

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.

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.

Dear Parishioners,

Likening our faith journey to a race, as this weekend's Letter to the Hebrews does, can be off-putting and discouraging. It's hard enough to make steady progress toward the goal, with all the twists and turns along the way, and with all the obstacles to overcome or circumvent (some around us and some within us). Is it necessary to treat it like the "rat race" that we find so exhausting and oppressive in our career pursuits? Can't we just take our time and do things right? Can't we just pay close attention to each moment and strive to love God and neighbor more authentically as we go? Must we compete to finish first? (And what does it even mean in the context of faith to finish first?)

Comparing our faith journey to a race is less about the pace and the matter of finishing first, than it is about the difficulty of succeeding and the singular focus the athlete needs in order to succeed. We, like the athlete in a race, are called to focus priority on reaching the goal (heaven) to an extent that we will sacrifice distracting side interests if they become obstacles. And like the elite athlete, this requires training to get better at the effort, and conditioning regimens to build endurance to overcome the obstacles. We need a 'diet' filled with prayer and scripture, the way an athlete needs to balance protein and carbs. We need psychological and spiritual focus, to prepare us for the times when concentration is essential to overcome obstacles like fatigue and despair. And it helps to have training partners, to keep motivated in the process.

It's that singular focus that benefits us on the journey of faith, that we might ultimately achieve our goal of reaching heaven – the joy and peace of perfect love in God. May God strengthen our resolve to put first things first (like humility, generosity, and mercy). We might have to sacrifice more immediate pleasures the way an elite athlete sacrifices dessert or the weekly party night with our buddies. But as Pope John Paul II observed, these worldly pleasures are fleeting ; but the heavenly pleasures are eternal.

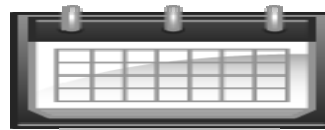
We have a host cheering us on in our triune God and the Communion of Saints. May we all 'compete' well in this 'race', and come to enjoy together the joy of the heavenly banquet that awaits at the finish.

Peace, and God Bless.... -Fr.Mike

Grownups

The Grownups are planning an overnight trip Sept 26th & 27th. Trip includes transportation from St. Roberts, guided tours of 6 missions, accommodations, meals admissions. For more information please contact Marilyn (650) 583-6733

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-August 19th

Mass Intention 6:30 Andrea Wong †
8:30 Frank Lui Aki, Jr. †

Tuesday-August 20th

Mass Intention 6:30 Juan Collas †
8:30 Anne Demattei Giranis †

Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library

Wednesday-August 21st

Mass Intention 8:30 Virginia Ashford †
Youth Group 6:00pm Hall
Grownups 7:15pm Mahoney Room

Thursday-August 22nd

Mass Intention 8:30 Walter Delucchi &
Aldo Alchera †

Friday-August 23rd

Mass Intention 6:30 Andee Robert Rudi †
8:30 Walter Santilli †

Saturday-August 24th

Mass Intention 8:30 Steven Hart †
4:30 Rudometkin Family †
AA Meeting 10:00am Mahoney Room

Youth Pancake
Breakfast Set Up 12:00pm Hall

Sunday-August 25th

Mass Intention 7:30 Felice & Carmela
Dellegrazie †
9:30 People of St. Robert's
11:30 Aurora Enriquez †
5:00 Ruth Sleeper †

Youth Pancake
Breakfast After All Masses Hall
Confirmation (Yr 2) 3:30pm Hall

ALTAR SOCIETY – MARTHA'S

We at St. Robert's are blessed with a group of lovely ladies who quietly and faithfully take care of our center of worship. They dust the altar, ambo, piano and organ; remove wax from the candle holders and polish them; keep the sanctuary clean and tidy; take home the altar linens; wash and iron them. If you feel the desire to serve Jesus and His people in this way, please call Anna May at 589-7087. The commitment is only four mornings each year.



As A Parish Community, we pray for families who are alienated from one another, that they may remember loving times and once again experience peace and wholeness.

**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZE**

*Juliana Josephine Cabano Delgadillo
Cosette Jamie Co
Nolan August Franzella*



**Our sincere sympathy to the families of
Phyllis Mlinarich**



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
George Baptista & John Cesca***

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to August 11th (goal)	58,200.00
July 1st to August 11th (actual), (including E Contributions)	53,892.44
7/1/13—6/30/14 Weekly (Goal)	9,700.00
Weekly Collection (actual 8/11)	7,953.47
8/4/11—Deposit Correction	8,570.88
E Cont for month of July	6,496.00
Thank you for your generosity	

2013 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

**As of 8/1/13 \$59,224.74
has been pledged.**

Our Archdiocese tax this year is \$87,300

***Thank you in advance
for your generous donation***

GIVE ELECTRONICALLY

St. Robert's relies on the financial support of its parishioners and the electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our Parish. To give electronically, visit www.saintroberts.org and click on the link to sign up.



**In Honor 50 Years of Marriage
Tom & Louise Herbeck**

Youth Group

St. Robert's Church Youth Group, will be having a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Juliana's Journey Foundation on Sunday, August 25, 2013 from 8:30am until 12:30pm.

*Tickets can be purchased ahead of time from Deacon John @ (650) 703-1667

Thank You

I would like to thank all those who generously gave donations to help pay the cost of Msgr. Nnanna's funeral and for the airfare to take his body to Nigeria. You contributed over \$7,255 and Saint Robert's Parish donated \$4,000 for a total of \$11,255.

I am deeply grateful to all of you. Many of you gave anonymously and I want to acknowledge your generosity. Msgr. Nnanna's remains arrived home on August 11, 2013.

May he rest in peace.

Grief Ministry News

"Moving Through the Loss of A Loved One: The Next Step" is a focused support group being offered by our Grief Ministry this fall. The session will be held on Monday evenings at St. Pius for 9 consecutive weeks beginning Monday, September 9, 2013 at 7:00pm in the Parish Center. For more information the Grief Ministry at 650-361-0655 or griefministry@pius.org

**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.

Please remember Saint Robert's Church when making a will or trust.

MINISTER SCHEDULE/AUG 24TH & 25TH

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: C. Holland (C)
N. Jussaume, M. Murphy, J. Scannell, P. Guiney
Lectors: M. Dachauer and B. Rudometkin
Altar Servers: M. Rodriguez and M. Carroll

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Vassallo (C)
K. Healy, E. Ruggiero, A. Buelow, F. Reyes
Lectors: A. Reyes and J. Moresco
Altar Servers: N. Medina and L. Kinchen

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: T. Casey (C)
M. Wright, K. Martinez, Z. Tamayo, S. Murray
Lectors: J. Co
Altar Servers: K. Martinez and A. Jay
Children's Liturgy: Family Mass

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Benavente (C)
E. Sanchez, S. Mariategue, A. Mariategue, A. Maron
Lectors: H. Beck and T. Tannis
Altar Servers: J. Venturi and M. King

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: G. Huddleston (C)
J. Cutler, A. Lopez, K. Ibarra, F. Gomez
Lectors: B. Lopez and R. Sanchez
Altar Servers: V. Lopez and J. Marty

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-August 19th

Readings: Jgs 2:11-19 Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday-August 20th

Readings: Jgs 6:11-24a Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday-August 21st

Readings: Jgs 9:6-15 Mt 20:1-16

Thursday-August 22nd

Readings: Jgs 11:29-39a Mt 22:1-14

Friday-August 23rd

Readings: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-26, 22 Mt 22:34-40

Saturday-August 24th

Readings: Rv 21:9b-14 Jn 1:45-51

Sunday-August 25th

Readings: Is 66:18-21 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30