

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,

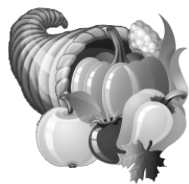
The Master says, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Come, share your master's joy." These are the words we hope to hear from Jesus. We will if we truly believe that he has given us something of great value. Jesus has given each person a particular talent. This talent is of great value because it comes from Jesus himself. He has entrusted to every individual a wonderful talent to be realized and shared.

It is up to us to realize our specific talent. God challenges us to develop our given talent. We are not to keep our talent hidden. Instead, we develop our talent not for ourselves, but for Jesus. The Lord calls us to be his servants. Let us remember what Jesus said, "What you do to the least of my little ones, you do to me." As a priest, I have witnessed the remarkable talents of so many devoted parishioners over the years. I have seen that their talents build up the Body of Christ by ministering to those in need.

Several weeks ago I visited my mother at a nursing and rehabilitation facility. A Eucharistic minister came by to give my mother communion. I could tell immediately that the Eucharistic minister had a very special way about her. She was so prayerful and graceful and loving in how she gave the Body of Christ to my mother. The way the Eucharistic minister shared her talent of visiting the sick reminded me what St. Therese of Lisieux once said, "Do the ordinary things extraordinary." To some people being an Eucharistic minister is a small thing, but I have witnessed great and wonderful things from it. Even though I am a priest, I learned a few things from this Eucharistic minister.

If it wasn't for this Eucharistic minister, my mother may not have received Holy Communion. There are people in dire need of our talent. They are waiting to be ministered to. Jesus is waiting to receive what he has graciously given to all of us. Be not afraid. In serving those in need with our talent, we serve Jesus. Go to him bearing much fruit.

Fr. Paul



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday–November 17th

Mass Intention 6:30 Leo Pieretti †
8:30 Catherine Johnsen †
Cheerleading Pract. 1:45pm Hall

Tuesday–November 18th

Mass Intention 6:30 Nancy Curtis †
8:30 Virginia Lucchese
Adult Religious Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Rel Ed/Gr 1-5 3:30pm Church & Hall
Confirmation Yr 1 6pm Hall & Mahoney Rm
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library

Wednesday–November 19th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Tom Daly †
Cheerleading Pract. 3pm Hall
9:30am Mass Choir 7pm Church
Religious Education 7pm Hall
Scripture Study 7:30pm Convent Chp.

Thursday–November 20th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Salvatore Lucchese †
Children's Choir 3pm Church
Athletic Board 7pm Mahoney Room
RCIA 7pm Convent Chapel

Friday–November 21st

Mass Intention 6:30 William Dill †
8:30 Grace Marcheschi †
Cheerleading Pract. 3pm Hall

Saturday–November 22nd

Mass Intention 8:30 Jake Miller †
4:30 Jim Whooley †
AA Meeting 10am Mahoney Room

Sunday–November 23rd

Mass Intention 7:30 Judith Daansen †
9:30 People of St. Robert's
11:30 Ben Blanco †
5pm Helene Stockinger †



Dear Children and Parents,

What a great way to start your day of giving thanks! Please join us for the 8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Mass here at St. Robert's and if you can please bring an item or two of non-perishable food for our special collection benefiting the San Bruno Catholic Worker House.

God Bless!

The Children's Liturgy Team



As a Parish Community we pray ...for our sisters of the Presentation whom we thank for sharing with us their wisdom, their faith and their love. May God continue to bless them and may vocations to their order increase.

**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Gabriel Omar Lopez
Diego Alejandro Morales
Aleah Ann Simpson



**WELCOME
NEW PARISHIONERS
James & Sasa Puchbauer
Joe & Deborah Sauls & Family
Marshall & Gina Wilson & Family
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.



Our sincere sympathy to the families of
Philip O'Reilly and Manfred Bock
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

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.

**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.

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to Nov. 9th (goal)	190,950.00
July 1st to Nov. 9th (actual)	196,814.93
7/1/08-6/30/09 Weekly Goal Collection (actual 11/09)	10,050.00 9,078.54

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 11/11/08 **359 Families** have pledged
\$84,575.10.

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 22 & 23

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Hageman (C)

Y. Olcomendy, C. Holland, M. Murphy, J. Beltrano,
R. Hanley, A. Ciraulo, J. Waldvogel, B. Moniz

Lectors: C. Aveson and S. Kelly

Altar Servers: M. Fogelsong and T. Lesser

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Doherty (C)

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

Lectors: T. Clifford and R. Rolfes

Altar Servers: A. Clifford and L. Clifford

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Romine (C)

K. Semenza, L. Cesca, M. Zamattia, L. Rodriguez,
L. Canaya, M. Quilici, M.A. Saisi, M. Bologna

Lectors: J. Shick

Altar Servers: F. Blumenthal, V. Sciacqua and K. Mitchell

Children's Liturgy: Michele B. and Ben & Lisa

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Murphy (C)

F. Firpo, C. Morgan, R. Benavente, L. Sing, P. Fernandez,
M. Fernandez, B. Chester, V. Valle

Lectors: M. Cadiz and C. Pisani

Altar Servers: E. Estelita and M. Estelita

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Schaukowitz

Eucharistic Ministers: P. Linehan (C)

M. Alberouette, D. Ferris, G. Lynch, J. Huddleston,
C. Innes, M. Elmore, P. Landholt, G. Landholt

Lector: M. Innes and J. Marty

Altar Servers: C. Buencamino and R. Cuddy

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-November 17th

Readings: Rv 1:1-4,2:1-5 Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday-November 18th

Readings: Rv 3:1-6,14-22 Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday-November 19th

Readings: Rv 4:1-11 Lk 19:11-28

Thursday-November 20th

Readings: Rv 5:1-10 Lk 19:41-44

Friday-November 21st

Readings: Rv 10:8-11 Lk 19:45-48

Saturday-November 22nd

Readings: Rv 11:4-12 Lk 10:27-40

Sunday-November 23rd

Readings: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26,28 Mt 25:31-46

Living the Liturgy

How Industrious Are We?

Today's first reading is a great one for many of our moms and grandmothers, wives, daughters and sisters who balance caring for their families with reaching out to the needs of the larger world. The sentences omitted also speak of this industrious woman buying land, working it and using the profits to plant a vineyard! Paul's letter to the Thessalonians is addressing that community's concern that Jesus hadn't yet come, though they've been waiting for what seems like a long time. While the suddenness spoken of in the first part of the reading sounds frightening, the point is that if we live as "children of the light" we needn't be afraid. God is with us and will take us home at the end of our earthly lives.

The gospel requires a bit more explanation. If you understand a talent as a large measure of money, it seems that the Jesus is trying to encourage us to use the goods of this world well, though wealth is called a "small matter." If instead, we see the parable referring to the kingdom of God, as the previous passage does, the parable takes on a different meaning. In that context, it seems to refer to those disciples (servants) who are given varying abilities to preach the kingdom. Two of the three are industrious, using their talents to do just that, while the other does nothing. As we move towards the Feast of Christ the King and the end of the liturgical year, we're invited to examine how we use our resources and how we try to spread God's kingdom.

Turkish Muslim Gathering

Our potluck and sharing with members of Turkish Muslim community has been changed to Saturday, Dec. 6 at 6 pm in my Franciscan provincial headquarters in Redwood City. Please let me know by e-mail or phone if you can join us! Peace, S. Sheral

Have Your Say

If you'd like to give your input to the transition group for president-elect Obama, there is a website which enables you to do that: www.change.gov. Just go to the bottom of the page and click on "It's your story; tell us your ideas." There are two urgent issues about which you may wish to write. There is great concern about the Freedom of Choice Act which will loosen the limitations on obtaining an abortion. Also, you may have heard that the Israeli Defense Forces have cut off humanitarian supplies from Gaza. With 750,000 residents relying on United Nations food aid, if this is allowed to stand, many innocent people will starve. Thank you.

Consolation Ministry - Saint Robert's Grief Support Group will hold their next meeting on **December 6th** 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.

Communion for the Sick

If there is someone ill in your family or recovering from surgery or chemotherapy who is unable to come to Mass, please call Sister Patricia at 589-0104 and she will ask someone to bring Holy Communion. Or contact S. Sheral at 589-2800 about the option of bringing your family member Communion yourself. There is a very simple procedure to be followed and either of us will be happy to go through it with you.

School News

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.*

This Historical Moment

"The arc of the moral universe is long but it bends towards justice." *Martin Luther King, Jr.* In a sense the moral arc leading to the U.S. presidential election of 2008 began 200 years ago, when the British Parliament eliminated the legal trade in slaves through parliamentary action. The U.S. Emancipation Proclamation freed slaves 146 years ago. The U.S. Voting Rights Act was enacted into law 43 years ago. The first African American woman to serve in Congress (1968), Shirley Chisholm, announced her Democratic candidacy for president in 1972, just 33 years ago. Jesse Jackson, Al Sharpton, and Alan Keyes followed her. Today, Barack Obama is the president-elect of the United States. He'll be inaugurated two hundred and two years after the British ended the slave trade. *Friends Committee on National Legislation, Nov. 6, 2008*



ADOPT A FAMILY BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND!!!

**November 22nd and 23rd
and on the weekends of
November 29th and 30th
and December 6th and 7th.**

*If you have the means to share your Christmas spirit
stop by after one of the Masses on those days and pick an ornament.
If you have any questions please call Rob or Cathy Aveson at 583-4757.*

2008 Centerplate Schedule

____ Sunday December 7th 49ers vs Jets 8:00 a.m. 1:05 p.m.

____ Sunday December 28th 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.**