

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.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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

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

Dear Friends:

It is even too cold for Gene to sit out on our deck so we're here in our living room warmed by our faithful furnace. As we sip our Candy Cane tea we turn our eyes to our Nativity scene, which is still enshrined on our buffet. A tiny baby, helpless and totally dependent upon his Mother and Father, has brought Light into our world. He leads us and shows us the way.

Our thoughts drift to our own family. We picture the faces of each of our beloved children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sisters and brothers.

We ask ourselves: "Why are we here? What is it God asks of us?" Today's first reading tells us about God's call to Samuel, who answered: **"Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."** We are listening. We will continue to live by faith knowing that God is always with us. We agree that it isn't the length of our days that really matters. It is the love of our days that Our Father asks of us. Jesus was only on earth for 33 years, yet His life changed everyone and everything. So far, we haven't done great things and, at this late stage of life, we probably never will. But what we can do is love each other. Not the kind of love that TV and movies project, but the steady, day-to-day being there for each other and doing the little things that bring joy to one another...a smile, a hug, sharing an inside joke, a laugh, a pat on the back, cooking a favorite meal, opening a door, saying "please" and "thank-you", respecting our differences and accepting our short-comings. This kind of love we can give to each other, to our family and to our Parish family. There is an old song: "Little Things Mean a Lot". Truer words were never spoken! We don't have to search far to find a person to whom we can bring love. All we have to do is open our eyes; reach out and let Jesus, Who lives within us, love them through us.

May the year 2009 be filled with many blessings, peace, hope, joy and love for each of you.

Anna May & Gene

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-January 19th

Mass Intention 8:30 Vera Whelan †
Cheerleading Pract 1:45pm Hall
(PARISH OFFICE & SCHOOL CLOSED TODAY)

Tuesday-January 20th

Mass Intention 6:30 Bernard Sullivan †
8:30 John P. Murphy †
Religious Ed/Gr1-5 3:30pm Church & Hall
Confirmation Yr 1 6pm Hall & Mahoney Rm
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library

Wednesday-January 21st

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 John Dachauer †
Choir Practice 7pm Church
Scripture Study 7:30pm Convent Chapel

Thursday-January 22nd

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Oscar Moniri †
Athletic Board Mtg 7pm Mahoney Room
RCIA 7pm Convent Chapel

Friday-January 23rd

Mass Intention 6:30 Helen Ruggiero
8:30 Manuel Falzon †
Cheerleading Pract 3pm Hall

Saturday-January 24th

Mass Intention 8:30 Special Intention
4:30 John Sans †
AA Meeting 10am Mahoney Room
Grief/Consolation 3pm Convent Chapel

Sunday-January 25th

Mass Intention 7:30 People of St. Robert's
9:30 Jeanne Peterson †
11:30 Dolores Gardenier †
5pm Maria Miranda †

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.





As a Parish Community we pray ... for a greater awareness of the sacredness of each human life, regardless of age, development or condition.

**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Aniyah Maxine Harris
Jacob Vincent Zayac

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.

School  News

KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION

Applications for Kindergarten for the 2009-2010 school year will take place in the school office January 26th through January 30th from 9-3 p.m. Your child must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2009. You will need a copy of your child's birth and baptismal certificates, social security card, and a family picture.

OPEN HOUSE

St. Robert School will hold its annual Open House on Thursday evening, January 29th from 7-8 p.m.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

St. Robert School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at this school. St. Robert School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color and national and/or ethnic origin in administration of education policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school administered programs.

Consolation Ministry - Saint Robert's Grief Support Group will hold their next meeting on **January 24th** 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.



WALK FOR LIFE-WEST COAST 2009!!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, January 24th**. Join upwards of 25,000 pro-lifer's for the 5th Annual Walk for Life in San Francisco as we peacefully proclaim our message that abortion hurts women and we all deserve better than abortion. For more information visit www.walkforlifewc.com. To volunteer contact us at (415) 586-1576 or email questions to info@walkforlifewc.com.

**St. Robert's Womens Guild
Proudly Presents.....
"All Around The World"**



Dinner Dance/Auction on March 7th, 2009

More details to follow! Chairs: Jennifer Dias (650) 359-2808 or Lisa Kreysa (650) 737-0211.

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to Jan. 11th (goal)	281,400.00
July 1st to Jan. 11th (actual)	287,293.30
7/1/08-6/30/09 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 1/11)	9,563.48

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
As of 1/13/09 **363 Families** have pledged
\$86,420.10
Our goal this year (2008) 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 24 & 25

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Bisagno (C)

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

Lectors: J. Cronin and B. Rudometkin

Altar Servers: D. McElroy and K. Ravelo

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Buelow (C)

A. Doherty, R. Jardin, E. Ruggiero, M. Nunnery

Lectors: A. Clifford and R. Rolfes

Altar Servers: B. Cronin and P. Murray

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: G. Tolentino (C)

J. Sexton, M. Blumenthal, M. Zamattia, T. Jones,
K. Semenza, L. Quintana, J. Kelly, G. Sinks

Lectors: F. Abellana and J. Bartolotti

Altar Servers: B. Wilson, M. Grealish and J. Chase

Children's Liturgy: Family Mass

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Chester (C)

E. Sanchez, H. Mantler, J. Yee, V. Valle, D. Murphy,
M. Giusti, C. Morgan, H. Mahayag

Lectors: C. Maron and M. Notosuhodo

Altar Servers: M. Thompson and F. Nuti

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Elmore (C)

G. Lynch, C. Innes, M. Aberouette, M. Dowden, C. Browne,
P. Linehan, E. Santiago, T. Estelita

Lectors: H. Lowood and M. Estelita

Altar Servers: T. Lopez and S. Delucchi

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-January 19th

Readings: Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday-January 20th

Readings: Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday-January 21st

Readings: Heb 7:1-3,15-17 Mk 3:1-6

Thursday-January 22nd

Readings: 1 Sm 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19

Friday-January 23rd

Readings: Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday-January 24th

Readings: Heb 9:2-3,11-14 Mk 3:20-21

Sunday-January 25th

Readings: Jon 3:1-5,10 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

Living the Liturgy

Our Mississippi Experience

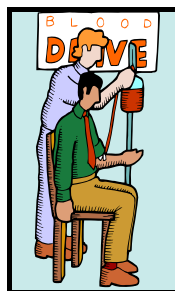
Three of us from the parish – Teresa Abrahamson, Joan Sexton and myself – and a friend of mine from Sacramento, Carolyn Pretzer, spent a week working on an 80 year old house in Gulfport, Mississippi. The owners hope to make into a volunteer center for folks who come to continue rebuilding on the Gulf. We tore up a tongue and groove floor, laid subfloor, and demolished a bathroom. I learned how to use a crowbar, sledgehammer and a power saw. I have new respect for all of you who work construction! The youth groups who had come the past two years always did demolition and I assumed that it was easy. Not so!

At the Mass on New Year's, Fr. Louis of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish acknowledged us, thanked us (and all of you for your ongoing generosity) and asked me to say a few words after Communion. I told the people that we were happy to be able to help them and that they blessed us by reminding us that we belong to a very large family. We really are one in God's eyes and need to help each other. I asked them to pray for our parishioners who are in danger of losing their jobs. Many people thanked me afterwards. Some of their parishioners are going to Galveston to help those who were affected by Hurricane Gustav: "So many people have helped us; it's our turn to give back." They are also organizing people to visit Mound Bayou in the Mississippi Delta, the first place settled by African American slaves after emancipation. A Presentation Sister has joined a community of Mercy Sisters ministering there, trying to meet the needs of its desperately poor residents.

We visited with Virginia Mays whose home we worked on two years ago. The city may buy her out to widen the street; she and her now-deceased husband lived there for 50 years. Though she's been promised \$50,000 and will move near her daughters or her granddaughter, she's still saddened to leave the neighborhood she loves. We also spent time with the Nicosias, a couple who have rebuilt from their savings, and who have helped their neighbors bring lawsuits against unscrupulous contractors who demanded money upfront and then left the area. 88 lawsuits have been filed thus far.

Driving into New Orleans was strange: on the left side of the freeway, new apartments for rent; on the right side, complexes as ruined as they were a month after the storm. The French Quarter is still encouraging tourists to return. The Ninth Ward and Lower Ninth have experienced some rebuilding from Habitat for Humanity, Catholic Charities and the Methodists, but many houses are still in shambles. Please pray for these, our Southern brothers and sisters, as they try to rebuild their lives.

Peace, S. Sheral



BLOOD DRIVE
SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 1st
8am – 1:30pm
In the Hall
**PLEASE SHARE THE GIFT
OF LIFE**



WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Kyle & Sara Killeen

Joseph & Alexis Baker

Natalia & Juan Benavides & Family

Dexter & Annette Navarro & Family

Michelle Lindstrom

Daniel & Toni Young & Family

Horacio & Patricia Pena

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.

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.*

Human Trafficking

On Tuesday, January 27, USF student Madeline Scarp will speak to the adult religious education group about human trafficking. She is involved with a group called Not for Sale which educates people about the modern-day slavery of women and children and how to identify that possibility when we see it. She will speak at 9:15 am in Mary's Chapel. Please come and join the growing number of advocates against this tragedy affecting 27 million people.

A message from Fr. Bruce

My Friends,

I cannot tell you how much your notes, cards and prayers have meant to me. I am overwhelmed with the outpouring of love and support I have received. Archbishop Quinn stopped by to say hello and he saw a stack of cards almost three inches tall. I told him that those were the cards that were delivered the day before. All he could say was what a wonderful parish St. Robert's is (but we already knew that!!)

I do find myself tiring more easily but I continue to do all that I can. I have been on the oral Chemo drug almost three weeks now. Miracles do happen. Sister Ita reminded me that thirty-five years ago she was given a 5% chance of living. She beat the odds. We receive great news on Sunday from a young woman who has had cancer for a while. She had a scan last week and the results were good. I had blood work done last week and the blood counts were all within normal range. My doctor told me that I should be eating more (when have you heard a doctor say that!) I told him I wanted it in writing with his signature. Because when we beat this disease, and we will, and I start to gain weight, this letter will be my "get out of jail free" card..

Nothing is impossible for God.

Fr Bruce



Anniversary Mass Saturday, February 14th at 10 a.m.

Bishop William Justice cordially extends an invitation to all married couples of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, and beyond, to a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration and renewal of vows on Saturday, February 14th at 10 a.m. at St. Anne of the Sunset Parish at 850 Judah St. San Francisco. Special honor will be shown to those who are celebrating their 25th, 50th or 50+ Wedding Anniversaries. Coffee and cake reception immediately following Eucharist. Registration forms can be downloaded at www.sffamilylife.com or call (707) 552-3394 to have one mailed to you.

Married Couples-Are you willing to spend a few minutes to find out about an experience that can make your good marriage even better? Call Paul and Yvonne at 650-366-7903 for more details about a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, or go to sf.lovemoredeeply.org. Next SFWWME Weekend: May1-3 in San Mateo.