for our own family to include the whole human family?

Monday evening, Dec. 13, the eight parishes of our deanery will offer an Advent reconciliation service at St. Dunstan's Parish at 7:30 pm. Everyone is invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (confession) with priests from all the parishes. The service will include scripture readings, songs and the opportunity for individual confession.

Beginning with this bulletin, there are brief articles included to help us appreciate the meaning of the various parts of the Mass before the changes take place NEXT Advent. Please do read them! May you experience God's presence in this holy, hectic season.

S. Sheral

ADOPT A FAMILY

Once again this year we will have an Adopt-a-Family tree in front of church for the Christmas Season. The tree will have paper ornaments profiling families that can use some help during this time of year. We've received our families from our own St. Vincent de Paul Society, as well as Catholic Worker House in Redwood City, Child and Family Services of San Mateo County and again this year we've gotten some families from our adopted parish in Mississippi.



If you have means to help, look for the tree after Mass this weekend. We'll need the gifts turned in by the weekend of Dec. 11th and 12th for distribution.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have questions please call Rob & Cathy Aveson 583 4757, John & Eileen Grealish 589 6011 or John & Nancy Marty 588 4740.

AIDS LUNCH –Dec. 8th

The second Wednesday of the month is our donation day. If you can help by providing your favorite dish for up to 12 people that would be great. Please put in a non-returnable container and leave in the little church room in the vestibule of the Church by 9:30 am. Frozen items are acceptable.



Thank you for your continued assistance.

GIFTS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Many members of our Parish family are homebound or in nursing facilities due to serious illness or advanced years. During Advent, we say to Our Lord: "Come, Lord Jesus!" This hope is in their hearts as well. We can bring Jesus' love to them by placing an unwrapped gift in the basket on our altar steps by December 19th. Some suggestions are: white knee socks, lap robes, sweaters, slippers, robes, dusters, nightgowns, pajamas, a note of encouragement.



The Perfect Gift

St. Robert Parish Gift Card Fundraiser



Have a birthday coming up, home repair to do or Christmas gifts to buy or simply purchase groceries? Gift cards from various local retailers will be available to purchase after all Masses. No fees. Cash and checks accepted.

The Giving Tree

The Children's Liturgy team will be setting up their annual Giving Tree. Parishioners are invited to take an ornament from the tree, purchase that item and return it unwrapped along with the gift tag to the box in vestibule. These gifts are distributed through various needy organizations.



Thank you in advance for your continued spirit of generosity for our neighbors in need.



Breakfast
with **Santa**

Saturday, December 11, 2010

St. Robert's Hennessy Hall

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR



Family Name: _____ Grade: _____ Phone #: _____

Seating Time (please check one): _____ 8:30am _____ 10:30am

Adults: _____ @ \$8.00 per person = _____

Children: _____ @ \$6.00 per person = _____

Children under 2: _____ FREE = _____

Photos with Santa: _____ @ \$2.00 each = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____ \$ _____

Please send Reservation Form and Checks (made payable to St. Robert's Women's Guild) to: Anne Marie Philpott c/o Michaela (Grade 3) Any questions email annhagen5@yahoo.com or call 415.793.8441



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