

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,



A few weeks ago, 18 Ladies, 11 from St. Robert's including myself, ventured to Ireland to visit Sister Mary O'Donnell who retired from St. Robert's in June 2006 and returned to the Presentation Convent in Thurles County, Tipperary Ireland. We thank Terry DeBono-Caselton for organizing this wonderful trip.

We arrived at the Presentation Convent and were greeted by Sister Mary and the community who welcomed us with open arms and surprised us with a "tea party". We were so excited to see Sister and she likewise to see all of us. After tea Sr. Mary proudly gave us a tour of the convent grounds, which included Sister pointing out the Cathedral of the Assumption where Father Hennessy (St. Robert's first pastor from 1958 to 1976) was ordained. Fr. Hennessy brought the good sisters from Ireland to the USA in 1970.

With farewells and thank you to the sisters, we boarded our private bus with Sister Mary who would be our guest for the next three days touring Ireland. As we drove through the Irish countryside and towns on our way to Killarney, where we would leave Sister Mary with her family, she filled us with good stories about times she visited these areas in her early years and of the history of Ireland. On the third evening we had a farewell reception at our hotel in Killarney with Sister Mary's sister Kathleen joining us. Sister said "I love being home in Ireland but my heart will always be with the good people of St. Robert's. I thank God every day for so many good friends and good memories. I miss St. Robert's and pray for all daily at Mass."

Amongst tears, hugs and very happy memories we bid farewell. Sister Mary's visit was definitely the highlight of our trip. Sister Mary continues to touch our lives from afar.

**Erin Go Bragh!
Virginia Yanke**

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday-November 24th

Mass Intention 6:30 Ron Stewart
8:30 Frances Friedman †
Cheerleading Pract. 1:45pm Hall
Grownups Steering Committee Mtg 7:15pm Mahoney Room

Tuesday-November 25th

Mass Intention 6:30 Gary Delfante †
8:30 Charles Xuereb †
Adult Religious Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Rel Ed/Gr 1-5 3:30pm Hall
Rel Ed Director Mtg 5pm Mahoney Room

Wednesday-November 26th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service
8:30 Marie Holdcroft †
Cheerleading Pract. 3pm Hall
9:30am Mass Choir 7pm Church

Thursday-November 27th

THANKSGIVING DAY

Mass Intention 8:30 People of St. Robert's

Friday-November 28th

Mass Intention 8:30 Kathleen Kitchin †

Saturday-November 29th

Mass Intention 8:30 Catherine D'Aquisto †
4:30 Richard Dineen †
AA Meeting 10am Mahoney Room

Sunday-November 30th

Mass Intention 7:30 Manuel B. Martinez †
9:30 Thomas Lyons †
11:30 People of St. Robert's
5pm Kathleen Kitchin †

**Parish Office closed Thursday and Friday,
November 27th & 28th,
in observance of Thanksgiving.**



JOIN US FOR THANKSGIVING MASS

Give Thanks to the Lord at our Mass on Thanksgiving at 8:30 a.m..

Let us gather together as family at our Lord's table to share the meal He has prepared for us. His bread of life and His cup of salvation.

Refreshments will follow



As a Parish Community we pray ...for all who follow Christ, our Shepherd and our King, may we reach out to those who are hungry, thirsty, lonely, ill and in prison—helping them as we would help Jesus.

**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Tyler Raymond O
Avy Addison Passmore
Emelia Rose Singer
Chloe Abigail Wise

Our sincere sympathy to the families of
Bill Duffey, Ramon Castillo and Elsa Rolfes
who died recently



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.

This week we pray for:

Beatrice Groner and Garland McKenna



**WELCOME
NEW PARISHIONERS**

**Robby & Angela Molina & Family
Daniel Aronow**

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.



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.



Dear Children and Parents,

On November 27th we will be celebrating Thanksgiving Day. As we share a meal with family and friends let us not forget those who are less fortunate. Children's Liturgy will be collecting nonperishable food items to be given to San Bruno Catholic Worker House. Food items can be dropped off at Little Church during the week of November 23rd, if you won't be here for Thanksgiving. **Join us** at the 8:30 Mass on Thanksgiving day and give thanks for all the many blessings God has bestowed on us. **Refreshments will follow.**

*****Children's Liturgy** will be distributing a book to the children to encourage family celebration of Advent with prayers and activities at the **9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Nov. 30th.**

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to Nov. 16th (goal)	201,000.00
July 1st to Nov. 16th (actual)	207,935.52
7/1/08-6/30/09 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 11/16)	11,116.79

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 11/18/08 **360 Families** have pledged
\$84,775.10.

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 29 & 30

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Holland (C)

T. Dachauer, R. Aveson, J. Finnegan, K. Hornung,
M. Murphy, R. Hanley, D. Hageman, A. Ciraulo

Lectors: M. Dachauer and C. Clarke

Altar Servers: D. McElory and K. Ravelo

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Vassalo (C)

B. Mullins, A. Buelow, M. Nunnery, J. Jackson

Lectors: J. Moresco and S. Heaney

Altar Servers: A. Cotroneo and P. Murray

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: G. Sinks (C)

S. Murray, T. Jones, M. Bourne, G. Tolentino, M. Lopez,
A. Solis, M. Blumenthal, J. Sexton

Lectors: S. Bendick

Altar Servers: A. Ayllon, J. Wilson and J. Smerdel

Children's Liturgy: Family Mass

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Pacas (C)

B. Pacas, M. Giusti, V/L Picinini, H. Mantler, L. Welch,
L. Juvero, H. Madayag, M. Nuti

Lectors: G. May and F. Firpo

Altar Servers: F. Abellana and A. Daharmadi

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: V. Hawkins (C)

C. Browne, M. Santiago, M. Dowden, M. Alberouette,
D. Ferris, G. Lynch, J. Huddleston, C. Innes

Lector: H. Lowood and J. Bartolotti

Altar Servers: N. Stelmashenko and K. Uroz

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-November 24th

Readings: Rv 14:1-3,4-5 Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday-November 25th

Readings: Rv 14:14-19 Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday-November 26th

Readings: Rv 15:1-4 Lk 21:12-19

Thursday-November 27th

Readings: Rv 18:1-2,21-23,19:1-3,9 Lk 21:20-28

Friday-November 28th

Readings: Rv 20:1-4,11-21:2 Lk 21:29-33

Saturday-November 29th

Readings: Rv 22:1-7 Lk 21:34-36

Sunday-November 30th

Readings: Is 63:16b-17,19b,64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37

Living the Liturgy

The Feast of Christ the King

Today's gospel should make us uncomfortable. This is the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year. Matthew's community places it immediately before the Passion, so it sums up Jesus' teaching ministry. We know it almost by heart: "I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me to drink." We can surely use this passage to encourage our children to share their lunch with someone who has forgotten hers or to split the last bit of milk with their brother. But for us adults, it surely means more than these simple acts of kindness. Jesus speaks of being a stranger, naked, ill and imprisoned. What is my attitude towards someone who sounds or looks like a foreigner, who seems different? Do I turn away from the homeless person, not naked, but in soiled clothing? Do I refuse to visit someone who is seriously ill because it reminds me of my own mortality? Might God be inviting me to deal with that reality through being present to this person who may be on his way home to God? What is my attitude towards those in prison or jail? Can I see prisoners as human beings, someone's father, brother, sister or son? Are they, their families and victims ever included in my prayer? I'm sure you've noticed that this passage begins with a courtroom scene. This really is what we will be judged on, period. None of us responds to Jesus in all his different disguises, but we need to at least open our hearts and minds and pocketbooks to him in as many different kinds of people as we can. Thank you for your generosity to the St. Vincent de Paul food drive which helps to feed Jesus in our hungry neighbors and to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development which funds projects in poor communities here at home.

We will have many opportunities in the coming weeks of Advent to respond to Jesus' presence in people who are poor by donating warm accessories for the people who are homebound and by participating in the Giving Trees. This year, the Social Concerns group will enable us to assist our worldwide brothers and sisters by offering Catholic Relief Services Fair Trade coffee, distributed by Earth Friendly Coffee, and chocolate bars from Divine Chocolate. These will make great Christmas gifts or enhance your own family's Christmas dinner. Details will be forthcoming! Peace, S. Sheral



St. Robert's Men's Club
Crab
Chioppino
Friday December 5th
Doors open at 6:00
\$ 50.00 /person
Price includes drinks, all you can eat Chioppino, Seafood Pasta, Salad, Desert and raffle tickets.
Space is limited!!! Please reserve your tickets by either bringing a check to the rectory, or contacting Tim Fuller at:
tim.fuller@rgcreations.com or (650) 280-9800
Note: Pre-paid Men's Club not valid for this event
No Men's Club Meeting Mon Dec 1st

The Annual St. Robert's Women's Guild

"Breakfast with Santa"

Saturday, December 13th

Seating Times: 8:30 am and 10:30 a.m.

Enjoy a full breakfast, raffle, crafts, pictures with Santa and Santa Treats.

Reservations required by Friday December 5th.

Please bring an unwrapped Childs gift for the needy!

Any questions contact Jenny Spataro at jenspataro@aol.com or call (415) 716-5674.



FIL-AM CHRISTMAS PARTY

A Dinner and Dance will be held on Saturday, December 13th, at 7p.m. in Hennessy Hall.

Everyone is invited to the night of fine dining and dancing. Also, there will be door prizes. Tickets are now available at \$30 each. Children up to 7 years old are free, 8 to 15 years old at \$10 each.

For more information, please call Dada Gallagher at (650) 871-9063, Veronica Valle at (650) 580-5267 or Encar Sanchez at (650) 588-7153.



ADOPT A FAMILY

This 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.*



Children's Liturgy Giving Tree

During Advent the Children's Liturgy team will once again be sponsoring a Giving Tree. All parishioners are invited to take an ornament from the tree, purchase the gift suggested by the ornament, and return it to the box under the tree in the church vestibule.

We thank you very kindly for your generous spirit during this wonderful season.

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 November 17th we have received

\$57,302.11

Thanks to the many people who have volunteered.