

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 Parishioners,

Hosting a wedding is a lot of work. Dealing with the guest list, invitations and seating arrangements-it can all seem overwhelming. We plan a wonderful event, selecting the food, wine, decorations and music carefully, hoping that the invited guests will share in our joy. As soon as the invitations are mailed, we wait in anticipation for the responses. We hope everyone who is invited will be able to attend. But there is no guarantee that everyone who is invited will respond.

God invites all to attend to his heavenly banquet and be seated at the table. He lovingly expects everyone to come. In reality, it would seem that many people never respond or just do not show up. Unfortunately, those who refuse the invitation do so because they do not recognize the eternal gift they are being offered.

Isaiah's portrayal of the mountaintop feast for all peoples whom he has saved projects an image of the heavenly banquet. It is an image of comfort, consolation and hope. There is victory for those who look to God for their salvation.

In this week's Gospel we hear the familiar parable of the wedding banquet. We understand that God is the king who has invited guests to the wedding feast. But they do not attend. They do not respond with gratitude to the invitation. They even mistreat the messengers. But God's banquet will be filled. He invites everybody else to come: beggars, thieves, the unworthy and even those just passing by.

One of the invited guests feels worthy to accept the invitation but does not dress properly. Why? Just showing up at the last minute does not guarantee that they will be admitted to the heavenly banquet. First, we have to put on the garment of faith by loving God and our neighbor. We have to nourish our faith with Christ-like actions here on earth. Putting our faith into action, we can hope to take our place at the table of the Lord.

Father Bruce

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday-October 13th

Mass Intention 8:30 Richard Dineen †
Cheerleading Pract. 1:45pm Hall
St. Vincent de Paul 7pm Mahoney Room
(Parish Office closed today in observance of Columbus Day)

Tuesday-October 14th

Mass Intention 6:30 Brother Cormack Murphy
8:30 Sally Vernale †
Adult Religious Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Rel Ed/Gr 1-5 3:30pm Church & Hall
Confirmation Yr 1 6pm Mahoney Room
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library

Wednesday-October 15th

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

Thursday-October 16th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service
8:30 Nancy Curtis †
School Board Mtg 7pm Mahoney Room
RCIA 7pm Convent Chapel

Friday-October 17th

Mass Intention 6:30 Roland Herrera †
8:30 Ben Melcher †
Grandparent/Special Person's Day 8:30am Church
Cheerleading Pract. 3pm Hall

Saturday-October 18th

Mass Intention 8:30 Paul & Rosina Vella †
4:30 Vicente & Lourdes Mauricio †
AA meeting 9:30am Mahoney Room
Grownup's Luncheon
Set up 3pm Hall

Sunday-October 19th

Mass Intention 7:30 James J. Murphy †
9:30 Walter Giusti †
11:30 People of St. Robert's
5pm Don Bullard †
Grownup's Luncheon 11:30am Hall
Choir Practice 2pm Church
Confirmation Yr 2 3pm Hall



As a Parish Community we pray ...
 We pray for the Sacrament of Marriage, as instituted by God, as a faithful, lifelong union of a man and a woman joined in a community of life and love.

**St. Roberts
 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 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 will be here **Sunday, November 2nd 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
Catherine Gardiner
 and **John Dachauer** (*Tom Dachauer's brother*)
 who died recently



ALL SOULS (2008)

November is traditionally the month set aside by our church to commemorate and celebrate the memories of our departed loved ones. This year *"The feast of All Souls"* falls on a Sunday so we will celebrate it at all the Masses that Sunday, November 2nd.

(1.) The names of those buried from St. Robert's during the past year will be read aloud during all four Masses.

(2.) A special shrine erected by Our Lady's statue with the names inscribed in a Memorial Book. Please, bring pictures, memorial cards or flowers to place in this shrine for all of November.

(3.) We will have a special *Wall of Remembrance*. We post the names of those who died during the period November 1, 2007 – October 31, 2008 around the walls of the church, so that the faithful will be reminded of our departed loved ones each time they enter the Church.

(4.) *We are asking a special favor* from you, the parishioners. We have records all those buried from Saint Robert's during the past year, but would like to remember all of your departed loved ones that are buried /cremated from any other church or Funeral Home during the past year. Call, e-mail or fax their names to the Rectory or to Sister Patricia (posullivan3@juno.com) before October 25th. This will give Emil Ruggiero time to prepare the **"St. Robert's Wall of Remembrance"** by Nov. 1st, "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead."

Sister Patricia

**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Luke Henry Easley Alana Angelina Flores
 Alana Silvia Koenig



STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to Oct. 5th (goal)	140,700.00
July 1st to Oct. 5th (actual)	140,001.79
7/1/08-6/30/09 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 10/05)	10,387.13

Thank you for your generous donation of **\$2,170.85** to our School, CCD and Confirmation Programs.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
 As of 10/7/08 **355 Families** have pledged
\$83,315.10.
Our goal this year is \$95,100.00
Thank you for your generous donation.

Sign up for E-Contributions

Go to www.saintroberts.org and click on the e-contributions button.

There is no cost to you for this service.

MINISTER SCHEDULE/OCT 18 & 19

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Hanley (C)

J. Finnegan, D. Bisagno, C. Holland, K. Hornung,
D. Hageman, M. Murphy, A. Ciraulo, J. Waldvogel

Lectors: J. Cronin and S. Kelly

Altar Servers: M. Murphy and M. Fogelsong

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Vassalo (C)

C. Soracco, M. Nunnery, J. Jackson, J. Aldinger

Lectors: T. Clifford and J. Moresco

Altar Servers: J. Thompson and A. Cotroneo

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: G. Sinks (C)

M. Blumenthal, K. Semenza, J. Sexton, L. Cesca,
M. Zamattia, L. Rodriguez, L. Canaya, M. Quilici

Lectors: S. Bendick

Altar Servers: B. Wilson, C. Tapia and M. Grealish

Children's Liturgy: Esperanza and Danny & Sandy

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Giusti (C)

V. Valle, L. Welch, L. Juvero, P. Estelita, H. Madayag,
M. Nuti, N. Bamba, F. Firpo

Lectors: C. Pisani and T. Tannis

Altar Servers: E. Estelita and M. Estelita

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Innes (C)

M. Elmore, P. Landholt, G. Landholt, C. Browne,
M. Huntington, G. Lynch, D. Ferris, J. Huddleston

Lector: J. Bartolotti and L. Avila

Altar Servers: D. Lavezzo and T. Lopez

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-October 13th

Readings: Gal 4:22-24,26-27,31-5:1 Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday-October 14th

Readings: Gal 5:1-6 Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday-October 15th

Readings: Gal 5:18-25 Lk 11:42-46

Thursday-October 16th

Readings: Eph 1:3-10 Lk 11:47-54

Friday-October 17th

Readings: Eph 1:11-14 Lk 12:1-7

Saturday-October 18th

Readings: 2 Tm 4:10-17 Lk 10:1-9

Sunday-October 19th

Readings: Is 45:1,4-6 1 Thes 1:1-5b Mt 22:15-21

Living the Liturgy

The Lord's Feast

The readings this weekend are all about feasting. The Isaiah reading promises "a feast of rich food and choice wines" and, more importantly, no more death, no tears, no more punishment because God will have saved the people. This was written to encourage the Jewish people whose everyday experience didn't include those heavenly aspects. Psalm 23, which we almost know by heart, includes a meal as well: "You spread a table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows."

The gospel is also familiar, but needs some explanation. A king gives a wedding feast for his son and those invited refuse to come. Not only do the guests not come, but some of them actually kill the king's servants. So the king sends his troops to burn the city and kill the murderers. Then he sends the servants out to the streets to invite anyone they find. Those invited come, but one has no wedding garment, so he is cast outside "where there is wailing and grinding of teeth." How unfair, we protest!

The parable is about the kingdom of heaven, addressed as last week's parable was, to the Jewish leaders who were persecuting Matthew's community. Obviously, our God is not like the king who destroys those who refuse to come to the feast! But, since many of the Chosen People don't respond, God invites others – called the followers of the Way at that time, later known as Christians – to the banquet of heaven. So what about the poor guy without the appropriate garment? Evidently, at that time, wedding garments were regularly lent, so it seems he didn't take the invitation seriously enough to make the effort of borrowing a garment. Perhaps, this refers to Christians who might not take their calling seriously enough to actually live according to Jesus' example. May we, guided by the Spirit, respond actively to our invitation to the kingdom!

Peace, S. Sheral

About Voting

Registration for voting needs to be postmarked by Oct. 20. You can also register online.

As you reflect on the candidates and their parties, please remember the concerns our bishops have laid out for us as Catholics: life and dignity of the human person, the needs of the poor and vulnerable, the call to family and the common good, the rights of workers, global solidarity, and care for God's creation. Explanations of these social teachings of our Church can be found at www.usccb.org/sdwp/project/socialteaching.

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.



ST. ROBERTS GROWNUPS COMMUNION LUNCHEON

Sunday October 19th in Hennessy Hall after 11:30 a.m. Catered by the InBetweeners. Price is \$15 which includes a fun gambling game. Tickets on sale this weekend.



Consolation Ministry - Saint Robert's Grief Support Group will hold their next meeting on **October 25th** 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. Vincent de Paul award to our parishioners

Congratulations to John and Ruby Valdez recipients of the St. Vincent de Paul, 2008 Ozanam Conference Recognition of Service award for their work with the North County Homeless Help Conference. Congratulations John and Ruby and thank you for your continuing help and hard work.

Blood Donors Thank You

Thank you to all who came by to donate blood last weekend. I don't have the count on pints received. The last count, while I was there, was 17 pints. If you are like me who couldn't donate because of a recent cold, please plan a visit to the Blood Centers of the Pacific when you feel better. Their Peninsula Center is located at 111 Rollins Road, Millbrae, behind In & Out Burgers. You can call (650) 697-4034 to make an appointment.

Please mark your calendars for their next Blood Drive will be on Super Bowl Sunday, February 1st, 2009.



2008 Centerplate Schedule

_____ Sunday	October 26 th 49ers vs Seattle	8:00 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
_____ Sunday	November 16 th 49ers vs Rams	8:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.
_____ Sunday	December 7 th 49ers vs Jets	8:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.
_____ Sunday	December 28 th 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: _____

Sign up on-line at www.saintroberts.org. Click on the Centerplate button.

**As of October 6th
we have received \$49,284.11
This amount includes commission and tips.
Thanks to the many people
who have volunteered.**