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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.

ST. ROBERT'S PARISH



NEW YEAR'S DAY SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

**Thursday, January 1, 2009
MASS AT 8:30 a.m. ONLY**

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED
Thursday & Friday,
January 1st & 2nd**



Dear Parishioners,

Following the calls to honor God, to reverence the holy name and observe the Sabbath, the fourth commandment proclaims the honor due to our parents. Just after the claims God has on us, and before all else, we owe respect to and care for mother and father. Even in the midst of the struggles of family life, Paul reminds us to live lives of "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience . . ." The call to exercise these virtues, of course, also extends beyond our immediate families to all our brothers and sisters and to all God's creation, this home we call earth.

Mary and Joseph made a home for Jesus and he "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom and the favor of God was upon him." It is a special image of a special family. We know, of course, that family and home are not the same for everyone; families come in different sizes and different shapes. Healthy two-parent and single-parent families experience some of the same blessings and challenges of relating. Even the Holy Family had misunderstandings and difficulties: at one point they were immigrants in a strange country; the parents suffered the son being lost; Mary was afflicted with the death of her son. The family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph was holy, but it was not always perfect. It can be the same for us, for our families. The desire to make it through together is always there. Even in times of difficulties most families come together to celebrate the holidays.

Observing the law, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. While they were there, Simeon and Anna recognized God's grace at work in this family. It was a vision of the promise Jesus was meant to be, but also that there would also be hardship that this family would face. What anticipated grief Mary and Joseph must have felt that this child's life would also be a sign of contradiction.

It may happen on different levels than that of Joseph and Mary, but is it not also the story of many parents who must watch the lives of their own children unfold in confusing and confounding ways, that their hearts are also pierced with sorrow because they are not able to do anything about it? Might it be the same with God who watches his children abuse each other and the earth home he has made for us all?

Family is about relationships. As we celebrate this feast, let us more consciously appreciate our relationships in family, parish community and the larger world. May we live more generous lives in "bearing with one another and forgiving one another."

Father Bruce

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-December 29th

Mass Intention 6:30 Steven Difatta †
8:30 Con Gillespie †

Tuesday-December 30th

Mass Intention 6:30 Marian Pericic †
8:30 Joanne Cassanego †
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library

Wednesday-December 31st

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service
8:30 Lorraine Boisson †

Thursday-January 1st

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Mass Intention 8:30 People of St. Robert's
(PARISH OFFICE CLOSED)

Friday-January 2nd

Mass Intention 6:30 Robert O'Malley †
8:30 Charles Xuereb †

Saturday-January 3rd

Mass Intention 8:30 Roni Lemos †
4:30 Brian Cotter †

Eucharistic Adoration 9am Church
AA Meeting 10am Mahoney Room

Sunday-January 4th

Mass Intention 7:30 Emilio & Mocelin
Families †
9:30 Michael David Yanke †
11:30 People of St. Robert's
5pm Fran & Mildred Mitchell †

LOOKING FOR A MASS

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





As a Parish Community we pray for parents... May they be steadfast in their love for one another and for their children. For single-parent families and for those who are widowed. May our Parish family give them the support, encouragement and love they need.

Eucharistic Adoration

On Saturday, January 3rd after 8:30 a.m. Mass as on every First Saturday of each month, we have the privilege of being able to kneel or sit before Jesus in His Blessed Sacrament. Adoration follows the 8:30 a.m. Mass and continues until Benediction at 10 a.m. We may be feeling tired and overwhelmed. There is no greater way to energize ourselves that we may live the Eucharist than by spending time in the Presence of the Source of Love and Mercy, Jesus, Our Lord, in the Most Holy Eucharist. **He is waiting!.**

WE CONGRATULATE THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Arvin Martínez Davis II, Domenico Antonio Rentería
Malia Leioolangi Paunga



Our sincere sympathy to the family of
Ann Conte
who died recently



Consolation Ministry - Saint Robert's Grief Support Group will hold their next meeting on **January 10th** 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.

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!**

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 Sr. 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.



Aids Lunch Postponed

In January the Aids Clinic at Chope Hospital in San Mateo is moving to Redwood City. During the transition time there will be no lunch offered. I have volunteered us to continue our lunch service to their clients once they are resettled. It's been about 18 years that we have provided lunch once a month to the clinic. Thank you for your continued support and I will let you know when our services are needed again.

-- **Deacon Rusty Duffey**

STEWARDSHIP

The envelope company made a mistake there is no 2nd collection on December 28th for St. Vincent de Paul. If you wish to make a donation, please put your envelope in with the first collection. Thank you

July 1st to Dec. 21st (goal)	251,250.00
July 1st to Dec. 21st (actual)	258,079.15
7/1/08-6/30/09 Weekly Goal Collection (actual 12/21)	10,050.00 7,236.40

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
As of 12/16/08 **360 Families** have pledged **\$85,185.10**.
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/Jan 3 & 4

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Aveson (C)

Y. Olcomendy, A. Ciraulo, J. Scannell, D. Bisagno,
C. Holland, M. Murphy, R. Hanley, D. Hageman

Lectors: B. Rudometkin and C. Aveson

Altar Servers: L. Balestieri and M. Fogelsong

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Mullins (C)

B. Albright, A. Buelow, R. Jardin, E. Ruggiero

Lectors: T. Clifford and A. Reyes

Altar Servers: B. Cronin and P. Murray

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: L. Cesca (C)

G. Tolentino, A. Solis, M. Blumenthal, T. Jones, V. Yanke,
J. Yanke, K. Semenza, M. Zamattia

Lectors: J. Shick and J. Aldinger

Altar Servers: M. Tankeh, K. Thomson and A. Bolivar

Children's Liturgy:

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Pacas (C)

R. Pacas, J. Yee, V. Valle, L. Juvero, D. Murphy,
L. Welch, L. Sing, M. Nuti

Lectors: H. Beck and F. Abellana

Altar Servers: F. Nuti and C. McCann

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Ferris (C)

M. Dowden, C. Innes, E. Santiago, G. Lynch, M. Salvato,
T. Estelita, P. Landholt, G. Landholt

Lectors: M. Estelita and G. Jurkowich

Altar Servers: S. Delucchi and E. Estelita

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 29th

Readings: 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday-December 30th

Readings: 1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday-December 31st

Readings: 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18

Thursday-January 1st

Readings: Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Friday-January 2nd

Readings: 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28

Saturday-January 3rd

Readings: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34

Sunday-January 4th

Readings: Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12