

Saint Robert's Church



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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.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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

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.

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

Dear Parishioners,

Today, or actually on January 6th, many people celebrate "Little Christmas". This is the day that the three "wise men" arrived to pay homage to the infant Jesus. On the Church Liturgical Calendar today is called the Epiphany of the Lord. Strangers from afar come and recognize Jesus as the Savior. They now join the list of visitors to the Holy Family, who must have really surprised Mary and Joseph.

Since his birth, there have been surprise recognitions from the shepherds, Simeon and Anna in the temple, and the wise men. I've often wondered how these people recognized that this child was the Christ. They have been gifted by God with this recognition and their lives must have been changed forever. Like Mary and Joseph, I wonder if we recognize the love of God in our family, our friends, our relatives, our neighbors and our co-workers. Or maybe we have to hear it from someone else.

There is one more week until the end of the Christmas season. Hopefully, someone or something has brought the love of God, the love of the infant Jesus, into your life. I'm always surprised how God gifts us with His presence, especially when we need it the most.

*Happy Little Christmas,
Deacon Rusty Duffey*



Many Thanks!

It takes many hands to transform the church into a lovely, prayerful place. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who dusted and swept, hung banners and lights, ironed cloths, and donated or arranged poinsettias. God bless you and grant you a peaceful New Year.

Sincerely, S. Sberal

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-January 5th

Mass Intention 6:30 Milan Kovacevic †
8:30 Special Intention †

Tuesday-January 6th

Mass Intention 6:30 Marian Pericic †
8:30 John Interdonato †
Adult Rel. Ed. 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Religious Ed/Gr1-5 3:30pm Church & Hall
Rel Ed/Conf Yr 1 6pm Hall & Mahoney Rm
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library

Wednesday-January 7th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Edmond Giovannoni †
Grief Support Cmt 9am Mary's Chapel
Cheerleading Pract 3pm Hall
Choir Practice 7pm Church
Scripture Study 7:30pm Convent Chapel

Thursday-January 8th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Cosme Larios †
Dinner Dance Mtg 6pm Mahoney Room
RCIA 7pm Convent Chapel

Friday-January 9th

Mass Intention 6:30 Jesusita Valladolid †
8:30 Milan Kovacevic †

Saturday-January 10th

Mass Intention 8:30 Mary Shick †
4:30 William McLaughlin †
AA Meeting 10am Mahoney Room
Grief Consol. Mtg 3pm Convent Chapel

Sunday-January 11th

Mass Intention 7:30 Bernardo Mocelin †
9:30 Mary Shick †
11:30 Mary Shick †
5pm People of St. Robert's



As a Parish Community we pray ...AS A PARISH COMMUNITY, WE PRAY THAT PEACE MAY COME TO OUR TROUBLED WORLD. MAY WE RESPOND TO THE CRIES OF THOSE DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES BY POVERTY, FAMINE, VIOLENCE, EARTHQUAKE, FLOODING AND STORMS.

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.

MY SCHOOL'S COOL FUNDRAISER

This fundraiser continues 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 1, 2008.*



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**

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!**

Human Trafficking

Our Tuesday morning adult religious education group will be studying the reality of modern-day slavery for the next few weeks. Human trafficking uses force, fraud or coercion to make people do things they don't want to do. Since San Francisco is a busy port, our area is particularly affected. Please come join us at 9:15 am in Mary's Chapel or contact S. SHERAL for more information.
Thank you.

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.

2008 Centerplate

As of December 15th we have received

\$62,512.43

Thanks to the many people who have volunteered.

STEWARDSHIP

The collection figures for Sunday, December 28th Will appear in the bulletin of January 11th.

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 10 & 11

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Bisagno (C)

J. Waldvogel, B. Moniz, J. Beltrano, Y. Olcomendy,
R. Aveson, A. Ciraulo, J. Scannell, C. Holland

Lectors: P. Scannell and C. Clarke

Altar Servers: M. Lara and A. Mullady

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Vassalo (C)

M. Nunnery, J. Jackson, J. Aldinger, T. Montross

Lectors: R. Rolfes and P. Lustic

Altar Servers: N. Nussbaum and E. Johnston

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Schaukowitch

Eucharistic Ministers: G. Sinks (C)

S. Murray, J. Sexton, L. Rodriguez, L. Canaya, M. Bourne,
L. Quintana, J. Kelly, M. Bologna

Lectors: J. Valdez and T. Tullius

Altar Servers: G. Tocchini, M. Godfrey and G. Giuseponi

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Schaukowitch

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Chester (C)

R. Benavente, C. Morgan, P. Fernandez, M. Fernandez,
N. Bamba, H. Madayag, V/L Picinini, A. Maron

Lectors: H. Valle and M. Cadiz

Altar Servers: B. Alvergue and F. Valle

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Estelita (C)

C. Innes, M. Elmore, P. Landholt, G. Landholt,
M. Aberouette, G. Huddleston, V. Hawkins, M. Dowden

Lectors: J. Marty and J. Bartolotti

Altar Servers: D. Marty and J. Marty

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-January 5th

Readings: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6 Mt 4:12-17,23-25

Tuesday-January 6th

Readings: 1 Jn 4:7-10 Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday-January 7th

Readings: 1 Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-52

Thursday-January 8th

Readings: 1 Jn 4:19 5:4 Lk 4:14-22a

Friday-January 9th

Readings: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Lk 5:12-16

Saturday-January 10th

Readings: 1 Jn 5:14-21 Jn 3:22-30

Sunday-January 11th

Readings: Is 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Mk 1:7-11

Friends Helping Friends



Fundraising Dinner & Bunco

**Friday, January 16th, 2009
Hennessey Hall
349 Oak Ave
San Bruno, CA
(St. Robert's Church Hall)**

To benefit Tina Jacobs a San Bruno resident.

Tina was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma and requires chemotherapy and radiation. The first session has resulted in positive results but she must undergo more treatment.

She is a single mom, raising her 10 year old son on a single income. She is encountering monetary difficulties and needs your help.

Dinner will be served from 5:30PM until 8PM,
\$10 adults, \$6 children (takeouts will be available also).

A BUNCO game will follow dinner.

Reservations are not required and we do hope to see you.

If you are unable to attend any donation would be greatly appreciated.

Checks are payable to:

St Roberts Church (Friends Helping Friends)
1380 Crystal Springs Road
San Bruno, CA 94066

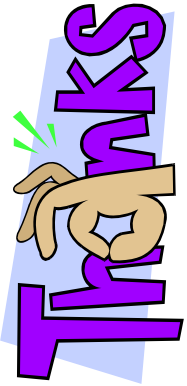
Thank you for your support.

For more information contact George Lynch at 872-0301 or Rick Rolfes at 589-5008.



SAINT VINCENT TO PAUL SOCIETY is happy to report, over 70 families were visited on December 20th. These families were given 2 bags of food items and Safeway scrip with which to buy what was needed. The members of this organization also carried with them toys and other gifts in order to help make Christmas a little more joyous and festive. This was all made possible our many parish programs which include, Adopt a family, food drives, gifts from the In-Betweeners dinner, thee Y.L.I. Donations and the fifths Sunday collections. **Thank you to all who participated!**

***Our sincere appreciation
the Saint Vincent de Paul Society***



THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM, on behalf of the South San Francisco Fire Chief Phil White and his dedicated firefighters, we would like to warmly thank the generous parishioners of St. Roberts Parish during the Christmas season. Over 300 gifts were donated to the Children's Liturgy Giving Tree, and these gifts were delivered to the South San Francisco Fire Department for distribution to needy families in the North Bay area.

The following organizations received gifts through the generous spirit of the parishioners: North Peninsula Neighborhood Service, Samaritan House, Salvation Army, Interfaith Shelter Network, St. Vincent de Paul, and various small churches in East Palo Alto. During the past five years, there has been an increase in over 30% of needy children, and this year over 1,700 children were serviced by South San Francisco Fire department and its community helpers.

Children's Liturgy is proud that it was able to assist in some small way through the wonderful generosity of St. Robert's kind Parishioners.

Blessings on all of you, for your continual support and unselfish spirit.

Dear St. Roberts Community,

On behalf of a lot of families, I want to thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Worker House. The gifts you donated were delivered to us and have been passed on to families in need. Your gifts will create many, many smiles.

Peace and great thanks
Larry Purcell
Catholic Worker House
Redwood City



**St. Robert's Womens Guild Proudly Presents.....
"All Around The World" Dinner Dance/Auction
on March 7th, 2009**

Ticket Sales will begin at the Joint Mens/Womens meeting on Jan 12th.

Please Join us for an exciting evening!

More details to follow!

Chairs: Jennifer Dias (650) 359-2808 or Lisa Kreysa (650) 737-0211



Our sincere sympathy to the families of
Evelyn Lynch and Christina Cornejo
who died recently