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,

Last week, several of us heard on tape Fr. Michael Himes, one of the professors from Boston College. His topic was "Why Do We Need the Church?" and part of the Forward in Faith series, offered by the Archdiocese. How would you reply if one of your children or grandchildren asked you the question? His answers were very clear and direct. First of all, without the Church, we wouldn't know about the Incarnation, the great event of the Son of God becoming a Some particular people human person. needed to witness to that very specific event and pass it on through many generations to "The good news required a good us. reporter!" he insisted. You might want to look up Luke 3.1-2 to hear how very specific Luke's community is in recounting when "the word of God came to John, son of Zechariah, in the wilderness." All the details of who the secular leaders were at that time help us to determine when Jesus was born.

The second reason we need the Church is to experience God through our love for one another and their love for us through the community of the Church. According to Nietzsche, if God is dead, there isn't much reason to love your neighbor; concern for the neighbor could become a hobby, like stamp collecting. Even though the Church "fails horribly" to quote Fr. Himes, it still keeps our call to love as God loves us before our eyes. As the First Letter of John reminds us, "[Anyone] who does not love the brother he can see cannot love God, whom he has never seen." (1 John 4.21)

The gospel most of us will hear this weekend contains that famous ballpark citation, John 3.16. How do you experience eternal life –oneness with the Trinity – beginning now? To what changes in your life does that awareness call you?

Blessings on your Lenten journey! S. Sheral

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place in our Church on each Friday evening during Lent at 6:30PM. On next Friday evening, Stations will be presented by Father Mike, followed by a Lenten Soup Supper in the Hall. The Abellana family has, once again, graciously offered to prepare these meals, which will include soup, salad, bread, fruit and a beverage. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will see to it that your donation is used to buy food for our sisters and brothers who are in need.



July 1st to March 11, 2012 (goal) 344,140.00 335,104.07 July 1st to March 11th (actual) 7/1/11-6/30/12 Weekly Goal Collection (actual 3/11) E Cont for month of February

9,804.00 8,531.66 5,385.00

2012 ARCHBISHOP'S **ANNUAL APPEAL** As of 3/13/12 \$16,114.93 has been pledged. Our goal this year is \$83,000. Thank you in advance

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.

IMPORTANT

Articles for the Bulletins for the weeks of April 1 & 8th must be submitted to raragon.stroberts@gmail.com

NO LATER THAN MONDAY MARCH 20TH

"Women's Guild Dinner Dance News Update" **RAFFLE TICKETS**

In honor of supporting "Going Green" this year ~ we will be selling raffle tickets after each mass instead of mailing them out this year. You may also pick up a book at the Rectory as well and for those who would like to support our fundraiser but are unable to purchase them at Mass or stop by the rectory we will be happy to drop them off or mail them. Please give Eileen Grealish a call at 650-589-6011. Your contribution and support is greatly appreciated. Grand Prize is \$1,000.00. Good Luck to all ~

Our Lenten Sacrifice

The season of Lent is upon us again. There are people in San Bruno who are in need and we can San Bruno Catholic Worker House is in help. desperate need of men's underwear size 32 to 36 and woman's underwear sizes 8 and 9. They are also low on canned soup. So please do what you can and bring your contribution to church and deposit it in the box in front of Little Church. Thank you for your wonderful generous heart.

The Children's Liturgy Team

Extravagant Love

Please come be refreshed and inspired by our Lenten Mission speaker, John Angotti at 9:10 am Tuesday and Wednesday mornings or 7 pm Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. As a husband and father of two, he has a story to tell about living a life committed to Christ and his faith.

The Children's Liturgy

"The Children's Liturgy team invites all interested children of the parish to participate in the Palm Sunday Gospel portrayal of the Passion of Jesus at the 9:30 mass on April 1. All interested children are asked to sign up with members of the Children's Liturgy team after the 9:30 mass on March 18 and March 25. Practice for Palm Sunday will be held on March 26, March 28, and March 30 from 4-5 P.M."

Catholic TV

EWTN program notes are on the bulletin board in the vestibule. You can access programs on Comcast 229, AT&T 562, Astound 80, San Bruno Cable 143, DISH Satellite 261 and Direct TV 370. Fr. Robert Barron has an excellent 30 minute series, "Catholicism" which airs on Saturdays at 4:30 pm and Sundays at 8 pm.

MINISTER SCHEDULE/Mar 24 & 25

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike Eucharistic Ministers: C. Holland (C) S. Chester, J. Waldvogel, J. Scannell, A. Ciraulo Lectors: B. Rudometkin and M. Dachauer Altar Servers: K. Ravelo and J. Cilia

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike Eucharistic Ministers: R. Vassallo (C) J. Aldinger, K. Healy, T. Montross, B. Mullins **Lectors:** L. Clifford and T. Clifford **Altar Servers:** B. Godfrey and J. Cordero

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet Eucharistic Ministers: T. Casey (C) M. Salazar, S. Salazar, M. Wright, G. Sinks Lectors: Student Altar Servers: P. Dickson, C. Topper and M. Liu Children's Liturgy: Family Mass

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring Eucharistic Ministers: V. Valle (C) S. Menendez, F. Firpo, C. Attard, J. Yee **Lector:** G. Peralez and C. Pisani **Altar Servers:** D. Arellano and A. Medina

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet Eucharistic Ministers: D. Ferris (C) A. Ferris, A. Lopez, D. Torris, M. Elmore Lectors: B. Lopez Altar Servers: C. Osterlund and J. Reid

WEEKLY READINGS



From the Pastor's Desk Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum

In two weeks we will celebrate Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum. This week is considered as the holiest of weeks of the entire liturgical year. The Paschal Triduum or Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, through Good Friday commemorating the Passion and Death of Jesus and then reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday. Triduum, by the way, means three days.

Is the Paschal Triduum considered holy days of obligation? Do the faithful have the obligation to attend the liturgical services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil? At this time of the year people ask this question. And the answer is no. The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday and the Good Friday service are not holy days of obligation. Surprised? I, myself have been surprised by this since I learned about it in the seminary. But let me clarify that if a faithful has attended the mass on Easter Vigil that already counts for one's observance of the holy day of obligation on Easter Sunday. However, there are those who still go to mass on Easter Sunday even if they have attended the Easter Vigil service.

Instead of asking, "Is Holy Thursday or Good Friday a holy day of obligation?" the right question should be, "How important is it for Catholics to go to Church on Holy Thursday and Good Friday?" or "How important is it to celebrate the Paschal Triduum?" This, I believe, is what is in the back of the mind of those who ask the first question. And the answer to the second question is: "It is very important to go to Church and celebrate the Paschal Triduum." Some say that going to Church during the Paschal Triduum is even more important than going to Church on holy days of obligation.

Next week I will try to explain the significance of our celebration of the Paschal Triduum in the hope that everyone will have a better understanding and appreciation of going to Church on this most solemn event of the year.

> Blessings, Father Obet Andrey



JOH Music Ministry

A Lenten Mission

Extraordinary Love Tuesday, March 20: 9:10 to 10 am and 7 pm to 8:30 pm Wednesday, March 21: 9:10 to 10 am and 7 pm to 8:30 pm

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Please call 650-589-2800 for more information. free will offering gratefully accepted!