

# 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).**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel, three young men go up a mountain with Jesus whom they have grown to know as a friend. They return down the mountain, men called to believe what they think they saw. Jesus reveals Himself as more than friend. They see Him talking with Moses, whom Matthew places as a representative of the law, and Elijah who represents the tradition of the prophets. Their friend, they see, is keeping pretty good company. They see their friend in a different light, a light so strong that it baffles the senses. They hear words which challenge their knowledge. They have known Him in one way and now they are being asked to give up that familiarity and move to a "out-of-sight" relationship involving not knowing, not seeing, but listening and walking back down the mountain in faith." These words are not mine but belong to Larry Gillick, S.J. of Creighton University's Online Ministries.

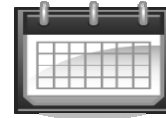
This is just one example of interesting websites that can help with our Lenten prayer and reflections. Some other favorites are:

[www.onlineministries.creighton.edu](http://www.onlineministries.creighton.edu)  
[www.loyalpress.com](http://www.loyalpress.com)  
[www.Americancatholic.org/features/lent](http://www.Americancatholic.org/features/lent)  
[www.bustedhalo.com/category/religionandspirituality](http://www.bustedhalo.com/category/religionandspirituality)  
[www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie)

Enjoy with me in exploring the Spirituality side of the internet.

Blessings of Lent,

Deacon Rusty Duffey



### Monday-March 21st

Mass Intention 6:30 Fr. Raymond Smith †  
8:30 John Vinal †

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

### Tuesday-March 22nd

Mass Intention 6:30 Mary Stewart †  
8:30 Thomas Daly †

**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-March 23rd

6:30 Communion Service  
Mass Intention 8:30 Dorsey Glazer †

**Rel Ed Parent Mtg**  
**First Communion 6:00pm Hall**  
**Choir Practice 7:00pm Church**  
**Grownup's Mtg 7:15pm Library**

### Thursday-March 24th

6:30 Communion Service  
Mass Intention 8:30 Richard McGrath †

### Friday-March 25th

Mass Intention 6:30 Gus Marino †  
8:30 Cliff Gerst, Jr. †

**Stations of the Cross 6pm Church**

### Saturday-March 26th

Mass Intention 8:30 Richard McGrath †  
4:30 Anthony Torres †

**AA 9:30am Mahoney Room**

### Sunday-March 27th

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intention 7:30 James J. Murphy †  
9:30 People of St. Robert's  
11:30 Mary Daly †  
5:00 Mary O'Neill †

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

"He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards He was hungry." (Matthew 4:2)



AS A PARISH COMMUNITY, WE PRAY FOR... THOSE PREPARING FOR THE EASTER SACRAMENTS. THEY ARE ANSWERING THE CALL OF JESUS. MAY THEY CONTINUE TO GROW IN STRENGTH AND HOLINESS AS THEY JOURNEY TO THE FULL LIFE OF THE CHURCH.

**WE CONGRATULATE  
THE NEWLY MARRIED**



*Leslie Sandoz & Dennis Sumaylo*

Our sincere sympathy to the families of  
Victor Sangervasi, John Liberti &  
William Walker  
who died recently.



***WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS***

Robert & Marlene Charles & Family  
Arvin & Maribel Wu & Family  
Rose Philipps  
Denise Canadin  
Kristina Mamou  
Roger Marionneaux  
David & Carol Lewis & Family  
Grant & Erin Company & Family  
Melodie & Mark Tobin

***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).

**Next Week's 2nd Collection**

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal works to support home mission dioceses in the United States that are unable to fund important pastoral works including lay ministry training. Home mission dioceses rely on lay ministers, because parishes are often hundreds of miles apart and priests cannot get to every parish each weekend. Please help strengthen the Church at home through your generosity to this Appeal.

**MARY'S WIDOWS**

The second meeting of the newest group in our parish (which is for widows of any age) will be held on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – lunch at the Baywatch Restaurant in Burlingame, at 11:30AM. If you would like to attend, please call Anna May at 589-7087 or email her at [Emay@sanbrunocable.com](mailto:Emay@sanbrunocable.com) to RSVP by March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We need to let the restaurant know how many ladies will be coming.

**Children's Liturgy**

Will be collecting donations of large size disposable diapers and baby wipes for both Shelter Network of San Mateo and Kelly Avenue Catholic Worker's House. Your generosity of these donations during the Lenten season for families in need is most appreciated. Kindly leave any and all donations in the Little Church. Blessings from the Children's Liturgy Team for your generous spirit during this season of Lent.

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

July 1st to March 13, 2011 (goal)	349,170.00
July 1st to March 13th (actual)	331,019.25
7/1/10-6/30/11 Weekly Goal Collection (actual 3/13)	10,490.00 7,812.77

**2011 ARCHBISHOP'S  
ANNUAL APPEAL**  
As of 3/11/11  
**\$26,960.52**  
has been pledged.  
**Our goal this year is \$86,200.**  
*Thank you in advance*

# MINISTER SCHEDULE/Mar 26 & 27

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

**Presider:** Fr. Obet

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

D. Hageman, K. Martinez, T. Dachauer, N. Jussaume

**Lectors:** M. Dachauer and J. Cronin

**Altar Servers:**

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

**Presider:** Fr. Ring

**Eucharistic Ministers:** T. Montross (C)

C. Noce, M. Noce, J. Aldinger, R. Lahoz

**Lectors:** J. Moresco and S. Heaney

**Altar Servers:**

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

**Presider:** Fr. Obet

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

M. Salazar, S. Salazar, J. Valdez, M.A. Saisi

**Lectors:** Student Lectors

**Altar Servers:**

**Children's Liturgy:** Family Mass

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

**Presider:** Fr. Paul

**Eucharistic Ministers:** V. Valle (C)

J. Yee, H. Madayag, E. Sanchez, C. Morgan

**Lectors:** M. Benavente and C. Benavente

**Altar Servers:**

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

**Presider:** Fr. Paul

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

S. Mangold, C. Innes, M. Aberouette, G. Huddleston

**Lector:** F. Abellana and N. Buencamino

**Altar Servers:**

### **WEEKLY READINGS**

#### **Monday-March 21st**

Readings: Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38

#### **Tuesday-March 22nd**

Readings: Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12

#### **Wednesday-March 23rd**

Readings: Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28

#### **Thursday-March 24th**

Readings: Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31

#### **Friday-March 25th**

Readings: Is 7:10-14, 8:10 Lk 1:26-38

#### **Saturday-March 26th**

Readings: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

#### **Sunday-March 27th**

Readings: Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42



## From the desk of the Pastor

I am always touched by parishioners who always ask me if I am ok or if I'm having some respiratory problem. They notice that my speaking voice goes down whenever I say the mass. I know that they are concerned about my health and well-being. As your pastor I believe it is necessary that I explain to you what my vocal disorder is. I have mentioned this several times in the past during mass. Of course, many parishioners are still not aware of this. And I doubt that every parishioner will really have a chance to know what my condition is.

Two years ago, I was diagnosed with Spasmodic Dysphonia. But I've had this vocal disorder since 1992. I have consulted two otolaryngologists in the Philippines and another two here in San Francisco in 1995. However, these doctors who tried to treat me were not familiar with Spasmodic Dysphonia, because it is a rare vocal disorder. People like me with this condition were also misdiagnosed usually for ten, fifteen or even twenty years. My first four doctors said that my vocal disorder has something to do with allergy. And so since 1992 I've been using nasal spray until finally a new doctor figured out what my problem was. That was before I came to St. Robert's in June, 2009.

Spasmodic Dysphonia is not a respiratory problem. It is a neurological condition. My brain cannot control the spasms in my vocal cord when I talk. The spasms strangle my speaking voice and that's why my voice goes down usually at the end of the sentence. The problem is that there is no cure because they haven't found out the cause. Research is ongoing. The doctor who diagnosed me correctly offered a relief from the spasms by giving me a Botox shot in my vocal cord. I tried it twice and it did help but only temporarily. And because it is not an FDA approved treatment, it is not covered by my health insurance. It is recommended that I get a Botox shot every six months and I pay almost a thousand dollars for every shot. Besides I also find it very inconvenient that 36 hours after the Botox shot my voice drops down to a whisper for the next 3 or 4 weeks. It's more than a year since I had my last Botox shot. This is why you may have noticed that my speech has become effortful. It makes me anxious to have this kind of vocal disorder but I am happy to know that the parishioners who are already aware of what my condition is are very understanding and supportive.

In his second letter to the Corinthians 12:7, St. Paul talks about a "thorn in the flesh" that God gave him in order to keep him from exalting himself. I am no St. Paul but we are both in the business of proclaiming God's word and I consider my vocal disorder as a sharing in the suffering of Christ. St. Paul asked the Lord three times that this thorn might depart from him and Christ said to him, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Indeed, it is through God's grace that I am able to perform my ministry. Without God's grace I can do nothing.

If you would like to know more about this rare vocal disorder you may visit this website: [www.dysphonia.org](http://www.dysphonia.org).

Parish Mission on Healing  
Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup>  
Evening Session at 7pm

Mr. John Cojanis, a Catholic Lay Missionary from the Tucson Diocese, will be conducting our Lenten Mission on Healing. The mission is for Spiritual, Emotional and Physical Healing. John has been conducting missions for over 30 years in dioceses across the country. Prior to our mission he will be visiting Our Lady of Angels in Burlingame, Good Shepherd in Pacifica and St. Dunstan in Millbrae. John comes highly recommended. He will also be speaking at all the Masses on April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> so that you can hear him in advance. If you can not attend the evening session please note that John will be conducting a morning session on Monday and Tuesday at 10am at St. Dunstan. We pray for a very beautiful experience for all who attend.

## Transforming Grief

A day of spiritual retreat for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. Come together with others who are grieving and presenter, Barbara Elordi (Archdiocese of San Francisco), on Saturday, March 26 from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm at St. Anselm's in the City of Ross, Marin County.

Please call Barbara Elordi at (415) 614-5506 if you would like to attend.



**St. Robert's "Grownups"  
Spring Luncheon  
Sunday, April 3**



**The Grownup's Spring Luncheon will be held in Hennessy Hall on Sunday, April 3, after the 11:30 am Mass. Tickets will be sold after all Masses this weekend and on March 26 and 27 tickets are \$14 per person.**

**Please purchase tickets before March 30th. For more information call Vera Hannon at (650) 589-0653 or Kathy Moller at (650) 583-0799.**



## Living Liturgy

We Are All Beloved!

Jesus hears the words, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased." Actually, at our conception, the Father says the same words to each of us and looks on us with love throughout our lives. And not just to us, but to each child born. Since we are all children of the same Father, we have responsibilities to our brothers and sisters wherever they live.

*"Our principal concern is our children. Because ultimately, that's who we're working to protect – the children whose lives and futures are most vulnerable to the dangers and deprivations of poverty...If you want to know how stable a country is, don't count the number of advanced weapons, count the number of undernourished children."* (Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State) As previously announced, our Social Concerns group is asking **parishioners to write letters next weekend** about making our foreign aid focused on poverty reduction and responsive to local communities' actual needs. There are presently 12 departments and 25 agencies dealing with foreign assistance! Capitol Hill staff report that 96% of their members are influenced by personalized letters if they haven't already reached a decision on an issue. Expressing a personal experience of the issue adds weight to your letter as well. Legislators receive thousands of e-mails daily, so those aren't as effective.

We are fortunate that Barbara Boxer is the chair of the Senate Foreign Relations committee which will be reforming the 1961 Foreign Assistance Act. If you've never written to a senator before, please write this time! Hunger and poverty are non-partisan issues and cry out for our response. Children are welcome to write letters as well.

If you'd prefer to write your letter at home and bring it with you to Mass next weekend, here is a sample. **Please use your own words and include your name and address at the bottom of the letter AND on the envelope.**

Dear Senator Boxer,

I'm asking you to reform the way our country delivers foreign aid so it will help millions of people in poor countries to move out of hunger and poverty. Better streamlined aid, targeted according to local needs and partnering with local communities, will help the 200 million children world-wide who suffer from chronic malnutrition. How can children learn when they are starving? Moving people out of poverty will help foster economic growth and opportunity leading countries to the stability which will contribute to our own national security as well. Please let me know what progress your committee is making. Thank you.

**Your name and address**

Be sure to bring your letter with you next weekend, so we can put it with the others written then. May the Lord bless our efforts to help the poorest of the poor.

**Peace,  
S. Sheral**



## ***American Line Dancing***

Thank God It's Friday Benefit Event  
March 25th (6:00 - 9:00 pm)  
Hennessy Hall



This special event is open to all parishioner and friends of St. Robert's church in celebration of thanks for God's everyday blessing. In lieu of class fee valued at \$10 per attendee, you may donate as much as you like to St. Roberts Church to benefits its various charities and ministries. Please join us and catch all the fun and excitement as we line dance for health and enjoyment - and start the weekend on a high party note.

Line Dancing is for fun and for exercise - open to all ages that enjoy dancing! Get lively, move with confidence, and stay fit while having fun with or without a partner. Learn the various forms of American Line Dancing., slide, country line, flowing waltz, boogie, cha-cha, tango, rumba, foxtrot, salsa shuffle, mambo, samba, shimmy, bachata, bossanova and more! You will be surprised with the music variety we dance to!

**Pre-Registration is requested. For more information please contact.  
Allen Isidro at (650) 515 - 2320 Vallentino@netzero.net  
St. Robert's Rectory Office at (650) 589 - 2800**