

Saint Robert's Church

November 30, 2014



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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 Masses: 8:30 am and 6:00 pm

Weekdays: Masses are on Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 6:30 a.m. and Monday through Saturday at 8:30 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.

Dear Friends,

Sipping Earl Grey tea out here on our chilly deck, surrounded by chrysanthemums in hues of yellow, bronze, rust and gold, my thoughts wander to days gone by. I see my Dad, sitting at the head of our Thanksgiving table with my Mom. Around them are we their children, grand-children and great-grandchildren. I hear in my mind the wonderful stories Dad would tell us. One in particular I will never forget.

My Dad was the owner of a small fur shop on Geary Street, in downtown San Francisco. Among his customers were two sisters – Jane and Sarah. They often dropped by just to visit with Dad. They were drawn to him by his cheerful spirit, warm smile, peaceful kindness and beautiful sense of humor. One day Dad asked Jane, “Why don't you and your sister ever come to see me together?” Her terse reply was, “We haven't spoken to each other in over 20 years.” Puzzled, Dad asked her, “Why?” Jane said, “I can't remember why.” A few weeks later, Sarah came in to see Dad. He said to her, “Your sister was here awhile ago.” She said, “My sister and I haven't spoken in over 20 years.” Dad again asked, “Why?” Sarah replied: “I really can't remember why.”

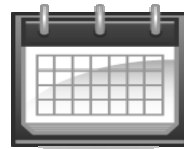
The idea that these two sisters had so totally alienated themselves from each other really bothered Dad. He had two sisters – Helen and Jean – whom he dearly loved and he couldn't imagine choosing not to speak to them. Dad thought about this sad situation and prayed: “What can I do?” Not having a clue what would happen, Dad took the first step. He telephoned Jane and then Sarah and asked each of them to come into his shop on a certain day, at a certain time. He had something very special to show them. Jane arrived. A few minutes later, Sarah walked through the door. They stared at each other for a second or two and fell into each others arms. Tearfully, they thanked my Dad for bringing them back together. From that day forward the two sisters were inseparable. Thank God for Joe McKeever! *“Blessed are the Peace-makers for they shall be called the children of God”!*

During these days of Advent, as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of Jesus, maybe the time is right to reconcile with a sister, brother, mom or dad, son or daughter, aunt or uncle. None of us is perfect. We can thoughtlessly say or do some things that deeply hurt one another. As Jesus upon his cross fervently pleaded: *“Father, forgive them; they know not what they do!”*

LOVE LIFE – LIVE LOVE!

Anna May

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-December 1st

Mass Intention 6:30 Dolores Espaldon †
 8:30 John Mainini †

Tuesday-December 2nd

Mass Intention 6:30 Maria Gatt †
 8:30 Joseph Ciraulo †
Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Rel Ed (Gr. 1-5) 3:30pm Hall & Church
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library
Rel Ed (Jr. High) 7:00pm Hall & Church

Wednesday-December 3rd

Mass Intention 8:30 Fr. Joseph Healy †
Children's Choir 3:00pm Church
Choir Practice 7:00pm Church

Thursday-December 4th

Mass Intention 8:30 Ruth Lindsey †

Friday-December 5th

Mass Intention 6:30 Brida O'Hara †
 8:30 Sr. Vianney Buckley

Saturday-December 6th

Mass Intention 8:30 Steven Hart †
 4:30 Joxemari Ballarena †
Euch Adoration 9:00am Church
AA Meeting 10:00am Mahoney Room
Consolation Min. 3:00pm Convent

Kindergarten Tours have begun!

Kindergarten

If you are thinking about sending your child to Saint Robert Catholic School, now is the perfect time to schedule a Wednesday tour. Come take a walk around the school with the Principal, Mrs. Wright, and learn about the many wonderful curriculum choices and activities at your Parish School. Please call 650-583-5065 to schedule a tour .



As A Parish Community, we pray that we will see the face of Jesus in the weak, the poor, the homeless, the elderly and the child waiting to be born.



**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Diego Crespín



**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY MARRIED**

Tania Rodriguez & Fernando Ibarra

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

This week we pray for

***Henry Aragon
Rick Gibeau***



Journeying with Mary through Advent

In the midst of these busy days, please treat yourself to a Saturday morning of reflection Dec. 6 from 9 to noon in the church, followed by lunch. The morning will include presentations, quiet time and sharing, led by S. Sheral. If you have questions, please call her at 589-2800.

Consolation/Grief Ministry

The Holiday Seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas are very difficult for those who have recently lost loved ones. The Consolation Committee is offering special sessions on December 6 and 20 to help you on your grief journey, to share with you some helpful coping skills. We meet in the Convent, 349 Oak Ave. from 3:00 -4:15 pm. For more information e-mail Sister Patricia O'Sullivan -- posullivan3@juno.com or call 650-763-8822 or 650-589-0104 .

STEWARDSHIP

The collection figure for November 23rd will be posted in the December 7th bulletin.

2014 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 11/11/14 \$89,400.08

has been pledged.

Our Archdiocese tax this year is \$94,300

Thank you in advance for your generous donation

Parish Maintenance Committee

Our Parish Maintenance Committee will meet Tuesday, December 2nd at 7 pm in the rectory.

Joint Meetings

The Parish Council, Parish Finance and the Parish Maintenance Committee will meet Wednesday, December 10th at 7 pm in the rectory.

ADOPT A FAMILY

Once again this year we will have an Adopt-a-Family tree in front of church for Advent. 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. If you have means to help, look for the tree after Mass this weekend and on December 6th & 7th. We'll need the gifts turned in by the weekend of December 13th and 14th 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.

St. Robert's Fil-Am Group

Simbang Gabi, a nine-day novena of Masses before Christmas is a beautiful tradition in the Philippines. that enhances the culture and religious heritage of the Filipinos. St. Robert's Fil-Am Group is sponsoring Simbang Gabi celebration from Dec. 15th thru Dec. 23rd at 7:00pm, to celebrate and prepare for the birth of Jesus, our Lord. Everyone is invited and welcomed to participate. The children of the parish are specially invited for the parol processional at the beginning of each Mass. Fellowship and reception after each Mass. On the last day, Dec. 23rd, Fil-Am will celebrate with the annual Christmas Party. Join us ALL to continue this joyous tradition and celebrate Jesus' birth.

For information and participation, food donations, and Mass sponsorships, please call: Roy Blanco 871-3774, Thelma Tannis, 952-5080, or Albert Reyes, 871-5706

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Christmas flowers will decorate the Church during the Christmas Season. If you would like to make a donation of \$10 toward their purchase in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the form below and return it to the Rectory by Wednesday, December 17th. Please make checks payable to St. Robert's.

My Gift in Memory of: _____

My Gift in Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

MINISTER SCHEDULE/DEC 6TH & 7TH

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr.

Eucharistic Ministers: K. Beltrano

Deacon, D. Interdonato, M. Noce, P. Guiney

Lectors: P. Scannell and C. Aveson

Altar Servers: H. Klingler and J. Klingler

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr.

Eucharistic Ministers: L. Reyes

Deacon, B. Mullins, M. Saucedo, T. Montross

Lectors: T. Clifford and A. Cotroneo

Altar Servers: T. Brugnara and J. Henley

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr.

Eucharistic Ministers: U. Uniacke

Deacon, T. Casey, E. Gumban, M. Bourne

Lectors: S. Kho and J. Shick

Children's Liturgy: Esperanza & Nubia and Paola

Altar Servers: R. Halili, E. McElroy and P. Uniacke

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr.

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Mallia

Deacon, C. Morgan, L. Sing, R. Benavente

Lectors: H. Beck and T. Tannis

Altar Servers: M. Benavente and J. Liu

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr.

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Dowden

Deacon, A. Ferris, D. Ferris, A. Navarro

Lectors: G. Picazo and B. Torres

Altar Servers: M. Cava and P. Newman

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 1st

Readings: Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday-December 2nd

Readings: Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday-December 3rd

Readings: Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37

Thursday-December 4th

Readings: Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday-December 5th

Readings: Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday-December 6th

Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday-December 7th

Readings: Is 40:15, 9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8