

Saint Robert's Church

February 7, 2016



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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 Day Masses: 8:30 am and 6:00 pm

Weekdays: Masses are 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 Friends,

Not able to go to Mass last Sunday because of the annoying cold that so many of us seem to have, I decided to sit in Gene's big blue chair and pray during Mass-time. After a half hour, I ran out of words and remembered something that Pope Francis had said: **"Spend time with God without asking, without thanking, even without praising; only adoring, only worshiping."** That sounded like a very good idea.

After a few minutes of silently sitting with eyes slightly shut, along came these encouraging thoughts: "I have called you by name; you are Mine. You are precious to Me. I love you with all that I am for I am Love. I created you in My image for a purpose that no one else can fulfill. At the moment of your conception, I infused into your heart tiny seeds of love. I ask that you seek Me; find Me; come to know Me; spend time with Me; love Me. My Spirit lives within you. Talk to me as you talk to your best friend; listen to Me. Know that I am with you always; I will never leave you. Bring Me your worries and fears. I really do care. Trust Me. When you realize how powerful and merciful My love is, your heart too will overflow with love. Then you will mercifully and joyfully reach out to everyone I bring to you.

"I ask that you have mercy upon one another just as I have mercy upon you. If your sister or brother has hurt you, forgive them as I have forgiven you. If you see someone sorrowing, comfort them as I comfort you. Smile at everyone you meet – a smile is a beautiful sign of My love. If one is hungry, give them food to eat. If they are thirsty, give them water to drink. If they need shelter, help them find a home. If their clothes are worn and ragged, give them some of yours. By your mercy and love, you will show them My mercy and love. They will come to Me and be refreshed. Their joy will be complete and your joy will be complete."

Anna May



Women's Guild is celebrating
Chinese New Year
Monday, February 8, 2016 at 6:30 pm
Hennessy Hall
\$15/person



Catered Chinese Food Dinner

RSVP Online on the Women's Guild webpage
<https://sites.google.com/site/srwomen'sguild/home>
Bingo Hosted by Nana Jo \$5 Buy In for 5 Games

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday-February 8th

Mass Intention 8:30 Steve Vidovich †

Tuesday-February 9th

Mass Intention 8:30 In Thanksgiving
Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Rel Ed (Gr 1-5) 3:30pm Hall & Church
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library
Rel Ed/Jr. High 7:00pm Hall & Church

Wednesday-February 10th

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass Intention 8:30 Tony Mallamo †
12 Noon Marie Quintana †
6pm Claire Woodward †
Caregiver's Mtg 7:30pm Mary's Chapel

Thursday-February 11th

Mass Intention 8:30 Dennis Henneberry †

Friday-February 12th

Mass Intention 8:30 Tom Dachauer †

Saturday-February 13th

Mass Intention 8:30 Charles & Rita Agius †
4:30 Natalio & Rose
Cademartori †
AA Mtg 10:00am Mahoney Room

GRIEF/CONSOLATION MEETING

The next meeting of Saint Robert's Consolation/ Grief group will be on Saturday, February 20, 2016 @ 3:00p.m. in the old Convent, 349 Oak Ave. Anyone on their Grief Journey is welcome. It is a time to pray, to share, to cry if necessary and to be supported on your journey and to support others on their journey. Any questions call Sister Patricia 650-673-8822 or email Sr. Patricia at posullivan3@juno.com.

Grownup's Trip

The Grownups are planning a Casino trip to Thunder Valley on Thurs. March 3rd. Cost is \$29 with \$15 in casino play and \$5 in food credit. To reserve your spot, call Joe at (650) 877-0800. Deadline is Friday Feb. 19th. ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME.

2016 TAXES

If you would like a letter regarding your 2016 donations, please call the Rectory at (650) 589-2800.



As a Parish Community we pray for Pope Francis and our Bishops and Priests, who have been called to be fishers of all people, may they be strengthened in mercy and love.

We congratulate the newly baptized

*Maximo James Blietz
David Carter Kimball
Alexander James Merkouris
Dahlia Eve Sato*



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

**Judy Beltrano
Lester Leanart Carlson
Rafael Flores
Jo Ann Lockwood
Bernadette Meyer
Francisca Perez**



Our sincere sympathy to the family of



Josephine Corey
who died recently

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to January 31st (goal)	300,700.00
July 1st to January 31st (actual) (including E Contributions)	299,226.71
7/1/15—6/30/16 Weekly (Goal)	9,700.00
Weekly Collection (actual 1/31)	7,670.62
(E Cont for month of January)	6,753.00
Thank you for your generosity	

Thank you for your generous donation of
\$3,607.57
to our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

2016 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 02/2/16

Total Cash Donations To Date \$4,329.00
Archdiocese tax for 2016 \$112,560.00

Thank you in advance for your generous donation.

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

ARCHDIOCESE APPEAL 2016

Thanks to all our parishioners who so generously helped us to pay our Archdiocese tax last year. **We made it!** We were assessed at \$95,600 and we just made it.

The Archdiocese has raised the assessment for every parish this year (2016) and our new tax is \$112,560. This is almost \$17,000 more than last year. We really count on your continuing generosity through your pledge or the second collections to help meet this higher tax.

Thank you,
Fr. John L. Greene

ASH WEDNESDAY

Lent begins on Wednesday, February 10.
Masses will be 8:30 am, 12 Noon, 6:00 pm.
Ashes will be distributed during all Masses.

Evening Lenten Mass

We will be having a New Lenten evening Mass every Wednesday at 6pm during Lent. This is to help working people attend Mass during the weeks of Lent.

21st Saint Robert Passion Play

The 21st Saint Robert Passion Play will be performed on Good Friday, March 25th. All the teen youth of our parish are invited to join. We will need at least 23 actors and actresses for this year's play. You may call Ben Baldonado at 650-589-8519 and let us know you wish to join in. Auditions and rehearsals will begin on Monday, February 8th from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the church. And Wednesday, February 10th from 7 pm to 8:30 pm in Hennessy Hall.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

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| Carlin & Arthur Deguzman-Briosos | Jenny Baumgartner |
| Jesse & Danielle Russo | Michael & Rachele Ohman |
| Dale & Kaiilah Cardoza | Akshay & Siobhan Vyas |
| Mary Dang | Esmeralda Montecinos |
| Kelly & Melissa Norman | Nancy & Shawn Serio |
| Resty & Reagan DuBose | Norlan & Jessica Mendoza |
| David & Jennifer Ramos | Mariziel & Clark DeDote/Herico |
| Tammy Spediacci | Brad & Ashley Olson |
| Carl & Janet Bagneschi | Maryelizabeth Lavulo |
| Annette Meredith | Jason & Joanne Sato |
| Jason & Chawntay Deo | Brian & Vanessa Guiney |
| Carlos & Lily Aguayo | Mark & Rosalie Icban |
| Kristoffer & Ma. Teresa Ortoll-Garcia | Andrew & Valerie Bojarski |
| Alice Matsuda | Roberto Luna & Jillian Salamy |
| Julianna Dunning & Eddie Ceja | Evelyn & Andre Bray |
| Mario & Claudia Barba | Steve & Katelyn Ribero |
| Miljean Yang | Dan Willard |
| Lorenzo Veloria | |

MINISTER SCHEDULE/FEB 13TH & 14TH

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Stewart

Euch. Ministers: Diane I.

Judy S., Katie B., Marie N., Rob A.

Lectors: Cathy A. and Paul S.

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Euch. Ministers: Rose V.

Kathy H., Marcela S., Mary N., Sean Q.

Lectors: Janet A. and Michael G.

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Euch. Ministers: Trish C.

Erica G., Liz C., Ray T., Sam M.

Lectors: Jen C. and John V.

Children's Liturgy: Christine & Greg and Ben

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Euch. Ministers: Margot G.

Anacarmina M., Catalina M., Charles A., Rose B.

Lectors: Doug H. and Thelma T.

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Stewart

Euch. Ministers: Christina I.

Haydee M., Ken S., Marci E., Mike S.

Lectors: Henry L. and Marie B.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-February 8th

Readings: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday-February 9th

Readings: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday-February 10th

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

Thursday- February 11th

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

Friday-February 12th

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

Saturday-February 13th

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

Sunday-February 14th

Readings: Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

Our Lenten Journey 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'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? 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. Please call Sr. Sheral at 589-2800 and she'll be glad to assist you.

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

-8:30am Mass Monday – Saturday;

-This year we will also have a 6 p.m. Mass all the Wednesdays during Lent.

-Stations of the Cross at 6 pm all the Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday)

-We will have one Soup Supper after Stations (date to be determined)

-We will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick at the 9:30 am Mass, Sunday March 6,

-Sr. Sheral will give a morning of reflection, a mini-retreat, on Saturday, March 13, beginning with the 8:30 am Mass and ending with lunch at noon.

-Fr. Greene will give a mini-retreat on a date to be determined

-And our church is open from 7:30 am until 4 pm everyday for personal prayer.

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 Fr. Greene to celebrate the Sacrament at another time. Our parish reconciliation service with opportunity for individual confessions will be at a date to be determined.

The most powerful celebrations of our liturgical year are those of Holy Week.

Palm Sunday Masses are celebrated at 4:30 pm Saturday and 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am and 5 pm Sunday.

Holy Thursday at 7:30 pm, Mar. 24, the Mass of the Lord's Supper, followed by adoration in the hall until 10 pm.

Good Friday at 12 noon, Mar. 25, the celebration of the Lord's Passion, followed by confessions.

At 7:30 pm Friday evening, our youth will present the Passion Play.

Holy Saturday, Mar. 26, there will be confessions from 3 pm to 4:30 pm

(there is no 4:30 pm Mass) and at 8:00 pm, the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

Easter Sunday Masses are celebrated at 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, and 5 pm.

The regulations for fasting and abstinence during Lent are the following:

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. Fasting means having one full meal and two smaller meals which do not equal the full one. It also means not eating between meals; liquids are permitted. Abstinence refers to not eating meat (beef, pork, chicken). Catholics over the age of 14 are obliged to abstain on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. These regulations do not apply to those who for reasons of health or strenuous work cannot observe them.

Opportunities for Service to Others

"The smallest, the weakest, the poorest soften us; they have the "right" to take our heart and soul." Pope Francis

Catholic Worker House of Hospitality, 555 W. San Bruno Ave. could use 1 or 2 volunteers to help with meal service for breakfast M-F 6:30 am to 9:30 am or dinner 7 days a week, 5-7 pm. Please call Peter at 827-0706 to say you're coming or, if you can't help with serving, to let him know you'll drop off prepared food between 6 and 9 am or after 5 pm.

San Bruno Senior Center , Volunteers would be welcome M-F as desk receptionist, registering guests and serving lunch. Please call Mary Tessier at 616-7152.

St. Anthony Dining Room, 150 Golden Gate Ave. San Francisco, stanthonysf.org. With the new dining room, they need more volunteers to serve food to their guests and bus trays. One out of five San Francisco adults lacks the resources to feed themselves or their families. Must be at least 13 years of age and able to complete the 9:15 am to 1:45 pm shift. You may go online to register yourself or a group of friends or co-workers. They are open 365 days of the year.

The Family Harvest at Belle Air School, 450 Third Ave, needs your help in unloading pallets of vegetables, fruit, canned goods, milk and eggs to distribute to 120 eligible families on the fourth Thursday of each month from 1:15 to 4:45 pm. You must be 16 years of age or accompanied by a parent. Please contact Sr. Sheral at sheralmar@saintroberts.org or 589-2800.

Cafe St. Vincent in South San Francisco, sponsored by St. Vincent de Paul, needs volunteers Monday through Friday from 8 am -12 noon to prepare and serve lunch to our neighbors who are homeless. Please call 650-373-0622 to arrange for an orientation. If you can volunteer on a Friday, please contact Carlo at mcnoce56@comcast.net or 697-8204.

Blood Centers of the Pacific at 111 Rollins Rd. Millbrae collects whole blood, platelets and plasma for medical procedures. Go online for information on donating or to make an appointment at www.bloodcenters.org or call 888-393-4483.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill works to improve the quality of life for persons with mental illness and their families and to bring an end to the stigma associated with mental illness. Volunteers with a variety of skills are needed for the following efforts:

- updating the website;
- obtaining business sponsorships for our annual NAMI walk;
- gathering contacts for wider distribution of San Mateo County information/literature;
- developing a communications plan; and researching funding opportunities for NAMI. Please contact Helene at nami@namisanmateo.org. or call 638-0800, M-F, 9 am -1 pm.