

# 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.

*Our Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring the Eucharist to the sick or homebound.*

*Please contact the Rectory.*

## **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

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

**Dear Parishioners,**

Next week, on Tuesday, we will join our fellow citizens in casting our ballots for the office of President of the United States, for members of Congress as well as for or against various propositions that are being presented to us as citizens. The right to vote is one of the great responsibilities that has been given to us in a democracy – a right we should not take lightly. Our responsibility goes beyond casting our votes. We should also pray for the ones whom we elect to political office. In 1791, Bishop John Carroll, the first Bishop in the United States wrote a beautiful prayer for elected officials which for many years was recited at every Mass throughout our new country. Perhaps, we should do it again.

“We pray thee, O God of might, wisdom, and justice through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with Thy holy spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of the United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so they might tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may they perpetuate to us the blessings of equal liberty.”

In the days and weeks ahead, we might say this prayer or one of our own for the President and for other elected officials.

Sincerely,

*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.*

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

<u>Monday-October 27th</u>		
Mass Intention	6:30	Chris Gandeza
	8:30	Frances Maxoutopoulos †
<b>Cheerleading Pract.</b>	<b>1:45pm</b>	<b>Hall</b>
<b>Grownups Steering Committee Mtg</b>	<b>7:15pm</b>	<b>Mahoney Room</b>
<u>Tuesday-October 28th</u>		
Mass Intention	6:30	Santa Ammatona †
	8:30	St. Antonio †
<b>Adult Religious Ed</b>	<b>9:15am</b>	<b>Mary’s Chapel</b>
<b>Rel Ed/Gr 1-5</b>	<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>Church &amp; Hall</b>
<b>Confirmation Yr 1</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Hall/Mahoney Room</b>
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Library</b>
<u>Wednesday-October 29th</u>		
Mass Intention	6:30	Communion Service
	8:30	James Keating †
<b>Cheerleading Pract.</b>	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Hall</b>
<b>9:30am Mass Choir</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Scripture Study</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Convent Chp.</b>
<u>Thursday-October 30th</u>		
Mass Intention	6:30	Communion Service
	8:30	Mary Shick †
<b>RCIA</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Convent Chapel</b>
<u>Friday-October 31st</u>		
Mass Intention	6:30	Peter Granero †
	8:30	LaVeda Downey †
<b>Cheerleading Pract.</b>	<b>3pm</b>	<b>Hall</b>
<u>Saturday-November 1st</u>		
Mass Intention	8:30	Deceased Members of Legion of Mary †
	4:30	All Souls †
<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Church</b>
<b>Car Show</b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Parking Lot</b>
<b>AA meeting</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Mahoney Room</b>
<u>Sunday-November 2nd</u>		
Mass Intention	7:30	All Souls †
	9:30	All Souls †
	11:30	All Souls †
	5pm	All Souls †
<b>Choir Concert</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Church</b>



**Turn Back**  
your clocks Saturday night November 1st so you won't be late for Mass Sunday Morning.



**As a Parish Community we pray ...**

For leaders of our government. May they work with leaders of other nations to provide for people drastically affected by the global economic crisis.

**St. Roberts  
Second Annual Choral Concert**

Members of our choirs and those of St. Matthew's Parish have been practicing for weeks to bless us with a concert of sacred choral music **this coming Sunday, November 2 at 3 pm.** The music will be of various styles and liturgical seasons, featuring music from Thanksgiving to Christmas and Easter. Those who came last year really enjoyed that concert and this one promises to be equally enjoyable and uplifting. An offering will be taken up to help defray the cost of the music. Why not bring your neighbors and grandkids for a refreshing hour of beautiful sacred music?

**Kevin Imbimbo**



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION-November 1st.**

In these unsettling days, we realize that we do need our God to guide us in the decisions we make. Election day is on Tuesday. We have the opportunity to come to Jesus in his Eucharistic Presence and ask him for the wisdom we need to choose leaders of our government wisely. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in our Church, following the 8:30AM Mass on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. It will conclude with benediction at 10:00AM.

*Come! Jesus is waiting!*



Our sincere sympathy to the families of  
**Maryjane Michelucci & Danile Palma**  
who died recently



**WE CONGRATULATE  
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Trevor Daniel Ficker  
Cassandra Americ Basa Garcia  
Paulina Susana Marshall



**November 2, 2008 ~ Feast of All Souls**

*"It is a holy and wholesome thought  
to pray for the dead."*

November is traditionally the month set aside by our church to commemorate and celebrate the memories of our departed loved ones. This year *"The Feast of All Souls"* falls on Sunday so we will celebrate our departed loved ones at **all** the Masses that weekend:

**Saturday Nov. 1, @ 4:30 p.m. Mass & at all Masses on Sunday, November 2, 2008.**

**(1)** The names of those buried from St. Robert's and elsewhere this past year *will be written on a scroll, framed and then placed in the sanctuary under the Pascal Candle* instead of being read aloud. We, currently, have over a hundred names and it is not feasible to read that list aloud at each Mass.

**(2)** A special shrine erected in Our Lady's alcove (in the church) with their names inscribed in a Memorial Book. Please, bring pictures, memorial cards or flowers to place in this shrine all during November. This is especially for those who passed away prior to this current year (as well as the current year).

**(3)** We will have a special *Wall of Remembrance*. We post the names of those who died during the period November 1, 2007 – October 31, 2008 around the walls of the church, so that the faithful will be reminded of our departed loved ones each time they enter Saint Robert's Church.

**STEWARDSHIP**

July 1st to Oct. 19th (goal)	160,800.00
July 1st to Oct. 19th (actual)	162,253.12
7/1/08-6/30/09 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 10/19)	8,163.12

Thank you for your generous donation of **\$3,039.77** to the World Missions (Society for the Propagation of the Faith).

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

As of 10/21/08 **357 Families** have pledged **\$84,025.10.**

*Our goal this year is \$95,100.00*

**Thank you for your generous donation.**

**Sign up for E-Contributions**

Go to [www.saintroberts.org](http://www.saintroberts.org) and click on the e-contributions button.

*There is no cost to you for this service.*

# MINISTER SCHEDULE/NOV 1 & 2

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

**Presider: Fr. O'Dell**

**Eucharistic Ministers: A. Ciraulo (C)**

D. Bisagno, J. Beltrano, R. Hanley, D. Hageman,  
J. Waldvogel, B. Moniz, T. Dachauer, J. Scannell

**Lectors: P. Scannell and M. Dachauer**

**Altar Servers: L. Balestieri and M. Lara**

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

**Presider: Fr. Ring**

**Eucharistic Ministers: B. Mullins (C)**

L. Quintana, T. Montross, B. Albright, R. Lahoz

**Lectors: T. Clifford and P. Lustic**

**Altar Servers: P. Murray and E. Johnston**

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

**Presider: Msgr. Dreier**

**Eucharistic Ministers: L. Cesca (C)**

G. Tolentino, M. Lopez, A. Solis, M. Blumenthal,  
K. Semenza, J. Sexton, V. Yanke, J. Yanke

**Lectors: S. Bendick**

**Altar Servers: C. Buencamino, G. Giamb Bruno & K. Giamb Bruno**

**Children's Liturgy: Terry and Gus**

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

**Presider: Msgr. Dreier**

**Eucharistic Ministers: C. Pacas (C)**

B. Pacas, H. Mantler, L. Welch, G. May, P. Estelita,  
H. Madayag, M. Nuti, M. Bamba

**Lectors: H. Valle and H. Beck**

**Altar Servers: M. Thompson and F. Nuti**

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

**Presider: Fr. O'Dell**

**Eucharistic Ministers: C. Browne (C)**

P. Linehan, J. Huddleston, C. Innes, M. Elmore, P. Landholt,  
G. Landholt, M. Santiago, M. Huntington

**Lector: J. Marty and G. Jurkowitch**

**Altar Servers: R. Cuddy and E. Wright**

### **WEEKLY READINGS**

#### Monday-October 27th

Readings: Eph 4:32-5:8 Lk 13:10-17

#### Tuesday-October 28th

Readings: Eph 2:19-22 Lk 6:12-16

#### Wednesday-October 29th

Readings: Eph 6:1-9 Lk 13:22-30

#### Thursday-October 30th

Readings: Eph 6:10-20 Lk 13:31-35

#### Friday-October 31st

Readings: Phil 1:1-11 Lk 14:1-6

#### Saturday-November 1st

Readings: Rv 7:2-4,9-14 1Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

#### Sunday-November 2nd

Readings: Wis 3:1-9 Rom 5:5-11 Jn 6:37-40

# Living the Liturgy

More on Paul

*I owe these comments and last week's to Fr. Ron Witherup, SS who has written several books on Paul and who recently spoke at the Pauline Bookstore in Redwood City.* Paul was born in the diaspora, not in the heart of Israel and was trilingual, speaking Greek, Aramaic and Hebrew. He was trained as a Pharisee. He was an ardent persecutor of the followers of the Way (the name given the early Christians), though we don't know exactly why. We may remember the story of his dramatic conversion, being stopped in his tracks and asked, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" (Acts 22.8) Though it seems as though he immediately began preaching, that was not the case. Members of the Christian community took him off to Nabatiya (possibly to rescue him from the families of those he had been persecuting) to give him some much-needed training as a Christian. We won't find parables or miracles in Paul's writings and he barely mentions Jesus whom he probably never met. But he does write a lot about the cross and the Risen Christ and about the importance of baptism and the Holy Spirit. But more on that next week...

Mississippi Calls

Anyone over 16 may work on a Habitat for Humanity site with parental permission, so are there some high school or college students home for (Christmas) vacation willing to donate a week of your life to building homes for people swamped by Hurricanes Katrina and Gustav? Service hours gladly given! Please contact me if you're remotely interested at srsheral@saintroberts.org and I will gladly answer your questions. Thanks!

Holy Land Workshop

Pax Christi Northern California is sponsoring a presentation this Saturday, Nov. 1 from 8:30 am to 1 pm by Lorin Peters who has spent the past 8 summers in Israel/Palestine as part of an ecumenical Christian Peacemaker Team. He will be speaking at St. Thomas More Parish, 1300 Junipero Serra Blvd, San Francisco on Gandhi's rediscovery of nonviolence; a short history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; peacemaking in Palestine; and issues in peacemaking. A \$15 donation is requested, but no one will be turned away for lack of funds. You can reach him at lorinpeters@yahoo.com.  
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**This week's letter to the parishioners was written by Father Ring. Our apologies for omitting his name.**

**Permanent Diaconate Informational Evening**

***On Monday evening, Nov. 3<sup>d</sup>, at 7pm,*** the Archdiocese of San Francisco will have an informational evening for men and their wives to find out more information about the Permanent Diaconate. The meeting will be held in Conference room 1 at One Peter Yorke Way in San Francisco. Single and married men between the ages of 30 and 65 may apply. Married applicants must be married at least five years and their wives are encouraged to attend as their permission is required. For more information please contact the Diaconate Formation Office at (415)614-5531 or contact Deacon John Meyer or Deacon Rusty Duffey at (650) 589-2800.

***Consolation Ministry*** - Saint Robert's Grief Support Group will hold their next meeting on **November 15th** 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.

## MY SCHOOL'S COOL FUNDRAISER

This fundraiser began August 1, 2008\*\* and will continue until May 30, 2009. **Shop anywhere** at the Tanforan Mall Food Court, Century ticket stubs and concession at theatre. Save your receipts and Deposit them at SR Locker (located by Sears) or drop them off at the Rectory/School Points = Dollars for St. Robert's Questions, call Chris Peterson at 650-827-1748  
*\*\*We will still accept receipts back as far as the August 1st date.*

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All Saints Day

Since All Saints Day falls on a Saturday this year, it is not a holyday of obligation.

Thank you, Charles!

For the past seven months, Charles Rus has enlivened our 5 pm Sunday liturgies with his directing of our choir and enthusiastic playing. We will miss him and wish him well as he moves to Seattle for a full-time church position. I'm in the process of interviewing new directors/pianists, but if you know of anyone who might be interested, please contact me. Thanks. S. Sheral

## 2008 Centerplate Schedule

_____ Sunday	November 16 <sup>th</sup> 49ers vs Rams 8:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.
_____ Sunday	December 7 <sup>th</sup> 49ers vs Jets 8:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.
_____ Sunday	December 28 <sup>th</sup> 49ers vs Redskins 8:00 a.m.	1:15 p.m.

**Dress Code: Full length Black Slacks (no jeans, capris, spandex), white shirt with collar, closed toe shoes (black or white).**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign up on-line at [www.saintroberts.org](http://www.saintroberts.org). Click on the Centerplate button.

**As of October 12th we have received  
\$33,404.36 for Baseball  
\$8,057.38 Football Training Camp  
\$10,830.66 Football—Totaling \$52,292.40  
*Thanks* to the many people who have volunteered.**

### CRUISIN ' SAN BRUNO

Classic cars and motorcycles.

Saturday, November 1st

9am to 3pm

St. Robert 's School

To register your vehicle, go to  
[www.saintroberts.org/crusin08](http://www.saintroberts.org/crusin08).

Admission FREE/Entry fee for cars and  
motorcycles is \$25.00