

Saint Robert's Church

March 2, 2014



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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,

Our children live with us for better or for worse. Growing up within the church, mine has given me a lifelong, sustaining intimacy with God in creation. When Jesus challenges his hearers to learn a lesson from how the wild flowers grow, I'm with him; this is my spirituality learning from the earth. Jesus puts numerous sayings in the sermon of the mount, chapters 5-7; Miracle stories that follow in chapters 8-9; parables in chapter 13, and then in chapter 18 preaches on how brothers and sisters in the Christian world must treat one another. Sunday's Gospel begins with a generic saying: No one can serve two masters. You can't give yourself to God and money. Jesus is not advising a return to a gathering way of life, but the fundamental faith that we don't create ourselves or the birds, or wildflowers but have existence as a gift. If we give our hearts to God in faith, we appreciate all that is. We see beauty around us, in us, and in one another. We value ourselves as God does all in creation- we judge one another by God's standards.

We live the golden rule and provide for one another out of God's abundance, rather than creating the scarcities that worry the poor. The Gospel leads into a collection of sayings about anxieties, worry about one's livelihood, one's lifespan, clothes, food and drink. Jesus draws his lessons from the birds that live on seeds for which they did not sow. Jesus then calls us to appreciate the web of life.

God Bless,
Deacon John

Adult Scripture Study

In Advent we covered chapters 1-39 of Isaiah, as a preparation for Christmas. We will meet Wednesday evenings during Lent to cover the rest of the book.

Place: Mahoney Room from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

First Meeting: Ash Wednesday (March 5) in the church after the evening Mass. For more information call Fr. Mike 650-873-3356 or mkonopik@earthlink.net

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS



Be sure to "spring forward" moving your clocks ahead one hour next Saturday night (March 8th).

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-March 3rd

Mass Intention 6:30 In Thanksgiving
8:30 Mary Durcan †
Men's Club 6:00pm Hall

Tuesday-March 4th

Mass Intention 6:30 John P. Murphy †
8:30 Miro Krsulich †
Adult Religious Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Rel Ed (Gr 1-5) 3:30pm Hall & Church
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library
Confirmation Yr 1 7:00pm Hall

Wednesday-March 5th

(ASH WEDNESDAY)

Mass Intention 8:30 Andrea Wong †
12 Noon Bridget Travers †
6 pm Gloria Azevedo †
Grief Support Mtg 9:00am Mary's Chapel
Bible Study 7:30pm Mahoney Room

Thursday-March 6th

Mass Intention 8:30 John Cesca †

Friday-March 7th

Mass Intention 6:30 Eladio Quijano †
8:30 Bridget Ross †
Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm Church

Saturday-March 8th

Mass Intention 8:30 Natividad Utanes
4:30 John & Amelia
Rudometkin †
First Reconciliation 9:00am Hall
AA Meeting 10:00am Mahoney Room

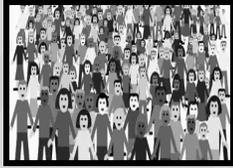
Saturday-March 9th

Sacramental Class 10:00am Hall

SR Women's Guild Mardi Gras Dinner Dance & Auction March 22, 2014

Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated, i.e. gift cards, services like landscaping or painting, any item to use in gift baskets.

Please contact: Sandra Salazar (ssalazar@sanbrunocable.com) for donations or drop off at the rectory.



As A Parish Community, we pray for all of our young people who are on their Confirmation retreat this weekend.

**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Ambiance Olivia Berberena



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
Mickey Hill***

**Our sincere sympathy to the families of
Ken Broadie
Ann Piazza
who died recently**



STEWARDSHIP

End of Year Tax Statements

If you would like a letter regarding your 2013 donations, please call the Rectory at (650) 589-2800.

July 1st to Feb 23rd (goal)	339,500.00
July 1st to Feb 23rd (actual), (including E Contributions)	332,764.49
7/1/13—6/30/14 Weekly (Goal)	9,700.00
Weekly Collection (actual 2/23)	9,309.68
E Cont for month of January	7,189.50
Thank you for your generosity	

2013 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

**As of 02/23/14 \$10,465.24
has been pledged.**

Our Archdiocese tax this year is \$94,300

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

We will begin this holy season of Lent with Masses here at St. Robert's at 8:30 am with the school community, 12 noon and 6 pm. St. Dunstan's Church will be offering Masses at 6:30 am, 8 am, 11 am (school Mass) and 7 pm.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Everyone 14 years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Everyone 18 years of age and older, but under the age of 60, is also bound to fast Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Please be sure to keep the insert with this bulletin which gives all the ways in which our parish will assist us to observe the time-honored Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and acts of charity (almsgiving).

No Flowers During Lent

We are grateful to all of you who have donated flowers for the altar during the past year. During the season of Lent, in accordance with tradition, we will not have flowers in the church. We thank you for your contributions towards Easter flowers.

Come celebrate St. Patty's Day St. Roberts Women's Guild in style with paco's tacos and nana jo's bingo!

Monday, March 10th

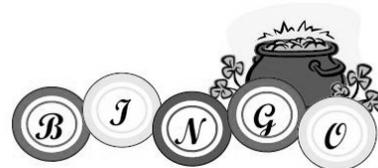
6:30 Hennessey Hall

Dinner: \$12 (open bar)

Bingo: \$5 per card / 5 games played

Rsvp: srwomensguild@yahoo.com

Bring your green to play & wear your green for good luck!



MINISTER SCHEDULE/MARCH 8TH & 9TH

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: C. Holland (C)
R. Aveson, J. Waldvogel, M. Murphy, J. Beltrano
Lectors: B. Rudometkin and C. Clarke
Altar Servers:

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Vassallo ©
E. Ruggiero, F. Reyes, B. Mullins, A. Buelow
Lectors: A. Reyes and A. Cotroneo
Altar Servers:

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: M.A. Saisi (C)
A. Solis, S. Murray, M. Quilici, Z. Tamayo
Lectors: J. Co and J. Shick
Altar Servers:
Children's Liturgy: Mark & Hilda and Ben

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Benavente (C)
S. Menendez, A. Reid, C. Mariategue, A. Mariategue
Lectors: M. Benavente
Altar Servers:

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Stewart
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Ferris (C)
A. Ferris, G. Lynch, T. Estelita, K. Beltrano
Lectors: H. Lowood and B. Lopez
Altar Servers:

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-March 3rd

Readings: 1 Pt 1:3-9 Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday-March 4th

Readings: 1 Pt 1:10-16 Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday-March 5th

Readings: Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday-March 6th

Readings: Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25

Friday-March 7th

Readings: Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15

Saturday-March 8th

Readings: Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32

Sunday-March 9th

Readings: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11

Human Trafficking: What is it and what can we do about it?

Our Parish Social Concerns Group identifies one global issue and one local issue for our focus during Lent. The Catholic Relief Service rice bowls which will be available on Ash Wednesday remind us that we're part of a global human family. Closer to home is the tragic issue of human trafficking - modern slavery, the third largest business world-wide after illicit drugs and the arms trade.

-More and more governmental agencies and non-profits are activating citizens to assist in this effort. The United Nations estimates that 30 million women, children and men are victims of trafficking.

-Trafficking is defined as controlling a person through force, fraud or coercion to exploit the person for forced labor, sexual exploitation or both. 80% are women, 15% are children and 5% are men.

We can be aware of the signs of a possible trafficked victim:

- Evidence of being controlled

- Inability to move or leave a job

- Bruises or other signs of physical abuse

- Fear or depression

- Not speaking on own behalf and/or non-English speaking

- No passport or other form of identification or documentation

-San Bruno's proximity to the San Francisco International airport and the port means we may have more people trafficked in our area than more remote areas. Our multicultural population may also make it easier to hide someone trafficked from another country.

SB 1193 has been passed by our State Senate and requires that a poster with the following information be posted at the entrance to any public building:

"If you or someone you know is being forced to engage in any activity and cannot leave—whether it is commercial sex, housework, farm work, construction, factory, retail, or restaurant work, or any other activity - call the National Human Trafficking Resource Center at 1-888-373-7888 or the California Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST) at 1-888-KEY-2-FRE(EDOM) or 1-888-539-2373 to access help and services."

Volunteers to distribute these posters will be needed.

Please pray for the women, children and men who are being trafficked daily.

If you would like to become more involved in helping to stop what Pope Francis has described as "a despicable activity, a disgrace for our societies," please send an e-mail to sheralmar@aol.com or leave me a message at 589-2800. I'll send you websites and supply chain information so you can find out who has made what you purchase.

Thank you. *The Social Concerns Group*

Welcome to Lent at St. Robert's

During this Lenten season, we are invited to come closer to the God who loves us and desires a deeper relationship with us. If you've been away from the Church a while, welcome back! We're happy to have you with us and will help you to re-connect in any way we can. If you're a long-time parishioner and you have a family member, neighbor or co-worker who "used to be Catholic," why not extend an invitation to join you at Mass?

We are encouraged as a community and as individuals to observe the three traditional practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In terms of prayer, we offer:

- 8:30 am Mass Monday through Saturday
- 6:30 am Mass Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Stations of the Cross at 6 pm the Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday)
- Fr. Mike will be leading a Wednesday Scripture study at 7 pm in the Mahoney Room on Isaiah, Chapters 40 to 66 throughout Lent.
- Sr. Sheral will give a morning of reflection, a mini-retreat, on Saturday, March 29, beginning with the 8:30 am Mass and ending with lunch at noon.
- Fr. Greene will give a mini-retreat on Monday, April 7, beginning with 8:30 am Mass and concluding with lunch.
- And our church is open from 7:30 am until 4 pm everyday.

Our parish Lenten Reconciliation Service with opportunity for individual confessions will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 8 at 7:00 pm. Confessions are available every Saturday from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm. You may also call the rectory at 589-2800 to arrange with one of the priests to celebrate the Sacrament at another time.

With the tight economy and we adults rightfully valuing our employment, it is difficult to make time for these most important celebrations of our liturgical year. But their beauty and power will surely inspire you.

Our Holy Week celebrations are the following:

- **Holy Thursday at 7:30 pm, April 17, the celebration of the Lord's Supper**
- **Good Friday at 12 noon, April 18, the celebration of the Lord's Passion, followed by confessions. (At 7:30 pm, our youth will present the Passion Play.)**
- **Holy Saturday at 8:30 pm, April 19, the celebration of the Easter Vigil**
- **Easter Sunday Masses at 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am and 5 pm.**

This year we will be again participating in the Rice Bowl efforts of Catholic Relief Services. They will be available at all the entrances of the church on Ash Wednesday. Many families have a simple meal one evening a week during Lent and contribute to those in need the cost of their usual meal and of anything else they've given up as a sacrifice. Thank you for recognizing our common humanity as the daughters and sons of our loving God.

May you have a blessed and fruitful Lent! *The Parish Staff*