

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,

Oh what a weekend. It's the First Sunday of Advent, the Church's New year and we just celebrated the joyous feast of Thanksgiving.

It's the weekend after Thanksgiving. I have heard people say that Thanksgiving is their favorite holiday because it is all about family, friends and food. But for me is the beginning of my Christmas shopping. I begin to make my list a week before. I go in the internet and find out the sales for Black Friday and I draw up my plan of action.

On Thanksgiving Day I enjoy my family and friends. I am thankful for so many things that God has given and provided for me, my son, family and friends and good food. But I am also thankful for my work and the people I meet everyday here, they allow me to see how gracious God really is with all of us. How he has made his presence known with every person in this parish. Someone is always looking to help someone else.

On black Friday I get up at 3 or 4 in the morning and I head for the mall. I do all my shopping and hopefully I get home by 10 in the morning. Yes, it does get crazy but for me I buy all the gifts I want to give and I am done with the madness. I am free to enjoy the month of December. I will not step into the mall unless it is an emergency.

When I get home I wake everyone up because I am looking for my Christmas decorations and my Christmas music and I am in the spirit of Christmas. What does that mean? Advent is here and we're counting the weeks to Christmas. I feel my heart fill with joy and I can't wait to see the excitement in peoples faces as I walk around my neighborhood, the park, work or restaurants. The decorations are beautiful and everyone is decorating their house in celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ. They are not decorating for any other reason than that. The spirit of giving is in the air. I believe that that spirit is not there because of the expectation of gifts you are going to get but because you have an opportunity to give to someone and seeing the joy that they get. Just today I heard of a little girl that told her grandma that they need to go shopping to give to those who are in need.

In Saint Roberts we have so many opportunities. We have the Giving three, Adopt a Family, Saint Vincent de Paul. So please take the time give when you can and feel the joy of giving.

The spirit of God is all in that!!!! I'm so excited and I can't wait to be in mass at Midnight on December 24th!!!! The birth of our Savior!!!!

Happy Advent!



ADOPT A FAMILY



Once again this year we will have an Adopt-a-Family tree in front of church for the Christmas Season. The tree will have paper ornaments profiling families than can use some help during this time of year. We've received our families from our own St. Vincent de Paul Society, as well as Catholic Worker House in Redwood City, Child and Family Services of San Mateo County and again this year we've gotten some families from our adopted parish in Mississippi.

If you have means to help, look for the tree after Masses this weekend and on December 3 & 4th. We'll need the gifts turned in by the weekend of Dec. 10th and 11th for distribution.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have questions please call Rob & Cathy Aveson 583-4757, John & Eileen Grealish 589-6011 or John & Nancy Marty 588-4740

The Giving Tree



The Children's Liturgy team will be setting up their annual Giving Tree. Parishioners are invited to take an ornament from the tree, purchase that item and return it unwrapped along with the gift tag to the box in vestibule by December 18th. These gifts are distributed through various needy organizations .

Thank you in advance for your continued spirit of generosity for our neighbors in need.



AS A PARISH COMMUNITY WE PRAY THAT.... Our parish family will s the face of Jesus in the weak, the poor, the unemployed the elderly, the unborn child and all who suffer in mind, body and spirit.

**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

*Alexis Olivia Cister
Phoenix Rey Tameta Gudiel
Kathleen Anne McGowan
Catherine Claire Toomey*



GIFTS FOR THE HOMEBOUND



Many members of our Parish family are homebound or in nursing facilities due to serious illness or advanced years. During Advent, we say to Our Lord: "Come, Lord Jesus!" This hope is in their hearts as well. We can bring Jesus' love to them by placing an unwrapped gift in the basket on our altar steps by December 19th. Some suggestions are: white knee socks, lap robes, sweaters, slippers, robes, dusters, nightgowns, pajamas, a note of encouragement.

STEWARDSHIP

Donation figures for the weekend of November 20th will be posted in the December 4th bulletin.

**2011 ARCHBISHOP'S
ANNUAL APPEAL
As of 11/3/11
\$73,408.72
has been pledged.
Our goal this year is \$86,200.
Thank you in advance
for your generous donation.**



Monday-November 28th

Mass Intention 6:30 Marie Jambon †
8:30 Duchi Family †

Tuesday-November 29th

Mass Intention 6:30 Ramon Fabella †
8:30 Richie Baptista †

Adult Religious Ed 9:00am Mary's Chapel
Religious Education 3:30pm Church & Hall
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library
Confirmation/Yr 1 7:00pm Church & Hall

Wednesday-November 30th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Anne Anderson †

Mary's Widows Faith Sharing 1:30pm Mary's Chapel
Grownup's Mtg 7:15pm Library

Thursday-December 1st

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Frank Vidulich †

Friday-December 2nd

Mass Intention 6:30 Leonora Hernandez †
8:30 Ann Callaghan †

Men's Club
Cioppino Dinner 6:00pm Hall

Saturday-December 3rd

Mass Intention 8:30 Richie Baptista †
4:30 Lloyd Lagomarsino †

Euch Adoration 9:00am Church
First Reconciliation 9:30am Church
AA Mtg 10:00am Mahoney Room
Consolation Min 3:00pm Convent

Sunday-December 4th
(Second Sunday of Advent)

Mass Intention 7:30 People of St. Robert's
9:30 Maura Wait †
11:30 Christopher Chastain †
5:00 Alicia Garcia †
Guild Boutique 10:00am Hall

MINISTER SCHEDULE/DEC 3 & 4

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: (Not available)

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Holland (C)

Deacon, T. Dachauer, J. Beltrano. S. Chester

Lectors: M. Dachauer and C. Bonner

Altar Servers: (Not available)

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: (Not available)

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Vassallo (C)

Deacon, R. Lahoz, A. Buelow, T. Montross

Lectors: T. Clifford and L. Clifford

Altar Servers: (Not available)

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: (Not available)

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Casey (C)

Deacon, A. Brugnar, T. Jones, T. Smerdel

Lectors: J. Co and J. Bartolotti

Altar Servers: (Not available)

Children's Liturgy: Terry and Sandy & Dan

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: (Not available)

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Benavente (C)

Deacon, N. Bamba, A. Mariategue, C. Mariategue

Lectors: H. Beck and M. Benavente

Altar Servers: (Not available)

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: (Not available)

Eucharistic Ministers: G. Huddleston (C)

Deacon, M. Mahoney, T. Estelita, M. Salvato

Lector: N. Buencamino and C. Buencamino

Altar Servers: (Not available)

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-November 28th

Readings: Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday-November 29th

Readings: Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday-November 30th

Readings: Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22

Thursday-December 1st

Readings: Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday-December 2nd

Readings: Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday-December 3rd

Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday-December 4th

Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

Advent Is Here!

You've noticed, no doubt, that the church looks different: the color is purple and the Advent wreath reminds us that the preparation for the great Feast of Christmas has begun. (Make your own Advent wreath with any evergreens, three purple candles and one pink in a circle. There will be simple prayers for each week next to the bulletins in the vestibule for you to pick up.) It is a challenge, for sure, with the encouragement to buy things to revive the economy and the invitation to remember who we are as Christians and whose we are. Advent reminds me of baking the turkey most of us had for Thanksgiving. It takes a certain length of time at a particular temperature to have it turn out well. Advent also takes the four weeks we're given by the Church and the particular "temperature" of attentiveness to the readings and the songs to let us prepare well.

The readings of this season are among the most beautiful in the Church's year. You might recall that the readings of the first two weeks focus on the second coming of Christ and on our readiness for that event. The last two weeks focus more on John the Baptist and the annunciation, Jesus coming in the incarnation. The readings are always listed in the bulletin for your reflection during the week.

It's a simple practice, but I'd suggest you wear the purple/pink of Advent on Sundays and save your Christmas clothes for the office party, caroling and Christmas Eve. We'll have two full weeks of Christmas time after the 25th to enjoy the celebration and absorb its meaning. Have a fruitful Advent!

S. Sheral

THE ANNUAL WOMEN'S GUILD "BREAKFAST WITH SANTA"



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2011
ST. ROBERT'S HENNESSEY HALL
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR

FAMILY NAME: _____ **GRADE:** _____ **PHONE #:** _____

SEATING TIME (PLEASE CHECK ONE): _____ **8:30AM** _____ **10:30AM**

ADULTS: _____ **@ \$8.00 PER PERSON** = _____

CHILDREN: _____ **@ \$6.00 PER PERSON** = _____

CHILDREN UNDER 2: FREE

PHOTOS WITH SANTA: _____ **@ \$2.00 EACH** = _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

**PLEASE SEND RESERVATION FORM AND CHECKS (MADE PAYABLE
TO**

**ST. ROBERT'S WOMEN'S GUILD) TO: ANNE MARIE PHILPOTT C/O
MICHAELA (GRADE 4)**

ANY QUESTIONS ANNHAGAN5@YAHOO.COM OR CALL 415-793-8441

CONSOLATION MINISTRY "Getting Ready for Christmas"

Saint Robert's Grief Support Group will hold 2 special sessions to help those who are faced with the celebrating of **Christmas** for the first, second or third.. time since the passing of their loved one, on Saturdays **December 3 & 17**, in the Convent 349 Oak Avenue from 3:00 – 4:15 pm (before the 4:30 pm Mass).

Anyone who is grieving 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. We will give you some very helpful hints to cope with your grief and sorrow during this festive season. No one is pressured to share 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** or any of the Saint Robert's Consolation Committee.

"The Dismissals: "Go forth, ..." / "Go in peace ...," / "Go and announce ..."

Amidst all of the changes in the texts of the Mass, it might be easy to overlook the changes in the dismissal at the end of Mass. The last words of each Mass might seem relatively unimportant in comparison to the Profession of Faith, for example, or to the Eucharistic Prayer. But the dismissals, especially as they are worded in the new edition of the Roman Missal, are worthy of our attention. In

response to recommendations from the Synod on the Eucharist, Pope Benedict approved new dismissals for the Mass to better connect Eucharist and mission:

"Go forth, the Mass is ended."

"Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord."

"Go in peace, glorifying the Lord with your life."

"Go in peace."

"Get the picture? Go! Go on, now. Go serve the Reign of God. Go announce the Good News! Go, nourished and strengthened by God's Word and by the Eucharist to live the life of Christian discipleship.

The words of the dismissals can be little exams for us each day. Am I living in peace? Am I sharing my faith? Is the Gospel apparent in my life? Am I glorifying the Lord with my life? Am I living the Mass?



REMEMBERING THE WORD OF GOD

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, ..."

Matthew 28:19a.

St. Robert's Women's Guild

Annual Holiday Boutique

Sunday, December 4th

Hennessy Hall

10am - 4pm

345 Oak Ave. San Bruno



gifts * shopping * crafts

St. Robert's Men's Club

Cioppino Dinner

Friday, December 2, 2011

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner Served at 7:30 p.m.

\$50 per person

(Includes cioppino, pasta, salad, drinks and raffle tickets)

Space is limited. Please RSVP to Mike Jay

415-606-3084 or

valsinfo@valsupholstery.com

You may also deliver checks to the rectory.

One Stop Shopping

Shop Now... Take Home Wrap



The Perfect Gift
St. Robert Parish Gift Card Fundraiser



Have a birthday coming up, home repair to do or Christmas gifts to buy or simply purchase groceries? Gift cards from various local retailers will be available to purchase after all Masses this weekend. No fees. Cash and checks accepted.

Fr. Marini's Birthday!

Rusty Duffey, Mary Nunnery and I had the delightful experience of taking Father Marini to lunch last week. He looks wonderful! He's using a walker and his mind is as sharp as ever. He turns 91 on December 9, and would love to hear from you! Here is his address: Fr. Joseph Marini, Serra Clergy House, 455 W. 20th Ave. San Mateo CA 94403. Thank you. S. Sheral