

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,

Change is happening all around us. Summer is gone. Winter is here. Daylight is not as long. Leaves have changed color and have fallen. The temperature is drastically colder. These changes are all part of the beauty of life. These changes need to occur. In the end, new life emerges.

There are changes also happening in our faith life. It is unavoidable. The long Ordinary Season has ended. Today marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. The Advent Season is here. A new cycle of readings will be proclaimed. The color inside the church has changed from green to purple. The Advent Season is a time for us to prepare for the birth of the newborn king, the Son of God. We can only welcome with joy the infant Jesus if we have undergone an interior change at the deepest level.

The readings on this 1st Sunday of Advent is a wake up call for us. The focus during the first week of Advent is not on the wonderment of baby Jesus, but on Jesus' second coming as the Son of Man at the end of time. The title Son of Man refers to Jesus when he will come with power and glory to judge the living and the dead. To know that we are going to be judged by Jesus himself is a sobering and scary thing. Therefore, now is the time for us to look within ourselves to see what needs to be changed.

In order to grow spiritually, we are challenged to accept and embrace change. If we are honest with ourselves, there are many things that we need to change for the better. Are there attitudes, beliefs, values, and behaviors that need an overhaul? These things affect our relationship with God and with one another. The quality of our relationship with God and with the people in our lives needs to be examined truthfully. There is no time to waste. The new liturgical year commands that we renew our faith and commitment to be good and decent human beings and better living witnesses to all that Jesus taught. It is a step by step process taken one day at a time. As long as we are willing and open to change, we will emerge as better Catholics- **Father Paul**

More Holy Ones

Please be sure to take the photos and prayer cards of your beloved dead from Mary's shrine. This week we remember other holy ones who have died. Today is the anniversary of the 1980 death of Dorothy Day, the foundress of the Catholic Worker Movement which stresses service to the poor, simple living and community. Her cause for canonization has been accepted, so she bears the title "Servant of God" from the first stage of that process. On Wednesday December 2, we remember the three Sisters - Maura Clarke, Ita Ford, and Dorothy Kazel - and Jean Donovan, a lay missionary, who were murdered in El Salvador in 1980 for their work with the poor. On Dec. 3, we remember St. Francis Xavier, who died in 1552 as a Jesuit missionary to the Far East.

Monday–November 30th

Mass Intention 6:30 Msgr. Bruce Dreier †
8:30 Aldo Alchera †

Tuesday–December 1st

Mass Intention 6:30 Amerigo Parenti †
8:30 Frank Vidulich †

Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Rel Education 3:30pm Church & Hall
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library
Rel Ed/Jr. High 7:00pm Hall

Wednesday–December 2nd

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Lloyd Lagomarsino †
Grief Support 9:00am Mary's Chapel
Scripture Study 7:30pm Mary's Chapel

Thursday–December 3rd

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Aldo Alchera †
RCIA 7:00pm Convent Chapel

Friday–December 4th

Mass Intention 6:30 Msgr. Bruce Dreier †
8:30 Denis Collins †

Men's Club Crab Cioppino

Doors open at 6 p.m. \$50 a person.
Price includes drinks, all you can eat cioppino, seafood pasta, salad, dessert and raffle tickets.
Space is limited so reserve your tickets by calling Tim Fuller at 280-9800 or email tim.fuller@rgcreations.com.

Note: prepaid Men's Club not valid for this event.

Saturday–December 5th

Mass Intention 8:30 Joseph & Elda Salvi †
4:30 Gary Cross †
Euch. Adoration 9:00am Church
AA 10:00am Mahoney Room
First Reconciliation 11:00am Church
Consolation Min. 3:00pm Convent Chapel

Sunday–December 6th

Mass Intention 7:30 James J. Murphy †
9:30 People of St. Robert's
11:30 Sam Callejo †
5:00 Bill Ward †

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Monday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 pm, we will have a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The service includes songs, scripture readings and the opportunity for individual reception of the sacrament. On Saturday, Dec. 12, reconciliation will be available from 3 pm til 4:15 in the reconciliation room.

DECEMBER 8TH–Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and a holyday of obligation.

Masses will be at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, and **6:30 pm.**
(Please note the NEW evening Mass time.)



As a Parish Community we pray ... for the justices of our supreme court and the legislators of our congress. May the silent voice of the unborn child move their hearts and minds.



**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Logan Cole Yingling

GIFTS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Many members of our Parish family are homebound or in nursing facilities due to serious illness or advanced years. During Advent, we say to Our Lord: "Come, Lord Jesus!" This hope is in their hearts as well. We can bring Jesus' love to them by placing a gift in the basket on our altar steps. Some suggestions are: white knee socks, lap robes, slippers, robes, dusters, nightgowns, pajamas, notes of encouragement. The only requisite is that your gifts be new, not used, and unwrapped. Thank you.

Our sincere sympathy to the family of
Msgr. Peter Armstrong
who died recently.



Come, Lord Jesus!

We begin the holy season of Advent this weekend. It will take a major effort to resist our society's efforts to turn this season of reflection and generosity into one of pure consuming! The readings and songs of the season will help us as will the celebrations of Simbang Gabi, the Filipino novena of evening Masses to which we are all invited. Take a moment to find in your bible the scriptures of each day which appear in the bulletin. Stop by the church and sit in the presence of the Lord. Let God's peace fill you. Pray for the people who will receive the gifts from our Giving Tree and be as generous as your family finances allow. **Peace, S. Sheral**



ADOPT A FAMILY

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, and next weekend, Dec. 5th and 6th. **Thank you, as always!!!**



THE GIVING TREE

During the season of Advent we will again have our Christmas "Giving Tree". Please take the time to visit our tree and remove one of the ornaments with a gift suggestion. We ask that you return the unwrapped gifts before December 20th so that we can deliver them in time for Christmas. Gift suggestions are for young children, teens and needy adults at several homeless shelters.

Once again we wish to thank you for your generosity and for taking the time to help others during the Christmas season.-**The Children's Liturgy Team.**

Thanksgiving Thoughtfulness

In this time when so many are thinking only of themselves it is uplifting to know there are still those people who are willing to share with the less fortunate. If you are one who shared their blessings with others; you need to commend yourselves. I want to thank all members of the Saint Vincent De Paul Society for the work done. From the paper work to the calling of clients and delivering of foods and script. You are all doing what you can to help others and God will surely be happy with your effort. Thanks to the children of Saint Robert's who collected non-perishable items that were bagged and brought to the homes of our needy in San Bruno. These holiday programs could not possibly happen without the people of this parish.

**Thank You and God Bless you
Happy Holidays One and All**



WEEKLY COLLECTION

**The collection figures for
November 22nd
will appear in the bulletin of
December 6th**

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.

MINISTER SCHEDULE/DEC 5 & 6

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: *(unavailable at this time)*

Eucharistic Ministers: **D. Bisagno (C)**

R. Aveson, J. Beltrano, A. Ciraulo, D. Hageman, R. Hanley,
C. Holland, T. Dachauer, Y. Olcomendy

Lectors: M. Dachauer and C. Clarke

Altar Servers: D. McElroy and M. Fogelsong

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: *(unavailable at this time)*

Eucharistic Ministers: **M. Nunnery (C)**

R. Lohaz, T. Montross, F. Reyes, J. Aldinger

Lectors: A. Clifford and T. Clifford

Altar Servers: A. Kusak and S. Jensen

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: *(unavailable at this time)*

Eucharistic Ministers: **G. Sinks (C)**

M.A. Saisi, L. Canaya, L. Rodrigues, A. Solis, C. Zollezi,
M. Zamattia, K. Semenza, M. Bourne

Lectors: A. Bie and J. Aldinger

Altar Servers: J. Mejia-Prieto, E. Steenvorde and J. Wilson

Children's Liturgy: Terry & Darlene

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: *(unavailable at this time)*

Eucharistic Ministers: **C. Morgan (C)**

A. Maron, J. Yee, D. Murphy, E. Sanchez, P. Fernandez,
M. Fernandez, H. Madayag, L. Sing

Lectors: C. Maron and D. Maron

Altar Servers: E. Estelita and N. Estelita

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: *(unavailable at this time)*

Eucharistic Ministers: **M. Santiago (C)**

A. Lopez, V. Lopez, C. Lopez, C. Browne, M. Mahoney,
E. Shick, J. Huddleston, M. Aberouette

Lector: G. Jorkowich and G. Picazo

Altar Servers: E. Wright and R. Cuddy

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday–November 30th

Readings: Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday–December 1st

Readings: Is 11:1-10 Lk 21-24

Wednesday–December 2nd

Readings: Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37

Thursday–December 3rd

Readings: Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21,24-27

Friday–December 4th

Readings: Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday–December 5th

Readings: Is 30:19-21,23-26 Mt 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8

Sunday–December 6th

Readings: Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6,8-11 Lk 3:1-6