

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:

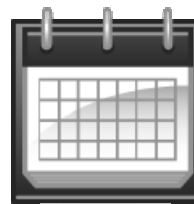
A parable draws its listeners into thinking about events in a story, and about what the characters ought to do. A parable works like a mirror in which listeners can see their actions. In deciding what the characters should do, they are making judgments that reflect their values.

Jesus, who was crucified, becomes in his resurrection, the cornerstone of the Christian community. If we are to belong to the kingdom of God, we must put our egos in their proper place. To the degree that we experience life as a gift and work for justice. God has an unconditional concern for justice, and love "To the degree that we embody justice, God takes form within us" "What more was there to do with my vineyard that I have not done?" God asks. God expects the vineyard to yield grapes but gets wild grapes instead. "God looked for justice but saw bloodshed. " How different is our faith community today from God's people before us? Doesn't God look for us to dwell in peace, yet we are a people prone to violence. God expects community, justice, equality, and generous sharing of resources; we exhibit rampant selfishness. We should be a dwelling place of God that embodies gospel values. We should be people in whom the fruits of the Spirit are abundant; peace, love, kindness, patience, humility and forgiveness. God has made a covenant with us and promised to stay faithful. When we are in a committed relationship, be that as a friend or family member, we learn at least two lessons. First, conflict arises out of violations of expectations. The second lesson of relationship is this: if nothing counts against us, nothing counts. Being judged against an expectation is a good thing, not a bad thing. Wouldn't we respect someone who comes to express disappointment in the relationship rather than leave without a word? We owe something to those we love. We owe God gratitude, love, and relationship, if we believe in creation

God Bless,

Deacon John

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-October 3rd

Mass Intention 6:30 Emmanuel Castillo †
8:30 Rosa Viola †
Men's Club Mtg 6:00pm Hall

Tuesday-October 4th

Mass Intention 6:30 Mary Roldan †
8:30 Kathleen Sullivan †
Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Religious Education 3:30pm Church & Hall
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library

Wednesday-October 5th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service
8:30 Lawrence Glaude †
Grief Support Mtg 9:00am Mary's Chapel

Thursday-October 6th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service
8:30 Laurie Cox †

Friday-October 7th

Mass Intention 6:30 Mary Dijanich †
8:30 Gilda Cassanego †
Grandparent's Day 8:30am Church/School

Saturday-October 8th

Mass Intention 8:30 Ann Bonzani †
4:30 Mary DeBattista †
AA Mtg 10:00am Mahoney Room
Grief Consolation 3:00pm Convent

Sunday-October 9th

Mass Intention 7:30 Barbieri Family
9:30 Ana Kovacevic †
11:30 People of St. Robert's
5:00 John LaBerte †

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Emil & Lisa Mathews & Family
Mary Hile-Nepfel



On this Respect for Life Sunday, as a parish we pray for our nation. May we become the land of the living, respecting the sanctity of all human life from the first moment of conception until natural death.

**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Cassius N. Courtney
Isabella-Maria A. Courtney
Kingston C. Courtney
Sophia Courtney
Charlene Shea Rediske
Arielle Shae Lawas Ruiz
Nathalia Anne Zavala



Our sincere sympathy to the families of Philip Lopez and Gloria Menconi who died recently.



TODAY IS RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Now is one of the saddest moments in history. Abortion, partial-birth abortion, assisted suicide and euthanasia are becoming acceptable practices in our nation and throughout the world. What can we do to reverse this trend? We can cease to be timid when these subjects come up in conversation and express our views on the sanctity of all 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 can give of ourselves to those in need, especially to women who are pregnant. Every human life is holy and needs the protection, appreciation and love that God asks us to give. Let us continue to pray that we will see one another as God sees us and love one another as God loves us!

Dinner Dance Meeting

Take a chance and roll the dice on making this year's Dinner dance another huge success. **Volunteers are needed** . Informal meeting on Monday Oct. 3rd at 6:30pm at 768 Cypress Ave, San Bruno.

If you would like to help but cannot attend please contact Laurie Scribner at 650-619-9606 or Karen Martinez at 650-255-9507 for more information. Please come and support this wonderful event ~



AIDS LUNCH –Oct. 12th

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.

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to Sept. 25, 2011 (goal)	127,452.00
July 1st to Sept. 25th (actual)	112,164.45
7/1/11-6/30/12 Weekly Goal	9,804.00
Collection (actual 9/25)	9,537.70

**2011 ARCHBISHOP'S
ANNUAL APPEAL**
As of 9/22/11
\$66,852.16
has been pledged.
Our goal this year is \$86,200.
*Thank you in advance
for your generous donation.*

MINISTER SCHEDULE/Oct 8 & 9

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Hanley (C)
D. Hageman, R. Aveson, N. Jussaume, C. Holland
Lectors: C. Aveson and J. Cronin
Altar Servers: K. Ravelo and K. Brown

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Nunnery (C)
A. Buelow, T. Montross, B. Mullins, K. Healy
Lectors: A. Cotroneo and A. Reyes
Altar Servers: B. Godfrey and K. Thomson

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Valdez (C)
A. Brugnara, T. Casey, T. Jones, J. Kelly
Lectors: J. Shick and J. Valdez
Altar Servers: C. Shick, K. Ajam, M. McKenna
Children's Liturgy: Esperanza & Nubia and Gus

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: V. Valle (C)
N. Bamba, C. Attard, A. Reid, A. Maron
Lectors: H. Valle and C. Pisani
Altar Servers: F. Valle and J. Reid

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Elmore (C)
R. Benavente, M. Mahoney, M. Salvato, D. Ferris
Lector: N. Buencamino and C. Buencamino
Altar Servers: R. Benavente and D. Arsenault

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-October 3rd

Readings: Jon 1:1-2,2, 11 Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday-October 4th

Readings: Jon 3:1-10 Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday-October 5th

Readings: Jon 4:1-11 Lk 11:1-4

Thursday-October 6th

Readings: Mal 3:13-20b Lk 11:5-13

Friday-October 7th

Readings: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Lk 11:15-26

Saturday-October 8th

Readings: Jl 4:12-21 Lk 11:27-28

Sunday-October 9th

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



From the Pastor's Desk

Last week I mentioned that October 16 will be "Stewardship Sunday" in our parish. Within the next couple of weeks I will publish something about stewardship. I hope that everyone will take the time to read these articles so that come October 16 there will be an understanding and appreciation of what stewardship is all about. These articles will be based primarily on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response."

First, it is worth meditating on this paragraph of the bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship:

The idea and the practice of stewardship have the power to change our self-understanding and our understanding of the meaning of our lives. Steward-disciples recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all they have and all they are. They see themselves as caretakers of God's gifts. They are grateful for what they have received and are eager to cultivate their gifts out of love for God and one another.

Reflecting on the above paragraph, we realize that stewardship is grounded in faith. This is what our faith in God tells us: without God we can do nothing. But thanks be to God we are chosen as stewards of God's gifts. These gifts that are entrusted to us define who we are and what we are. What we do with these gifts determines what kind of stewards we are.

We were created to be God's stewards of many gifts and thereby we give glory to the Lord in our worship and in prayer. The cornerstone of our relationship with God is communication expressed through prayer and worship. Prayer is a lifting up of our hearts and our minds to God. An excellent way to pray, of course, is through our celebration of the Eucharist. When we celebrate the mass we gather as a community to give thanks and praise for the many gifts that God has given us.

A good steward is a grateful person who shares his or her blessings with others. This is what a good steward does. The gifts in the form of time, talent and treasure are always meant to be shared with others. Good stewardship is, therefore, faith in action, that is, a faith that is expressed in the love of God through prayer and worship and in the love of neighbor through sharing of one's gifts.

We must keep in mind that we are not just stewards of God's gifts. We are Christian stewards. In the back of the page are some key concepts of stewardship.

STEWARDSHIP

Who is a Christian steward? One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.

TALENT

If stewardship means taking care of, and sharing, all God's gifts, then stewardship of the gift of talent means nurturing, developing, and using God-given abilities and characteristics that help to define "who we are" as individual human persons. Most of us know what it means to contribute money or to give away our precious time, but what does it mean to be a good steward of talent? Our talents are the special blessings that each of us has received from a loving Creator who prizes the diversity and abundant variety of all creation. When we volunteer to work for our parish or diocese or to help a neighbor with a difficult chore, what we have to give is much more than just our time. We also give something of ourselves, those characteristics that make each of us distinctive as human beings. We call these "talents," those things that we are good at or that we specially like to do. When we volunteer to help others by sharing our talents with them, we give them something far more precious than our time or money. We give something of ourselves, an intimate sharing of "who we are" for the good of others.

TIME

A true understanding of stewardship begins with taking care of and sharing the gift of time. Stewardship of time involves the realization that none of us "owns" time. Each of us is given only so much of it, and planning a careful schedule in order to have the time to work, to rest, to play, and to pray is vital in the stewardship of our physical, emotional, spiritual, and intellectual lives. In a busy society like ours, time is one of the most precious possessions we have. How we spend our time is perhaps the clearest indication of our progress in a life of Christian discipleship.

TREASURE

True stewardship is taking care of and sharing all that we have and all that we are – our time, talents and treasure. Why is it so important to share our treasure? Money and all the things that we possess (our treasure) are gifts from God that we are asked to care for and generously share for our own benefit and the good of others. It is important for us to share our money and all of our material possessions for two reasons: first, because all the good things that God has made (including money) are meant to be shared, and second, because each of us has a *need* to give. Why do we need to give? We need to give our money to individuals and families in need, to the Church, and to other worthwhile charitable organizations because giving money is good for the soul and because we need to return thanks to a loving God for all the many blessings each of us has received.