

Saint Robert's Church

February 23, 2020



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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 Day Masses: 8:30 am and 6:00 pm

Weekdays: Masses are
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 Parishioners,

As we listen to or read today's scriptures for ourselves, we can't accuse our Jewish ancestors in the faith of being vague. The Book of Leviticus declares: "Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy...You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord." And in case we want to limit the meaning of the word "neighbor," Jesus adds: "If you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." These almost impossible admonitions seem very fitting for the weekend before Ash Wednesday, don't they?

Loving our neighbor as ourselves isn't as easy as it might seem at first glance. If we recall Jesus' answer to the young man who declares that he has kept all the commandments since his youth, we hear the challenge. Jesus replies by telling the story of the Good Samaritan who, as we know, helps the man, probably Jewish, which means he would have despised his rescuer had he not been unconscious!

And Jesus' words about being perfect as his Father is perfect might remind us of the gospel of two weeks ago: "You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world." Salt in simpler eras was used as a preservative, of course, in addition to bringing flavor to food. What do we bring to conversations with family or friends? Do we add compassionate listening or needed humor? If we are to be light, can we bring the wisdom of our learnings, especially from our foibles or mistakes?

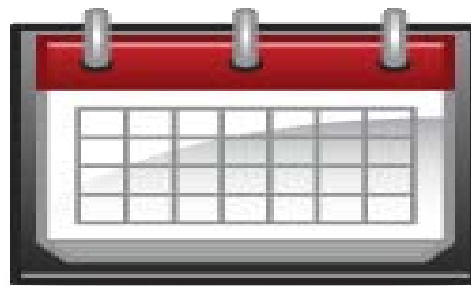
Lent is a great incentive to take some time to reflect on our busy lives and see if some aspects are "out of whack." Even our simple acts of fasting and abstaining – much less than that of our Jewish and Muslim brothers and sisters – can cause us to be conscious of what we have as well as what we eat. May the Holy Spirit bless each of us and our families with grace and insight to live our faith more wholeheartedly.

Sr. Sheral

The regulations for fasting and abstinence during Lent are the following:

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

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-February 24th

Mass Intention 8:30 Tessy Lencioni †

Tuesday-February 25th

Mass Intention 8:30 Michael Morena †
Rel Ed (Gr. 1-5) 3:30pm Hall & Church
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Rectory
Confirmation/Yr 1 7:00pm Hall & Church

Wednesday-February 26th

Mass Intention 8:30 May Rendon †
Noon Eugene DeMartini †
7:00pm Frank Rendon †
RCIA 7:00pm Rectory

Thursday-February 27th

Mass Intention 8:30 Helen Carrillo †
Children's Choir 3:00pm Hall

Friday-February 28th

Mass Intention 8:30 Rudometkin & Morena
Family †
Stations of the Cross 6:00pm Church

Saturday-February 29th

Mass Intention 8:30 Semica Fizulich &
Stanko Viducic †
4:30 John Agius †
AA Meeting 10:00am Mahoney Room

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on Wednesday, Feb 26th. Masses will be 8:30 am, 12 Noon, & 7:00 pm. Ashes will be distributed during all Masses.

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 6:00 pm in the church.



As a community of faith, we pray for all those infected by the coronavirus and for their caregivers and their families.

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 prayers, please call the Rectory at 589-2800

This week we pray for

- Jose Antonio
- Sharon Firpo
- Rafael Flores
- Bob Lockwood
- Anna May May
- Joan Murphy
- Bob O'Donnell**
- Sister Patricia
- Francisca Perez
- Jennie Stewart
- K. Maafu Tuuhetoka
- Dominic Vella
- George Zates



Our sincere sympathy to the family of



Richard Gaimer
who died recently

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to February 16th (goal)	340,000.00
July 1st to February 16th (actual) (including E Contributions)	300,792.18
7/1/19—6/30/20 Weekly (Goal)	10,000.00
Weekly Collection (actual 2/16)	6,571.30
(E Cont for month of January)	9,130.00
Thank you for your generosity	

2019 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 01/31//20

Archdiocese tax Due	\$ 119,261.00
Total Pledges	\$ 119,261.00
Total Donations to Date	\$ 119,261.00

We made it!

Thank you for your generous donation.



In Loving Memory of
Kenneth & Mary Kenyon

WEDNESDAY LENTEN MASS

During the season of Lent, we will have an evening Mass at 6:00pm every Wednesday. This is an opportunity for those who are working to celebrate this holy time.

GRIEF AND CONSOLATION MEETING

Our monthly Grief Support Meeting will be on Thursday, March 5th, after the 8:30 Mass in the Reconciliation Room. The meeting is open to all who are grieving the loss of a loved one. For information, call Sophia Chester at 650-588-5993.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE—LENT 2020

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 26th, and ending on Palm Sunday, April 5th, you are invited to pray the rosary in front of Planned Parenthood in Redwood City at 2907 El Camino Real. The peaceful vigil hours are from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. To participate, please go on line at 40daysforlife.com/redwoodcity. For complete details, please contact Mary Nunnery at 650-455-7685.

2019 TAXES

If you would like a letter regarding your 2019 donations, please call the Rectory at (650) 589-2800.

MEMORIAL EASTER FLOWERS

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

My Gift in Memory of: _____

My Gift in Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Monthly Grocery Distribution

Our distribution at Belle Air School is on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 27. The groceries usually arrive **around 1:30 and once they're weighed and/or bagged**, we distribute them to the 200 families who come until around 4:30. Even if you are only **available for an hour or two, we'd be happy to have you**. If you have questions, please contact Sr. Sheral at sheralmar@saintroberts or at the rectory, 589-2800. Thank you!

St. Vincent de Paul Needs You!

If you have some time on a Friday morning, our St. Vincent de Paul could use your help.

They have committed to making sandwiches and giving out the lunches every Friday morning from 8:30 til noon at the South City location, 344 Grand Ave. Some of their members (like many of us) are getting older and find volunteering regularly difficult. If you can be of help even once a month or for part of a shift or would like more information, please contact Lisa at the San Mateo office at svdpym@yahoo.com to volunteer. Thank you.

ST. ROBERT ANNUAL AUCTION

Time to Par-Tee

March 21, 2020

5.00 pm - 10.00 pm

Green Hills Country Club, Millbrae

Country Club Attire

(no jeans allowed)

EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS FEBRUARY 29

VISIT THE ANNUAL AUCTION PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

[HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/SITE/SRWOMENSGUILD/HOME](https://sites.google.com/site/srwomensguild/home)

MINISTER SCHEDULE/FEB 29TH & MAR 1ST

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Katie B. (C)
Brian M., Carolyn H., Marie N., Mary N.
Lectors: Christina C. and Marilyn D.

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Eloisa C. (C)
Ann B., Emil R., Janet A., Marcela S.
Lectors: JoeMarie M.

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Eucharistic Trish C. (C)
Deacon, Karen M., Liz C., Tracey J.
Lectors: Chris M. and John V.

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Rose B. (C)
Deacon, Catalina M., Cynthia M., Margot G.
Lectors: Thelma T. and Mario B.

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Dodi T. (C)
Felipe O., Joseph L., Lisa L.T., Loring T.
Lectors: Bambi T.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-February 24th

Readings: Jas 3:13-18 Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday-February 25th

Readings: Jas 4:1-10 Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday-February 26th

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

Thursday-February 27th

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

Friday-February 28th

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

Saturday-February 29th

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

Sunday-March 1st

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