

# 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 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 Parishioners,

If Lent has come upon you quickly, it is because this year Easter is as early as it can be celebrated! Ready or not, the second reading on Ash Wednesday contains an invitation: "We are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." And in case we'd like to put off that reconciliation, Paul adds: "Now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." Last weekend, we heard God's call to Isaiah and to Peter. To what change of heart might God be calling each of us as we begin this Lenten season?

This Jubilee Year of Mercy invites us to pray about who the person is towards whom we ought to show our Father's mercy. Is there a family member we don't care for whom we might reach out to? A neighbor we never speak to? A new parishioner sitting in the pew next to us each week? We've all appreciated a smile when we've entered a new group for the first time; might we make it a point to give that gift to someone else?

We have an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Saturday from 3:30 to 4:15 pm and a Communal Reconciliation Service one weeknight during Lent. Is this the time to unburden ourselves of whatever faults or failings weigh us down? Can we believe that the mercy the Holy Father keeps talking about and showing to everyone applies to me as well? The word in Hebrew for compassion is the same as the word for womb. If our God loves us like a mother, unconditionally, how can we be afraid?

May the Spirit guide us to enter into this holy season of prayer, fasting and service in such a way that we can rise to newness of life with the Risen Lord.

S. Sheral

### **This Afternoon at the Cathedral**

Today at 4 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral, our 8 catechumens (unbaptized adults) and 6 candidates (baptized Catholic or Christian) will join all the others in San Mateo, San Francisco, and Marin county parishes preparing through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) for the Easter sacraments. Please pray for them as they experience the Rite of Election with Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone. New life for our parish and the Church!

# **THE WEEK AHEAD**

## **Monday-February 15th**

Mass Intention 8:30 Pacita Dishong †

## **Tuesday-February 16th**

Mass Intention 8:30 Bridie Uniacke †  
**Adult Rel 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 & Church**

## **Wednesday-February 17th**

Mass Intention 8:30 Deacon Mike Murphy †  
**Grownup's Mtg 7:15pm Mahoney Room**

## **Thursday-February 18th**

Mass Intention 8:30 John & Amelia  
Rudometkin †

## **Friday-February 19th**

Mass Intention 8:30 Fr. Joseph Marini †

## **Saturday-February 20th**

Mass Intention 8:30 Paul Curtis †  
4:30 Steve Morena †  
**AA Mtg 10:00am Mahoney Room**  
**Grief Consolation 3:00pm Convent**

### **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.

**Parish Office will be closed  
Monday, February 15th,  
in observance of President's Holiday.**



As a Parish Community we pray during this time of reconciliation and healing, that we reach out to anyone who has hurt us—ask God's help to forgive them.

*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  
Nico Padilla**

**Our sincere sympathy to the families of**



**Olga Marie Biasotti  
Donald Ricky Pereira  
who died recently**

# STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to February 7th (goal)	310,400.00
July 1st to February 7th (actual) (including E Contributions)	316,234.71
7/1/15—6/30/16 Weekly (Goal)	9,700.00
Weekly Collection (actual 2/07)	8,277.40
(E Cont for month of January)	6,753.00
<b>Thank you for your generosity</b>	

Thank you for your generous donation of  
**\$2,216.50**  
to our School, CCD and Confirmation Program.

**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

### JOINT MEETING

The Parish Council and the Parish Finance Committee will have a joint meeting on Monday, February 29th at 7:00 p.m. Members, please plan on attending this important meeting.

### 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.

### MARY'S WIDOWS

If you are a widow, please think about joining Mary's Widows. We are a group of women whose husbands are no longer physically with us -- some of us for a very short time and others of us for many years. We are drawn together and strengthened by the common thread we share. We meet for lunch at a local restaurant once a month where we get to know each other and form lasting friendships. If you are interested, please call Anna May May at (650) 589-7087.

### Save the date

Monday, March 7th for the Men's Club Dinner / Meeting Traditional Corn Beef and Cabbage Hennessy Hall - Doors Open at 6 PM Open to all men of the parish.

# MINISTER SCHEDULE/FEB 20TH & 21ST

## **Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass**

**Presider:** Fr. Greene

**Euch. Ministers:** Alonzo L.

Albert C., Joe Y., Sophia C., Virginia Y.

**Lectors:** Brijit L. and Christina C.

## **Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass**

**Presider:** Fr. Stewart

**Euch. Ministers:** Marcela S.

Agnes D., Anna B., Brian M., Kathy H.

**Lectors:** Suzanne T-K. and Myles K.

## **Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass**

**Presider:** Fr. Stewart

**Euch. Ministers:** Alex L.

Aleo B., Helen M., Maryann S., Tracey J.

**Lectors:** Kristi L. and Chris M.

**Children's Liturgy:** Esperanza and Gus

## **Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass**

**Presider:** Fr. Greene

**Euch. Ministers:** Cynthia M.

Charles A., Margot G., Marie S., Rose B.

**Lectors:** Sasa P. and Jim P.

## **Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass**

**Presider:** Fr. Greene

**Euch. Ministers:** Dodi T.

Antonio N., George L., Lorena A., Mike S.

**Lectors:** Neil B. and Bambi T.

## **WEEKLY READINGS**

### **Monday-February 15th**

Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Mt 25:32-46

### **Tuesday-February 16th**

Readings: Is 55:1-11 Mt 6:7-15

### **Wednesday-February 17th**

Readings: Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32

### **Thursday- February 18th**

Readings: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12

### **Friday-February 19th**

Readings: Ez 28:21-28 Mt 5:20-26

### **Saturday-February 20th**

Readings: Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48

### **Sunday-February 21st**

Readings: Gn 15:5-12,17-18 Phil 3:17—4:1

Lk 9:28b-36

## **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 12, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:nami@namisanmateo.org). or call 638-0800, M-F, 9 am -1 pm.