

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 Friends,

I sit here on our deck warmed by the September sun. September is our special month. Gene and I were married 39 years ago on September 2nd. As I sip my delicious Black Cherry Berry Herbal tea (a gift from my dear friend Cynthia), I ask Gene to help me write this letter to you. Suddenly, my white butterfly swoops down and circles my head!

In today's readings, we learn much about our God --- Who He is and what kind of relationship He wants to have with each of us. Isaiah tells us: **"Seek the Lord while He may be found. Call Him while He is near...turn to the Lord for mercy."** God wants us to search for Him. He is not hiding way up there. He is right here. His spirit lives within each of us. All we need do is call out to Him. He will hear and answer us.

In the second reading from Paul. The writer tells us that he would rather depart from this life and be with Christ; but yet He stays with the people whom God has asked him to serve. He stays because they need him. I know how Paul feels. I long to be with Jesus, my husband Gene and my grandson Chris. Until Jesus comes for me though, I must and will remain with those who need me.

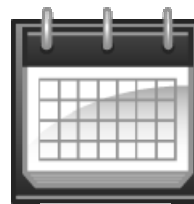
The Gospel according to Matthew is most reassuring. At first glance, the landowner seems to be unjust to the workers who toiled all day. Those who labored but one hour receive the same reward as they do. At times, we may worry about a loved one who seems to be at a distance from God. We pray that he may grow closer to Jesus. Unexpectedly, this loved one is taken from our midst. Like the Good Thief dying beside Jesus at Calvary, Jesus is also with him. At the moment of his death, he recognizes Jesus --- his heart overflows with love. Jesus takes him in his arms and tells him: **"This day you will be with Me in paradise!"** Is this the meaning of Jesus' words: **"The last will be first and the first and the first will be last".**

Anna May



A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-September 19th

Mass Intention 6:30 Will Curtis †
8:30 Judge Jack Bible †

Tuesday-September 20th

Mass Intention 6:30 Maura Wait †
8:30 Paul & Rosina Vella †
Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Religious Education 3:30pm Church
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library

Wednesday-September 21st

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Sharon Wright †
Tea Meeting 7:15pm Mahoney Room

Thursday-September 22nd

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Sharon Wright †
Grief Consol Mtg 10am Library
RCIA 7:00 Mahoney Room

Friday-September 23rd

Mass Intention 6:30 Clara Martinez †
8:30 Julio Borruso †
Inbetweeners Mtg 6:00pm Hall

Saturday-September 24th

Mass Intention 8:30 Steve Tonegato †
4:30 Ralph Carrillo †
AA Mtg 10:00am Mahoney Room
Grief Consolation 3:00pm Mary's Chapel
Fil/Am Set-up 6:00pm Hall

Sunday-September 25th

Mass Intention 7:30 People of St. Robert's
9:30 Jim Halpin †
11:30 Joseph Calleja †
5:00 George Ferris †

Fil/Am
San Lorenzo Ruiz 11:00am Church & Hall



AS A PARISH COMMUNITY, we pray for those who are in pain, sickness or in anguish. May they call upon Jesus and receive his merciful healing.

**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Lucas Antonio Tovar



**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY MARRIED**

*Carla Pallagao & Raymond Dy
Amanda Cole & Michael Ciraulo*



Our sincere sympathy to the families of
Teresa Steffen, Josephine Clarke &
Ricardo Botello
who died recently.



CONSOLATION MINISTRY

Saint Robert's Grief Support Group's next meeting will be on **Saturday, Sept. 24th**, in the **Convent @ 349 Oak Ave** 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**.

The Communion Rite: An Overview

There is a procession of preparatory acts that take place after the Eucharistic Prayer and lead to the destination of Holy Communion: The Lord's Prayer, Sign of Peace, Fraction Rite (or Breaking of Bread). The next series of articles will explain the importance and significance of each act. The themes that unify each of these preparatory rites are: unity, peace, and forgiveness—virtues that make Christian love unique. We must strive to achieve



SPOTLIGHT
ON THE
GIRM*

“Since the Eucharistic Celebration is the Paschal banquet, it is desirable that in keeping with the Lord’s command, his Body and Blood should be received as spiritual food by the faithful who are properly disposed. This is the sense of the fraction and the other preparatory rites by which the faithful are led directly to Communion.”

*General Instruction of the Roman Missal, n. 80.

these virtues in our lives in order to attain full union with Christ whom we receive in word and sacrament at the Eucharist.

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 Sandra Dill

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to Sept. 11, 2011 (goal)	107,844.00
July 1st to Sept. 11th (actual)	96,269.00
7/1/11-6/30/12 Weekly Goal	9,804.00
Collection (actual 9/11)	9,583.55

**2011 ARCHBISHOP'S
ANNUAL APPEAL**
As of 9/7/11
\$64,627.16
has been pledged.
Our goal this year is \$86,200.
*Thank you in advance
for your generous donation.*

MINISTER SCHEDULE/SEP 24 & 25

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Scannell (C)
K. Martinez, J. Waldvogel, S. Chester, C. Holland
Lectors: P. Scannell and C. Bonner
Altar Servers: C. Paulbitski and D. Arsenault

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Nunnery (C)
C. Noce, M. Noce, A. Buelow, T. Montross
Lectors: T. Clifford and L. Clifford
Altar Servers: S. O'Halloran and C. Galli

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: T. Casey (C)
M. Salazar, S. Salazar, M. Quilici, M. Wright
Lectors: Student Lector
Altar Servers: P. Dickson, M. Salazar and R. Tocchini
Children's Liturgy: Family Mass

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Giusti (C)
J. Yee, N. Bamba, A. Reid, L. Juvero
Lectors: T. Tannis and R. Hill
Altar Servers: F. Valle and R. Benavente

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Benavente (C)
U. Uniacke, M. Mahoney, D. Ferris, M. Elmore
Lector: H. Lowood
Altar Servers: R. Uniacke and O. Uniacke

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-September 19th

Readings: Ezr 1:1-6 Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday-September 20th

Readings: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday-September 21st

Readings: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 Mt 9:9-13

Thursday-September 22nd

Readings: Hg 1:1-8 Lk 9:7-9

Friday-September 23rd

Readings: Hg 2:1-9 Lk 9:18-22

Saturday-September 24th

Readings: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday-September 25th

Readings: Ez 18:25-28 Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32

God's Ways and Ours

Today's gospel always reminds me of my Dad. He was a daily communicant and placed great value on justice and treating everyone fairly. He couldn't fathom how Jesus could tell the story of a vinedresser who paid two people the same amount when one worked all day and the other, just a few hours! He was an electrical engineer and worked for 35 years for Minneapolis Honeywell in Sacramento, bidding on hospital and school jobs in Northern California and Nevada. If he didn't get the contract, he wouldn't have advanced in the company.

He exclaimed to me once, many years ago: "You've given your whole life to God and given up a lot. Why should someone who does whatever he wants, lives a wild life, and only changes right before he dies, get the same reward you do? It's not fair!" His comment made me think. It occurred to me that an unspoken assumption underneath his reasoning was the sense that trying to live a good life is really difficult and makes one unhappy, while doing whatever one wants to equals a happy life.

I wouldn't trade my life for anyone's, though obviously there are some fulfilling aspects of life that I've missed, like being married and having children. I've had the joy of sharing in many people's joys and sorrows, of being trusted with the stories of their lives. I've had the satisfaction of doing something with my life which makes a difference, though a small one, to many people. I've had more time than those of you with family responsibilities to pray and pay attention to God's presence in my life and, hopefully, to help you to pay attention to God's presence in your life, too! I daresay I've had a happier life than many people who have lived only for themselves. So many "rich and famous" people, envied by others, seem to go through one major crisis after another.

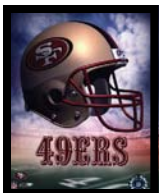
Isn't it just like our loving and merciful God to welcome into heaven someone who has missed the experience of living a truly human life of relationship with God and with others? And, of course, the eternal life we're all promised isn't really a reward anyway. It is a free gift, offered to everyone. All we have to do is to receive it and, if we're fortunate to be believers, to begin living that life with God now.

Peace, S. Sheral

P.S. Our Tuesday morning group won't meet this week, since I'm out of town; we'll resume the following week.



Please Volunteer and Support St. Roberts



Day	Date	Opponent	Leaving Rectory	Game Time
Wednesday	September 28	Rockies	8:00 am	12:45 pm
Sunday	October 9	Buccaneers	8:00 am	1:00 pm
Sunday	October 30	Cleveland	8:00 am	1:00 pm
Sunday	November 13	NY Giants	8:00 am	1:00 pm
Sunday	November 20	Arizona	8:00 am	1:00 pm
Sunday	December 4	St. Louis	8:00 am	1:00 pm
Sunday	December 19	Pittsburgh	12:00 pm	5:30 pm



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NATIONWIDE BULLETIN INSERT URGENT: Respond by September 30

Conscience Rights Violated by Sweeping HHS Contraceptive Mandate

In implementing the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the new health care reform law), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently issued a rule *requiring* almost all private health plans to cover contraception and sterilization as “preventive services” for women. The mandate even forces individuals and groups with religious or moral objections to purchase and provide such coverage if they are to receive or provide health coverage at all. This poses an *unprecedented threat* to individual and institutional religious freedom.

The rule includes a religious exemption so extremely narrow that it protects almost no one. It covers only a “religious employer” that has the “inculcation of religious values” as its purpose, primarily employs and serves persons who share its religious tenets, and is a church organization under two narrow provisions of the tax code. A great many religious organizations -- including Catholic colleges and universities, as well as hospitals and charitable institutions that serve the public -- will be ineligible. Individuals and religiously affiliated health insurers will not qualify for the exemption.

The new rule would force insurance plans to cover “*all Food and Drug Administration approved contraceptive methods, sterilization procedures, and patient education and counseling for all women with reproductive capacity.*” Never before has the federal government required private health plans to include such coverage. The FDA-approved “emergency contraception” (EC) drugs that are covered by this mandate can work by interfering with implantation of a newly conceived human being. Also, the drug the FDA most recently approved for EC, “Ella,” a close analogue to the abortion drug RU-486, has been shown in animal tests to cause abortion. Thus, the mandate includes drugs that may cause an abortion both before and after implantation.

The public comment period on this interim final rule ends September 30.

ACTION: Please send an e-mail message to HHS by visiting www.usccb.org/conscience. Once you send your comments to HHS, you will be automatically invited to send a message to your elected representatives in Congress, urging them to support the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act (H.R. 1179/S. 1467) to ensure that such federal mandates do not violate Americans’ moral and religious convictions.

MESSAGE TO HHS: “Pregnancy is not a disease, and drugs and surgeries to prevent it are not basic health care that the government should *require* all Americans to purchase. Please remove sterilization and prescription contraceptives from the list of ‘preventive services’ the federal government is *mandating* in private health plans. It is especially important to exclude any drug that may cause an early abortion, and to fully respect religious freedom as other federal laws do. The narrow religious exemption in HHS’s new rule protects almost no one. I urge you to allow all organizations and individuals to offer, sponsor and obtain health coverage that does not violate their moral and religious convictions.”

WHEN: Please send your comments to HHS by the September 30 deadline. Thanks! 9/9/11