

SAINT ROBERT'S CHURCH



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MASS TIMES

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 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 PENANCE

Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm or call 589-2800 to make an appointment.

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.

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

Dear Parishioners,

Identify something in your possession or on your person that shows you have changed in the past five years. Maybe you are in college and have a student ID, or are a senior citizen and have a Medicare card.

Cameras can make people of any size larger than life on the big screen. In Matthew's gospel, John the Baptist imagines the one to come will be a judge who clears the threshing floor, gathering up the grain and burning the chaff. He expects a larger than life, powerful, avenging messiah, not a man like himself humbly asking for the baptism of sinners.

How about us? What are our ideas about the one who is to come? What expectations do we have of Jesus?

As we celebrate Jesus' baptism this Sunday, the gospel invites us to share the surprise and resistance of John, his baptizer. The encounter challenges us to allow the real Jesus to confuse and confound us, to turn our expectations inside out and backwards.

Matthew emphasizes two themes in his telling of the baptism story. First, the expectation-confounding humility of Jesus. The one more powerful than John does not order him to carry his sandals but asks to receive baptism from him.

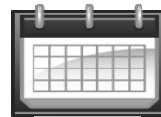
The world judging messiah casts no chaff into the fire but makes himself one with sinners who seek to reform their lives.

As united as the persons of the trinity are, God wants us to know that it is not an exclusive community.

Every day, God invites us to enter into his life and join in his mission. And for that, we too need the anointment of the Holy Spirit - Just as Jesus received. And we also need to know how much our Father loves us and is pleased with us - just as he told Jesus. And that makes sense, doesn't it? After all, God's deepest desire is that we all become like Jesus and keep building his kingdom!

**God Bless
Deacon John**

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-January 10th

Mass Intention 6:30 Frances White
8:30 Pat Mialovich
Women's Guild 6:00pm Hall
St. Vincent de Paul 7:00pm Mahoney Room

Tuesday-January 11th

Mass Intention 6:30 Karen Nelson †
8:30 Charles & Rita Agius †
Adult Rel Ed 9:15 am Mary's Chapel
Rel Education 3:30pm Church & Hall
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library
Rel Ed/Jr. High 7:00pm Hall

Wednesday-January 12th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Giarth Klingensmith †
Choir Practice 7:00pm Church

Thursday-January 13th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Tash McMahon †

Friday-January 14th

Mass Intention 6:30 Joanne Johnson
8:30 Marija Gregov †

Saturday-January 15th

Mass Intention 8:30 Anthony Yaquinto †
4:30 Bill Baranski †
AA 9:30am Mahoney Room
Friends 6:00pm Hall
Helping Friends 6:00pm Hall

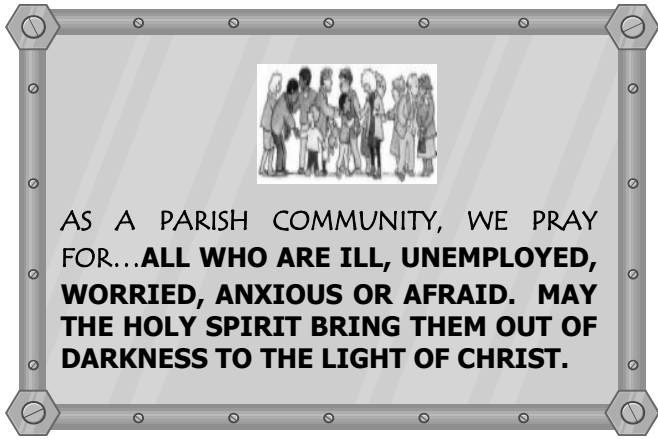
Sunday-January 16th

Mass Intention 7:30 Bernardo Mocolin †
9:30 Carmen Borg †
11:30 Caroline Sarti †
5:00 Caridad Ricardo †

San Bruno Fire Dinner and Donations

Thank you all for your generous donations for those affected by the San Bruno Fire. As of this week we have received a total of \$65,665.90 from donations and the dinner.

Thank you for the kindness you have shown.



**Year of Renewal in Worship and Prayer
The Act of Penitence**

Since the Second Vatican Council the Act of Penitence, a.k.a. Penitential Rite, has been included as part of our Eucharistic celebration. While not a sacramental act of absolution in itself, the Act is an opportunity for the members of the gathering assembly to acknowledge their sins before God and to call upon God's mercy as they enter into the sacred mysteries.

Each week when we come to mass we do so knowing that we are a people in need of healing and reconciliation. As Garrison Keillor of A Prairie Home Companion has observed, "Sometimes we do rotten things." (The Confiteor reminds us that sometimes we simply fail to do what is right or good.) When we participate in the Act of Penitence through the Confiteor (I confess . . .) or the invocations "Lord, have mercy," we come before God as we are. We "recollect" ourselves, acknowledge that we are sinful persons, and become ever more mindful of our redemption through the Body and Blood of Christ. In this Act we acknowledge our need for God and God's all-forgiving love. We remember that this love is present to us in the Eucharist.

Our sincere sympathy to the families of
John Ortega, Magdalena McAdam,
Gino Giuliani, Lidia Molina,
Mary De Battista,
Geraldine Gallagher, Rose Sullivan
& Joseph Calleja who died recently.

**Help Our Group Earn Thousands of Dollars
It's Easy! It's for a Limited Time!**

Purchase any items with the school sign bus tag at Safeway From January 2—25th Bring in your receipts to the School or the Rectory on the weeks of

January 29 - February 22.



KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION

Applications for Kindergarten for the 2011-2012 school year will take place in the school office January 24th through January 28th from 8:30-2 p.m. Your child must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2011. 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 27th 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.

**REMEMBERING
the WORD of
GOD**

"for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him."

1 John 3:16

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 1st to Jan 2, 2011 (goal)	254,760.00
July 1st to Dec 26th (actual)	226,383.46
July 1st to Jan 2nd (actual)	238,051.38
7/1/10-6/30/11 Weekly Goal	10,490.00
Collection (actual 12/26)	5,686.56
Collection (actual 1/2)	11,667.92

Thank you for your Christmas donation of **\$34,787.56**, the second collection for the appeal of **\$2,207.51** and **\$2,079.50** for our School, CCD and Confirmation Programs. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

MINISTER SCHEDULE/JAN 15 & 16

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Hanley (C)

D. Hageman, A. Ciraulo, T. Dachauer, J. Waldvogel,
J. Brooks, M. Murphy

Lectors: C. Clarke and C. Aveson

Altar Servers: C. McHale and M. Herrera

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Nunnery (C)

A. Doherty, F. Reyes, A. Buelow, R. Jardin

Lectors: J. Thomson and A. Reyes

Altar Servers: K. Thomson and A. Blumenthal

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Valdez (C)

J. Valdez, U. Uniacke, G. Sinks, A. Romine,
M.A. Saisi, M. Zamattia

Lectors: T. Tullius and J. Shick

Altar Servers: R. Uniacke, K. Uniacke and J. Silva

Children's Liturgy: Terry and Sandy & Danny

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Paul

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Giusti (C)

R. Benavente, V/L Piccinini, D. Murphy, D/C Sosa,
H. Madayag, H. Mantler

Lectors: C. Benavente and M. Benavente

Altar Servers: R. Benavente and J. Cascino

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Paul

Eucharistic Ministers: G. Huddleston (C)

C. Browne, J. Semeniuk, M. Aberouette, M. Santiago,
T. Estelita, M. Salvato

Lector: H. Lowood and M. Estelita

Altar Servers: N. Mogannam and A. Kucsak

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-January 10th

Readings: Heb 1:1-6 Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday-January 11th

Readings: Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday-January 12th

Readings: Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday-January 13th

Readings: Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45

Friday-January 14th

Readings: Heb 4:1-5, 11 Mk 2:1-12

Saturday-January 15th

Readings: Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17

Sunday-January 16th

Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

**Greeting From Msgr. Nnana
December 8, 2010**

My parishioners were grateful to you for the money you raised for us. I will be sending you picture in due course. I only wanted to send you my Christmas wishes. Merry Christmas to you all.

The Christmas season calls for joy and celebrations here in Nigeria, the children look forward to new clothes, while town and villages embark on fund raising for development of infrastructures. Most parishes have their Safari Festivals. My Parish Safari Festival comes up on Last Sunday of December every year.

The 35th Anniversary of my priestly ordination comes on Dec. 14th 2010. Pray for me as I do for you.

**Msgr. Emmanuel Nnanna
St. Theresa's Church Akaeze
C/O box 129
Afikpo Ebonyi State
Nigeria, West Africa**

Simbang Gabi - Thank you.

No words can express my appreciation to all of you for your hard work, dedication, and commitment to the Fellowship Reception. Thanks to Father Obet for being so supportive of the Simbang Gabi, 9 day Novena Mass, in preparation for the birth of the child Jesus. My role coordinating with the 50 Fil-Am families and volunteers to host the fellowship-reception was made easy because of the positive responses and enthusiasm of each and everyone of you. Although each group has a unique way of sharing and giving, the symbolism of Simbang Gabi remains the same; that of love, joy, and camaraderie among parishioners and the guests of different ages and ethnicities. Congratulations to the Fil-Am group, volunteers and St. Robert's parish for the success of this year's Simbang Gabi. Looking forward to the continued participation of the parish community in the years ahead.

**Happy New Year.
Encar Sanchez**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
SRWG MEMBERS**

Come be a part of the spirit and fun of the Women's Guild

The St. Robert's Women's Guild will be hosting our first meeting and dinner of 2011!!! We are gearing up for the Dinner Dance. With that said, we will collect five dollars and a ten dollar gift card of your choice for dinner. The gift cards will be an essential building block for our auction. We hope to see you!!

Monday, January 10TH 6:30 p.m. Hennessy Hall

DINNER: \$5.00 (OPEN BAR) GIFT CARD: \$10.00 (ANY TYPE)

Dinner will be \$15.00 dollars w/o gift card

RSVP TO: SRWOMENSGUILD@YAHOO.COM

Living Liturgy

Since Christmas

As in our lives, no doubt, an awful lot has happened in our Sunday readings since Christmas! The very next day, we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family with its admonition to right relationships within the family in the first reading and its frightening gospel. Imagine fleeing for your life with your wife and newborn infant to a strange country with different customs and a different language. Unfortunately, some 214 million international migrants have shared the same experience. We celebrated the feast of Mary, the Mother of God and the World Day of Peace on January 1; you might recall it as the Feast of the Circumcision. Its lovely gospel focuses on Mary's role as pre-eminent woman of faith, "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." The Epiphany reminds us that even in the Hebrew scriptures, there was a sense that the Messiah would come for everyone, "Nations shall walk by your light and kings by your shining radiance." Paul's letter to the Ephesians is even more blunt: "The Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel."

This weekend, the Baptism of the Lord, the Church compares Jesus with the Suffering Servant of Isaiah, a "chosen one with whom I am pleased." Matthew's community has words similar to these declared by a voice from the heavens at Jesus' baptism by John. And emphasizing what we heard on Epiphany, the Acts of the Apostles has Peter proclaim, "I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him."

And since each of us is also baptized, God has "grasped [us] by the hand" and set us as a "light for the nations" or at least for our families and friends and neighbors. Perhaps, you don't even know your baptismal date and yet that's when we officially became part of the family! We're blest that we know God's love and that Jesus has set us free. How do we help those who don't know they are beloved by God and may not experience freedom? Are we humble enough to ask the Spirit for help when we think God has let go of us and we feel are falling? When you enter the church and bless yourself with holy water, try to consciously renew your baptismal commitment to follow Jesus and live as he did.

Peace, S. Sheral

REMEMBERING THEM WITH FLOWERS

The following loved ones were remembered at Christmas with a donation for flowers, and trees to beautify the church:

- In memory of Donna Glass & Julio Borruso from Josie Borruso;
In memory of Myrtle Brooks from Judith Brooks;
In memory of Philip Calhoun;
In memory of Sal Canjura, Jr., Jesus Valdez Martinez, Froylan Martinez, Carlotta Cardona, Robert Flores from Maria Canjura;
In memory of Regina Jaehne from Patricia Casey;
In memory of their parents Rosina & Leone and Pia & Arnold from John & Liz Cesca;
In memory of Judy Daansen from Ed & Pat Daansen;
In memory of their parents from Gary & Judy DeMartini;
In memory of Don Willard and Bob Flood from Jennie Flood;
In memory of their parents from Jim & Norma Galvin;
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. William J. Wegman from the Gilfillan Family;
In memory of Dorothy Turner from P. Jensen;
In memory of Alice Perry from Tim & Joan King;
In memory of their daughters Noelle & Patrice from Al & Rita Lille;
In memory of Diana Martinez from Florence Martinez;
In memory of their parents Earl Kalal & Bill & Maude Morgan and in honor of their parent Llewellyn Kalal from Dave & Cynthia Morgan;
In memory of Alexander Moniz from Bunny Moniz;
In memory of Virginia Monroe from Mary Helen Monroe;
From the Noce Family;
In memory of Jack Johnson from Mary Nunnery;
In memory of Elsa Rolfes, Karin Williams and Darlene Steen from the Rolfes Family;
In memory of Agnes M. Dempsey from Alfred & Josephine Romine;
In memory of Vasco Giannini & Norma Ruggiero from Paul, Linda & Michael Ruggiero;
In memory of David Dunn, Marie Dunn, Timothy Scannell, Eileen Scannell,
Joanne Labbe & Adrienne Moore from Paul & Judy Scannell;
In memory of Mauro Sciacqua and Elio & Carolina Sarti from Loretta Sciacqua;
In memory of Ronald Sinclair from Rita Sinclair;
In memory of deceased members of the Uniacke & Halpin families from Patrick & Una Uniacke;
In memory of Jim Whooley, Bob Owen Sr., Bob Owen Jr. and Maud & Denis Whooley from Candie, Owen & Michael Whooley;
In memory of Adolph & Rita Fambrini from Bob & Jean Waldvogel

AIDS LUNCH –Jan. 12th

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.



ST. ROBERT'S RESPECT FOR LIFE GROUP

The 2011 WALK FOR LIFE will be on Saturday, January 22. It will start at Justin Hermann Plaza at the Embarcadero in San Francisco. We will partner up with St. Bruno's Church and join them on a bus leaving San Bruno at 10:00 a.m. that morning. Complete details are available in the vestibule of the church. For questions, please contact Mary Nunnery - 588-6349.

CONSOLATION MINISTRY

Saint Robert's Grief Support Group's next meeting will be on **Saturday January 22**, in the Convent Chapel from 3:00 – 4:15 pm.

Anyone who is suffering from the loss, of a loved one – spouse, sibling, child, parent, friend or relative is invited to come together and pray, share, comfort and be comforted. You are invited to bring a friend or companion as a support and strength if you so wish. No one is pressured to speak or contribute if your pain is too intense. May God bless and comfort you in your sorrow. If you have any questions, call: **Sister Patricia @ 589-0104**

Coats and Men's Clothing

Do you have a good, warm jacket that is rarely worn? A few pairs of jeans that no longer fit? If so, please gather these items together and bring them to the nearest SVdP Thrift Store. We sincerely appreciate your help—it will truly make a difference in many men's lives! Visit our website to locate a store near you! Go to www.svdP-sanmateo.org, where you can also purchase sleeping bags for the homeless to use in this cold weather.

Part Time Job

Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery are looking for a part time employee to work in the altar bread department from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Job entails answering the phone, processing, packing and shipping the altar bread different parishes. Heavy lifting, computer skills and ability to communicate with customers is required.

Please send or email your resume and references to :
Sr. Joseph Marie O.P. (op.nunsmenlo@yahoo.com)
215 Oak Grove Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025