

# Saint Robert's Church

February 11, 2018



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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 Day Masses: 8:30 am and 6:00 pm

**Weekdays:** Masses are Monday through Saturday at 8:30 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.

**Bulletin Article for February 11, 2018**  
**By Father Tony Vallecillo**

It was Ash Wednesday 1990. I was walking on Market Street in San Francisco going back to work after lunch. I was also a “fallen away Catholic” not having been inside a Catholic Church for 10 years. Then I saw him—it was a very tall gentleman dressed in business attire; he had a broad forehead. And entirely covering that forehead was a large black ash cross.

I was scandalized for he walked around un-self-consciously as nothing was wrong. In my mind I thought, “Doesn’t he know how ridiculous he looks? How can he walk around like that?” I turned my head away from him in dismay and disgust. But then a second layer of thought came, “Maybe he’s *proud* of being a Catholic. It takes a lot of courage to do that. In fact—though I hate to admit it—I kind of *admire* him for walking around publicly displaying his faith.”

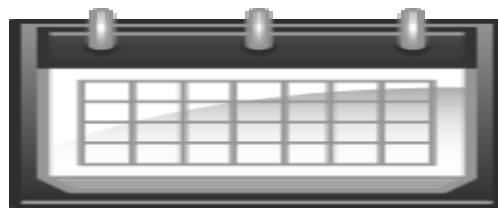
Before my return to the Catholic Church 3 years later, Jesus had given me many graces/gifts of His Presence that influenced me. That Ash Wednesday on Market Street seeing that gentleman with the ashes on his forehead was one of them. It touched a deeply rooted desire within me to wanting to believe in something so much that I can be public with it.

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent—a time of reflection, sorrow and penance for Jesus’ sacrifice for us. As you receive the ash cross on your own forehead, reflect not only on Jesus’ love for you, but also that you are, by the powerful sign on your forehead, a witness of Jesus’ love to others.

**LITURGY AND ILLNESS**

Please be aware that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass does not apply to those who are ill, especially those who suffer from contagious disease. It is a sign of consideration for others that those with flu-like symptoms remain at home. For the convenience of those who are homebound, or unable to attend Mass because of illness or infirmity, Mass is broadcast each Sunday morning at 6:00 AM on Channels 8, 20 (Comcast), KTSF 26.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**



**Monday-February 12th**

Mass Intention 8:30 Charles & Rita Agius †  
**Women’s Guild Mtg 6:30pm Hall**  
**St. Vincent de Paul 7:00pm Mahoney Room**

**Tuesday-February 13th**

Mass Intention 8:30 Dolores Eberle †  
**Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Rectory**  
**Rel Ed (Gr K-5) 3:30pm Hall & Church**  
**Rel Ed/Jr. High 7:00pm Hall & Church**  
**Legion of Mary 7:00pm Library**

**Wednesday-February 14th**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Mass Intention 8:30 Teresita F. Halili †  
 12 Noon Herb Cattani †  
 6pm Bill Tageson †  
**Children’s Choir 3:00pm Church**  
**Choir Practice 7:00pm Church**

**Thursday-February 15th**

Mass Intention 8:30 Bob Tobener †

**Friday-February 16th**

Mass Intention 8:30 Michael Guevarra †  
**Stations of the Cross 6:00pm Church**

**Saturday-February 17th**

Mass Intention 8:30 Eleanor Terry Murray †  
 4:30 Rudometkin & Morena  
 Families †  
**AA Meeting 10:00am Mahoney Room**

**IF YOU ARE NEW TO ST. ROBERT’S**, fill out a registration form and drop it either in the collection basket, the mail, or at the parish office.

Please remember  
 Saint Robert’s Church  
 when making a will or trust.



As a community of faith, we pray for a greater respect for the dignity of marriage and family. We remember all married couples, may God give them comfort and strength in each other and joy in their children.

**We congratulate the newly baptized**

*Ryder Phoenix Lucero Abajon  
Zoey Jo Clifford  
Salvatore Lucio Militano*



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 prayers, please call the Rectory at 589-2800

***This week we pray for***

Jim Crilly  
Edward DeLaTorre  
Chris Sigillo  
Alejandra Maldonado  
Timothy McGrew  
Alexander Sepulveda  
Mary Gilbert  
Manuel Chala  
Tina Maria Guerrero



**Our sincere sympathy to the families of**

Barbara Bonnano  
Yelba Scholocker  
Guillermo Varela  
**who died recently**



**STEWARDSHIP**

July 1st to February 4th (goal)	330,000.00
July 1st to February 4th (actual) (including E Contributions)	303,657.16
7/1/17—6/30/18 Weekly (Goal)	10,000.00
Weekly Collection (actual 02/04)	8,265.46
(E Cont for month of January)	8,259.50

**Thank you for your generosity**

Thank you for your generous donation of **\$2,131.44** to our School, CCD and Confirmation Programs.

**2017 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

**As of 1/10/18**

**Total Pledge to Date \$122,729.00**  
**Total Cash Donations to Date \$122,729.00**  
**Archdiocese tax Due \$122,729.00**

***Thank you in advance for your generous donation.***



In Loving Memory of  
Jack Aiello

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 14th. Masses will be 8:30 am, 12 Noon, 6:00 pm. Ashes will be distributed during all Masses.

Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 6:00 pm in the church.

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!**

It's my 50th Anniversary since I made First Vows as a Franciscan Sister. You have been an important part of my life for 15 years and I want to celebrate this significant milestone with you all! Please mark your calendar for Sunday, May 20 at the 11:30 Mass, followed by lunch. Thank you! Sr. Sheral

**2017 TAXES**

If you would like a letter regarding your 2017 donations, please call the Rectory at (650) 589-2800.

**GIVE ELECTRONICALLY**

St. Robert's relies on the financial support of its parishioners and the electronic giving program offers convenience for you, and provides much needed donation consistency for our Parish. To give electronically, visit [www.saintroberts.org](http://www.saintroberts.org) and click on the link to sign up.

**MEMORIAL EASTER FLOWERS**

Easter Flowers will decorate the Church during the Easter Season. If you would like to make a donation of \$10 toward their purchase in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the form below and return it by Friday, March 30th. Please make checks payable to St. Robert's.

My Gift in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

My Gift in Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

## Passion Play Auditions



*The Saint Robert's Youth Ministry invites all the teenagers of our parish to join in the presentation of our 23rd Annual Passion Play.*

Auditions will be held in St. Robert's Church:

*Monday ~ Feb. 5, 2018 ~ 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.*

*Sunday ~ Feb. 11, 2018 ~ 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.*

*Monday ~ Feb. 12, 2018 ~ 7:00 pm to 8:30pm.*

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

Ben Baldonado at (650) 589-8519

### **Grownups**

Please join the Grownups for a lunch on Treasure island at the Job Corp Culinary Academy on Tuesday, February 27th. The cost is \$45 includes lunch and bus. For info call Bob Lockwood at (650) 588-7972 Deadline is 2/13

### **Women's Guild**

Please join the Women's Guild Monday, February 12, 2018, at 6:30pm for their monthly meeting. At this month's meeting we will be playing the game, "Deal or No Deal". Participation information to follow.

Meetings are \$15, which include dinner and drinks. All women of the parish are invited. Please RSVP on the Women's Guild website.

<https://sites.google.com/site/srwomensguild/rsvp>

### **Dinner Dance**

The annual dinner dance event is on Saturday March 3rd. Come and enjoy dinner and bid on great items to support the church and school. Please contact Gina

Portolan to make a reservation

([gina.portolan@gmail.com](mailto:gina.portolan@gmail.com)). We welcome any donations and your sponsorship. Please contact Erica Garcia

([ericadjgarcia@gmail.com](mailto:ericadjgarcia@gmail.com)) or Athena Labagh

([athenalabagh@gmail.com](mailto:athenalabagh@gmail.com)).

# MINISTER SCHEDULE/FEB 17TH & 18TH

## **Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass**

**President: Fr. Tony**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Christina I. (C)**

Carolyn H., Judy S., Marie N., Maryann B.

**Lectors:** Marilyn D. and Barbara R.

## **Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass**

**President: Fr. Tony**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Sean Q. (C)**

Emil R., Kathy H., Marcela S., Rose V.

**Lectors:** Jan T. and Rocca C.

## **Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass**

**President: Fr. Greene**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Ruby V. (C)**

Margo W., Mike Q., Sam M., Tacey J.

**Lectors:** Chris M. and Jim S.

**Children's Liturgy:** Alanna & Julia (Combined)

## **Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass**

**President: Fr. Greene**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Phia T. (C)**

Anacarmina M., Catalina M., Margo G., Rose B.

**Lectors:** Yvette W. and Mario B.

## **Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass**

**President: Fr. Stewart**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Antonio N. (C)**

Dodi T., Haydee M., Ken S., Zulma T.

**Lectors:** Bambi T. and Neil B.

## **WEEKLY READINGS**

### **Monday-February 12th**

Readings: Jas 1:1-11 Mk 8:11-13

### **Tuesday-February 13th**

Readings: Jas 1:12-18 Mk 8:14-21

### **Wednesday-February 14th**

Readings: Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20—6:2  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### **Thursday-February 15th**

Readings: Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25

### **Friday-February 16th**

Readings: Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15

### **Saturday-February 17th**

Readings: Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32

### **Sunday-February 18th**

Readings: Gn 9:8-15 1 Pt 3:18-22  
Mk 1:12-15

## ***Our Lenten Journey at St. Robert's***

During this Lenten season, we are invited to come closer to the God who loves us and desires a deeper relationship with us. If you're a long-time parishioner and you have a family member, neighbor or co-worker who "used to be Catholic," why not extend an invitation to join you at Mass? If you've been away from the Church a while, welcome back! We're happy to have you with us and will help you to re-connect in any way we can. Please contact Sr. Sheral at 589-2800 or [sheralmar@saintroberts.org](mailto:sheralmar@saintroberts.org) and she'll be glad to assist you.

We are encouraged as a community and as individuals to observe the three traditional practices of prayer, fasting and service. In terms of prayer, we offer:

-8:30am Mass Monday – Saturday;

**-This year we will also have a 6 p.m. Mass all the Wednesdays during Lent.**

-Stations of the Cross are at 6 pm all the Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday).

-We will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick at the 11:30 am Mass, Sunday March 11.

-Sr. Sheral will give a morning of reflection, a mini-retreat, on Saturday, March 10, beginning with the 8:30 am Mass and ending with lunch at noon.

-Fr. Greene will give a mini-retreat on a weekday morning yet to be determined.

-And our church is open from 7:30 am until 4 pm everyday for personal prayer.

Confessions are available every Saturday from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm. You may also call the rectory at 589-2800 to arrange with Fr. Tony or Fr. Greene to celebrate the Sacrament at another time.

The most powerful celebrations of our liturgical year are those of Holy Week.

**- Palm Sunday Masses**, Mar. 25, are celebrated at 4:30 pm Saturday and 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am and 5 pm Sunday with palms distributed during all Masses.

**- Holy Thursday at 7:30 pm**, Mar. 29, the Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by adoration in the hall until 10 pm.

**- Good Friday at 12 noon**, Mar. 30, the celebration of the Lord's Passion, followed by confessions. At 7:30 pm, our youth will present the Passion Play.

**- Holy Saturday**, Mar. 31, there will be confessions from 3 pm to 4:30 pm (there is no 4:30 pm Mass) and **at 8:00 pm, the celebration of the Easter Vigil** during which those preparing to receive their sacraments will receive Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion.

**- Easter Sunday**, April 1, Masses are celebrated at 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, and 5 pm.

The regulations for fasting and abstinence during Lent are the following:

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. Fasting means having one full meal and two smaller meals which do not equal the full one. It also means not eating between meals, though liquids are permitted. Abstinence refers to not eating meat (beef, pork, poultry). Catholics over the age of 14 are obliged to abstain on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. These regulations do not apply to those who for reasons of health or strenuous work cannot observe them.

## Opportunities for Service to Others

*"The smallest, the weakest, the poorest soften us; they have the "right" to take our heart and soul." Pope Francis*

**Catholic Worker House of Hospitality**, 555 W. San Bruno Ave. could use 1 or 2 volunteers to help with meal service for breakfast M-F 6:30 am to 9:00 am; they especially need help on Mondays and Tuesdays. They also serve dinner 7 days a week, 5-7 pm. Please call Peter at 827-0706 to say you're coming or, if you can't help with serving, to let him know you'll drop off prepared food between 6 and 9 am or after 5 pm.

**San Bruno Senior Center**, Volunteers would be welcome M-F as desk receptionist, registering guests and serving lunch. Please call Eva Rangel at 616-7152.

**St. Anthony Dining Room**, 150 Golden Gate Ave. San Francisco, stanthonysf.org. 1 out of 5 San Francisco adults lacks the resources to feed themselves or their families. Must be at least 13 years of age (13 and 14 year olds must volunteer with a parent) and able to complete the 9:15 am to 1:45 pm shift. Joan Monaghan offers a ride to anyone who'd like to volunteer on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays; her email is [jmonor@aol.com](mailto:jmonor@aol.com). Veronica Realuyo at [veronica4pbc@aol.com](mailto:veronica4pbc@aol.com) offers a ride to anyone for one Friday a month. You may go online to register yourself or a group of friends or co-workers. They are open 365 days of the year.

**The Family Harvest** at Belle Air School, 450 Third Ave, San Bruno, needs your help in unloading pallets of vegetables, fruit, canned goods, milk and eggs to distribute to 120 eligible families on the fourth Thursday of each month from 1:15 to 4:45 pm. You must be 16 years of age or accompanied by a parent. Please contact Sr. Sheral at 589-2800 or [sheralmar@saintroberts.org](mailto:sheralmar@saintroberts.org).

**Cafe St. Vincent** in South San Francisco, sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul, needs volunteers Monday through Friday from 8 am -12 noon to prepare and serve lunch to our neighbors who are homeless. They especially need help on Fridays; many of our senior parishioners have volunteered on Fridays, but are no longer able to do this. Please call 650-343-1272 or email Kelly at [klang@svdpsm.org](mailto:klang@svdpsm.org) and leave a message for her. She will invite you to an orientation before you volunteer.

**Blood Centers of the Pacific** at 111 Rollins Rd. Millbrae collects whole blood, platelets and plasma for medical procedures. Go online for information on donating or to make an appointment at [www.bloodcenters.org](http://www.bloodcenters.org) or call 888-393-4483.

**National Alliance for the Mentally Ill** works to improve the quality of life for persons with mental illness and their families and to bring an end to the stigma associated with mental illness. Volunteers with a variety of skills are needed for the following efforts:

- updating the website;
- obtaining business sponsorships for our annual NAMI walk;
- gathering contacts for wider distribution of San Mateo County information/literature;
- developing a communications plan; and researching funding opportunities for NAMI.

Please contact Helene at [nami@namisanmateo.org](mailto:nami@namisanmateo.org). or call 638-0800, M-F, 9 am -1 pm.