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.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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

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

Dear Parishioners,

Last week we invited you to join with us, the Presentation Sisters, in praying to our founderess, Nano Nagle, to intercede with our Heavenly Father for complete healing for Father Bruce.

You may ask, "Who is Nano Nagle?"

Very briefly: Nano Nagle was born in Ballygriffin, Mallow, Co. Cork, Ireland in 1718 to wealthy Irish Catholic landowners. This was rather unusual at the time because England ruled Ireland and most of the Irish were suffering from extreme poverty.

In 1728, the Nagle family sent Nano and her sister, Ann to Paris to be educated. Nano and Ann enjoyed a good education and also the good life of Paris. While there, an incident occurred that changed her life forever. On returning from a ball in the early hours of the morning, Nano's attention was caught by a little group of people gathered before an unopened door of a church. This early congregation was determined to give the first fruits of the new day to God through the Mass, while she wasted the precious gift of God's time. This scene drew together within her the three dimensions of God's presence: The Eucharist Celebration, Christ presence in the Blessed Sacrament and in God's poor.

Nano's father died in 1746 and the two girls had to return to Ireland. In 1754 she returned to Cork. Nano spent her nights in prayer and her days working with the poor and sick of Cork City and opening schools for young girls. This was totally against the English Penal Laws. She not only put herself in extreme danger but also her family. As time passed she opened more and more schools in spite of her poor health and horrible working conditions. She used her family inheritance to fund her charitable works.

As she grew older she worried about the continuation and stability of her schools. She invited the French Ursuline Sisters to Cork. They came but because of their rule of enclosure they could not go around the city from school to school as Nano was accustomed to doing. So she handed the convent, she had prepared, over to them. Then Nano decided to start her own Order of Sisters to work in the education of the poor and visiting the frail, the sick and the dying. Three young ladies joined her and on December 24, 1775 -- The Presentation Sisters came into being.

Nano died on Monday, April 26, 1784, at the age of 65.

God bless you Sister Patricia

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-February 9th

Mass Intention 6:30 Mary Filippi †

8:30 Manfred Bock †

Passion Play Reh 7pm Church St. Vincent de Paul 7pm Mahoney Room

Tuesday-February 10th

Mass Intention 6:30 Rodney Simmons † 8:30 Peter Boncich †

Religious Ed/Gr1-5 3:30pm Church & Hall Rel Ed/Jr. High 6pm Hall Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library

Wednesday-February 11th

6:30 Communion Service

Mass Intention8:30Bill Duffey †Choir Practice7pmChurchScripture Study7:30pmConvent Chapel

Thursday-February 12th

6:30 Communion Service 8:30 Charles & Rita Agius †

Children's Choir 3pm Church Women's Guild 6:30pm Hall

RCIA 7pm Convent Chapel

Mass Intention

Friday-February 13th

Mass Intention 6:30 Ann Skalko †

8:30 Carmen Capella †

Grief Support Mtg 3pm Convent Chapel

Saturday-February 14th

Mass Intention 8:30 Maria Boncich †

4:30 John Erasmy †

AA Meeting 10am Mahoney Room

Sunday-February 15th

Mass Intention 7:30 John Mocelin †

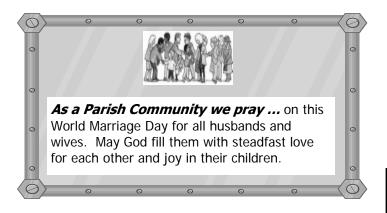
9:30 Robert Baker, Sr. †

11:30 Adolph & Rita Fambrini †

5pm People of St. Robert's

Passion Play Reh 7pm Church

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.



Our sincere sympathy to the families of Eileen Gordon, George O'Brien and Stephen Miller who died recently

Communion for the Sick

If there is someone ill in your family or recovering from surgery or chemotherapy who is unable to come to Mass, please call Sister Patricia at 589-0104 and she will ask someone to bring Holy Communion. Or contact Sr. Sheral at 589-2800 about the option of bringing your family member Communion yourself. There is a very simple procedure to be followed and either of us will be happy to go through it with you.

Consolation Ministry - Saint Robert's Grief Support Group will hold their next meeting on February 13th 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.

Anniversary Mass Saturday, February 14th at 10 a.m.

Bishop William Justice cordially extends an invitation to all married couples of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, and beyond, to a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration and renewal of vows on Saturday, February 14th at 10 a.m. at St. Anne of the Sunset Parish at 850 Judah St. San Francisco. Special honor will be shown to those who are celebrating their 25th, 50th or 50+ Wedding Anniversaries. Coffee and cake reception immediately following Eucharist. Registration forms can be downloaded at www.sffamilylife.com or call (707) 552-3394 to have one mailed to you.

SCHOOL

St. Robert's School will be selling scrip and scrip gift cards after every mass next weekend. Every purchase helps the school.

PRAYER FOR FAVORS THROUGH THE INTERCESSION OF THE SERVANT OF GOD, NANO NAGLE



O God, You filled the heart of your servant, Nano Nagle, with loving care and compassion for the needy. Through her intercession, help us in our need.... Grant that, like her, we may do your will, and that we may grow in your love and in the love of our neighbor. Through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

+Cornelius Lucey, Bishop of Cork and Ross

The Presentation Sisters invite you to join with them in praying to their Foundress, Nano Nagle, for complete healing for our Pastor Msgr. Bruce. Prayer cards are available in the vestibule.

St. Robert's Womens Guild Proudly Presents...... "All Around The World"



Dinner Dance/Auction on March 7th

5pm-Midnight at the South San Francisco Conference Center. For further information contact Dinner Dance chairs: Jennifer Dias (650) 359-2808 or Lisa Kreysa (650) 737-0211.

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to Feb. 1st (goal) July 1st to Feb/ 1st (actual) 7/1/08-6/30/09 Weekly Goal Collection (actual 2/01)	311,550.00 319,205.12 10,050.00 9,049.25
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Thank you for your donation of \$2,378.82 for our School, CCD and Confirmation Programs.

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/Feb 14 & 15

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Schaukowitch

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Bisagno (C)

R. Hanley, D. Hageman, M. Murphy, J. Beltrano, B. Moniz,

A. Ciraulo, J. Scannell, C. Holland **Lectors:** J. Cronin and C. Clarke

Altar Servers: M. Murphy and J. Jauregui

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Vassallo (C) R. Jardin, E. Ruggiero, M. Nunnery, J. Jackson

Lectors: J. Moresco and S. Heaney **Altar Servers:** S. Jensen and A. Cotroneo

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Romine (C)

J. Sexton, M.A. Saisi, J. Kelly, G. Sinks, M. Lopez,

M. Zamattia, M. Bourne, M. Quilici **Lectors:** F. Abellana and J. Valdez

Altar Servers: F. Blumenthal, V. Sciacqua and C. Lynch

Children's Liturgy: Terry and Darlene

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: V. Valle (C)

D. Murphy, V/L Picinini, A. Maron, P. Fernandez,

M. Fernandez, L. Juvero, L. Welch, L. Sing

Lectors: D. Maron and C. Maron

Altar Servers: A. Dharmadi and M. Thompson

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Dowden (C)

M. Salvato, P. Landholt, G. Landholt, M. Elmore, V. Hawkins, J. Huddleston, M. Santiago, D. Ferris **Lectors:** G. Jurkowich and N. Buencamino **Altar Servers:** E. Wright and T. Lopez

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-February 9th

Readings: Gn 1:1-19 Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday-February 10th

Readings: Gn 1:20—2:4a Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday-February 11th

Readings: Gn 2:4b-9,15-17 Mk 7:14-23

Thursday-February 12th

Readings: Gn 2:18-25 Mk 7:24-30

Friday-February 13th

Readings: Gn 3:1-8 Mk 7:31-37

Saturday-February 14th

Readings: Gn 3:9-24 Mk 8:1-10

Sunday-February 15th

Readings: Lv 13:1-2,44-46 1 Cor 10:311-1:1 Mk 1:40-45

Living the Liturgy

Jesus the Healer

The gospel today shows Jesus as a healer and one who continues to drive out demons. (You might recall that, in his time, illnesses such as epilepsy were thought to be possession by the devil.) Everyone hears about his presence and his action and gathers at the door. Who of us with a sick relative or friend wouldn't want the person restored to health? He cures many, we are told, and the next day is pursued by the disciples because another set of people need him.

Like a parent or social worker or health care professional, there is a sense of Jesus always being "on." As Jude Siliciano, OP writes, "His healings and good works take place in domestic settings: like the healing in Peter's home, on the road, in a fishing boat, walking through a wheat field or on hillsides...Jesus' ministry sounds a lot like our own lives, with no strict lines of demarcation and few "off hours." We are not part-time Christians and the call to serve can happen at any time and place in our day." (*Preacher's Exchange, Feb. 8*) And how does he/how do we humanly keep up this pace? The answer comes later in the gospel passage: "Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place where he prayed."

Have you noticed that your ability to respond to someone's need is often in inverse proportion to your tiredness? Or how quickly a tiny inconvenience can morph into a major problem? We just have to acknowledge our own humanity and our need for the basics: rest, food, exercise, the refreshment of being with people who care for us. Even in these hard times (perhaps, more than ever in these times) we cannot forget that we are human and do have limits. Jesus goes off to pray; he wants to stay in touch with his Father, through whose power he was able to do such wonders. Don't we all need that reminder that everything is a gift – all the good we can do, any wise counsel we give to someone who asks, our very life itself. We need the perspective which comes with quiet reflection to let God lead us through these frightening times where so much seems out of control and hard-working people we love are losing jobs. Do we hear a call to living more simply, to consciously deciding as a family what is essential and what isn't? May the Spirit guide our leaders and all of us! **Peace, S. Sheral**

Notions, Anyone?

If you have material, yarn, notions (thread, elastic, batting, etc) or other sewing supplies you're no longer using, the St. Anthony Stitchers will gladly transform them into lovely clothing and quilts for the poor families who come to the dining room in the Tenderloin. Please bring the items to church this weekend or next and place them in the library off the vestibule or give them to Sr. Sheral. Thank you.

Global Warming

The Tuesday morning group will be looking at global warming as a moral issue the next few weeks. Please join us at 9:15 am in Mary's Chapel. *Everyone is welcome.*

Blood Donors Thank You!!!



Thank you to all who came by to donate blood last weekend. I don't have the final count on the pints received. The last count, while I was there,

was 25 pints. That's eight pints better than last time. **Gene May gives a rousing "Thank You" as well.** Thank you to all who came by, even if for some reason they were unable to take your blood. If you couldn't donate on Sunday but would like to, please plan a visit to the Peninsula Center of Blood Centers of the Pacific. Their office is located at 111 Rollins Road, Millbrae, behind In & Out Burgers. You can call (650) 697-4034 to make an appointment. I will let you know when we confirm the date of their next visit which will probably be in September.

AIDS LUNCH RETURNS-

February 11th

Once again we have been invited to provide snacks or lunch items for the new ARC/AIDS clinic in Redwood City . The second Wednesday of the month is our donation day beginning this Wednesday, February 11th. 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 9:30am. Frozen items are acceptable. Thank you for your continued assistance.

TRANSFORMING GRIEF is a day of spiritual retreat for those who are grieving the death of a loved one being offered by Barbara Elordi, Ministry of Consolation Coordinator for the Archdiocese on Sat. March 7th at St. Gabriels' from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please call Barbara to register at (415) 614-5506

Caregivers' Workshop

If you're caring for a relative or friend, please save Saturday, **February 28** from 9 am to 1 pm for a gathering at the Convent Chapel. We'll pray together, share our stories and those practices we've found helpful for making this challenging time of care giving a healthy experience for both of you. Look for fliers at the church entrances next weekend.



DINNER DANCE/AUCTION TICKETS

WILL BE SOLD AFTER ALL THE MASSES NEXT WEEKEND,
FEBRUARY 13TH & 14TH,
or contact Annetta Giambruno at
650-455-4779 to purchase tickets.



Passion Play Auditions

The Saint Robert's Youth Ministry invites all the teenagers of our parish to join in the presentation of our 14th Annual Passion Play.

Auditions will be held in Saint Robert's Church:

Sun. ~ Feb. 8, 2009 ~ 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Mon. ~ Feb. 9, 2009 ~ 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Mon. ~ Feb. 16, 2009 ~ 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

We are also looking for Singers, Musicians and Stage Crew, please come to one of the auditions, or call one of us to sign up for any of these positions. You may call either:

Ben Baldonado at (650) 589-8519 or Bob Baker at (650) 871-8490 or Collin Tullius at (650) 270-1444 or Ellie Giuseponi at (650) 922-5978