

SAINT ROBERT'S CHURCH



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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: 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 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.

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

Dear Parishioners,

I sit here on our deck, sipping Earl Grey tea. I am warmed by the Autumn sun while breathing in the sweet fragrance of jasmine. My white butterfly playfully flits around my head and leads my eyes to Gene's favorite pink rose bush --- the one he gave me for my birthday many years ago. God's peace surrounds me! It truly is a glorious day to be alive at this time and in this place. The month of October has been designated "Respect Life Month". Silently I ask Gene, "What does this month mean to us?"

These thoughts come to me: As Christians, we sometimes feel disheartened as we see abortion, embryonic stem-cell research, assisted suicide, the death penalty become more and more acceptable in our nation. Rationalization has buried truth. What can we do to reverse this trend? We must speak out against these abuses and do something more in defense of the unborn, those who are disabled, the poor, the hungry, the homeless, those who are ill, frail and elderly. We need to 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 deserves 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; care for those who are ill or 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 and its leaders will become staunch supporters 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!

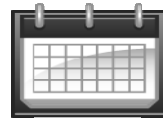
I end this letter with Gene's life-long motto:

LOVE LIFE --- LIVE LOVE!

Anna May



THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-October 11th

COLUMBUS DAY

Mass Intention 8:30 Anna Kovacevic †
St. Vincent de Paul 7:00pm Mahoney Room
(Office closed today in observance of Columbus Day)

Tuesday-October 12th

Mass Intention 6:30 †
8:30 Charles & Rita Agiust
Adult Religious Ed 9:15 am Mary's Chapel
Religious Education 3:30pm Church & Hall
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library
Confirmation 7:00pm Hall
Pastoral Council 7:30pm Convent

Wednesday-October 13th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service
8:30 Joe Muscat †
Choir Practice 7:00pm Church

Thursday-October 14th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service
8:30 Joanne Johnson

Friday-October 15th

Mass Intention 6:30 †
8:30 Joe Muscat †

Saturday-October 16th

Mass Intention 8:30 Paul & Rosina Vella †
4:30 Margaret Calabro †
AA 9:30am Mahoney Room
Rummage Sale 8:00am Hall

Sunday-October 17th

Mass Intention 7:30 People of St. Robert's
9:30 Carol Bond †
11:30 Gene May †
5:00 Rita Mesita †
Blood Drive 8:00am Hall
Confirmation/Yr 2 3:30pm Hall



AS A PARISH COMMUNITY, WE PRAY.... AS A
FOR THOSE WHO SEEK TO SERVE US
IN GOVERNMENT OFFICE. BY THEIR
RESPECT FOR EVERY HUMAN BEING,
FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL
DEATH, MAY THEY LEAD US IN
COMPASSION, MERCY AND LOVE.



**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Brandon Bourne Downs
Elijah James Feldman
Liam Julius Feldman-Suncin
Emilie Hope Nelson Garcia



Our sincere sympathy to the family of
Walter Gloistein
who died recently.



RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Over 30 years ago, we were told that legal and widely available abortion was the key to ending discrimination against women and the solution to a host of social problems. Today we face the devastating results: More than 40,000,000 unborn human lives lost, untold numbers of others wounded. Children and other family members abused in ever-increasing numbers. And more women and children living in poverty than ever before. Abortion is not a solution. In the United States every year, 1.6 million children die from abortion. The powerful propose yet more abortion, government-funded abortion, as the cure. How long will we refuse to see the bankruptcy of our choices? How long will we refuse to act? How long, O Lord, how long? (National Conference of Catholic Bishops)

AIDS LUNCH –Oct. 13th

The second Wednesday of the month is our donation day. 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 9:30 am. Frozen items are acceptable.



Thank you for your continued assistance.

**RUMMAGE SALE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16**



Now Seeking Donations!

The Inbetweeners' rummage sale, a fundraising event to help the St. Justine Centre of the Disabled in Tanzania, has been rescheduled and will take place on Saturday, October 16th from 8am to 2pm at St. Robert's. Please contact Kerry Hansell at 650-871-0272 or kerryhansell@yahoo.com to volunteer to help or make arrangements to donate items. Be sure to come out and pick up some new treasures!

**STEWARDSHIP
WEEKLY COLLECTION**

July 1st to October 3rd (goal)	149,860.00
July 1st to October 3rd (actual)	122,368.60
7/1/10-6/30/11 Weekly Goal Collection (actual 10/03)	10,490.00 9,369.34

Thank you for your generous donation of
\$2,267.44
to our School, CCD and Confirmation Program.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

**As of 10/05/10
over 400 families have pledged
\$74,221.17
Our goal this year is \$96,000
*Thank you in advance
for your generous donation.***

MINISTER SCHEDULE/Oct 16 & 17

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Hanley (C)

D. Hageman, R. Aveson, J. Brooks, A. Ciraulo,
D. Interdonato, J. Waldvogel

Lectors: B. Rudometkin and J. Cronin

Altar Servers: R. Nazzal and K. Ravelo

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Mullins (C)

A. Buelow, R. Lahoz, R. Vassallo, T. Montross

Lectors: J. Aldinger and S. Heaney

Altar Servers: K. Thomson and M. Nussbaum

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Sexton (C)

T. Smerdel, T. Jones, G. Sinks, M. Zamattia,
L. Canaya, U. Uniacke

Lectors: J. Shick and D. Wilson

Altar Servers: K. Ajam, A. Tapia, P. Dickson

Children's Liturgy: Terry and Sandy & Danny

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Giusti (C)

A. Maron, F. Firpo, D/C Sosa, M. Fernandez,
P. Fernandez, H. Maydayag

Lectors: C. Pisani and D. Maron

Altar Servers: D. Arellano and A. Gaines

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Don

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Estelita (C)

U. Uniacke, A. Lopez, C. Lopez, V. Lopez, K. Welch,
M. Aberouette

Lector: M. Innes and L. Misculin

Altar Servers: R. Uniacke and K. Uniacke

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-October 11th

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

Tuesday-October 12th

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

Wednesday-October 13th

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

Thursday-October 14th

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

Friday-October 15th

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

Saturday-October 16th

Readings: Eph 1:15-23 Lk 12:8-12

Sunday-October 17th

Readings: Ex 17:8-13 2 Tm 3:14—4:2 Lk 18:1-8

Living Liturgy

Always Our Children

When we hear this reading on Thanksgiving Day we're reminded of the outcast status of lepers in Jesus' time. They were shunned, lived in isolation, and were considered sinners whose physical deformities were judged as evidence of wrongdoing. People who are gay or lesbian today often experience the shunning, exclusion and isolation which lepers felt in Jesus' time.

This past month, Tyler Clementi, a freshman at Rutgers University, jumped off a bridge after a roommate and his friend made a streaming video of him in a compromising situation. Lest we think this a rare occurrence, last month 13-year-old Asher Brown of Texas shot himself to death after enduring relentless taunting at his middle school. Here in California, 13-year-old Seth Walsh hanged himself when he couldn't take the bullying any longer — as did Billy Lucas, 15, in Indiana. All of these young men either were gay or were perceived to be gay. There is much we don't understand about sexuality. But some psychologists propose a continuum between heterosexual attraction/orientation and homosexual attraction/orientation and that each of us falls somewhere in between. While there is one school of thought which contends that one's orientation can be changed, the majority of experts disagree. No one knows what causes homosexuality; persons with this orientation say that they have known since an early age that they were "different."

In 1997, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops published a pastoral message, "Always Our Children," for parents of homosexual children and pastoral ministers. The authors describe it as "an outstretched hand of the bishops...offering them a fresh look at the grace present in family life and the unfailing mercy of Christ our Lord." The document explores the range of feelings family members may experience and offers suggestions for holding the tension between love for one's child and recognition of the Church's teachings. If you have a family member, friend or colleague whom you think may be gay or lesbian, you might want to read the entire document which you can find online. My older sister is lesbian, so I have a unique and personal understanding of the challenges faced by someone who is "different" in this way.

If we can heed the closing lines of the bishops' message, we can help prevent future tragedies:

"All in all, it is essential to recall one basic truth. God loves every person as a unique individual. Sexual identity helps to define the unique persons we are, and one component of our sexual identity is sexual orientation. Thus, our total personhood is more encompassing than sexual orientation...God does not love someone any less simply because he or she is homosexual. God's love is always and everywhere offered to those who are open to receiving it."

Peace, S. Sheral

Please note that Sr. Sheral's e-mail address is now sheralmar@aol.com

Samaritan House Needs

Please put your toiletries of any size for Samaritan House, San Mateo in the basket in the vestibule.



Blood Drive
St. Robert's Church
October 17



Save your Safeway/Pak'n Save Receipts



Safeway is giving 10% back to the school.

Save your Safeway/Pak'n Save receipts from September 15th until October 11th. Bring them to the school or rectory before October 12th.

BAKE SALE



Sunday, October 17

After the 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 masses

Please help support our parish Youth Group

If you have a favorite cake, cookie or cupcake recipe you would like to make to donate to the youth group, they will accept them after the 4:30pm Mass next Saturday. For more information call Tina Lopez at 922-8954 or Deacon John at 703-1667. The youth of the parish thank you in advance for your support.

Seton New Life Center

Thank you to all of you who brought baby items for the low-income Moms and babies who are served by the New Life Center at Seton Medical Center. They are most grateful.

Rosary Rally

At noon on Saturday, Oct. 16, parishioners will pray the rosary on the steps of the church. As our country faces global and domestic challenges, we'll ask for God's guidance for our leaders and ourselves through the intercession of Mary. Please join us.

Shape the Future - Vote!

If you've moved, changed your name or turned 18, you need to register to vote by October 26, so please take a form in the vestibule.

Centerplate Sign Up

Sunday, October 17	49ers vs Oakland	8:15am	1:00pm
Sunday, November 14	49ers vs St. Louis	8:15am	1:00pm
Sunday, November 21	49ers vs Tampa Bay	8:15am	1:00pm
Sunday, December 12	49ers vs Seattle	8:15am	1:00pm
Sunday, January 2, 2011	49ers vs Arizona	8:15am	1:00pm

Dress Code:

Centerplate Uniform - Full length black pants (no jeans or spandex etc.), white shirt with collar, comfortable closed toe and heel shoes.

We will car pool from the rectory. For those working in San Francisco, you can meet the group at the gate.

Volunteers between 16 - 21 years of age must provide a copy of a picture id which includes his/her birth date.

Sign up above or on the web at [www. Saintroberts.org](http://www.Saintroberts.org)

TRICK OR TREAT SRWG MEMBERS



Come be a part of the spirit and fun of the Women's Guild. The St. Robert's Women's Guild will be hosting a ghoulish meeting and dinner to celebrate Halloween!!!

We invite all of you to join us.

Hope to see you!!



Make sure to wear your favorite Halloween Shirt.

Monday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. Hennessy Hall
DINNER: \$12.00 (OPEN BAR) RSVP to: srwomensguild@yahoo.com