

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,

I am sitting in Gene's chair in our living room, thinking about what to say to you. As most of you know, Gene died on October 17th at 3AM in Peninsula Hospital. That last day of his physical life, Gene was having trouble breathing. During the day, many of our children and grandchildren sat with him. Though he was unconscious, he knew we were there. I didn't want him to have bad dreams, so I held his hand and told him to picture a beautiful, colorful rainbow...to see the two of us drifting together hand-in-hand over the rainbow to a fluffy white cloud. I sang to him "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" and told him our love will last forever. I asked him to please save a place for me. A few hours later, Gene quietly and peacefully slipped over that rainbow.

When we returned home after bidding Gene "Good-Bye for now", our daughter Jeannie and I sat here in our living room watching the most beautiful sunrise we had ever seen. As the sun rose in the sky, it was too bright for me to stay seated in my chair. I moved over to Gene's. We looked out the window again. Jeannie and I both saw a beautiful rainbow under a fluffy white cloud. It hadn't rained. This was the only cloud in the sky. Gene was telling us: "Don't worry or be sad - I'm home!"

A few days later, tearfully the thought came to me: "Turn on our stereo." I turned it on, with no idea of what CD would play. The music began and I heard Jo Stafford singing "Somewhere Over The Rainbow"....coincidence or another reassurance from Gene May?

November is the month dedicated to "All Souls", those who are hidden from our sight, but remain with us. Love lasts forever and those we love will not forsake us. Though life has changed drastically in the last month, I feel Gene's presence at all times. When there is something I am having trouble doing; like opening a jar or finding an important paper, I ask him to help me and he does so immediately.

This will be a very different Thanksgiving Day for our family. We are thankful to each of you who donated your blood. The 80 units Gene received gave him and all of us an added year of his wonderful life. Thank you too for showing us your love in so many ways.

Gene has touched many lives with his warm smile, sense of humor, compassion, generosity, service to God and our St. Robert's family, and especially by his love. He truly has been a "Good Sam". Every day of my life and for all eternity, I will say: "Thank God for Gene May".

Anna May

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday–November 23rd

Mass Intention 6:30 Caterina Angela Foti †
8:30 Sister Margarite
Apostolo †
Grownups 7:15pm Library

Tuesday–November 24th

Mass Intention 6:30 Amerigo Parenti †
8:30 John P. Murphy †
Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library

Wednesday–November 25th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Aldo Alchera †
Cheerleading 3:00pm Hall
Scripture Study 7:30pm Mary's Chapel

THURSDAY–NOVEMBER 26TH

THANKSGIVING DAY

(Parish office closed today)

Mass Intention 8:30 People of St. Robert's

Friday–November 27th

(Parish office closed today)

Mass Intention 8:30 Robert Gilman †

Saturday–November 28th

Mass Intention 8:30 Lisa McCann †
4:30 John Paul Marra †
AA 10 am Mahoney Room

Sunday–November 29th

Mass Intention 7:30 People of St. Robert's
9:30 Connie Karlegan †
11:30 Manuel Falzon †
5:00 Karen Sapienza †



JOIN US FOR OUR THANKSGIVING MASS

Give thanks to the Lord at our Thanksgiving Mass
at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, November 26th.

Let us gather together as family
at the Lord's table to share the meal
He has prepared for us.

His bread of life and His cup of salvation.
Fellowship and refreshments will follow.



As a Parish Community we pray ... for our Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Thanksgiving for their sharing with us their wisdom, their faith, their compassion and their love. May God continue to bless them.



**ADOPT A FAMILY
Begins this weekend****

Once again this year we will have an Adopt-a-Family tree in front of church for the Christmas Season. The tree will have paper ornaments profiling families that can use some help during this time of year. We've received our families from our own St. Vince de Paul Society, as well as Catholic Worker House in Redwood City, Child and Family Services of San Mateo County and again this year we've gotten some families from our adopted parish in Mississippi.

If you have the means to help, look for the tree after Masses this weekend, next weekend Nov. 28th and 29th and the weekend of Dec. 5th and 6th.

Thank you, as always!!!

**** This is early, but we need gifts by Dec. 12th and 13th for St. Vincent de Paul to distribute.**



**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Sofia Guadalupe Chirino
Velia-Isabyl Elizabeth Lopez
Anssatu Cecilia Mandinga
Sona Christina Mandinga

Our sincere sympathy to the families of
**Helen Phipps, Katherine Ann Borrelli
and Mildred Huddleston**
who died recently.



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.

**BECOME A HANDMAID OF THE LORD
JOIN ST. ROBERT'S ALTAR SOCIETY**

Our 'Marthas' need help! They aren't getting any younger and have served Jesus for many, many years as members of the Altar Society. Quite a few of them joined when their children were attending St. Robert's School.

"Would you like to work behind the scenes, taking care of the little (but essential) things that make our Eucharistic celebration run smoothly? When asked why they perform this ministry, our 'Marthas' replied: "I don't like being in the forefront, but I do want to serve"; I like working behind the scenes; Working in His house helps me feel closer to Jesus."

The time commitment is only 4 to 8 mornings each year. If you are interested, please call Anna May at 589-7087

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!**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 1st to Nov. 15th (goal)	201,000.00
July 1st to Nov. 15th (actual)	189,477.54
7/1/09-6/30/10 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 11/15)	10,839.80
E Cont (Month of October)	2,631.00

2009 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 11/17/09 **over 500 families** have pledged **\$93,829.09**.

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/NOV 28 & 29

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Holland (C)

J. Waldvogel, J. Scannell, M. Murphy, R. Aveson, R. Hanley,
D. Hageman, D. Bisagno, T. Dachauer

Lectors: P. Scannell and C. Aveson

Altar Servers: R. Nazzal and N. Nussbaum

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Vassallo (C)

E. Ruggiero, B. Mullins, B. Albright, R. Jardin

Lectors: J. Moresco and J. Thomson

Altar Servers: D. Rodriguez and K. Thompson

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Sexton (C)

L. Cesca, M. Bologna, U. Uniacke, H. Mar, R. Valdez,
J. Valdez, T. Jones, J. Kelly

Lectors: Student Lector

Altar Servers: B. Simpson, K. Uniacke and J. Fontenot

Children's Liturgy: Family Mass

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Paul

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Giusti (C)

N. Bamba, H. Mantler, C. Forsell, R. Benavente, L. Jovero,
M. Nutti, V/L Piccinini, V. Valle

Lectors: H. Beck and T. Tannis

Altar Servers: A. Dharmadi and K. Katches

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Paul

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Ferris (C)

G. Landholt, P. Landholt, M. Aberouette, M. Dowden,
M. Elmore, K. Welch, V. Hawkins, P. Lusic

Lector: J. Bartolotti and J. Marty

Altar Servers: N. Morgannam and T. Lopez

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-November 23rd

Readings: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday-November 24th

Readings: Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday-November 25th

Readings: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19

Thursday-November 26th

Readings: Sir 50:22-24 1 Cor 1:3-9 Lk 17:11-19

Friday-November 27th

Readings: Dn 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33

Saturday-November 28th

Readings: Dn 7:15-27 Lk 21:34-36

Sunday-November 29th

Readings: Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

2009 Centerplate Schedule



Sun Nov 29 49er vs Jacksonville 1:05 p.m. Lv. 8:15 a.m.
 Mon Dec 14 49er vs Arizona 5:30 p.m. Lv. 12:30 p.m.
 Sun Dec 27 49er vs Detroit 1:05 p.m. Lv. 8:15 a.m.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Sign up on-line at saintroberts.org and click on the Centerplate button.

DRESS CODE: Black pants (*no jeans or spandex*) white shirt with collar & **NO** opened toed shoes.

**Our Centerplate totals as of
November 16th are \$55,202.19**

Consolation Ministry Grief Support Group December 5th

Our next meeting is on December 5th in the Convent Chapel from 3:00 – 4:15 (before the 4:30 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 friend or companion as for support and strength if you so wish. God Bless you in your sorrow. Sister Patricia 589 – 0104 or any of the Saint Robert's Consolation Committee.

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM



OUR THANKSGIVING DAY

Donations of non-perishable food items are welcome and will be given to San Bruno Catholic Worker House.

Thank you for sharing
your many blessings with us.

ADVENT FOR CHILDREN

This Sunday the children will receive either an Advent Calendar or a devotional booklet depending on their age. Please encourage your children to read their booklet daily during this most holy of seasons. You might want to do it as a family. It is a wonderful way to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

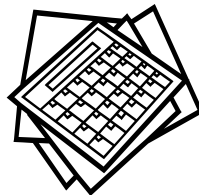


One Warm Coat

One very practical way to show your love for people who are poor is to give a coat or jacket you're no longer wearing to the St. Robert's School second graders' effort: One Warm Coat. There will be a large round bin on the right side of the vestibule as you enter. Thank you in advance!

LOOKING FOR A MASS

While you are away this Thanksgiving check www.masstimes.org for Mass schedule in other cities.



2010 Calendars Available in the Vestibule of the Church

Living the Liturgy

The Feast of Christ the King

Isn't it fascinating that on this feast which conjures up images of royalty and lavishness, the gospel reading is Jesus before Pilate? The reason it was chosen, of course, is that it describes the kingdom: it does not belong to this world, it isn't protected by violence, and it isn't here. It doesn't belong to this world and it is connected with Jesus' testifying to the truth. If we "belong to the truth, [we] listen to [his] voice." We're seeing many examples of political power being used for good and not so good purposes in the legislative process. In *At Home with the Word*, Mary Caswell Walsh writes, "In Jesus we see what divine power looks like. It looks like love. As his disciples, we cultivate the power of faith, hope and love."

It is a servant king we follow and it is as servants using our power well that we will bring about the changes our world so desperately needs. Karen Armstrong, a noted Australian author on the development of religion, has spearheaded a years-long effort to remind us all that compassion is at the basis of every religious, ethical and spiritual tradition and of atheistic humanism. People from every possible perspective have joined this global process to create a Charter of Compassion. "Compassion impels us to work tirelessly to alleviate the suffering of our fellow creatures, to dethrone ourselves from the centre of our world and put another there, and to honor the inviolable sanctity of every single human being, treating everybody, without exception, with absolute justice, equity and respect." Sounds like something Jesus taught, doesn't it? You'll find more at www.charterofcompassion.org.

Peace, S. Sheral

Free Money for Our School!

What is SCRIP? St. Robert's School buys gift cards from participating stores at a discount. They are then sold to parish families at face value. You do not pay any fees when you purchase them. The profits from the sale are used to fund various school projects. The gift cards can be used as gifts or for your everyday shopping. The gift cards come in various denominations and are just like cash. Who doesn't buy groceries at Safeway, Mollie Stone's or Lunardi's? Every time you shop at any of these stores (or Starbucks or Penney's, to name a few) with a gift card, the school wins! Please consider buying gift cards for your weekly shopping and your Christmas purchases. They'll be available Dec. 12 /13th and Dec. 19th /20th after all the Masses.



St. Robert's Men's Club
Crab Chioppino
Friday December 4th
Doors open at 6:00
\$ 50.00 /person
Price includes drinks, all you can eat chioppino, Seafood Pasta, Salad, Desert and raffle tickets.
Blackjack tournament to follow dinner
Space is limited!!! Please reserve your tickets by either bringing a check to the rectory, or contacting Tim Fuller at:
tim.fuller@rgcreations.com or (650) 280-9800
Note: Pre-paid Men's Club not valid for this event

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Corporal Works of Mercy is a St. Robert's organization that assists parish families in need due to illness, injury or death. The services that have been provided are mainly dinners but we've also collected money for housecleaning and other needs. Providing a hot meal or housecleaning service greatly eases the burden for those in crisis. A simple act of kindness benefits both the volunteer and the recipient and strengthens our parish. St. Robert's is a great community and Corporal Works of Mercy is a terrific way to contribute. We would like to compile a list of names of those willing to provide a meal for the next family that is having a difficult time. If you would like to be added to this list, please contact Nancy Marty at nancym@sanbrunocable.com or (650) 588-4740.

Thank you!