

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,

Jesus acts out and speaks out prophetically in this Sunday's gospel. Jesus makes systemic change look easy. Without any committee work or door-to-door organizing, He cleanses the temple of the vendors who sell animals for making sacrifices of thanks and restitution. He chases away the moneychangers that allow worshipers to pay the temple tax in image-free Jewish money and thus observe the commandment to make no image of other gods.

Sunday's gospel states directly that after Jesus' resurrection from the dead, his disciples remembered what he had said and believed His word. We know how differently we see by hindsight. Engineers dismissed the piece of foam that broke off the fuel tank and hit the shuttle Columbia during liftoff as a danger to the ship and crew. Only after the disaster did the investigating committee prove the foam led to the tragedy. In the years after Jesus' death and resurrection, Christians see by hindsight that many passages in Israel's scripture help interpret who Jesus is. When Jesus insists, "You shall not make my Father's house a marketplace", as His disciples watch Jesus chase the vendors out of the courtyards.

Jesus' cleansing of the temple recalls for me an old woman I saw outside the cathedral in Accra, Ghana. She had a broom of sticks in her hand. She busied herself sweeping away the evil spirits from around the church building. I see in her daily work my own need to sift through the ambiguities in which we live. I need sweeping every day like my kitchen. Where does this dirt come from? Didn't I just sweep yesterday? I do this work more wisely with others, for none of us singularly embodies enough wisdom for us all. Therefore, what challenges us to reform the Church rather than leave it?

God Bless,
Deacon John

JUBILEE YEAR OF ST. PAUL PRAYER WITH ARCHBISHOP NIEDERAUER
To commemorate the dedication of the Basilicas of Saint Peter and Saint Paul in Rome and as a special celebration of the jubilee year honoring the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Saint Paul, all are invited to join Archbishop Niederauer for Evening Prayer on Tuesday, November 18th, 7:00pm at Saints Peter & Paul Church at 666 Filbert Street, San Francisco. For more information, call 415-614-5586.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday–November 10th

Mass Intention 6:30 Rick Parenti †
8:30 All Souls †
Cheerleading Pract. 1:45pm Hall
St. Vincent de Paul 7pm Mahoney Room

Tuesday–November 11th

Mass Intention 6:30 Donna Glass †
8:30 Kathleen Sullivan †
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library

Wednesday–November 12th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service
8:30 Charles & Rita Agius †
Cheerleading Pract. 3pm Hall
9:30am Mass Choir 7pm Church
Scripture Study 7:30pm Convent Chp.

Thursday–November 13th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service
8:30 Charles Xuereb †
School Board Mtg 7pm Mahoney Room
RCIA 7pm Convent Chapel

Friday–November 14th

Mass Intention 6:30 Bill Dugoni †
8:30 Joseph Busuttill †
Cheerleading Pract. 3pm Hall

Saturday–November 15th

Mass Intention 8:30 Paul & Rosina Vella †
4:30 Roland Herrera †
AA meeting 10am Mahoney Room
Grief Consolation 3pm Convent Chapel
Kindergarten Dinner 6:30pm Hall

Sunday–November 16th

Mass Intention 7:30 People of St. Robert's
9:30 Dominic Cotroneo †
11:30 John Interdonato †
5pm Kathleen Kitchin †

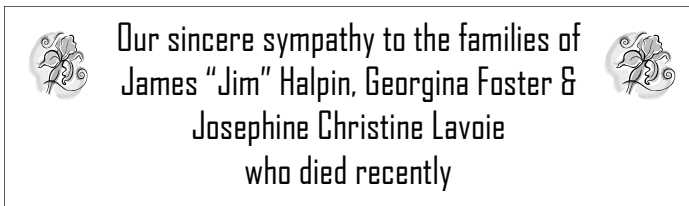
We continue to ask each week that parishioners pray for the chronically ill of our parish. If you have a friend or loved one in need of our parish prayers please call the Rectory at 589-2800.



As a Parish Community we pray ...
 that Veterans of past and present wars receive the appreciation and good medical care owed to them by a grateful nation.

**WE CONGRATULATE
 THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Maya Mae Darcy, Brody Joseph Ogden
 Michael Alexander Pardo &
 Xavier Armando Perez



Our sincere sympathy to the families of
 James "Jim" Halpin, Georgina Foster &
 Josephine Christine Lavoie
 who died recently

**BECOME A HANDMAID OF THE LORD—
 JOIN ST. ROBERT'S ALTAR SOCIETY**

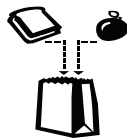
Our "Marthas" need help! They are not getting any younger and have served Jesus for many, many years as members of our Altar Society. Quite a few of them joined when their children were attending St. Robert's School. Would you like to work behind the scenes, taking care of the little (but very essential) things that make our Eucharistic celebration run smoothly? When asked why they perform this ministry, our "Marthas" replied: "I don't like being in the forefront, but I do want to serve"; "I like working behind the scenes"; "Working in His house helps me feel closer to Jesus". The time commitment is only 4 to 8 mornings a year. If you are interested, please call Gene or Anna May at 589-7087. **YOU ARE NEEDED!**



THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

Once more, during the month of November, we show our thanks to our God for all He has given us by sharing what we have with our hungry sisters and brothers. Please bring non-perishable food items to the baskets that have been placed on our altar steps. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society will make up Thanksgiving boxes and distribute your gifts to those in need within our Parish family. Some suggestions are: instant mashed potatoes, canned yams, canned turkey gravy, cranberry sauce, canned fruits and vegetables, stuffing mix, tuna, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, dry pasta and pasta sauce, macaroni and cheese.

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!*
Thanks to everyone who contributes!



**WELCOME
 NEW PARISHIONERS**

**Doug Turner
 Josh Gonzales
 Desiree Viray
 Joe & Deborah Savis & Family
 Consuelo Martinez**

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.

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to Nov. 2nd (goal)	180,900.00
July 1st to Nov. 2nd (actual)	182,931.39
7/1/08-6/30/09 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 11/02)	9,720.90

Thank you for your generous donation of **\$2,634.68** to our School, CCD and Confirmation programs.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 11/4/08 **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 and click on the e-contributions button.

There is no cost to you for this service.

MINISTER SCHEDULE/NOV 15 & 16

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Scannell (C)

J. Waldvogel, B. Moniz, T. Dachauer, R. Aveson,
J. Finnegan, D. Bisagno, R. Hanley, D. Hageman

Lectors: J. Cronin and P. Scannell

Altar Servers: M. Murphy and N. Barbieri

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Soracco (C)

R. Jardin, E. Ruggiero, C. Noce, M. Noce

Lectors: A. Reyes and P. Lustic

Altar Servers: N. Nussbaum and J. Thompson

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Schaukowitch

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Solis (C)

R. Valdez, J. Valdez, H. Mar, G. Tolentino, M. Lopez,
M. Blumenthal, G. Sinks, J. Sexton

Lectors: T. Tullius

Altar Servers: M. Lynch, M. Lynch and C. Lynch

Children's Liturgy: Esperanza & Nubia and Darlene

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Schaukowitch

Eucharistic Ministers: H. Mantler (C)

V/L Picinini, V. Valle, L. Welch, G. May, P. Estelita,
H. Madayag, M. Nuti, N. Bamba

Lectors: M. Benavente and T. Tannis

Altar Servers: C. Benavente and F. Valle

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Salvato (C)

M. Elmore, P. Landholt, G. Landholt, C. Browne, M. Santiago,
M. Huntington, V. Hawkins, M. Dowden

Lector: L. Avila and J. Bartolotti

Altar Servers: D. Marty and J. Marty

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-November 10th

Readings: Ti 1:1-9 Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday-November 11th

Readings: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday-November 12th

Readings: Ti 3:1-7 Lk 17:11-19

Thursday-November 13th

Readings: Phlm 7-20 Lk 17:20-25

Friday-November 14th

Readings: 2 Jn 4-9 Lk 17:26-37

Saturday-November 15th

Readings: 3 Jn 5-8 Lk 18:1-8

Sunday-November 16th

Readings: Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 1Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30

Living the Liturgy

Today's Feast

You, no doubt, are wondering about the meaning of today's feast: the dedication of a 300 year old basilica in Rome which serves as the pope's parish church, the cathedral of Rome. St. John Lateran is huge and beautiful, containing representations of the popes from Peter onwards. In the gospel, we hear the familiar story of Jesus throwing out the money changers out of the temple. (They were actually supposed to be in the outer courtyard to sell the animals and doves which people needed for their offerings.) But Jesus, in the tradition of the prophets, is speaking with his actions of the day when **he**, through his life, death and resurrection, will be the sacrifice people offer. There will be no need for animal sacrifices.

In the first reading, Ezekiel gives to his fellow Babylonian exiles a vision of a glorious temple replacing the one destroyed in the sixth century before Christ. Imagine how we would feel if St. Peter's Basilica was demolished and no one was allowed to go near it! These Jewish people are far from Jerusalem, the center of their worship life and their home. The second reading from Paul could have come from Vatican II: you are God's building! Difficult as it may be to believe, we with all our faults **are** the living stones as we find in I Peter 2.5: "Set yourselves close to him so that you too...may be living stones making a spiritual house." As Jude Siliciano, OP writes: "We must never neglect the community that is the temple. The needs of the community, of which we are a part, must be addressed by all, so that we can reflect that God truly dwells among us. If we are not the new holy people of God -- evident signs of God's continued presence to our world -- then we are a dilapidated temple, no longer fit and safe for worship." What a challenge! Especially in these difficult times, we want to touch into our faith in God's abiding presence within us, individually and collectively as a people, so we can encourage those who are much worse off financially, emotionally and spiritually than we are.

Interfaith Gathering

On Saturday evening, November 22, we will be having a simple meal and dialogue with members of the Turkish Muslim community with whom we have an ongoing relationship. Pope Benedict XVI has strongly encouraged this type of focused conversation, especially as the world witnesses continuing strife between members of different religious traditions and cultures. If you are interested in participating, please call me at 589-2800 or email me at rsSheral@saintroberts.org.

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.

School News

SCRIP

St. Robert's School will be selling scrip and scrip gift cards after Mass next weekend, November 15th & 16th.

CHORAL CONCERT - THANK YOU

The choral concert on Sunday was wonderful and a welcome change from all the TV and radio ads. The group had wonderful voices and the program lent itself to a great variety – all in an hour. I know the large crowd attending it enjoyed it. Thank you.
Marian Sweeney, parishioner

After the Elections

If you go to www.sflifeandjustice.org and you will find the website for the archdiocesan Office of Public Policy and have access to up to date information on matters of concern to us as Catholics. From the Right to Life movement to the .7Now bill to address global poverty, this office coordinates information and legislative action to help us express our values as Catholics.

Tuesday Morning Group

There will be no session of Adult Religious Education this Tuesday, the 11th, but the following Tuesday, we will conclude our study of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On Tuesday, the 25th at 9:15 a.m. in Mary's Chapel, we will be viewing a video on the Death Penalty. Everyone is welcome.
Sister Sheral



On behalf of our Parish Community we Congratulate
the Confirmandi on receiving the Holy Spirit
at Confirmation on October 25, 2008.

May God bless you as you continue on your journey of faith

John Abellana, Melissa Aguilar, Angelynn Alim, Bridget Alvergue,
Rebecca Balestieri, Jacques Beauvoir, Christine Benavente, Victoria Chavez,
Colleen Clarke, Anthony Clifford, Daniel Cuddy, Lisa De La Torre,
Jaclyn DeRenzi, Megan Estelita, Angela Finocchiaro, Leandro Firmacion,
Daniel Foglesong, Alexandra Fonseca, Caterina Geniali, Christopher Green,
Alakai Kaiwi, Ikaika Kaiwi, Meaghan Kelly, Melanie Lindow,
Vivian Lopez, Paul Lowood, Martin Lynch, Alexandria Marquez,
Andrew McAlindon, Jacey McDaid, Jenna McLoughlin, Melanie Medina,
Brandon Miller, Lauren Mosqueda, Christine Murray, Elgar Navarro,
Elizabeth Navarro, Jamie Navarro, Amanda Nelson, Christopher Norton,
Raul Nunez, Mary Alice O'Reilly, Anthony Ortiz, Christian Pascual
Angelina Paton, Cassandra Paton, Michele Pilster, Grace Pino,
Jordan Prieto, EmilyAnn Recania, Rebecca Reid, Karina Richmond,
Daniela Rodriguez, Richard Rolfes, Giuseppe Scarpino, Joseph Semeniuk,
Jessica Shelton, Mark Simbulan, Ryan Simpson, Jeffrey Thomson
Barry Timko, Celina Ulloa, Kaila Uniacke, Andrea Urrutia,
Edward Vaquerano, Stephanie Vaquerano, Monica Velez, Deanna Williams,
Derek Wilson, Laura Wood, and Frank Zolotoff

2008 Centerplate Schedule

_____ Sunday	November 16 th 49ers vs Rams 8:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.
_____ Sunday	December 7 th 49ers vs Jets 8:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.
_____ Sunday	December 28 th 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. 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.**