

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 Parishioners,

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?" This was the question the rich man asked Jesus. Perhaps this is our question to Jesus as well. The hard truth is there is nothing that we can do to inherit eternal life. No one can buy his way into heaven. All the good works that one performs does not guarantee everlasting life. Jesus mentions, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." We human beings are finite, limited, and powerless. We see this so clearly in the human act of love and forgiveness.

Being human we love and forgive only so much. We place limits on our love and forgiveness. We only love our family and friends. We only forgive someone if he apologizes. Do we love and forgive the person who offends and hurts us? Do we love the person we find difficult to like or rubs us the wrong way. Human love is conditional. We only love the person if he meets our expectations. Do we continue to love the person who betrays us? How often are we willing to forgive? Do we forgive once or twice? What about after the third time? We probably write the person off after the first time.

The love of God is limitless. It is inexhaustible. It does not discriminate. God loves the whole world, the righteous and the sinner. God pours out his eternal love for us through his son Jesus. God the Father proves his love for us by sacrificing his only, beloved Son on the cross. God the Father allowed his Son to experience the pain and agony of the cross. This was the will of God. God permitted his innocent Son to die a horrific death. In this selfless and self-giving act, God forgives us.

He continues to forgive us not seven times, but seventy times seven times which means forever. God never stops forgiving us. God never stops loving us despite what we do or not do. God loves and forgives us despite our faults and weaknesses. Even if we turn our backs and walk away, God the Father, like a sentinel, waits for us on the horizon of life. He waits for our return so that he can wrap us with his love and forgiveness.

Thus, there is nothing that we human beings can do. What Jesus did we could not and would not do. God has done everything for us. God has done the impossible. He has saved us from our sins by the suffering and death of his Son Jesus. All that God asks of us is to have faith and trust in him and to listen to his Son. What a small thing to do given what God has done.

Father Paul

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday-October 12th

Mass Intention 8:30 Charles & Rita Agius †
St. Vincent de Paul 7:00pm Mahoney Room
(PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TODAY IN OBSERVANCE OF COLUMBUS DAY)

Tuesday-October 13th

Mass Intention 6:30 Sandi King †
8:30 Nancy & Bill Curtis †
Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Rel Ed 3:30pm Church & Hall
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library
Rel Ed/Jr. High 7:00pm Hall

Wednesday-October 14th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Frances Friedman †
Dinner Dance Mtg 7:00pm Mahoney Room

Thursday-October 15th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Joe Cassanego †
School Board Mtg 7:00pm Mahoney Room
RCIA 7:00pm Convent Chapel

Friday-October 16th

Mass Intention 6:30 Gloriette McGuire †
8:30 Sister Margarite
Apostolo †
Confirmation 3:00pm Hall

Saturday-October 17th

Mass Intention 8:30 Paul & Rosina Vella †
4:30 People of St. Robert's
AA 9:30am Mahoney Room
Confirmation 9:30am Hall
Confirmation 10:30am Church
Grownups 3:00pm Hall

Sunday-October 18th

Mass Intention 7:30 Tom & MaryAnn
Begley †
9:30 Dino Tonelli †
11:30 Andrew Galea †
5:00 Elizabeth Paolini †
Grownup's Lunch 12:30pm Hall



PHOTO SESSIONS

We have scheduled with Lifetouch to be here to take family pictures for the directory on **October 20th – 24th and 27th – 30th**. You can schedule picture appointments on line at SaintRoberts.org or after weekend Masses.

Remember you get one free portrait and a free directory per family when you take a picture for the directory. Portraits are expected to be available by Thanksgiving and the directory is expected in February 2010. Please schedule your appointment now.



As a Parish Community we pray ... that we may develop a stronger connection between our Christian faith and our role as caretakers of creation.



**We, the Presentation Sisters,
wish to thank very sincerely
all who helped us with the move to our new home:**

- All who packed boxes and transported them.
- All who helped us unpack.
- The ladies who surprised us with the Tea Social and gifts.
- All who donated money to help us buy needed items.
- George Lynch and his crew who moved our heavy furniture from the Convent.
- Everyone who helped us in any way.

**We pray that our Gracious God
will bless you and reward your generosity.**

Sincerely,
The Sisters



**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Zachary David Combs
Christopher Allen Combs
Lorenzo Andres D'Amico
Adrian Antonio Guevara
Gabriela Atenas Vazquez

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 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.

St. Vincent de Paul Can Help

Do you know a member of St. Robert's Community who is being squeezed by hard times? St. Vincent de Paul can help with groceries, emergency assistance with rent/utility bills, and vouchers for furniture/clothes. All requests are confidential. Call 343-4403 for further information.

**GROWNUPS
FALL LUNCHEON AND GENERAL MEETING
October 18th**

The Grownup's fall luncheon and General Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 18th after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. It will be catered and served by the InBetweeners. After lunch there will be a short meeting and a game. Tickets will be sold after all Masses on October 10th and 11th. Cut off date is October 14th. Please call one of the following people for tickets: Dolores Johnson at 583-7813, Kathy Cronin 588-8379 or Vera Hannon at 589-0653.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 1st to October 4th (goal)	140,700.00
July 1st to October 4th (actual)	128,437.33
7/1/09-6/30/10 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 10/04)	9,829.40
E Cont (Month of September)	1,713.00

Thank you for your generous donation of
\$2,043.88
to our School, CCD and Confirmation Programs.

2009 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 9/29/09 **over 500 families** have pledged **\$89,897.32.**

Our goal this year is \$98,400

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/October 17 & 18

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Scannell (C)

M. Murphy, D. Hageman, R. Hanley, T. Dachauer,
R. Aveson, C. Holland, A. Ciraulo

Lectors: B. Rudometkin and C. Aveson

Altar Servers: D. McElroy and M. Fogelsong

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet

Eucharistic Ministers: E. Ruggiero (C)

J. Jackson, B. Mullins, B. Albright, A. Doherty

Lectors: A. Clifford and T. Clifford

Altar Servers: E. Johnston and A. Controneo

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Paul

Eucharistic Ministers: L. Cesca (C)

M. Bourne, S. Salazar, M. Salazar, M. Zamattia,
M. Quilici, M. Lopez, S. Murray, K. Semenza

Lectors: J. Shick and J. Aldinger

Altar Servers: N. Morgannum, G. Giuseponi and J. Chase

Children's Liturgy: Michael and Darlene

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: M Giusti (C)

L. Jovero, M. Nuti, V/L Piccinini, E. Sanchez, V. Valle,
J. Yee, N. Bamba, R. Benavente

Lectors: H. Beck and C. Pisani

Altar Servers: E. Estelita and N. Estelita

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Paul

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Dowden (C)

C. Lopez, V. Lopez, A. Lopez, M. Aberouette, M. Elmore,
K. Welch, M. Mahoney, J. Huddleston

Lector: G. Jurkowitz and G. Picazo

Altar Servers: R. Cuddy and K. Uroz

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-October 12th

Readings: Rom 1:1-7 Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday-October 13th

Readings: Rom 1:16-25 Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday-October 14th

Readings: Rom 2:1-11 Lk 11:42-46

Thursday-October 15th

Readings: Rom 3:21-30 Lk 11:47-54

Friday-October 16th

Readings: Rom 4:1-8 Lk 12:1-7

Saturday-October 17th

Readings: Rom 4:13,16-18 Lk 12:8-12

Sunday-October 18th

Readings: Is 53:10-11 Heb 4:14-16 Mk 10:35-45

The Feast of All Souls

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead."

November is traditionally the month set aside by our Church to commemorate and celebrate the memories of our departed loved ones. We will have a special Wall of Remembrance again this year, where we post the names of those who have died during the past 12 months. **We invite you to submit the names of your loved ones who have died from November of last year until now.** They will surround us with their love and prayers as we remember them each time we enter the Church. Their names will also be written on a scroll and given a place of honor beneath the paschal candle in the sanctuary. To ensure correct spelling, please e-mail the names of those who've died **during the past year** to Sr. Patricia at possullivan3@juno.com or fax, mail or drop them by the rectory by Oct. 23.

As always, you are invited to bring photos and memorial cards of your loved ones who have died recently or earlier than the past year to Our Lady's shrine in the church. We will have a Memorial Book there in which you may inscribe their names. Our annual All Souls Mass will be at 7:30 pm on November 2. Everyone is invited.

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Caring for Creation and the Poor

We all know that planet is in trouble. It may seem that that the problem is too big for us to make a difference, but every little thing we do can help. Our commitment to protect the planet does not have to be a dramatic or painful experience, even the small things we do can make a difference.

Our family makes a conscious choice to recycle whenever possible. Sometimes it means taking a little extra time to separate the trash. Sometimes it means having to walk across the schoolyard to find a recycle bin. Our society puts a high premium on our time, but in the long run, it is a good investment of a few minutes a day. We have also replaced our front lawn with landscaping that requires less water. We not only save water but money as well. Some of our neighbors are considering doing the same, so the benefit may continue to grow. We have also made sure to fix the leaky faucets and toilets.

We also try to conserve electricity throughout the house. We turn off the lights when leaving a room. We turn off the television when no one is watching it (even if we'll be back to watch later). We also use Energy Star rated products whenever possible. We've also replaced our sandwich bags and water bottles with reusable plastic containers. We also try to use our reusable grocery bags whenever we can.

These are just a few little things that we do. Hopefully, most of you are already doing them, too. As we contemplate the St. Francis Pledge, let's all look for new ways to live healthy and sustainable lives. Please register your pledge at www.catholicclimatecovenant.org The Salazar Family

Farm Fresh to You

If you'd appreciate farm fresh, organic produce which hasn't been shipped from Chile or Mexico, but don't have time to go to a Farmers' Market, go to www.farmfresh toyou.com. This website is for a family farm in Vacaville which puts together an assortment of seasonal fruits and vegetables and delivers them to your door weekly or every 2, 3 or 4 weeks. The regular box costs \$31.50 and smaller boxes are also available. You'd be eliminating the pollution caused by transportation and giving your family and yourself truly healthy food!



**Our Centerplate totals
as of September 28th
are \$47,914.42**



Living the Liturgy

The Rich Young Man

In today's first reading, wisdom is compared to a woman (*sophia* in Greek is a feminine noun), who is priceless because countless riches come along with her. Those of us who have gained wisdom through our life's experiences might agree – it is wisdom which has enabled us to learn from what we've endured. Without wisdom, we probably wouldn't know how to deal with all the good things God has given us; we might squander them foolishly.

The gospel story of the rich young man is familiar to us and follows Jesus' declaration that the kingdom of God belongs to children; if we don't accept the kingdom of God like a child, we will not enter it. The lives of wealthy people often have little in common with the vulnerability of a child and, sometimes, give little evidence of wisdom. The real danger in wealth is that it cuts people off from other people and often even from God, since they may feel that they don't need anyone or anything. The CEO's of the failing auto companies flew to their congressional testimony, each in his private jet! Wendell Potter, the former Cigna health insurance executive, was visiting his family in Tennessee and went to a free health fair; the sight of thousands of uninsured people changed his life. When interviewed, he explains that, as a well-paid executive, it was easy to be consumed with making his bonuses and to forget that those whose claims he refused to cover were human beings.

At Jesus' time, wealth was seen as a sign that one was blessed by God and poverty was a sign of one's sinfulness and/or God's displeasure. But Jesus looks at the man lovingly and invites him to sell what he has, give it to the poor and he will have treasure in heaven. "Then come follow me." The man turns away sad. "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" Jesus exclaims. "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (The "eye of a needle" was a very low gate in Jerusalem.) So the disciples are amazed. Jesus is turning the prevailing view of wealth as a blessing on its head. Yet Jesus declares that all things are possible with God, meaning that the wealthy can be saved. But he adds that anyone who gives up everything considered important will receive "a hundred times more now...with persecutions and eternal life."

How about us? What is our attitude towards our material possessions? ***Peace, S. Sheral***

Please Pray

When you see the rose at the entrance of the church, please pray for pregnant women without the necessary financial and emotional support they need. Three-fourths of the women considering abortion do so because of their financial situation.

School



St. Robert's School
will be selling paper scrip and scrip gift cards
after mass next weekend
October 17th and 18th.

Gift Catalog & Cookie Dough Fundraiser - The Women's Guild has kicked off its annual fundraiser, which features gift items from the QSP catalog as well as cookie dough from Otis Spunkmeyer. This fundraiser is open to all parishioners and ends Wednesday, October 14th. What a great way to get your holiday shopping done early this year! If you're interested in receiving a catalog, please contact Helen O'Brien at 952-4963.

Attention all crafty ladies...

if you or someone "crafty" you know is interested in table space for

St. Robert's Women's Guild CRAFT NIGHT

Thursday, November 12th

**Please contact Tina Cava
(650) 871-8009 or tina_cava@sbcglobal.net**

Before Thursday, October 29th, 2009

AIDS LUNCH –October 14th

The second Wednesday of the month, is our donation day. If you can help by providing your favorite dish for up to 12 people that would be great. Please put in a non-returnable container and leave in the little church room in the vestibule of the Church by 9:30 am. Frozen items are acceptable.



Thank You Blood Donors

Thank you to all who came by to donate blood last Sunday. We received over 20 pints. Gene May extends a personal "Thank you to everyone".

If you would still like to donate, please plan a visit to the Peninsula Center of Blood Centers of the Pacific. Their office is located at 111 Rollins Road, Millbrae, behind In & Out Burgers. You can call (650) 697-4034 to make an appointment.



**Let's save paper!!! Does the rectory have your email?
Please send your current email address to
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