

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.



Sharing at Christmas

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.

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.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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

Advent Reconciliation Service

*As you make preparations for Christmas,
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*Parishioners and priests from our five neighboring
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Monday, December 15 at 7:30 pm



to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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sing, and have the opportunity for individual
confessions.*

Dear Parishioners,

**“The spirit of the Lord is upon me;
because the Lord has anointed me; Isaiah 61:1.**

This weekend we will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick. The Anointing is a special sacrament celebrated by all those who are elderly, those suffering from the many infirmities of life, whether they are physical, mental or emotional. In the olden days this sacrament was known as Extreme Unction and administered to only those very close to death. It was often looked on as a death knell – the Lord beckoning one home. This is no longer the case and Christians can now enjoy the graces and blessings derived from the sacrament without the fear of imminent death. Only priests can minister this sacrament.

Like all sacraments the Anointing of the Sick is a liturgical and communal celebration, whether it takes place in the family home, a hospital or church, for a single sick person or a whole group of sick persons. It is very fitting to celebrate it within the Eucharist, the memorial of the Lord's Passover -- as we are doing today at 11:30 a.m. Mass. When the Anointing is celebrated in the sick person's home or hospital it is preceded by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and followed by the Sacrament of the Eucharist – since the Eucharist should always be the last sacrament of our earthly journey to our Heavenly home.

Give your elderly and sick relatives the wonderful gift of the Sacrament of the Anointing together with its two companion sacraments --- Reconciliation and the Eucharist -- for Christmas. Simply call the Rectory and ask for a priest to come to their home or hospital and administer the sacraments to them.

In the words of Saint James, “ *If any among you is sick, call the presbyters of the church and let him pray over them, anointing them with oil...* James 5:14)

Happy Gaudete Sunday to all !

Sister Patricia

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-December 15th

Mass Intention 6:30 Gandeza Family
8:30 Patrick Mulroe †

**Communal Sacrament
Of Penance 7:30pm Church**

Tuesday-December 16th

Mass Intention 6:30 Jeanine Brelsford †
8:30 Noelle Lille †

**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-December 17th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service
8:30 Tom Daly †

**9:30am Mass Choir 7pm Church
Scripture Study 7:30pm Convent Chapel**

Thursday-December 18th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service
8:30 Deacon John Hutzler †

**RCIA 7pm Convent Chapel
Kids Stock Play 7pm Church**

Friday-December 19th

Mass Intention 6:30 Joanne Cassanego †
8:30 Kathleen Kitchin †

Saturday-December 20th

Mass Intention 8:30 Andrea Wong †
4:30 Ernest Ronzani †

**AA Meeting 10am Mahoney Room
Grief Consolation
Support Meeting 3pm Convent Chapel**

Sunday-December 21st

Mass Intention 7:30 Albert Spadaro †
9:30 Jaime, Jovita &
Benjamin Argao †
11:30 Jeanne Peterson †
5pm John Interdonato †



As a Parish Community we pray ...

For the brokenhearted: those who are hungry, ill or homeless. May they be confident that Jesus is watching over them.



Our sincere sympathy to the families of **Mary Martinez, Odda Del Bianco, Ruth Cicero, Norma Rogiani and Katherine O'Malley** 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

WE CONGRATULATE

THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Sabrina Teresa Ormonde Costa

Mayson Leslie Murray

Nathan Kalani Tanti

Bulletin Deadline

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 kathywithak2@yahoo.com. - **Thank you!**

Schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers are also available on the web at www.saintroberts.org.

LOOKING FOR A MASS

While you are away during the the holidays check www.masstimes.org for Mass schedule in other cities.



**WELCOME
NEW PARISHIONERS**

Mark & Aileen McGann

Martin Teresk

JoAnn Lucero

Mary Frances

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.

GIFTS FOR THE HOMEBOUND:

Let us bring Jesus' love to our sisters and brothers who are homebound or in nursing facilities due to serious illness or advanced years. During this Advent, as we have in the past, we ask that you place gifts for them in the baskets on our altar steps. Some suggestions are: white knee socks, lap robes, slippers, robes, dusters, nightgowns, sweaters, pajamas, a note of encouragement. The only requisite is that your gifts be new, not used, and unwrapped. Knowing that someone does care, will give joy and hope to these precious members of our Parish Family.

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to Dec. 7th (goal)	231,150.00
July 1st to Dec. 7th (actual)	236,991.82
7/1/08-6/30/09 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 12/07)	9,451.44

Thank you for your generous donation of **\$2,346.16** to our School, Religious Education and Confirmation Programs.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 12/2/08 **360 Families** have pledged **\$85,125.10.**

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/DEC 20 & 21

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Scannell (C)

D. Bisagno, J. Beltrano, A. Ciraulo, R. Aveson,
J. Finnegan, K. Hornung, C. Holland, M. Murphy

Lectors: S. Kelly and C. Clarke

Altar Servers: A. Mullady and J. Jauregui

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Nunnery (C)

B. Mullins, A. Buelow, J. Jackson, R. Vassalo

Lectors: J. Moresco and S. Heaney

Altar Servers: J. Thompson and J. Prieto

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell

Eucharistic Ministers: L. Cesca (C)

V. Yanke, J. Yanke, G. Sinks, J. Sexton, K. Semenza,
M. Zamatia, L. Rodriguez, L. Canaya

Lectors: J. Shick

Altar Servers: A. Bolivar, G. Tocchini and G. Giuseponi

Children's Liturgy: Terry and Bob & Karen

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Benavente (C)

M. Nuti, N. Bamba, F. Firpo, C. Morgan, L. Sing,
P. Fernandez, M. Fernandez, G. May

Lectors: H. Beck and M. Benavente

Altar Servers: C. Benavente and F. Valle

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: V. Hawkins (C)

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

Lector: L. Avila and J. Bartolotti

Altar Servers: D. Marty and J. Marty

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 15th

Readings: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday-December 16th

Readings: Zep 3:1-2,9-13 Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday-December 17th

Readings: Gn 49:2,8-10 Mt 1:1-17

Thursday-December 18th

Readings: Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25

Friday-December 19th

Readings: Jdg 13:2-7,24-25a Lk 1:5-25

Saturday-December 20th

Readings: Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38

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Readings: 2Sam 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

Living the Liturgy

Rejoice Always!

At this midpoint of Advent, we celebrate the Sunday, called "Gaudete" in Latin, "Rejoice!" If ever we needed that reminder, now is the time! So many are losing jobs, including our own tradespeople who have work at the present, but no new orders coming in. And yet...The promise of this season is that God never abandons us, even though at times we may not feel ourselves held in those compassionate hands. The last line of the Paul's letter to the Thessalonians is pointed: "The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it."

The opening lines of the reading from Isaiah describe what was to happen every 50 years in the jubilee year described in Leviticus. Jesus uses these same words in describing his mission in Luke 4. 18-19. We help "bring glad tidings to the poor" by our long-standing parish practices of generosity to the homebound and families in need. This weekend, we can extend the reach of our giving by purchasing Fair Trade coffee and chocolate for gifts or for ourselves. Fair Trade means that co-op farmers are guaranteed a fair, consistent price for the fruits of their labor, no matter the fluctuations of the coffee and cocoa global markets. This steady income enables them to feed their families and to make small, but vital improvements in their local communities. The coffee is grown in an environmentally sustainable manner and has no chemical additives; the decaf is water-processed. Your Earth Friendly coffee purchase helps Mexican and Guatemalan communities instead of the Starbucks shareholders. At \$10 for a full pound of house blend or dark roast, \$11 for decaf, and \$1.50 for dark or milk chocolate bars, it is a fair trade for us as well.

The responsorial psalm today is Mary's canticle, known by its Latin name, the Magnificat. She speaks of right relationships of people with one another – the rich with the poor, the hungry with the satiated -- and of all of us with our Creator. Her song is one of gratitude to God for all he has done for her, but also for his gifts and blessings to all people. For what in my life am I most grateful? Who are the people in my life whose presence makes me smile and fills me with joy? Why not express my thanks to God and to those folks this week? May the blessings of this Advent season be yours.

S. Sheral

St. Roberts Parish SIMBANG GABI

(Mass at Dawn or Misa de Gallo)

Monday,	Dec. 15th	6:30 a.m.
Tuesday,	Dec. 16th	6:30 a.m.
Wednesday,	Dec. 17th	8:30 a.m.
Thursday,	Dec. 18th	8:30 a.m.
Friday,	Dec. 19th	6:30 a.m.
Saturday,	Dec. 20th	8:30 a.m.
Sunday,	Dec. 21st	9:30 a.m.
Monday,	Dec. 22nd	6:30 a.m.
Tuesday,	Dec. 23rd	6:30 a.m.

Fil-Am assigned families will provide food, coffee and tea after all the Masses. On the last day, Dec. 23rd a breakfast will be served the residence of Dada and Bob Gallagher at 1500 Donner Ave.

We warmly invite all, young and old a like, to take part in our Christmas Novena.

*******St. Robert's School will be selling paper scrip and scrip gift cards after Mass this weekend and next weekend. Gift cards are great last minute gifts!**

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Christmas flowers and garlands will decorate the Church during the Christmas Season. If you would like to make a donation of \$10 toward their purchase in memory or in honor of a loved one please fill out the form below and return by Friday, December 19th. Please make check out to St. Roberts.

My Gift in Memory of: _____

My gift in honor of: _____

Given by: _____

HELP!!

Sister Sheral decorate the church on December 20th at 9:30 a.m. Service hours gladly given.





Children's Liturgy Giving Tree

The Children's Liturgy team is again 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.

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2008 Centerplate Schedule

****Emerald Nut Bowl-Saturday, Dec. 27th at ATT Park-leave at 1p.m. –game 5 p.m.**

***St. Robert's has been invited to work the Emerald Nut Bowl on Saturday, December 27th at ATT Park. The University of California, Berkley will play University of Florida, Miami. The game begins at 5:00 p.m.. We will leave Saint Roberts at 1:00 p.m.*

****Sunday, December 28th 49ers vs Redskins-leave at 8 a.m.– game at 1:15 p.m.**

*** Centerplate is short staffed that day and has asked for additional volunteers. We will also be receiving a higher percentage if we bring extra people.*

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 December 8th we have received

\$59,559.84

Thanks to the many people who have volunteered.