

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.

ALL ST. ROBERT'S VOLUNTEERS

Join us January 9th

at the 4:30 p.m. Mass
with reception following in the Hall
as the parish staff joins together
to show their appreciation
and honor all you do for the
St. Robert's Parish community.



Dear Friends,

Several weeks ago I was talking to a parishioner about family life. She told me that at one point she had to work part time so she could take care of her grandchild. Her sacrifice enabled her daughter to save some money. Her daughter did not have to pay for a babysitter. The upside of her decision to earn less by cutting her work hours was that she got to spend more time with her grandchild. A year ago I heard about the story of this Filipino whose brother is a priest. The priest had a freak accident that left him paralyzed from the neck down. The man decided to resign from his job and brought his disabled brother back to the Philippines where he could take care of him with the help of their family and relatives. In 1995 I was a happy camper as a pastor in the Philippines when I had to come here to San Francisco in order to help my father petition my mother so that they could be together. I felt that it was not a good idea for my parents to be thousands of miles apart after they retired. I had to make some personal sacrifices so that my father and mother would enjoy their retirement together. These are the things that we do for our family. As the saying goes, "Blood is thicker than water." Family comes first.

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. The family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph had their own share of difficult circumstances and situations. This Sunday's gospel tells us that Mary and Joseph had a hard time looking for Jesus who was lost. I could just imagine the anxiety that Mary and Joseph felt as soon as they realized that their son was not with them on their way back home after celebrating the Passover in Jerusalem. And when they found the boy Jesus at the Temple sitting and engaging in a discussion with the teachers, Mary and Joseph did not understand what was going on. The gospel story goes on to say that Jesus went back home to Nazareth with his parents and became obedient to them. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

There is no doubt that Jesus became who he was because of his family. For the family of Jesus, prayer and worship are important. Their annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover is an indication that their family is devout and religious. If there is one thing that the Holy Family and the families that I mentioned earlier have in common, it is the importance of prayer and worship. Prayer and worship keep the families intact through thick and thin. In promoting the praying of the rosary, Father Peyton always said, "The family that prays together stays together." How true indeed. We can never discount the power of prayer. My personal experience and yours can attest to what prayer and worship can do for the well being of our families.

As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, may Jesus, Mary and Joseph inspire us to gather in prayer and worship so that we may keep our families together.
God bless you and your family,

Fr. Obet Andrey

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-December 28th

Mass Intention 6:30 Mary Jane Collins †
8:30 Faye Degenhart †

Tuesday-December 29th

Mass Intention 6:30 Carmen Borg †
8:30 Bridget Spillane †
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library

Wednesday-December 30th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service
8:30 Carmen Borg †

Thursday-December 31st

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service
8:30 Msgr. Bruce Dreier †

Friday-January 1st

NEW YEAR'S DAY

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

Saturday-January 2nd

Mass Intention 8:30 Karen Donovan †
4:30 Duane Wolfe †
Euch Adoration 9:00am Church
AA 10:00am Mahoney Room

Sunday-January 3rd

Mass Intention 7:30 Brian Cotter †
9:30 Rudy Saisi †
11:30 Frank J. Smith †
5:00 Paul Cilia †

**PARISH OFFICED CLOSED
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1ST.**

**MEMORIAL MASS
for
Father Joe Healy
at 10 a.m.
Saturday, January 9, 2010
here at St. Roberts.**



As a Parish Community we pray ... for parents. May they be steadfast in their love for one another and for their children; for single-parent families, may our parish community give them the support, encouragement and love they need.



**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Charlotte Helen McNichol
Shia Michelle Sarchett
Wyatt Andrew Thorne
Lyla Mi Young Yoon

AIDS LUNCH –January 13th

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 for your continued assistance.

The Feast of the Holy Family

One of the commentaries I read noted that any family with a teenager knows what Mary and Joseph were going through when they didn't know where Jesus was! Perhaps, in our idealization of the holy family, we forget that they were like all families, dealing with conflicts, disappointments and hurt feelings as well as joys and accomplishments. Just because Joseph and Mary were saints, doesn't mean that they didn't have their idiosyncrasies! They needed to forgive one another as any of us in any household need to do. Jesus, since he was truly one of us, must have gone through all the normal phases of human development in reaching adulthood, triggering the necessary adjustments on the part of the whole family. So, regardless of how our family is constituted, let's remember this family as our model, struggling to be holy as we all are. Merry Christmas! S. Sheral

THANK YOU! As usual, the parishioners of St. Robert's have come through with flying colors! Your generosity has prevailed in spite of the economic downturn. Thank you on behalf of all who received your gifts via the Giving Trees and the collection of warm items for the homebound and for the One Warm Coat drive. Thank you also to everyone who donated towards our Christmas environment and to all of you who gave your precious time to clean and decorate our church. It is the house of God and our home and it received the attention such a holy place deserves! Thank you for everyone who served in any liturgical way during the six Masses of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We appreciate your presence and attentiveness to our visitors and guests. We will continue our Christmas rejoicing until the Feast of the Epiphany, Jan. 3. May the spirit of Christmas - God with Us - continue to be extended to our global family. Merry Christmas! S. Sheral

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

A new year is about to begin. Each day we realize, more and more, how much we need to make God the main focus of our lives and the lives of our country and world. We have a wonderful opportunity to realize the love that God has for us and thank Him for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. On Saturday, January 2nd, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass, we will celebrate Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will close with Benediction at 10 a.m. As St. John says in his letter today: *"We have confidence in God and receive from Him whatever we ask, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him."* Let us please Jesus by spending an hour before Him in His Blessed Sacrament.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The figures for the collection of December 20th will be in the bulletin of January 3rd.

MINISTER SCHEDULE/Jan 2 & 3

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring/Deacon Duffey
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Bisagno (C)
Deacon Rusty, A. Ciraulo, T. Dachauer, L. Flodr
Lectors: M. Dachauer and J. Cronin
Altar Servers: M. McHale and C. McHale

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet/Deacon Duffey
Eucharistic Ministers: B. Mullins (C)
Deacon John, T. Montross, M. Nunnery, J. Aldinger
Lectors: A. Clifford and T. Clifford
Altar Servers: L. Clifford and R. Topper

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Paul/Deacon Duffey
Eucharistic Ministers: L. Rodriguez (C)
Deacon John, M. Zamattia, V. Yanke, J. Yanke
Lectors: J. Shick and D. Wilson
Altar Servers: A. Kucsak, A. Gaines, E. Gonzalez
Children's Liturgy: MaryAnn and Darlene

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet/Deacon Duffey
Eucharistic Ministers: B. Chester (C)
Deacon John, L. Juvero, H. Mantler, H. Madayag
Lectors: H. Beck and F. Firpo
Altar Servers: A. Dharmadi and J. Fontenot

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring/Deacon Duffey
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Elmore (C)
Deacon Rusty, M. Dowden, M. Salvato, D. Ferris
Lector: M. Innes and G. Picazo
Altar Servers: E. Wright and K. Uroz

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 28th

Readings: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday-December 29th

Readings: 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday-December 30th

Readings: 1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40

Thursday-December 31st

Readings: 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18

Friday-January 1st

Readings: Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Saturday-January 2nd

Readings: 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28

Sunday-January 3rd

Readings: Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12