

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.



From the desk of the Pastor

Our parish and school community is losing a valuable asset when Ms. Yvonne Olcomendy, our principal, steps down at the end of the school year. Ms. Olcomendy said that she would like to go back to teaching. On behalf of our parish and school community I would like to thank Ms. Olcomendy for her untiring dedication and commitment as principal of St. Robert's School for the past seven years. Let us pray for her success and well-being as she embarks on a new chapter in her life.

In the meantime, we have started the search to find a replacement. Ms. Olcomendy assured me that she will work with me and the faculty so that there will be a smooth transition as soon as we have hired a new principal.

Father Obet

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Brian & Paola Hambre

IF YOU ARE NEW TO ST. ROBERT'S

fill out a registration form and 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.

Children's Liturgy Devotional Books

We will be handing out the devotional booklets to the children today so that they can begin their journey toward Easter on Ash Wednesday. Please take time to read the little devotion with your children. Make it a family affair.



Ash Wednesday Masses
March 9th
6:30 AM
8:30 AM
10:30 AM
6:00 PM

Dear Parishioners,

Are you ready? Here it comes. Lent starts this week. Here is a reflection that struck home for me when I read it.

Lent is a season of being invited by God in a deeply personal way. "Come back to me, with all of your heart," our Lord beckons. "We will," we respond, but we aren't quite ready yet, our hearts are not prepared. We want to squirm, evade, avoid. Our souls not yet perfect. We are not ready for God to love us. Yes, of course we want to have a deeper relationship with God, we tell ourselves earnestly. And we will.... Soon. God calls to us again: *Come back to me, with all of your heart. Ok, ok, I really will. Just a few more things to do at work. Let me spend a little more time in prayer first. Let me get to Reconciliation. Let me clean my oven, tidy my closets. Sell my yoke of oxen. Check a field I have purchased....*

Come back to me, with all of your heart.

from Larry Gillick, S.J. at the following website: www.onlineministries.creighton.edu. This website has plenty of ideas to help us in our attempt to deepen our relationship with God during this "Joyful" season of Lent.

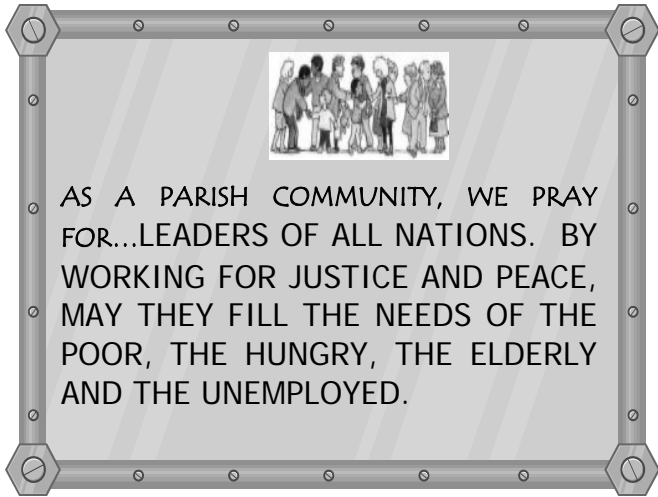
-- Deacon Rusty Duffey

AIDS LUNCH –March 9th

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.



Our sincere sympathy to the family of Donna Cavallini who died recently.

ST. ROBERT'S RESPECT FOR LIFE GROUP
 During the 40 days for Life starting on Ash Wednesday (March 9) and continuing to Palm Sunday (April 17) a daily prayer vigil will be held from 7 am to 7 pm in front of the Planned Parenthood at 2211 Palm Avenue, San Mateo. St. Robert's would like to fill the day on **Sunday, March 13**. Please contact Mary Nunnery at 455-7685 if you are available.

Children's Liturgy
 Will be collecting donations of large size disposable diapers and baby wipes for both Shelter Network of San Mateo and Kelly Avenue Catholic Worker's House. Your generosity of these donations during the Lenten season for families in need is most appreciated. Kindly leave any and all donations in the Little Church. Blessings from the Children's Liturgy Team for your generous spirit during this season of Lent.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 1st to Feb 27, 2011 (goal)	338,680.00
July 1st to Feb 27th (actual)	310,323.12
7/1/10-6/30/11 Weekly Goal	10,490.00
Collection (actual 2/27)	8,105.72

2011 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
 As of 2/22/11
\$18,670.52
 has been pledged.
Our goal this year is \$86,200.
Thank you in advance

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-March 7th

Mass Intention 6:30 Cosme Larios †
 8:30 Joseph Vinal †
Men's Club 6pm Hall

Tuesday-March 8th

Mass Intention 6:30 Andrea Wong †
 8:30 Joseph Vinal †
Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Rel Education 3:30pm Church & Hall
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library
Rel Ed/Jr. High 7:00pm Hall

Wednesday-March 9th

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass Intention 8:30 Joseph Vinal †
 10:30 Julio Borruso †
 6pm Laurie Cox †
Choir Practice 7:00pm Church

Thursday-March 10th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service
 8:30 Phyllis Hughes †

Friday-March 11th

Mass Intention 6:30 Rudolph Cinco †
 8:30 Art Fenech †
Stations of the Cross 6pm Church

Saturday-March 12th

Mass Intention 8:30 Charles & Rita Agius †
 4:30 People of St. Robert's
Choir 9am Church
AA 9:30am Mahoney Room

Sunday-March 13th

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intention 7:30 Pat Miallovich
 9:30 Michael Yanke †
 11:30 Anthony Yaquinto †
 5:00 John Gregov †
Passion Play Auditions 7:00pm Church

MINISTER SCHEDULE/Mar 12 & 13

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Hanley (C)

D. Hageman, K. Martinez, J. Waldvogel, J. Scannell,
J. Beltrano, R. Aveson

Lectors: C. Bonner and M. Dachauer

Altar Servers: D. Rodriguez and C. Paulbitski

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Vassallo (C)

F. Reyes, R. Jardin, T. Montross, C. Soracco

Lectors: J. Moresco and A. Reyes

Altar Servers: R. Topper and M. Nussbaum

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Paul

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Valdez (C)

K. Semenza, D. Marty, S. Murray, A. Romine,
M. Quilici, M.A. Saisi

Lectors: J. Valdez and J. Aldinger

Altar Servers: A. Davis, M. McKenna and E. Gonzalez

Children's Liturgy: MaryAnn and Bob & Karen

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet

Eucharistic Ministers: V. Valle (C)

C. Forsell, H. Mantler, V/L Piccinini, C. Morgan,
H. Madayag, N. Bamba

Lectors: F. Firpo and H. Beck

Altar Servers: A. Gaines and I. Galindo

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Paul

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Elmore (C)

T. Estelita, B. Pace, J. Semeniuk, M. Dowden,
M. Aberoutte, G. Huddleston

Lector: M. Estelita and M. Innes

Altar Servers: E. Estelita and N. Estelita

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-March 7th

Readings: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8 Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday-March 8th

Readings: Tb 2:9-14 Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday-March 9th

Readings: Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday-March 10th

Readings: Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25

Friday-March 11th

Readings: Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15

Saturday-March 12th

Readings: Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32

Sunday-March 13th

Readings: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11

Living Liturgy

Lent Is Coming!

Easter is the latest it can be this year, April 24, and so Ash Wednesday is also later than usual. Throughout the history of the Church, three practices have proven helpful: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The word "Lent" actually comes from a word meaning "spring." So what practices might help you to experience the new life of springtime in yourself? In terms of prayer, might you be able to come to morning Mass once or twice a week? Or to use the bulletin citations to read the gospel for each day prayerfully at home? Or to take a walk in the park before you pick up the children to thank God for the gift of life or ask God's help with some challenge you're facing?

In addition to the bare minimum asked of us, we might ask from what else in our lives do we need to fast? Is there an attitude or habit we have which would be good to change during Lent? Perhaps, asking for the grace to be patient with a family member or colleague who "pushes your buttons" or to quit buying things we don't need or stop spending so much time on the computer.

In terms of almsgiving, most of us have the habit of setting aside the money we would have spent on some material thing we're giving up. This year, the Social Concerns group won't be leading us in a major effort as we have during the past Lenten seasons for Fr. Nnanna's church, for a water pump and malaria nets. We want to respect the tight financial situation of some of our parish families, but we will be asking for your help with two efforts. The Children's Liturgy team will be asking for clothing donations for families in the Shelter Network of San Mateo. The Social Concerns group will ask your participation in a letter-writing effort to encourage our state legislators to resist cutting the safety net programs which help the poorest among us and our federal legislators to target our international aid to global health and food production instead of military assistance. We also have plans for a summer food program for the nearly 1000 children in San Bruno who qualify for free or subsidized school meals.

Supposedly, anything we do for 21 days becomes a habit and Lent is almost twice that length of time! So what kind of habits would you like to develop? Spend a bit of time this week asking the Holy Spirit to help you to know what personal changes will be life-giving for you and for everyone who loves you. **Peace, S. Sheral**

Prayer of the Faithful Prayer of the Faithful

The First Letter of Peter calls the People of God "a royal priesthood" (1 Pet 2:9). This is not some pie-in-the-sky designation meant to puff up the faithful. In the Church's Tradition, being baptized into Christ means being baptized into his priesthood, which involves both his access to God and his sacrifice. Within the priesthood of the faithful are rights and duties before God.

In the Prayer of the Faithful, the baptized assembled for worship exercise their priestly role. That is, they stand before God the Father incorporated into Christ the High Priest, who intercedes on behalf of the world. We pray this way with the heart of Christ.

We pray this way for

people who may not have the wherewithal to pray for their own needs. In the Prayer of the Faithful, the vision of the Church is Christ's vision — truly universal with an eye toward needs that God alone can meet.

The spirit of the Liturgy of the Word is one of attentiveness. Just as we listen attentively to the readings and homily, just as we give our attention to each of the parts of the Creed, so we are called to internalize each of the intentions in the Prayer of the Faithful and give our full spiritual attention to them.

REMEMBERING the WORD of GOD



Interceding through Christ,
the High Priest.

**“So let us confidently
approach the throne of
grace to receive mercy
and to find grace for
timely help.”**

Hebrews 4:16

Lenten Regulations

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast and abstain. Fasting means having one full meal and two smaller meals which do not exceed the full one. It also means not eating between meals. Abstinence refers to not eating meat. Catholics over the age of 14 are obliged to abstain on all the Fridays of Lent. These regulations do not apply to those who for reasons of health or strenuous work cannot observe them.

CONSOLATION MINISTRY

Saint Robert's Grief Support Group's next meetings will be on **Saturday, March 19**, in the **Convent @ 349 Oak Ave** from 3:00 – 4:15. Anyone who is suffering from 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. You are invited to bring a friend or companion as a support and strength if you so wish. No one is pressured to speak 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**.

Calling all high school Juniors and Seniors!



ProLife Oratory (speech) Contest
Thursday, March 10 @ 7:30pm,
St. Greg's Worner Center
138 28th Ave., San Mateo.

Give a 5-7 min. original speech on a pro-life topic

Cash prizes:

\$100/1st place \$75/2nd place \$50/3rd place

Winner will compete in state competition for larger prizes.

For more info: email smprolife@yahoo.com or phone (650) 572-1468

Practicing Compassion Volunteer Acts of Kindness for Lent

Lent is a time to make faith real in practices which are a source of growth, life, and even joy. Catholic Charities CYO offers simple volunteer opportunities in Marin, San Mateo, and San Francisco counties, described below, in keeping with the traditional Lenten practice of mercy and kindness – the divine invitation to do to others as we would have them do to us.

First days of Lent

Wednesday, March 9, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
[10th & Mission Youth Center](#), Prepare and serve snacks for kids
Thursday, March 10, 8:15 am – 9:30 am
[OMI Senior Center](#), Distribute food bags to seniors
Saturday, March 12, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
[St. Joseph's Family Center](#), Prepare and serve brunch to families
Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
[St. Joseph's Family Center](#), Cooking with kids
Saturday, March 19, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
[St. Joseph's Family Center](#), Prepare and serve brunch to families

Second Week of Lent

Tuesday, March 22, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
[San Carlos Adult Day Services](#), Assist with activities for seniors
Tuesday, March 22, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
[St. Joseph's Family Center](#), Cooking with kids
Wednesday, March 23, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
[10th & Mission Youth Center](#), Prepare and serve snacks for kids
Friday, March 25, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
[Treasure Island Child Development Center](#), Serve lunch to preschoolers; help plant garden
Saturday, March 26, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
[St. Joseph's Family Center](#), Prepare and serve brunch

Third Week of Lent

Tuesday, March 29, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm
[St. Joseph's Family Center](#), Cooking with kids
Thursday, March 31, 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
[San Carlos Adult Day Services](#), Assist with activities for seniors
Thursday, March 31, 4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
[Rita da Cascia](#), Cook and serve dinner for women
Thursday, March 31, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
[10th & Mission Support Services](#), Receive, sort and distribute food from SF Food Bank
Volunteers have their choice of three different times. They can arrive at 11:45 am, 2:00 pm or 4:00 pm to assist. We need assistance with carrying and sorting food at 11:45 am until 2 pm. From 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm we need help with distribution to [Edith Witt Senior Community](#) and from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm distribution to families. At 5:30 pm we need assistance with clean-up and cleaning food bank space. Volunteers are not required to participate the whole day.
Saturday, April 2, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
[St. Joseph's Family Center](#), Prepare and serve brunch to families