

# 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.

*Our Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring the Eucharist to the sick or homebound.*

*Please contact the Rectory.*

## **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

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

## Dear Friends,

We sit together on our deck sipping our peppermint tea. We are warmed by the Autumn sun while breathing in the sweet fragrance of fallen leaves. God's peace surrounds us! We agree it is glorious to be alive at this time, in this place. Today we celebrate Respect Life Sunday. We ask ourselves: What does this day mean to us?

As Christians, we sometimes feel disheartened as we see abortion, embryonic stem-cell research, assisted suicide, the death penalty becoming more and more acceptable in our nation. Rationalization has buried truth. What can we do to reverse this trend? We need to speak out against these abuses and do something more in defense of the unborn, those who are disabled, poor, hungry, homeless, ill, frail and elderly. We will cease to be timid when these subjects come up in conversation. We will express our views on the sanctity of life. We can send letters to our leaders in government asking them to reach deep within their hearts before they make decisions on life issues. We must let our elected officials hear—loud and clear—that life is sacred and only God has the authority to give it and take it away.

Every human life is holy and needs the protection, the appreciation and the love that Jesus asks us to give. We can encourage, support and help women who are in the midst of difficult pregnancies; give to the poor, the hungry and homeless; and care for those who are ill and elderly. Let us continue to pray for a change of heart in those who see life differently than do we. We pray that our nation will become a staunch supporter of all life...from the first moment of conception till natural death.

Jesus is with us throughout life at all its stages. He asks us to open our eyes to see Him in everyone who suffers. He wants us to reach out and help them—for it is in these precious children of God that Jesus lives!

**LOVE LIFE --- LIVE LOVE!**

Gene & Anna May

Schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers are also available on the web at [www.saintroberts.org](http://www.saintroberts.org).

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday-October 6th

Mass Intention 6:30 Gwen Ferro †  
8:30 Charles Xuereb †  
**Cheerleading Pract. 1:45pm Hall**  
**Men's Club 6:30pm Hall**

### Tuesday-October 7th

Mass Intention 6:30 Thomas Hayes †  
8:30 John P. Murphy †  
**Adult Religious Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel**  
**Rel Ed/Gr 1-5 3:30pm Church & Hall**  
**Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library**

### Wednesday-October 8th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service  
8:30 Thomas Daly †  
**Cheerleading Pract. 3pm Hall**  
**9:30am Mass Choir 7pm Church**

### Thursday-October 9th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service  
8:30 John Plover †  
**Women's Guild Mtg 6:30pm Hall**  
**RCIA 7pm Mahoney Room**

### Friday-October 10th

Mass Intention 6:30 Jack Rowan †  
8:30 Sandra Dill  
**Cheerleading Pract. 3pm Hall**  
**Inbetweeners 6:30pm Hall**

### Saturday-October 11th

Mass Intention 8:30 Gloria Kenison †  
4:30 Donna Glass †  
**AA meeting 9:30am Mahoney Room**  
**Grief Consolation 3pm Convent Chapel**

### Sunday-October 12th

Mass Intention 7:30 Charles & Rita Agius †  
9:30 People of St. Robert's  
11:30 Juanita Ortiz †  
5pm Dino Tonelli †  
**Choir Practice 2pm Church**

### **Blood Drive Today—October 5th**

Blood Centers of the Pacific will be in the Hall from 8am to 1:30pm.

**Please give the gift of life.**





**As a Parish Community on this Respect Life Sunday, we pray ...** that each member of the human family—regardless of age, gender, race color or creed—find protection not only in civil law, but in every human heart.

**WE CONGRATULATE THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**



Katarina Maria Angelina Sosa  
Sergio Dominic Rosales  
Anna Inez Ovalle

**WE CONGRATULATE THE NEWLY MARRIED**

Kerri Hornung & John Costa



**The Second Annual Choral Concert  
Sunday, November 2nd at 3 p.m.**

The choirs of St. Roberts and St. Matthews are getting together again to present a concert of sacred choral music. This is a concert, featuring the choirs of our two parishes as well as soloists and small groups. There will be music of different styles and seasons. Those of you who attended the concert last year, were treated to some beautiful and uplifting music. This program will feature music from Thanksgiving to Christmas to Easter.

The concert date is **Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 PM**. I hope that you will be able to attend, not only to hear a wonderful program, but also to support choral music in the church. These choir members are working hard attending extra rehearsals on Sunday afternoons in order to present this concert. An offering will be taken to help with the cost of music for this program.

The choir and I look forward to presenting this beautiful music, and hope that you will enjoy it as well.

**Kevin Imbimbo**



Our sincere sympathy to the families of  
**Janet Eleanor Wilson and Santian Heuton**  
who died recently



**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**

Today in parishes throughout the United States, Catholics are celebrating life...life from the first moment of conception till natural death. The U.S. Bishops have said: "The human person is Central, the clearest reflection of God among us". Let us affirm the goodness of God's creation by valuing the unborn, providing for the economically disadvantaged, rooting out the cause of violence and war and protecting the elderly and infirm. The red rose imprinted upon our Pro-Life banner hanging in our Church symbolizes life at all its stages. May it help to raise our consciousness about the wonder and awesomeness of all human life.

**AIDS LUNCH-October 8th**

We are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of each month. If you can prepare a favorite cookie, snack or lunch item for 10 to 12 people, please drop it off at the Children's Chapel, in the back of Church, by 9 a.m. on **October 8th**. Please pack the items in a non-returnable container. Frozen items *are ok!*  
*Thanks to everyone who contributes!*



**MARRIAGE IS A JOURNEY!!**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. Call Paul and Yvonne at (650) 366-7093. Next scheduled weekend is November 7-9 in San Mateo.

**STEWARDSHIP**

July 1st to Sept. 28th (goal)	130,650.00
July 1st to Sept. 28th (actual)	129,659.66
7/1/08-6/30/09 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 9/28)	9,828.26

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

As of 9/30/08 **353 Families** have pledged  
**\$82,390.10.**

*Our goal this year is \$95,100.00*

**Thank you for your generous donation.**

**Sign up for E-Contributions**

Go to [www.saintroberts.org](http://www.saintroberts.org) and click on the e-contributions button.

*There is no cost to you for this service.*

# MINISTER SCHEDULE/Oct 11 & 12

## **Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass**

**Presider: Msgr. Dreier**

**Eucharistic Ministers: D. Hageman (C)**

J. Finnegan, B. Moniz, K. Hornung, R. Hanley, M. Murphy,  
A. Ciraulo, J. Waldvogel, J. Beltrano

**Lectors: S. Kelly and C. Clarke**

**Altar Servers: A. Mullady and J. Jauregui**

## **Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass**

**Presider: Msgr. Dreier**

**Eucharistic Ministers: B. Mullins (C)**

E. Ruggiero, B. Albright, R. Lahoz, A. Buelow

**Lectors: P. Lusic and A. Reyes**

**Altar Servers: B. Cronin and N. Nussbaum**

## **Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass**

**Presider: Fr. Schaukowitz**

**Eucharistic Ministers: A. Romine (C)**

R. Valdez, J. Valdez, S. Murray, T. Jones, M. Bourne,  
H. Mar, M. Lopez, A. Solis

**Lectors: T. Tullius**

**Altar Servers: J. Nazzal, s. Bendick and P. Jauregui**

**Children's Liturgy: Michael and Ben & Lisa**

## **Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass**

**Presider: Fr. Schaukowitz**

**Eucharistic Ministers: D. Murphy (C)**

R. Benavente, V/L Picinini, L. Sing, H. Mantler,  
P. Fernandez, M. Fernandez, E. Sanchez, B. Chester

**Lectors: G. May and M. Benavente**

**Altar Servers: C. Benavente and P. Valle**

## **Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass**

**Presider: Fr. Ring**

**Eucharistic Ministers: M. Salvato (C)**

M. Santiago, D. Ferris, J. Huddleston, C. Innes, P. Linehan,  
V. Hawkins, M. Dowden, M. Alberouette

**Lector: L. Avila and J. Bartolotti**

**Altar Servers: R. Cuddy and E. Wright**

### **WEEKLY READINGS**

#### Monday-October 6th

Readings: Gal 1:6-12 Lk 10:25-37

#### Tuesday-October 7th

Readings: Gal 1:13-24 Lk 10:38-42

#### Wednesday-October 8th

Readings: Gal 2:1-2,7-14 Lk 11:1-4

#### Thursday-October 9th

Readings: Gal 3:1-5 Lk 11:5-13

#### Friday-October 10th

Readings: Gal 3:7-14 Lk 11:15-26

#### Saturday-October 11th

Readings: Gal 3:22-29 Lk 11:27-28

#### Sunday-October 12th

Readings: Is 25:6-10a Phil 4:12-14,19-20 Mt 22:1-14

# Living the Liturgy

Today, we hear the third and last gospel passage about the vineyard. The reading from Isaiah and this gospel speak of bloodshed and violence, hardly what we would expect in a Sunday reading. But the parables are strong to get their point across: **some** of the Jewish leaders were not open to the prophets and are not open to Jesus, turning their backs on their heritage as the chosen people, refusing to listen to the promised Messiah who is in their midst. We need to recall the historical setting of this passage. Matthew and his community knew the hostility of some of the leaders and actual persecution. So their ire towards the leaders is expressed in this lightly veiled example. But we need to remember that just as God is always calling us, God also called the Jewish people and their leaders back to back to faithfulness. The covenant with the Jewish people stands, though they still await the Messiah. Our covenant is the "new covenant in my blood" as we hear every time we participate in the Eucharist. Jesus' life, death and resurrection has made us as well a chosen people. The Philippians reading tells us how to respond to such a gift: pray with thanksgiving; don't worry about anything; think about everything which is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, and gracious. In other words, stay focused on your relationship with God and you will be at peace.

These may seem isolated and almost self-centered; it may be helpful to recall that immediately before this passage, Paul is warning them of false teachers who are preaching a worldly faith, focusing on the body and giving in to its every desire. And if we truly pray, we realize that we can never stay centered on ourselves; God always sends us out to be a loving presence for others. As St. Francis would say, Peace and all good to you! **S. Sheral**

## Want to go to Mississippi?

I've had the opportunity to work in Mississippi during the last two Christmas vacations, the first year working in Gulfport, MS where the Presentation Sisters are and last year in Pass Christian, MS. This year, I'm planning to go to Waveland, MS to work with Habitat for Humanity to help rebuild homes which were ruined by Katrina and again by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. If you're interested in the work that Habitat does there, please go to [www.habitatbw.org](http://www.habitatbw.org). We would be working under skilled craftsmen and would be staying in a local church auditorium. We would leave, God willing, on Sunday, Dec. 28, work Monday through Friday and return on Saturday, Jan. 2. Are you interested? If you are, please give me a call at the rectory and I'll gladly share our experience of the past two trips.



**"The Spirits are stirring...Fright hangs in the air...The ghosts at Hennessey Hall...Beckon for WOMEN'S GUILD to be there!"**

## Womens Guild meeting Thursday October

**9th-** 6:30p.m. in Hennessey Hall- \$15.00 for dinner and raffle. Bring your game - BINGO Night! RSVP by Monday, email [srwomensguild@yahoo.com](mailto:srwomensguild@yahoo.com) or Call Nubia Caoili (415) 730-0025.

**Consolation Ministry** - Saint Robert's Grief Support Group will hold their next meeting on **October 11th** in the Convent Chapel from 3 to 4:15 p.m. (before the 4:30 p.m. Mass). Anyone who is suffering from the loss, whether (recent or not so recent) of a loved one—spouse, sibling, child, parent, friend or relative is invited to come and pray, share, comfort and be comforted. You are invited to bring a companion for support and strength. God Bless you in your sorrow. **Sister Patricia** 589-0104.



## ST. ROBERTS GROWNUPS COMMUNION LUNCHEON

**Sunday October 19th** in Hennessey Hall after 11:30 a.m. Catered by the InBetweeners. Price is \$15 which includes a fun gambling game.

Tickets on sale this weekend October 4th and 5th and next weekend October 11th and 12th after all Masses.

## School News



## BUY SCRIP NOW thru October 13th

if you are not Registered with eScrip, and you shop at Safeway please turn in your receipts to the Rectory or School this week. Call Chris Peterson if you have any questions at (650) 827-1748.

## ***What does our Faith tell us about Marriage?***

Marriage comes from the loving hand of God, who fashioned both male and female in the divine image. Marriage is both a natural institution and a sacred union because it is rooted in the divine plan for creation. The Church teaches that the valid marriage of baptized Christians is a sacrament, a saving reality. Jesus Christ made marriage a symbol of His love for His Church. This means that a sacramental marriage lets the world see, in human terms something of the faithful, creative abundant and self emptying love of Christ. A true marriage in the Lord with His grace will bring the spouses to holiness. Their love, manifested in fidelity, fertility, generosity, sacrifice, forgiveness and healing, makes known God's love in their family, community and society. This Christian meaning confirms and strengthens the human value of a marital union. **-Bishop Gerald Barnes, San Bernardino**



## 2008 Centerplate Schedule

_____ Sunday	October 12 <sup>th</sup>	49ers vs Eagles	8:00 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
_____ Sunday	October 26 <sup>th</sup>	49ers vs Seattle	8:00 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
_____ Sunday	November 16 <sup>th</sup>	49ers vs Rams	8:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.
_____ Sunday	December 7 <sup>th</sup>	49ers vs Jets	8:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.
_____ Sunday	December 28 <sup>th</sup>	49ers vs Redskins	8:00 a.m.	1:15 p.m.

**Dress Code: Full length Black Slacks (no jeans, capris, spandex), white shirt with collar, closed toe shoes (black or white).**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**As of September 29th  
we have received \$47,302.72  
This amount includes commission and tips.  
*Thanks* to the many people  
who have volunteered.**