

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD



Dear Parishioners;

In our first reading this Sunday, Isaiah announces to the people of Israel (long held captive in Babylon) a new exodus from captivity to the Promised Land. This exodus would be even greater than the one from Egypt: Instead of a perilous, meandering journey through the rugged and mountainous wilderness, this time God would take them straight home, subduing wild beast and hostile forces along the way, and making their path smooth and level.

We hear echoes of Isaiah's words in today's Gospel, as John the Baptist is identified as the **voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."** John is announcing a new exodus for God's people, proclaiming **One mightier than I is coming after me,** and preparing the people for the coming of Jesus. It was Jesus who revealed the deeper and more definitive nature of the exodus He came to lead – an exodus not from captivity to earthly rulers, but from captivity to sin and death... an exodus not journeyed on foot by the people, but accomplished by Jesus through the cross, shared with his followers by Baptism, and lived together with them in our journey of faith.

This season of Advent we prepare the way of the Lord to our own hearts as Jesus seeks to bring this new exodus to fulfillment in us, leading us – not to some earthly Promised Land, but to the fullness of life in God's Kingdom.

-Fr. Mike

Sign up for E-Contributions

Go to www.saintroberts.org and click on the e-contributions button.

There is no cost to you for this service.

Monday-December 5th

Mass Intention 6:30 Henry Vankol †
8:30 Jim O'Malley †
Men's Club Mtg 6:00pm Hall

Tuesday-December 6th

Mass Intention 6:30 Alexandra Swanson †
8:30 Kathleen Sullivan †
Adult Religious Ed 9:00am Mary's Chapel
Religious Education 3:30pm Church & Hall
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library

Wednesday-December 7th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service
8:30 Nancy Keane †
Grief Support 9:00am Mary's Chapel

Thursday-December 8th

(The Immaculate Conception)

Mass Intention 6:30 Mary Francis Silveri
Kennedy †
8:30 Gene May †
6pm William & Nancy
Curtis †
Band Concert 7:00pm Hall

Friday-December 9th

Mass Intention 6:30 Sylvia Braidwood †
8:30 William Johnson †
InBetweeners 6:30pm Hall

Saturday-December 10th

Mass Intention 8:30 Anne Anderson †
4:30 Joanne Johnson
AA Mtg 10:00am Mahoney Room
Breakfast w/Santa 8:30am Hall

Sunday-December 11th

(Third Sunday of Advent)

Mass Intention 7:30 Joseph & Elda Salvi †
9:30 People of St. Robert's
11:30 Jaime Argao &
Jovita Dusky †
5:00 Anne Anderson †
**Rel Ed/
Sacrament Class 10:30am Hall**



AS A *PARISH COMMUNITY*, while waiting in joyful anticipation for the coming of our Lord, may we be eager messengers of the glad tidings of his forgiveness and love.

**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**



*Adriana Marie Chavez
Angelo Noe Chicas
Guillermo Andres Frantz
Alexandra Tatiana Lapiz
Amia Jada Lapiz
Daniel Alexander Ramirez*



Our sincere sympathy to the family of
John Barnard
who died recently.



When Someone Is Ill

If you're aware of a parishioner who is homebound, in the hospital or in rehab, please be sure to let Sr. Patricia know. She can be reached at posullivan3@juno.com or at 589-0104. She'd rather hear twice than not at all. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to Nov. 27, 2011 (goal)	205,884.00
July 1st to Nov. 27th (actual)	191,937.67
7/1/11-6/30/12 Weekly Goal	9,804.00
Collection (actual 11/20)	7,118.43
Collection (actual 11/27)	7,873.21

Thank you for your generous donation of
\$2,056.47
to the Campaign for Human Development.

**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.**

Sing for Christmas!

If you'd like to join the choir for one of our Christmas Masses, please contact Kevin Imbimbo at kji@sanbrunocable.com or 678-0491 ASAP. Practices begin this week!

**CONSOLATION MINISTRY
"Getting Ready for Christmas"**

Saint Robert's Grief Support Group will hold A special session 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 Saturday, **December 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.

**WELCOME NEW
PARISHIONERS**

Marta Abigana & Family
Daniela Lucchesi & Family
Jason & Athena Labagh & Family

**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.

MINISTER SCHEDULE/DEC 10 & 11

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Hanley (C)
D. Hageman, R. Aveson, D. Interdonato, K. Martinez
Lectors: C. Aveson and C. Clarke
Altar Servers: A. Medina and M. Mar

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Nunnery (C)
K. Healy, S. Quinn, M. Noce, C. Noce
Lectors: S. Heaney and A. Cotroneo
Altar Servers: C. Daniele and D. Arellano

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet
Eucharistic Ministers: L. Cesca (C)
J. Sexton, R. Mercado, M. Bourne, M. Quilici
Lectors: M. Sanders and J. Shick
Altar Servers: F. Gomez, C. Shick and M. Liu
Children's Liturgy: Michael and Bob & Karen

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: V. Valle (C)
E. Sanchez, C. Morgan, H. Madayag, A. Reid
Lectors: H. Valle and F. Valle
Altar Servers: L. Fontenot and J. Fontenot

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Dowden (C)
A. Lopez, C. Lopez, V. Lopez, D. Ferris
Lector: B. Lopez
Altar Servers: T. Lopez and C. Osterlund

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 5th

Readings: Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday-December 6th

Readings: Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday-December 7th

Readings: Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30

Thursday-December 8th

Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Friday-December 9th

Readings: Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19

Saturday-December 10th

Readings: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday-December 11th

Readings: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8,19-28

The Richness of Advent

Last Sunday, we heard the pleading of Isaiah's community returning from exile, yet feeling guilty and abandoned by their Lord. They admit their fault, yet are so confident of God's unfailing love they continue to address God as "our father" in the midst of their anguish. The exquisite image of the potter and the clay is one we can all relate to. Aren't there times we feel "misshapen" or off-kilter, when our lives are out of balance? How easily we forget that we are "the work of [God's] hands."

This Sunday, we hear Isaiah being commanded by God to "Comfort, give comfort to my people... Speak tenderly to Jerusalem." As we often do, they interpret their suffering as due to their sins. But Isaiah also speaks of God as a gentle shepherd carrying the little lambs. The people will eventually be led home by a "voice of one crying out in the desert," a messenger of the Lord. Mark's account is the first one to use the word "gospel" meaning "good news." His community, nourished by the Hebrew scriptures, remembers Isaiah's description of the messenger and sees John the Baptist as God's fulfillment of that promise.

The second reading from 2 Peter is the only place in the scriptures which describes a fiery conflagration before the "new heavens and a new earth" come to be. Surrounded as we are by global tragedies and suffering, we need to reaffirm that God is **already** bringing about the new heavens and new earth. We'll hear another vision of God's desire for our world next week in the reading from Isaiah 61. "Another world is not only possible; she is on her way. On a quiet day, I can hear her breathing." *Arundhati Roy, Indian novelist and activist*

The readings and songs of Advent give us the opportunity, if we choose to take it, to slow down a bit, even in the midst of the craziness, and make space for the Lord in our cluttered lives. May we be reshaped and "thrown" again by the master Potter of our lives!

Peace, S. Sheral



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 or a note of encouragement.

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.

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. 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

Gift Ideas

Not too sure what to get that special someone this year for the holidays? Why not purchase an SR Bears license plate frame? Or, go green in 2012 with an SR Bears stainless steel bottle...great for water or coffee! Visit the Spirit Gear booth this Sunday at the Holiday Boutique. Order your items now in time for wrapping and putting under the tree. Questions? Email:srspiritgear@yahoo.com

Thank You

While Thanksgiving Day has come and gone, there are still some who have very little to be thankful for. Pray, their needs be fulfilled.

On the Saturday morning, just before this special holiday of sharing, members of Saint Vincent de Paul Society delivered items to the homes of 50 families. These items, consisted of bags of food and Safeway scripts, meant these people were able to enjoy a turkey dinner, with all the trimmings.

In order to make all this possible, donations of food and funds to your Society of Saint Vincent de Paul were used. On behalf of those who received these gifts, Thank you & may God Bless you all. Special thanks to the 7th grade students who collected food and delivered it to our pantry....

Members of S.V. de P

Kindergarten 2011-2012



We are compiling a list of students interested in attending St. Robert Kindergarten for the 2011-2012 school year. Please contact the school office at 650 583-5065 if you would like your child placed on the list. Your child must be 5 years old before September 1, 2012 to apply. Thank you!

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.