

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 Masses: 8:30 am and 6:00 pm

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,

All three readings this weekend are focused on a question: Who belongs and who doesn't? The Isaiah reading is pretty clear: "My house shall be a house of prayer for all people." This statement in the book of the Prophet Isaiah must have sounded odd to the ears of the Jewish people who knew themselves as special, chosen by God to be his very own. (Remember when we thought as Catholics that we had an inside track to heaven and weren't at all sure about anyone else?) After all, the Prophet Jeremiah has God promise, "You shall be my people, and I will be your God. (Jeremiah 30.22)

This gospel, which we've heard before, includes Jesus' somewhat strange response to the Canaanite woman. He's in Gentile territory so, of course, many of the people like this woman aren't going to be Jewish. As a woman, of course, she doesn't deserve the respect given to a man. But this woman has spunk! Like any mother, she is desperate for help for her demon-possessed daughter. She persists, though the disciples want her sent away and even though Jesus uses that insulting comparison, likening non-Jews to dogs. She picks up his analogy and uses it against him! Jesus grants her request and her daughter is healed.

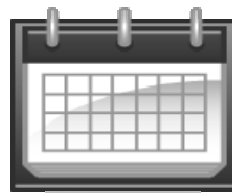
Scripture scholars write that this episode may demonstrate the gradual understanding (even for Jesus as the human being that he was) that the "welcoming of the Gentiles does not indicate a rejection of the Israelites, but that [God intended] ultimately to welcome all humanity into the family of God" (John Martens, "Everyone Belongs" in [America](#), August 4-11, 2014)

Paul's letter to the Romans reminds us that the Jewish people are still God's people; their call is irrevocable. But it is God's mercy which grants all of us – Jew and Gentile – the invitation to belong to God's family. In our day, Pope Francis seems to be echoing this sentiment.

So, how about us? Who might we exclude from our circle of relationships? Who might we judge as not worthy of our attention or our compassion? May the Spirit open our hearts.

Peace, S. Sheral

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-August 18th

Mass Intention 6:30 Pat Moloney †
8:30 Richard McKenna †

Tuesday-August 19th

Mass Intention 6:30 Samuel & Steven
Dhillon †
8:30 Kathleen Sullivan †

Wednesday-August 20th

Mass Intention 8:30 Barbara DeMeter †

Thursday-August 21st

Mass Intention 8:30 Kayden Olmo

Friday-August 22nd

Mass Intention 6:30 Francisca Mortel †
8:30 Carmela Wallace †

Saturday-August 23rd

Mass Intention 8:30 Walter Santilli †
4:30 Marie Schott †

Retreat Morning – the Wisdom of Francis and Clare

On Saturday, Sept. 13, Sr. Sheral will be giving a morning of reflection in Mary's Chapel from 9 am to 12 noon, followed by lunch. It will include scripture, quiet time and sharing.

Eucharistic Minister Gathering

On Saturday, Sept. 6 from 9:30 to 11 am, there will be an updating session in the church for all who serve as Eucharistic Ministers during Mass. If you cannot be present, please let Sr. Sheral know, so she can arrange another opportunity for those unable to attend. Thank you.

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



As A Parish Community, we pray that Jesus will have pity on mothers who beg him to set free their sons or daughters who are tormented by addiction to drugs or alcohol.

**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

*Moises William Garcia
Reychael Angelina Riordan*



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
Rick Gibeau***

Our sincere sympathy to the families of



**Bob Davis
James Linzini
Nancy Maffei
Philip Monaghan
Josephine Perez
Harry Smith
who died recently**

STEWARDSHIP

Thank you for your continued financial support

July 1st to August 10th (goal)	58,200.00
July 1st to August 10th (actual), (including E Contributions)	51,402.08
7/1/14—6/30/15 Weekly (Goal)	9,700.00
Weekly Collection (actual 8/10)	7,623.03
E Cont for month of July	6,689.00
Thank you for your generosity	

2014 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 07/28/14 \$73,152.75 has been pledged.

Our Archdiocese tax this year is \$94,300

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

**RCIA Classes are starting
Thursday, September 11th.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

I would like to extend an invitation to our **adult parishioners, 18 yrs or older**, who have not yet received all their sacraments to join our RCIA program. If you or someone you know desires to join the Catholic Church, or receive the **Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation**, please invite them to meet with me prior to our first session. Classes are beginning on Thursday evening, September 11th, at 7pm in the dining room of the priest house at 1380 Crystal Springs Rd. We hope to celebrate the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil next April. Please call me at (650) 589-2800 to schedule an appointment to welcome you and answer any questions you may have before our first class. I look forward to meeting with you.

Deacon Rusty Duffey

JESUS: A PILGRIMAGE

This is the book by James Martin, SJ, which the Tuesday morning group will be reading when we resume September 2nd. We meet in Mary's Chapel after the Our Lady of Perpetual Help devotions around 9:15 am. He is a marvelous writer with the gift of connecting Catholic spirituality with our everyday lives. You are cordially invited to join us for our sharing! If you'd like to order a book, even if you're not able to join us, please send me an e-mail and I'll be happy to order one for you. I don't know what the cost will be since I'll order them from Amazon and it depends on what they have available. The Kindle version is \$14 and the hardcover ones are about \$24 at the moment. Thanks, Sheral (sheralmar@aol.com)

During the Drought

I know we're all aware of the water shortage our whole state is experiencing and the many major changes which need to happen. Farmers, farm workers, truckers and many small businesses will especially suffer because of whole swaths of land lying fallow. We'll be more likely to pay attention to our own water use if we can do it in solidarity with them, since we're all one family. Maybe you're already doing your part to conserve, but here are a few suggestions: When you're warming up the water for your shower or bath, collect it in a bucket and use it for watering plants inside or out. Get your washcloth and your body wet, turn off the faucet and then turn it back on while you rinse off. When you don't finish a glass of water or rinse a glass, collect that water as well. Be sure that children or grandchildren don't run the water while brushing their teeth. If you're out to eat, decline the water if it's automatically brought to you and talk with the manager afterwards about only serving water on request. (Every glass is really three: the one you drink and two more used to wash and rinse it.)

On behalf of the Creator, thanks! S. Sheral

MINISTER SCHEDULE/AUGUST 23RD & 24TH

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Aveson

C. Holland, M. Murphy, M. Noce, Z. Tamayo

Lectors: C. Clarke and B. Rudometkin

Altar Servers: A. Mar and M. Rodriguez

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Montross

J. Aldinger, L. Reyes. M. Nunnery, E. Ruggiero

Lectors: J. Aldinger and J. Moresco

Altar Servers: T. Brugnara and J. Thomson

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike

Eucharistic Ministers: U. Uniacke

E. Garcia, K. Martinez, M. Wright, T. Jones

Lectors: J. Shick and J. Marty

Altar Servers: S. Sinks and J. Cordero

Children's Liturgy: Family Mass

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Mariategue

C. Morgan, J. Mallia, C. Mariategue, V. Valle

Lectors: T. Tannis and R. Hill

Altar Servers: J. Guevara and J. Liu

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Mahoney

A. Navarro, G. Huddleston, H. Marshall, M. Dowden

Lectors: B. Torres and J. Co

Altar Servers: M. Cava and R. Halili

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-August 18th

Readings: Ez 24:15-24 Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday-August 19th

Readings: Ez 28:1-10 Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday-August 20th

Readings: Ez 34:1-11 Mt 20:1-16

Thursday-August 21st

Readings: Ez 36:23-28 Mt 22:1-14

Friday-August 22nd

Readings: Ez 34:1-14 Mt 22:34-40

Saturday-August 23rd

Readings: Ez 43:1-7a Mt 23:1-12

Sunday-August 24th

Readings: Is 22:19-23 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20