

Saint Robert's Church



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6th month Memorial Prayer Service for Father Bruce February 10th at 6 p.m.

at St. Roberts Church
All are welcomed!!!
This will offer you the time to
share your memories and thoughts
of Father Bruce.



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.

Dear Friends:

Today's Gospel is one of my all time favorite readings. Jesus returns to his hometown of Galilee and is invited to read from scripture. I like to imagine what an eyewitness might have felt that day. To hear the familiar reading from Isaiah, but then to hear Jesus' final words -- "*Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.*" They must have wondered -- "Who does this guy think he is!?! We know him ~ He's Joseph's son ~ a carpenter by trade and yet he reads this scroll with such passion and wants us to believe it is about him?" Today, I wonder are *WE* able to recognize Jesus in all that is written in this passage from Isaiah:

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and
recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed
go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the
Lord.*

When you come home to share your faith it is a very different experience than sharing it in a "new place". I started my vocation in Religious Ed and Youth Ministry in Visitacion Valley (San Francisco). I had to share my personal story with kids who thought I had no idea about living a life full of challenges. They knew nothing about my life except that I wasn't from their neck of the woods. I was a "Peninsula Kid" which holds many different meanings. For me it meant I had to prove my understanding of life in the Valley, and I did! I reminded my students, by sharing my faith, that Jesus accepts all of us where we are each day and every day.

St. Augustine reminds us, "**God loves each of us as if there were only one of us.**" I'd like to think that God loves us as images of Jesus. We are each called to be Jesus to others. Have you shared Jesus with someone this week? Have you worked to proclaim and build a year acceptable to the Lord?

**God Bless each of you – Joanne Bartolotti
HANDS ON and HEARTS IN!**

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

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-January 25th

Mass Intention 6:30 Dolph Fasana †
8:30 Steven Hart †

**Grownup's Steering
Committee Mtg 7:15pm Library**

Tuesday-January 26th

Mass Intention 6:30 Sally Hardiman †
8:30 Noelle Lille †

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

Wednesday-January 27th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Gloriette McGuire †

Parish Planning Mtg 7:15pm Mahoney Room

Thursday-January 28th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Gloriette McGuire †

RCIA 7:00pm Convent Chapel

Friday-January 29th

Mass Intention 6:30 Sister Angela †
8:30 Mariagiuseppa Aloise †

**Men's Club
Crab Dinner 4:30pm Hall**

Saturday-January 30th

Mass Intention 8:30 Pauline Olivier †
4:30 People of St. Robert's

AA 10:00am Mahoney Room

Sunday-January 31st

Mass Intention 7:30 Maria Emilio †
9:30 Angelina Foti †
11:30 Dr. R.R. & Eve
Browne †
5:00 Mae Morris †

**Passion Play
Auditions 7:00pm Church**



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

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.

**This week we pray for:
Tony Yaquinto and Dick Barbero**

A quote from Pope John XXIII: People may we come to discover that one of the most profound requirements of their common nature is this: that between them and their respective peoples it is not fear which should reign but love. If all of us are children of God, why should I not love them all? I must remember that they are all made in the image of God and that perhaps their souls are more beautiful and dearer to the Lord than mine. Lord, I need only one thing in this world: to know myself and to love you.

SCHOOL NEWS

KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION

Applications for Kindergarten for the 2010-2011 school year will take place in the school office January 25th through January 29th from 8:30-2 p.m. Your child must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2010. 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 28th, 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.

ST. ROBERT ALTAR SOCIETY—THE MARTHA'S

Have you ever wondered who works behind the scenes taking care of the many details that make our Eucharistic celebration run smoothly. We, at St. Robert's, are blessed with a group of lovely (but seldom seen-in-action) ladies who faithfully and quietly tend to the needs of our center of worship. They wash and iron the altar linens and servers' robes, remove wax from candle holders and polish them, dust the Altar, ambo, Baptismal font and keep the sanctuary tidy and clean. They serve for about 2 hours, 4 times a year. When asked why they perform this ministry, our Martha's reply: "I don't like being in the forefront, but I want to serve"; "I like working in God's House; it helps me feel closer to Him"; "Here I use my hands and heart to praise my God". If you are interested in joining the Martha's, please call Anna May at 589-7087.

STEWARDSHIP

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Keep faith. Support the Church in Latin America. The Church in this region is undergoing a great continental mission, intended to strengthen the faith of the people and to create leaders in their own lands. The Church is being weakened by the loss of its members because of economic migration, and it suffers from a low priest-to-parishioner ratio. Today's Collection funds catechesis and formation programs, evangelization religious training, other pastoral programs designed to strengthen and renew the faith. For the cost of your morning coffee, you could buy a child her First Holy Communion book. Can you spare a few cups? Please be generous in today's Collection.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 1st to Jan. 17th (goal)	291,450.00
July 1st to Jan. 17th (actual)	278,046.24
7/1/09-6/30/10 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 01/17)	8,217.75

Thank you for your donation of **\$9,593.20** to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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 30 & 31

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Bisagno (C)

J. Beltrano, A. Ciraulo, L. Flodr

Lectors: C. Clarke and B. Rudometkin

Altar Servers: J. Wilson and M. Tankeh

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Vassallo (C)

J. Aldinger, J. Jackson, R. Lahoz

Lectors: A. Clifford and T. Clifford

Altar Servers: L. Clifford and S. Jensen

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Schaukowitch

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Sexton (C)

L. Rodriguez, K. Semenza, G. Sinks, U. Uniacke

Lectors: A. Bie and D. Jolie

Altar Servers: A. Sciacqua, T. Lesser and D. Rodriguez

Children's Liturgy: Family Mass

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Caverte

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Morgan (C)

L. Juvero, H. Madayag, H. Mantler, D. Murphy

Lectors: H. Valle and T. Tannis

Altar Servers: R. Benavente and A. Dharmadi

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Salvato (C)

C. Browne, G. Landholt, P. Landholt, M. Santiago

Lector: J. Bartolotti and G. Picazo

Altar Servers: K. Uniacke and J. Marty

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-January 25th

Readings: Acts 22:3-16 Mk 16:15-18

Tuesday-January 26th

Readings: 2 Tm 1:1-8 Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday-January 27th

Readings: 2 Sm 7:4-17 Mk 4:1-20

Thursday-January 28th

Readings: 2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29 Mk 4:21-25

Friday-January 29th

Readings: 2 Sm 11:1-4a,5-10a; 13-17 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday-January 30th

Readings: 2 SM 12:1-7a,10-17 Mk 4:35-41

Sunday-January 31st

Readings: Jer 1:4-5,17-19 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 Lk 4:21-30

Living the Liturgy

About Haiti

I don't know how many of you listen to Gene Burns on KGO, but I heard him on my way home last Wednesday. The evangelical preacher, Pat Robertson, declared on his 700 Club program that he knew why the terrible earthquake had happened in Haiti. According to him, when the Haitians were trying to free themselves from French occupation in 1804, they made a pact with the devil and they need to be converted! Burns accused Robertson of blood libel and blasphemy. (Pat Robertson consistently interprets tragedies in terms of God punishing the victims; he made equally condemnatory comments about our 1989 earthquake and Hurricane Katrina.) What made Burns angriest was that no leader of a major religious group publicly contradicted what Robertson had said.

As I reflected about Robertson's statement, I was also appalled for many reasons. The last thing anyone suffering from so great a tragedy needs to hear is that it comes straight from God. And if God has directly caused this catastrophe, then we surely have no reason to respond to the people's needs. The God who retaliates against people and kills the innocent has no relation at all to the God of Jesus, the God who suffers with people and calls us to share their sorrow as well. Another fact lost on Mr. Robertson is that Haiti is 80% Catholic and, though all of us need conversion, we surely could give Haitians the benefit of the doubt and presume that most of them were and are trying to live their faith. The archbishop of Port au Prince and 100 seminarians gathered for retreat were among the possibly hundreds of thousands killed.

I'm sorry that there has been no public rebuttal of Robertson's accusations. I doubt that many of the leaders of religious groups ever watch the 700 Club, so perhaps they were unaware of his statement. We do need to be aware of what our interpretation of a tragedy says about our image of God. Haiti has been the poorest country in the hemisphere and one of the poorest countries on earth for decades. Thousands of volunteers from many nongovernmental organizations like Catholic Relief Services and Oxfam have been there for years making consistent, patient efforts to combat the poverty which seems almost insurmountable. But we might ask why we and the other developed countries have basically ignored the needs of its people for so long.

Today's gospel has Jesus quoting Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." May we and all who have so much be inspired to rebuild Haiti so that its people can live a life worthy of their dignity as human beings and children of God.

Peace, S. Sheral

FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

Once again the members of this parish and residents of our community came together to show our support for a just and worthy cause. The outpouring of support was overwhelming, especially in these trying times. Thanks to everyone for supporting this event.

ANNIVERSARY MASS **Saturday, February 27th at** **12 Noon**



at St. Mary of the Assumption
Cathedral

1111 Gough Street in San Francisco.
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. Registration forms are available by download at www.sffamilylife.com or email sfeath@gmail.com or call (707) 552-3394. Special honor will be shown to those who are celebrating their 25th, 50th or 50+ Wedding Anniversaries.



WELCOME **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Jeffrey & Carmen Goodin & Family
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.

ADULTS NEEDING CONFIRMATION

If you are an active Catholic but have never received your Confirmation, please contact Deacon Duffey at 589-2800. The Archdiocese has a special Confirmation preparation program with Confirmation celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd. Classes start soon.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

The directory is moving forward. However, it will still be a couple of months before we see it because of the extended make-up sessions taken over the Christmas holidays.

**ST. ROBERT'S RESPECT LIFE GROUP
Meeting Tuesday, January 26th
Mary's Chapel from 7pm to 8pm**

This meeting will discuss the "Spiritual Adoption Project" that invites parishioners to spiritually adopt a baby in danger of abortion. Your attendance will determine the success of this proposed project. If you have any questions, please call Mary Nunnery at 588-6349.

MEN'S CLUB CRAB DINNER



SATURDAY, JANUARY 30TH

All are welcome. \$45 per person for dinner or \$60 for the dinner special that includes 20 raffle tickets and 5 drink tickets (a \$70 value). Doors open at 6pm; dinner at 7:30pm. Space is limited, reserve now. Call Dan Uroz (650) 740-4141 or duroz@dtctool.com.

Passion Play Auditions



The Saint Robert's Youth Ministry invites all the teenagers of our parish to join in the presentation of our 15th Annual Passion Play.

**Auditions will be held in St. Robert's Church
from 7 to 9pm
on Sunday, Jan 31st,
Monday, February 1st,
and Monday February 8th.**

We are looking for Actors, Singers, Musicians and Stage Crew. Please come to one of the auditions or call Ben Baldonado at (650) 589-8519 to sign up.



**Blood Drive
Super Bowl Sunday,
February 7th
8:30am to 1:30pm
In the Parish Hall**

Blood Centers of The Pacific will have a blood drive here on Super Bowl Sunday. Please mark your calendar for February 7th and invite your family and friends to join us. As always your help and continued support is greatly appreciated.