

# 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](http://www.saintroberts.org).**

## Dear Parishioners,

A letter to the editor in San Francisco Chronicle's January 10<sup>th</sup> issue was reacting to the senseless killing of six people and the attempted assassination of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords in Arizona. The letter-sender was commenting on the use of metaphors of violence in our society when he wrote: "If we as a society can learn to use metaphors of peace rather than that of violence, we may be able to reduce the incidence of violence-inducing misinterpretations, attitudes and behavior, and perhaps even increase the incidence of peace-inducing misinterpretations, attitudes and behaviors."

There is a Latin proverb that says, "Homo homini lupus", which means, "Man is wolf to man." This is a pessimistic view of man, but too often it is unfortunately true. The use of metaphors of violence in our speech in almost every aspect of our life and not just politics indicate that on many occasions of our lives we are fiercely competitive and even ruthless in our dealings with others. Take for example our fascination with sports. When you look at the sports' page in the newspaper, you will be amazed to discover how many teams call themselves after an animal. In football, basketball or hockey, you will find names like the Detroit Lions, Chicago Bulls, San Jose Sharks, and so on and so forth. Notice that the animal chosen is usually wild, powerful, and ferocious. After all, it is supposed to symbolize the toughness and strength of the players. It must also intimidate the opponents, just like a psychological warfare, and undermine the morale of the opponents. It must project the image of something victorious and invincible, just like the lion or the wolf.

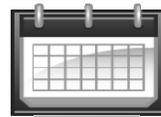
The use of animal metaphor is nothing new. The Bible uses this kind of symbolism. For example, the tribes of Israel are associated with certain powerful animals: the tribe of Judah with the lion, that of Dan with the viper, that of Benjamin with the hungry wolf, and that of Joseph with the wild ox.

But when Jesus, the Son of God, comes into the picture, we expect an even more powerful image. After all, Jesus is the Lord of all creation. What animal could do justice to Christ's absolute power over the whole of creation? In this Sunday's gospel, John the Baptist surprises all of us by pointing to Jesus as the Lamb of God. It is as if John were saying, "Look carefully, because what you will see will not meet your expectations at all. You thought you would find a ferocious animal, full of might and fury. Instead, you see a mere lamb, a young sheep, nothing more." It is kind of disappointing, isn't it? Why a lamb? Why not at least a horned ram? Well, God's ways are not our ways. When God sent his Son into the world, it is not to conquer it by brute force; rather it is to die like a meek and defenseless lamb. Indeed, Jesus came as the Suffering Servant of Yahweh. Jesus lived and died as a meek Servant of Yahweh, like a lamb.

If there is so much violence in this world, it is because people are being true to that Latin proverb, "Homo homini lupus." Our only hope of changing the world lies in changing our hearts, from wolves into lambs. Jesus, the Lamb of God, is our model. His meekness is the only true force that can overcome our hate and teach us to live as sisters and brothers. We can start by avoiding the use of metaphors of violence in our speech.

Fr. Obet

## THE WEEK AHEAD



### Monday-January 17th

Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday  
(Parish Office closed today)

Mass Intention 8:30 Caroline Frati †

### Tuesday-January 18th

Mass Intention 6:30 Dottie Sue Ehorn †  
8:30 Bill & Nancy Curtis †  
**Adult Rel Ed 9:15 am Mary's Chapel**  
**Rel Education 3:30pm Church & Hall**  
**Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library**  
**Confirmation 7:00pm Hall**

### Wednesday-January 19th

6:30 Communion Service  
Mass Intention 8:30 Rosalie & Gaitano  
Ferrante †  
**Choir Practice 7:00pm Church**

### Thursday-January 20th

6:30 Communion Service  
Mass Intention 8:30 Caroline Frati †  
**School Board Mtg 7:00pm Mahoney Room**

### Friday-January 21st

Mass Intention 6:30 James Hallisy †  
8:30 Bill Cochrane †  
**Men's Club Set Up 4:30pm Hall**

### Saturday-January 22nd

Mass Intention 8:30 Manuel Falzon †  
4:30 Oscar Moniri †  
**AA 9:30am Mahoney Room**  
**Consolation Min. 3:00pm Convent**  
**Cioppino Dinner 6:00pm Hall**

### Sunday-January 23rd

Mass Intention 7:30 Mocelin & Emilio  
Families †  
9:30 Sister Anna May  
O'Reilly †  
11:30 People of St. Robert's  
5:00 Robert & Margaret  
Jensen  
**Religious Eduction 8:00am Hall**



AS A PARISH COMMUNITY, WE PRAY FOR... **AN END TO ABORTION. MAY OUR LOVE FOR ALL CHILDREN KEEP THEM SAFE FROM THE FIRST MOMENT OF THEIR CONCEPTION THROUGHOUT EVERY DAY OF THEIR LIVES.**



**WE CONGRATULATE THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Lillian Jane Darcy  
 Ryan John Lotti  
 Luke Tuan Nguyen  
 Chiara Jaslene Perez



Our sincere sympathy to the family of  
 Ralph Carrillo  
 who died recently.



**St. Patrick's Seminary and University**

There will be a second collection at all Masses next weekends for the support of St. Patrick's Seminary and University in Menlo Park. The mission of our Archdiocesan Seminary is the initial and ongoing formation of priests especially for the Archdiocese of San Francisco and for other Dioceses in the Western United States and the Pacific Rim. Dedicated by Archbishop Riordan in 1898, St. Patrick's is blessed with a near-capacity enrollment of men preparing for priesthood. Through the Vatican II Institute for Clergy Formation, the Seminary also offers an array of highly respected programs for the renewal and support of priests after ordination.

St. Patrick's relies upon the generosity of its benefactors and the parishioners that its seminarians will one day serve as priests in order to provide its quality program of priestly formation. Please be generous in your support for our Archdiocesan Seminary Envelopes and fliers are available in the pew / vestibule.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

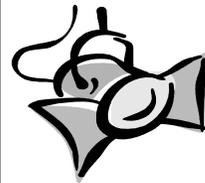
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| July 1st to Jan 9, 2011 (goal)                     | 265,250.00            |
| July 1st to Jan 9th (actual)                       | 246,487.80            |
| 7/1/10-6/30/11 Weekly Goal Collection (actual 1/9) | 10,490.00<br>8,456.42 |

**Year of Renewal in Worship and Prayer**

**The Collect (Opening Prayer)**

The next time the priest says "Let us pray" near the end of the Introductory Rites, just take a moment to breathe and pay attention to your heartbeat. In that moment of paying attention, we enter more deeply into worship. We can bring wandering minds back to the present and actually "collect" the many events and relationships of our lives into our prayer offering at Mass.

How well do we collect ourselves in prayer as a Church at this moment? Does the Church really...enter...into ...prayer? This is a time for the priest to lead the assembly in silent prayer as well as in the chanted or spoken prayer that follows. This is the time for the people — all ministers included! —to put aside all distractions and be present to God, just as God is present to us.



**SPOTLIGHT on the \*GIRM**

**"... the priest invites the people to pray. All, together with the priest, observe a brief silence so that they may be conscious of the fact that they are in God's presence and may formulate their petitions mentally."**

**\*General Instruction of the Roman Missal, n. 54.**

**Annual Juvenile restorative Justice Minister's Training**

Saturday January 22 and January 29, 2011  
 (8:00 am to 5:00 pm)

**St. Brendan's Church**  
 San Francisco

Please contact Julio Escobar (415 224-5594) for an interview.

# MINISTER SCHEDULE/JAN 22 & 23

## **Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass**

**Presider:** Fr. Paul

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

J. Beltrano, S. Chester, R. Aveson, K. Martinez,  
J. Scannell, J. Brooks

**Lectors:** C. Bonner and d. McElroy

**Altar Servers:** M. McKenna and R. Nazzal

## **Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass**

**Presider:** Fr. Paul

**Eucharistic Ministers:** R. Vassallo (C)

B. Mullins, T. Montross, C. Soracco, J. Aldinger

**Lectors:** R. Rolfes and A. Cotroneo

**Altar Servers:** C. Paulbitski and R. Topper

## **Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass**

**Presider:** Fr. Ring

**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Sexton (C)

A. Solis, M. Salazar, S. Salazar, M. Bologna,  
M. Bourne, D. Marty

**Lectors:** C. Calonje and J. Valdez

**Altar Servers:** T. O'Halloran, S. O'Halloran, & C. McHale

**Children's Liturgy:** Family Mass

## **Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass**

**Presider:** Fr. Obet

**Eucharistic Ministers:** B. Chester (C)

C. Morgan, N. Bamba, L. Sing, D. Murphy,  
J. Yee, L. Juvero

**Lectors:** G. Khoury and C. Pisani

**Altar Servers:** E. Steenvoorde and I. Galindo

## **Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass**

**Presider:** Fr. Obet

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

A. Lopez, C. Lopez, V. Lopez, M. Elmore,  
M. Mahoney, G. Huddleston

**Lector:** B. Lopez and G. Picazo

**Altar Servers:** E. Estelita and N. Estelita

### **WEEKLY READINGS**

#### Monday-January 17th

Readings: Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22

#### Tuesday-January 18th

Readings: Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28

#### Wednesday-January 19th

Readings: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 Mk 3:1-6

#### Thursday-January 20th

Readings: Heb 7:25-8:6 Mk 3:7-12

#### Friday-January 21st

Readings: Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19

#### Saturday-January 22nd

Readings: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14 Mk 3:20-21

#### Sunday-January 23rd

Readings: Is 8:23-9:3 1 Cor 1:10-13,17 Mt 4:12-23

## Respect For Life

If you missed signing up or the Spiritual Adoption Project at last weekends masses, you still have time until January 31.

Contact Mary Nunnery (650) 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**

## Children's Liturgy Giving Tree Our Sincerest Thanks

Because of your generosity we were able to help many who otherwise would not have the means of providing gifts for their children at Christmas. We received over 400 gifts and \$615.00 in gift cards and \$200 in cash.

These items were given to the following  
Half Moon Bay Catholic Worker House  
San Bruno Catholic Worker House  
San Bruno Fire Department  
St. Vincent de Paul  
Shelter Network

We were also able to help two families who needed help this year.

Thank you and may God Bless you for your generosity.

**The Children's Liturgy Team**

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Charles & Kathie Villanueva

**IF YOU ARE NEW TO  
ST. ROBERT'S**

fill out a registration form and 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](http://www.saintroberts.org).

## Living Liturgy

A Week in New Orleans

Five parishioners, Teresa Abrahamsohn, Joan Sexton and Thelma, Lenny and Eleanor Tannis, a friend of mine and I spent the week in New Orleans with a community of African American Sisters, founded by "a free woman of color," Henriette DeLille in 1836. We went, wanting to let the Sisters know that we hadn't forgotten them or the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, more than five years before. We pulled up a ceramic tile floor which had been put down poorly and was buckling, a real hazard for the 80 and 90 year old Sisters whose community room it was. We had hoped to lay the new tile floor, but found out it had not been ordered. It seems that the South has a different sense of timing than we in the always-busy West! We found some other tasks in need of our time and energy.

The Sisters were wonderful, welcoming and most grateful for our presence. All their buildings - their motherhouse/retirement center, schools, senior and assisted living residences had been flooded by Katrina. Their school from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade was temporarily in another Catholic school building, empty, but untouched by the Storm, and more recently in FEMA trailers on their large property. The new high school building is almost finished; the January 10 opening date has been moved to mid-March. The Sisters have a building they'd like to turn into a day care and spirituality center, but they had moved out before Katrina and so cannot apply for FEMA funds. If anyone know any foundations which might be of help to them in collecting the \$3 million it will require, please let me know and I'll gladly give you further contact information.

We stayed in their motherhouse/retirement center in the Ninth Ward which is between the Mississippi and Lake Ponchartrain. There and in the Lower Ninth, the poorest district in New Orleans, we saw streets with one house fixed up and the two on either side still in their decrepit state. Some of the owners, especially if they were older, haven't returned and, I'd guess, the city cannot do anything with the property if they cannot locate the owners. We also visited the Rebuild Center which is a joint project of our Presentation Sisters, St. Vincent de Paul and the Jesuits; it provides an unbelievable array of services for homeless and displaced people. The gospel Mass at St. Peter Claver in Jefferson Parish (district) was full of joy and hope. May our prayers help the rest of the Gulf residents to share in those gifts! Peace, S. Sheral

AAA Collection

Our apologies for the confusion about the second collection last weekend! If you didn't already contribute to the Archdiocesan Appeal, please do so this weekend. Thank you very much!



## 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.*

## WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS

Archbishop George Neiderauer  
Principal Celebrant  
Saturday, February 12th, 2011, Noon  
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

## 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.



# 10% Goes Back to Schools Program

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

**Over \$14 million has been donated to groups like these!**

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| Betty Adams PTA               | \$22,615 |
| West High School PTSA         | \$21,126 |
| Anchorage Youth Symphony PTSA | \$20,195 |

Help our group earn! [St. Robert Church And School](#)

Group Name

- MARK YOUR CALENDARS - January 2<sup>nd</sup> through January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011-**
- Purchase any of the select thousands of items marked with the school bus tags.
- Our group will receive 10% of the purchase price.



- ✓ Look for a message that prints on your receipt between Jan 27 – Feb 22-
- ✓ Turn in your receipts to [Rectory or School](#)
- ✓ **Even Better** –Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) right now and sign up to support our group with your Club Card – This way, we will receive the contribution

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