

# 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,**

During my freshman year of college, I met an older student who was diagnosed with leukemia. Brett was 20; yet, he approached life knowing that he may not live another year, let alone six months. I visited Brett often to share my freshman insights on how to date and which pizza place was the most reliable to deliver after midnight. All kidding aside, my conversations with Brett led to a friendship that extended beyond his impending death. The same holds true each Sunday when Christ is made present in the proclamation of the Word and in our hearing of the Word.

The Church, in all its wisdom, uses this weekend to commemorate the souls of all the faithful departed. Every Sunday we come together to remember that our final destination is to share in the eternal life with God. To do so, we have to live a life modeled by Christ our Savior. There are many of us who have had grandparents, parents, relatives, teachers, and various role models who have imitated the life of Christ that have come to influence our decision to follow Him so we too can be a model for others. Although some have passed into God's loving hands, we are graced by the living memories that are in each of our hearts.

Somehow it is easier to comprehend death, when a beloved one passes at an older age. Although a loss is painful at any age, a young death causes us to question our faith. Our creed states that we believe in the communion of saints. We can take comfort that our love ones can intercede on our behalf until we come to our promise of everlasting life. During this month of November, take time to reflect on those individuals who have left memories of representing Christ to you.

Jesus is the fulfillment of guiding us to the hope for eternal life that is proclaimed in today's first reading. Like then and now, living a life of sacrifice and service is not understood by the wicked; who in modern terms do not understand God's divine will. As election time comes, there may be some propositions that may or may not be ratified to our disposition. It is at these times that we must continue to carry on with Christ's life, death, and resurrection as our foundation.

God Bless,  
**Seminarian Hansel**

# THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday-November 3rd

Mass Intention 6:30 All Souls †  
8:30 Patrick Burke †  
**Cheerleading Pract. 1:45pm Hall**  
**Men's Club 6:30pm Hall**

Tuesday-November 4th

Mass Intention 6:30 All Souls †  
8:30 Vincenzo Noe †  
**Adult Religious Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel**  
**Rel Ed/Gr 1-5 3:30pm Church & Hall**  
**Rel Ed/Jr. High 6pm Hall**  
**Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library**

Wednesday-November 5th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service  
8:30 All Souls †  
**Cheerleading Pract. 3pm Hall**  
**9:30am Mass Choir 7pm Church**  
**Scripture Study 7:30pm Convent Chp.**

Thursday-November 6th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service  
8:30 All Souls †  
**Grief Support Mtg 9am Mary's Chapel**  
**Women's Guild 6:30pm Hall**  
**RCIA 7pm Convent Chapel**

Friday-November 7th

Mass Intention 6:30 All Souls †  
8:30 Joaquin Aguintang †  
**Cheerleading Pract. 3pm Hall**

Saturday-November 8th

Mass Intention 8:30 All Souls †  
4:30 Donna Glass †  
**AA meeting 10am Mahoney Room**

Sunday-November 9th

Mass Intention 7:30 All Souls †  
9:30 People of St. Robert's  
11:30 Gary DeFante †  
5pm Packy Burke †

*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.*



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

For all who have died, members of our families and of our parish. May they dwell in the house of the Lord for all eternity.

**WE CONGRATULATE**  
**THE NEWLY MARRIED**

Leslie Bunge and John Figone  
Deanna Gomes and Robert Suseoff



Our sincere sympathy to the family of  
**Pauline Stubbler**  
who died recently



**MARRIAGE IS A JOURNEY!!**

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. Call Paul and Yvonne at (650) 366-7093. Next scheduled weekend is November 7-9 in San Mateo.



**THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION**

As has been our tradition here at St. Robert's for many years, during the month of November, we show our thanks

to God for all He has given us by sharing what we have with our sisters and brothers who are hungry. Please bring non-perishable food items to the baskets on the altar steps. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society members will make up Thanksgiving dinner packages for many families.

**Some ideas are:** *Stovetop stuffing mix, canned yams, canned gravy, boxed potatoes, cranberry sauce, canned fruit and vegetables.* Turkey gift certificates are also needed.



**AIDS LUNCH-November 12th**

We are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of each month. If you can prepare a favorite cookie, snack or lunch item for 10 to 12 people, please drop it off at the Children's Chapel, in the back of Church, by 9 a.m. on **November 12th**. Please pack the items in a non-returnable container. Frozen items *are ok!*

**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 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 the 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**



**WELCOME**  
**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Helen Amezquita

Luis Aragon

Raymund Manalo

**IF YOU ARE NEW TO ST. ROBERT'S,**

we ask that you complete a registration form found in the vestibule of the church. Drop it either in the collection basket, the mail, or at the parish office. We will send you a New Parishioner Packet with information about the parish, its organizations and groups. If you chose, you can register online at: [www.saintroberts.org](http://www.saintroberts.org).

**STEWARDSHIP**

July 1st to Oct. 26th (goal)	170,850.00
July 1st to Oct. 26th (actual)	173,705.49
7/1/08-6/30/09 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 10/26)	10,147.37

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

As of 10/28/08 **358 Families** have pledged  
**\$84,475.10.**

*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 8 & 9

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

**Presider: Fr. Ring**

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

R. Aveson, J. Finnegan, D. Bisagno, M. Murphy,  
J. Beltrano, R. Hanley, D. Hageman, A. Ciraulo

**Lectors: S. Kelly and C. Clarke**

**Altar Servers: A. Mullady and J. Jauregui**

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

**Presider: Fr. O'Dell**

**Eucharistic Ministers: R. Vassalo (C)**

A. Buelow, M. Nunnery, J. Jackson, J. Aldinger

**Lectors: M. Moresco and S. Heaney**

**Altar Servers: M. Kelly and B. Cronin**

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

**Presider: Fr. Ring**

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

L. Rodriguez, L. Canaya, M. Quilici, M.A. Saisi,  
M. Bologna, S. Murray, T. Jones, M. Bourne

**Lectors: J. Valdez**

**Altar Servers: T. Lesser, J. Prieto and G. Scarpino**

**Children's Liturgy: Mark & Hilda and Bob & Karen**

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

**Presider: Msgr. Dreier**

**Eucharistic Ministers: M. Giusti (C)**

F. Firpo, C. Morgan, L. Juvero, L. Sing, P. Fernandez,  
M. Fernandez, D. Murphy, A. Maron

**Lectors: C. Maron and D. Maron**

**Altar Servers: C. McCann and B. Alvergue**

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

**Presider: Msgr. Dreier**

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

M. Salvato, M. Dowden, M. Alberouette, D. Ferris,  
G. Lynch, P. Linehan, J. Huddleston, C. Innes

**Lector: M. Innes and H. Lowood**

**Altar Servers: D. Lavezzo and T. Lopez**

### **WEEKLY READINGS**

#### Monday-November 3rd

Readings: Phil 2:1-4 Lk 14:12-14

#### Tuesday-November 4th

Readings: Phil 2:5-11 Lk 14:15-24

#### Wednesday-November 5th

Readings: Phil 2:12-18 Lk 14:25-33

#### Thursday-November 6th

Readings: Phil 3:3-8 Lk 15:1-10

#### Friday-November 7th

Readings: Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 16:1-8

#### Saturday-November 8th

Readings: Phil 4:10-19 Lk 16:9-15

#### Sunday-November 9th

Readings: Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17 Jn 2:13-22

# Living the Liturgy

## Our Beloved Dead

When you entered the church, you noticed that we were surrounded by names. These represent the wonderful people who have gone before us during the past year “marked with the sign of faith” as we hear in the funeral liturgy. These are our relatives and spouses and dear friends who are still with us in spirit and interceding for us. Especially when we receive the Eucharist, which many of them received, they are with us as members of the Body of Christ. If we’re not sure they’re in heaven yet, they are, no doubt, on their way to the Communion of Saints! Please bring photos or memorial cards of your beloved dead to place by Mary’s statue for the month.

Our environment, too, reminds us of the cycle in nature of life and death, the fulfillment of the harvest and the fulfillment we will all experience when we are “harvested home” to be with our God forever.

If you are one of those still grieving the loss of a loved one, you might want to reflect on St. Paul’s letter to the Romans 6:3-9 which we hear today. He compares our death and rising to that of Jesus himself. We are so very blest to have the hope of resurrection which our faith gives us!

If we have friends or relatives who have died who weren’t particularly faithful to their Catholic upbringing, we need to recall Jesus’ constant reaching out to those whom everyone else considered lost: the tax collectors, prostitutes, and all manner of sinners. While we don’t want to presume God’s goodness and mercy for ourselves, we surely want to extend it to others.

This season of autumn is a growing time for root vegetables developing in the darkness of the earth with little evidence above ground for what is happening. What might be growing in each of us which isn’t evident yet? Is there a longing for a closer relationship with God? Is it time to deal with a strained relationship we’ve been hoping would improve on its own? Might this be the time to make a conscious effort to let the people we love **know** that we love them?

## Christmas Presents

If people have begun to talk about Christmas presents at your work or in your family, you might suggest the option of a donation to Heifer International. As you may know, they give animals of various sorts to families in developing countries along with training on how best to raise them. The family then gives the offspring to another family and thus, multiplies your initial gift. With the economic crisis hitting poor countries hard, your gift would be especially welcome. You can reach them at [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org). Peace, S. Sheral

## Permanent Diaconate Informational Evening

*On Monday evening, Nov. 3<sup>rd</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.*

## **Bulletin Deadline REMINDER**

The deadline for submission of weekly bulletin announcements is **Tuesday at noon**. Please submit announcements in writing to Kathy or Judy in the Rectory Office, fax us at 588-9628 or email [parishsec@saintroberts.org](mailto:parishsec@saintroberts.org). **Thank you!**





## 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 25th we have received  
\$33,404.36 for Baseball  
\$8,057.38 Football Training Camp  
\$12,800.48 Football—Totaling \$54,262.22  
*Thanks* to the many people who have volunteered.**



**OCTOBER MASS COUNT**  
Below is the average Mass Count  
for the month of October  
2007 and 2008.

<b>Mass Times</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>2007</b>	295	161	395	283	294	<b>1428</b>
<b>2008</b>	262	151	345	307	269	<b>1335</b>