



May 1st, 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

11802 Pacific St. Omaha, NE 68154

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A Eucharistic people seeking the face of Christ.



Sunday, May 1st Donut Sunday today!
Join us after the morning Masses in the Mainelli Center!

Sponsored by the Ladies Guild



Congratulations to our
St. Robert's 1st Communion Class 2022!



PARISH OFFICE

11802 Pacific St., Omaha, NE 68154
402-333-8989

Hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Mon -Thurs
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM - Friday

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SCHOOL 402-334-1929

11900 Pacific Street
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

402-333-1959

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YOUTH MINISTRY AND

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

Lauren Mohatt

Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesday by 12:00 PM

Send Items to: bulletins@stroberts.com
& barbb@stroberts.com

Parish Registrations:

Register in Parish Office/stroberts.com

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Priests

Rev. Dave Reeson, Pastor
Rev. Mark McKercher, Associate Pastor
Rev. Andy Alexander, S.J.,
Weekend Celebrant
Rev. Rob Scheibhofer,
Weekend Celebrant
Rev. Harold Buse, In Residence

Deacons

Michael Fletcher
Joe Laird
Dick Petersen

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 8:30 AM, 5:30 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,
11:00 AM, 12:30 PM
Daily: 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 5:30 PM

Live Webcasts www.stroberts.com

Sunday Masses 9:30 AM, Daily 8:30 AM
Rosary - Mon-Sat 8:09 AM, Sun 9:09 AM
Following Mass on:
Tuesday ~ Mary of Perpetual Help Novena
Friday ~ Parish Chaplet to Divine Mercy

Liturgy of Hours

Daily: 6:00 AM

Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-5:30 PM &
7:30-8:30 PM
Thursday:
(Before First Fridays)
4:30-5:30 PM, 7:00-8:00 PM

Baptisms

Sundays: 1:30 PM
Make arrangements with
Parish Office 402-333-8989

Marriages

Date needs to be set at least
six months before the wedding.

Sick Calls

Communion Calls will be made
to those confined to home.
Please notify the parish office
of a serious illness and hospi-
tal confinement. Priests will
visit hospitalized parish mem-
bers.

DEVOTION

"Can you not watch with me for one hour?" (Matt 26:40) **Adorers are needed!**
Please contact the Perpetual Adoration Captains if you can sign up for an hour.

Sunday Joann Holtz jholtz6@cox.net 402-630-2702

Monday Jenni & Dan Owens dowensfamily@gmail.com 402-330-1993

Tuesday Suzie Lawler suzielawler@cox.net 402-492-9749

Wednesday Theresa Howell theresahowell@cox.net 402-334-9634

Thursday Beth Jareske 2jareskes@cox.net 402-431-0505

Friday Kate Brennan 402-333-6086

Saturday Jan Brannen jsb505@cox.net 402-334-9533

Perpetual Adoration 24 hours in the Adoration Chapel

Nocturnal Adoration

10:00 PM-6:15 AM starting on Saturday, before the first Sunday of the month.

Mary of Perpetual Help Novena Tuesday after the 8:30 AM Mass

Divine Mercy Fridays after 8:30 AM Mass

Rosary Mon-Sat at 8:05 AM Sundays at 7:40 AM, 9:10 AM, 10:40 AM, 7:00 PM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

May 01, 2022

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

M. Malloy, M. Oman, Patty Cavanaugh, Mary Jankowski, Rita, Duane Chamberlain, Gene Bolz, Jan Ohlinger, Linda Wilson, Jennifer Campbell, Kay Chelberg, Ed Kacirek, Lugi Montoya, Sharon Aschoff, Marcia, Bob R., Nick Camero, Pattie Ries, J.S.K., Benedetta M., Sr. M. Joseph, M.C., Kerri, Cory C. (military), Carol K., Bob, Mary Kuhse, Maryanna, Madeline Starr, Tom Selzle, Doug, Norma, M. Brooks, Drake, Stephen, Mary Mornin, John Kresl, Marilyn Montoya, Lindsey Schultz, Fran B., Matt N., John P., Barb Frans, Pat H., John F., Michael V., Baby Brock, Pat L., Lisa C., Al H., Irene D., Ilene Mann, Carol K., Doug H., Crystal L., Danielle & babies, Marilyn, Easton R., Marjorie K Joe, Dawn A., Larry R., Geri, Susan Harr, Charlotte G., Chris Wheeler, Cheryl Galvin, Jim Hyland, Belinda Bauer, Dee Fell, Joe Gollobit, Midge Stanley, J., Melissa, Maureen, Kelly, and everyone in need of our prayers. Call the Parish Office 402-333-8989 by **Tuesday at noon** to place names on the prayer list for the following Sunday.

OUR DECEASED

Lola Johnson

Morning Consecration to Mary

My Queen, My Mother, I offer
myself entirely to thee.
And to show my devotion to thee,
I offer thee this day, my eyes,
my ears, my mouth, my heart,
my whole being without reserve.

Wherefore, good Mother, as I am thine own, keep
me, guard me as thy property and possession.

Amen.

<https://www.catholicgallery.org/prayers/7-powerful-marys-intercession-prayers/>



MASS INTENTIONS

(AND CELEBRANTS)

Monday May 2nd

6:30 am† Steve Maji *Fr. Harry*

8:30 am† Joe Scott *Fr. Mark*

5:30 pm† Norb Seitz *Fr. Rob*
Anniversary

Tuesday May 3rd

6:30 am† Cecil & Loretta Kennedy *Fr. Rob*

8:30 am† Suzi Nogowski *Fr. Harry*
Anniversary
Unit Mass

5:30 pm† Cheryl Dorman *Fr. Dave*

Wednesday May 4th

6:30 am† +Lorraine Troupe *Fr. Dave*

8:30 am† Suzi Nogowski *Fr. Mark*
Unit Mass

5:30 pm† Jane Kwong *Fr. Harry*
Anniversary

Thursday May 5th

6:30 am† F. Ann Hoffman *Fr. Mark*

8:30 am† Donna Cornay *Fr. Dave*
All School Mass

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm *Confessions*

5:30 pm† Linda Vlcek *Fr. Rob*

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm *Confessions*

Friday May 6th

6:30 am† Anna Wortman *Fr. Mark*

8:30 am† Elizabeth Gazda *Fr. Harry*
Unit Mass

5:30 pm David Christopher Holcomb
and future spouse *Fr. Dave*
Special Intention

Saturday May 7th

8:30 am† David Rankin *Fr. Mark*
Anniversary

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm *Confessions*

4th Sunday of Easter

5:30 pm† Joe Sullivan *Fr. Dave*

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm *Confessions*

10:00 pm *Nocturnal Adoration*

Sunday May 8th Mother's Day *Fr. Mark*

7:00 am† Sylvester & Maurine Winkelbauer

8:00 am† Mary Jo Collins *Fr. Mark*

9:30 am† Cheryl Dorman *Fr. Dave*

11:00 am† Carolyn Burns *Fr. Harry*

12:30 pm People of St. Robert's *Fr. Dave*

A WORD

Is God Relevant?

There is a growing indifference in the modern world to the existence of God and the reality of the supernatural. While many do well to live a good moral life they fail to see a need for knowing God in a particularly deep or special way. Even in the churches, a vision of comfort and “niceness” often supersedes the Cross.

In the early morning on the shore of the Sea of Tiberius, Jesus asks a question, “Simon Peter, son of John, do you love me?” Importantly, Jesus asks us the same question, “Do you love me?” Do we sometimes answer a little too quickly, “Yes Lord, of course I love you?”

To paraphrase the poet Elizabeth Barret Browning’s Sonnet 43, let us count the ways that we can love God better. Jesus has already reiterated the commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength... and our neighbor as yourself (~Mk 12:30-31). The entirety of our spiritual life is comprised of how we unpack these verses into everyday life.

Do we love God more than petty likes and dislikes? More than venial faults that we constantly justify? More than the need to hold ourselves apart from certain people? More than the idolatries and false gods that we have erected? Has love of God become truncated, conditional, or fashioned to avoid discomfort? Has Christ become irrelevant to the world at large because we ourselves have for too long held Him at arm’s length?

How can God become more relevant to the world? Are we not too small? Few of us can launch an army or sway the direction of history. Our voice is insignificant and rarely heard above the din. Even so, each of us can witness to the relevance of the reality of God. We increase God’s relevance to the world by simply loving Him more each day, in all the small details of each moment of the day. We love God more by forgetting about and going out of our self.

It is not just loving God “more;” it is also loving God “through.” It is loving God through our spouse, through our children, through family, friends, and those strangers we meet during the day. Hardest of all is loving God through those who inconvenience us, those who cause us to change our plans, even for those who dislike or insult us. We love God through our work by doing it exquisitely well—not for the paycheck or for the esteem of others but for the glory of God.

Love God ardently and life will begin to fall into place. Love God passionately and the world, even infinitesimally so, will follow, and God will be glorified. Jesus asks us, “Do you love me?”

SCHOOL NEWS





**ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI
SCHOOL ADMISSIONS**

Enroll Now!

St. Robert is welcoming new students in all grades for the 2022-2023 school year! St. Robert students live their faith, practice service, achieve excellence and become leaders of all to Christ. Please call or email Assistant Principal Patricia Ahlgren to schedule a tour.

School Office • 402.334.1929
Patricia Ahlgren • pahlgren@stroberts.com

Tuition assistance available.





We are hiring for the following for the 2022-23 School Year:

- **Teacher Assistants**
(Full and Part-time)

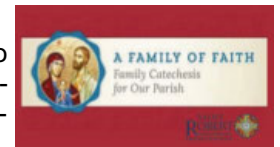
Please email Pattie Ahlgren, Assistant Principal at pahlgren@stroberts.com with your letter of interest & resume.

Thank you!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Online Registration starts July 1st.

Please pray for the St. Robert Bellarmine’s group who are heading to the Holy Land May 2nd-May 11th. A special thanks to Fr. Don Shane and Catholic musical artist, Steve Angrisano, for guiding our trip.



YOUTH MINISTRY

SENIOR BREAKFAST! Calling all high school seniors! You and your family are invited to join us for the 2022 Senior Breakfast on **Sunday, May 15th**. Attend 9:30 am Mass with your family, and then join us in the Mainelli Center for a pancake breakfast. Send in your RSVP number, info on your future plans, and photos that will be used in our graduate slideshow (baby photo + senior photo). Contact Lauren at lmohatt@stroberts.com for more information.



VBS is **June 6-10!**

Registration is open for campers and volunteers!

Visit our webpage ~

<https://www.stroberts.com/youth-ministry> for more information and to find the links to register/submit payment.

Submit all questions to Lauren at lmohatt@stroberts.com

PARISH INFORMATION

LADIES GUILD

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Join the St. Robert's Prayer Shawl Ministry on Tuesdays in MR3 at 1:00 p.m. All levels of knitting & crocheting are welcome. Parishioners, RCIA, St. Paul VI mothers, hospice, homeless, & more receive our hand made items. If you know someone who's going through rough times & want to give them a prayer shawl, or have ? s, call Rita Wolfe at 402-812-0016. Donations are needed & can be left in or by the marked basket in the left side of the coat closet.

BLOOD DRIVE



Did you know that donating blood can save up to 3 lives? Make a difference!

The next St. Robert's Blood Drive is on Sunday, May 15, from 7:30am to 1:00pm in the Mainelli Center. To schedule - www.redcrossblood.org, (search sponsor code STROBERT) or contact Marie Kozel via text/phone at 402-680-0182.

Walk in donors will be accepted the day of the Drive if the drive does not fill.

ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA

Spring cleaning? Our ministry has needs!

BASIC KITCHEN ITEMS:

Pots & pans for cooking and baking

Utensils for cooking & baking (spatula, turners, paring knives, measure cups & spoons, mixing bowls, wooden spoons, kitchen towels / hot pads

Dishes / Silverware- Every day dishes, drinking glasses, coffee mugs, serving bowls

BEDDING – Sheets, blankets, spreads/comforters – all sizes - recently laundered and usable - Please mark size on items (twin, full, queen, king)



TOWELS - Bath, hand towels and washcloths

BED PILLOWS – can only accept new pillows

LAUNDRY BASKETS – prefer oblong 1.5 – 2.5 Bu baskets

Leave items in coat closet in corridor by office – north end

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

JUAN DIEGO FOOD PANTRY

St. Robert's parish provides the Catholic Charities/ **Juan Diego Food Pantry** at 31st and Q in Omaha with most of its non-perishable food items.



Cereal, rice, pasta, maseca flour, cooking oil, soup, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, baggies, etc., are most beneficial.

Please return sacks this weekend filled with such items by 12:30 p.m., Sunday, May 1st.

MOTHER'S DAY ROSES FOR PRO LIFE

Mother's Day Rose Drive to Benefit Essential Pregnancy Services (EPS)



Essential Pregnancy Service's Mother's Day Rose Drive will take place next weekend, May 7/8. The Knights of Columbus will be handing out roses after all Masses in exchange for a suggested \$5 donation per rose in support of EPS. Please consider supporting EPS in their efforts to provide life-affirming pregnancy options and free services for women facing unplanned and under-supported pregnancies. Thank you for your support!

JOY OF GIVING

JOY OF GIVING
St. Robert Bellarmine

All proceeds to the 2022 Joy of Giving will be allocated to the St. Robert Bellarmine School - Inclusion Program.

2022 JOY OF GIVING

SAVE the DATE | MAY 18, 2022 · 12:00 a.m. — 11:59 p.m.
OMAHA.IGIVECATHOLICTOGETHER.ORG

JOIN OUR DAY OF GIVING!

BAPTISM CLASS

The next Baptism class will be on Wednesday, May 4th, at 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room 1. Call the Parish Office to register 402-333-8989.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

SAFE ENVIRONMENT


Please remember **ALL** adult St. Robert's volunteers are required to be Safe Environment Certified. Sign up at this link, check your status, or review documents about these policies and the laws in our State.

<https://omaha.cmgconnect.org>

Upcoming scheduled trainings at St. Robert's Mainelli Center

- Monday, May 9 – 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 6 - 1:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 11 - 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, August 8 - 3:00 p.m.

?s Debbie at dmarcil@stroberts.com or 402-333-8989.



Grieving the death of a spouse?
Or do you know someone who is?

GRIEF SHARE

Your life has changed forever. The daily emotions and challenges can seem too hard to bear.

Find help at a Loss of a Spouse seminar.


You'll hear:

- Practical advice from others who've been there.
- What to expect in your grief.
- How to cope with life without your spouse.
- Why it won't always hurt this much.

LOSS OF A SPOUSE
Please join us for this encouraging seminar.

Monday, May 9
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Mainelli Center

To register -
www.griefshare.org



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Third Sunday of Easter -- May 1, 2022 "Were not our hearts burning within us, ..." Do you feel a calling of the Holy Spirit to serve the Lord in the as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Andy Roza at 402-557-5575 or email ajroza@archomaha.org

PRO LIFE

Pro-Life Holy Hour: As the pro-life movement eagerly awaits a decision from the United States Supreme Court in the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* case that could lead to *Roe v. Wade* being overturned, U.S. bishops have joined with faith leaders from across the country to lead Christians in prayer for an end to abortion.

We are answering this call every Sunday from 6:30-7:30pm praying for an end to abortion, for families, for an end to war, poverty, homelessness and ALL Life Issues. Please pass the word along to family and friends and join us in prayer.



St. Robert's is very excited to join **Life Runners**, the largest pro-life team in the nation with over 18,000 teammates across 41 nations and 3,194 cities. (Running is NOT required). To learn more and join our growing team, see <https://www.liferunners.org> to join our parish chapter, "St. Robert's Church". Be sure to order a "Remember the Unborn" jersey to wear the first Wednesday of every month. Contact Lindsay Harm 402-208-3812 if you have any ?s.

GRANDFRIENDS REUNITE ON MAY 9TH

Call now to reserve your seat! All those age 55 and older are invited to meet for fellowship and lunch. Each meeting begins with introductions and announcement of birthdays of the month. The restart gathering will be May 9th at Tanners, 1202 S. 119th St. If you plan to attend, please call Sue or Dennis Bristol at 402-614-7096, so a head count can be provided to Tanners.

SENTINELS OF THE DAWN MORNING PRAYER GROUP

Routines can be everything. Faithfulness to a spiritual routine is especially fruitful. It brings countless personal benefits and provides a sure anchor in the blustery and swirling winds of the world. An excellent routine is the **Sentinels of the Dawn Morning Prayer Group** at St. Robert's.

They meet daily at 6:00 a.m. by the Mary statue in the church to pray Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. They finish by 6:15 a.m. or so—in time for 6:30 Mass or for time to get to work.

The Liturgy of the Hours is prayed by priests, nuns, other religious, as well as lay people all over the world. After the Mass, it is the "Prayer of the Church." Morning Prayer consists of Psalms, prayers, and intercessions—prayed for ourselves, for families and friends, for the parish, and for the world. Become part of this daily offering of hearts and minds in prayer that rises like incense to the throne of God. Members of the group will help orient to the pattern of prayer. Extra prayer books are also available.

Contact the parish office if you have questions 402-333-8989.

WEEKLY OFFERING

St. Robert Bellarmine Weekly Offertory	4/24/2022
Budgeted for the Week	\$56,559
Sunday Offering Received	\$51,591
Weekly Variance - positive or (negative)	(\$4,968)
Budgeted Year-To-Date (YTD)	\$2,123,954
YTD Received	\$2,195,735
YTD Variance - positive or (negative)	\$71,781

“Intense love does not measure, it just gives.”

-Mother Teresa

Questions? Contact Kelly Vazquez (Stewardship & Development) kellyvazquez@stroberts.com or Patrick Flanery (Business Office) business@stroberts.com or call 402-333-8989.

CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING!

Tired of writing checks? Donate easily online through the Parish website <https://www.stroberts.com/> and click on the large **green Online Giving** button on the right side of the home page. In a few easy steps you can set up automatic recurring contributions or make a one-time donation to a special cause.

Need help? Patrick can do this for you! Please click on the link and get this done now!

<https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1100>

For more information, please contact Patrick Flanery at the Parish Office ~ business@stroberts.com or 402-333-8989.

KEEP RECORDS CURRENT

If there has been a change in you family's registration information, please contact us so we can keep the parish records current. This may include:

- new phone number
- new address
- new name
- change in family or marital status
- new email address



Contact stroberts.com, click on Home, then click on Change of Information.

You may also call the Parish Office 402-333-8989.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, May 2, 2022

9:00 a.m. Heart of Jesus Prayer Group, CR
 12:30 p.m. Shirley's Bible Study, CR
 1:00 p.m. Mah Jongg, MR3
 5:00 p.m. School Sports Banquet, Mainelli Center
 6:30 p.m. Wilson Model T, MR1
 7:00 p.m. Pack 437 leadership, MR2
 7:00 p.m. Ladies Guild Meeting, MR3

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Luncheon, Mainelli Center
 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, MR3
 6:00 p.m. Team Omaha Taekwondo, WGYM
 7:00 p.m. Total Ed Board, MR3

Wednesday, May 4, 2022

6:30 p.m. Youth Group, CR
 7:00 p.m. Baptism Class, MR1
 6:00 p.m. St. Robert's football meeting, Mainelli Center
 8:00 p.m. Athletic Commission Meeting, MR3

Thursday, May 5, 2022

11:00 a.m. Ladies Guild Luncheon, Mainelli Center
 6:00 p.m. Team Omaha Taekwondo, WGYM
 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, MR3

Friday, May 6, 2022

9:00 a.m. Moms of Faith, MR3
 6:00 p.m. Westside Hall of Fame Banquet, Mainelli Ctr.

Saturday, May 7, 2022

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, MR3
 9:00 a.m. Magnificat Meeting, CR
 3:00 p.m. Robotics, CAF

Sunday, May 8, 2022

Happy Mother's Day!

BULLETIN REMINDER

This is a friendly reminder that **bulletin items are due by Tuesday at noon** for publication in the upcoming weekend bulletin.

Holidays may be earlier, so watch the bulletin for earlier deadlines.

Email items to Mary Sanderson, Bulletin Editor, at buletins@stroberts.com and barbb@stroberts.com.

DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK



This can be a very good week to grow in a sense of and practice with the notion of being a “contemplative in the midst of action.” We have almost a whole week of gospels about Jesus’ gift of himself to us as the “Bread of Life.” This gives us the opportunity to let that mystery be in the background of our consciousness every day this week, as we go about our everyday tasks. What makes it “contemplative” is that we will be asking for graces each morning, and we will let our desires and our activity interact.

We can begin reflecting upon how often we “work for food that perishes.” The pay-off, the success, the accomplishment, the reward we receive for what we do is often quite passing and unsatisfying. It would be important to be able to sense anything that appears to be food that doesn’t last and name it as such this week. The real food, the life-giving nourishment that our Lord offers us is himself.

If we can’t celebrate the Eucharist daily this week, we can simply open our hearts and desire to receive our Lord, so that he remains in us and we remain in him. We can practice consciously choosing union with Jesus, our Risen Lord and only Savior, and experiencing how that would affect the choices we need to make throughout our day.

If we begin each day, asking for the grace of this union, and renew that desire at brief moments we have at various times in the day, our focus and attention begin to change. We will experience a peace and a gifted lack of hunger and thirst for so many of the things that draw us away from him, from loving, from mercy, from consciousness on those in need.

If the background focus of each day this week is to desire to be fed by a closeness with Jesus, it doesn’t matter how busy I am, or how many conflicts I have to face, or what suffering I or my loved ones must endure. His flesh and blood are real food and drink because they are the real sacrifice that takes away the power of sin and death itself. United with his surrender to the Father, we are set free from whatever can take away the life he gained for us. For this gift, for this faith, we can give thanks for every night, as we review our union with our Lord each night.

<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer/C2-E-03.html>

USED CELL PHONES



Catholic Charities and Cellphones for Soldiers continue to receive our used cell phone donations. Audrey and Ava Morey collect them and Catholic Charities recycles the phones & converts them to 911 phones for women with very young children fleeing domestic violence situations. Cellphones for Soldiers recycles the phones to purchase calling cards for deployed military to call their loved ones back home. Drop off donations to the Parish Office during office hours. Questions - call Sarah at 402-926-1653.

SAINT OF THE DAY

St. Athanasius
296 - May 2, 373



Athanasius led a tumultuous but dedicated life of service to the Church. He was the great champion of the faith against the widespread heresy of Arianism, the teaching by Arius that Jesus was not truly divine. The vigor of his writings earned him the title of doctor of the Church.

Born of a Christian family in Alexandria, Egypt, and given a classical education, Athanasius became secretary to Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, entered the priesthood and was eventually named bishop himself. His predecessor, Alexander, had been an outspoken critic of a new movement growing in the East—Arianism.

When Athanasius assumed his role as bishop of Alexandria, he continued the fight against Arianism. At first, it seemed that the battle would be easily won and that Arianism would be condemned. Such, however, did not prove to be the case. The Council of Tyre was called and for several reasons that are still unclear, the Emperor Constantine exiled Athanasius to northern Gaul. This was to be the first in a series of travels and exiles reminiscent of the life of Saint Paul.

After Constantine died, his son restored Athanasius as bishop. This lasted only a year, however, for he was deposed once again by a coalition of Arian bishops. Athanasius took his case to Rome, and Pope Julius I called a synod to review the case and other related matters.

Five times Athanasius was exiled for his defense of the doctrine of Christ’s divinity. During one period of his life, he enjoyed 10 years of relative peace—reading, writing, and promoting the Christian life along the lines of the monastic ideal to which he was greatly devoted. His dogmatic and historical writings are almost all polemic, directed against every aspect of Arianism.

Among his ascetical writings, his *Life of St. Anthony* achieved astonishing popularity and contributed greatly to the establishment of monastic life throughout the Western Christian world.

Reflection Athanasius suffered many trials while he was bishop of Alexandria. He was given the grace to remain strong against what probably seemed at times to be insurmountable opposition. Athanasius lived his office as bishop completely. He defended the true faith for his flock, regardless of the cost to himself. In today’s world we are experiencing this same call to remain true to our faith, no matter what.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-athanasius>

Sunday Schedule

Liturgical Ministers - www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/strobertsomaha

May 7/8, 2022	5:30 p.m.	7:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
Priest	Fr. Dave	Fr. Mark	Fr. Mark	Fr. Dave	Fr. Harry	Fr. Dave
Deacon	D Petersen			J Laird		
Altar Servers	A Rhodes K Stefan O Zuger	C Purdy S Purdy Volunteer	A Griesman E Knight G Pinker	L Morrow T Owens A Wolf	J Dickas K Herrera J Schmidt	M Menard E Nunez Volunteer
Lectors	C Benson T Harmon	R Reed	M Beal	M Owens E Sundahl	S Wolf V Wright	P Mergen
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PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

Please join us at St. Robert Bellarmine Church for the 2022 Five First Saturday Devotion Public Square Rosary Crusade on Saturday, January 1, February 5, March 5, April 2 and **May 7** at 3:00pm near the southwest entrance. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

More info call - Robin 402-616-5620.

MOMS OF FAITH

Calling all Moms! Fridays (alternating weeks) from 9:30am - 11:00am. Attend as you can. If you are a mother of any age, please consider joining us for prayer, fellowship, & fun, as we support each other in our common vocation of motherhood. Children are welcome. Celebrating our 8th year of MOF at St. Robert's! Questions ~ Sarah Ryland 402-926-6293 or srbmomsofffaith@gmail.com

PARISH TO PARISH RELAY



The Parish 2 Parish Relay is on Aug. 13. Mary Our Queen is hosting & it's a yearly reunion of Catholic school kids of the '80's & '90's. We also do some running as well. The Parish 2 Parish relay is a multi-person relay race through the streets of four west Omaha parishes. The race begins and ends at Mary Our Queen with stops at St. Stephen's, St. Wenceslaus, and St. Robert's along the way. Each team has 6 members (a minimum of 3 females per team), with each member running one leg of the 19 mile course (each member ends up running about 3 miles).

Get your teams together- registration is open and is limited to the first 50 teams that sign up.

Visit our Facebook page at- <https://www.facebook.com/parish2parish/>

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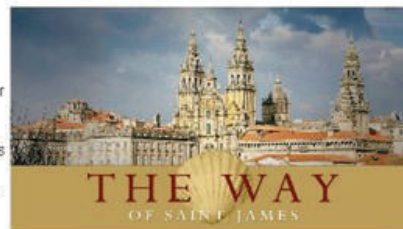
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May 1, 2022

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THE WAY OF ST. JAMES

This documentary follows the journey of several pilgrims who differ in culture and religious faith but are united in their journey across the Camino de Santiago. Each of them is traveling toward the shrine of St. James the Apostle, whose feast day we celebrate this week.



The ACTS OF THE APOSTLES



ACTS OF THE APOSTLES WITH MARK HART

The feast day of Saints Philip and James reminds us of the impact that the Apostles made on the whole world. With Philip, James, and all the Apostles in mind, join Mark Hart in this refresher on the Book of Acts.

LEARN

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REACHING OUT TO TODAY'S CULTURE BY BISHOP ROBERT BARRON

Saints Philip and James each lived extraordinary lives of missionary zeal. In this insightful talk, Bishop Barron shares his advice on how to live similar lives of mission within a culture dominated by media and misconceptions about faith.



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St. Robert Bellarmine Parish History

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish has a rich history. Our parish was founded in June of 1966 and Archbishop Bergan named Fr. Eugene Kerwin our first pastor to shepherd the 425 families. Many founding members are still active parishioners and our parish has grown to include over 2,900 registered families.

Each month we will feature a bit of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish and School history. We will share little glimpses of the past, and see how we have evolved into this awesome parish community that we are today.

Recently, Kelly Vazquez was approached by Helen Kronschnabel about the work she and other parishioners did with a Vietnamese refugee family in 1975. Helen shared the below article and inspired Kelly to feature more parish history monthly. We hope you will enjoy learning about our wonderful parish, school, and St. Robert's parishioners.

St. Robert's Parish, Servite Nuns Sponsor Viet Refugees



FROM LEFT: Father Kerwin, Nguyen Thi Luot, Phan Thi Mai Huong, Le Thi Don, Hue Thi, Tinh Van Nguyen, Nguyen Van Thanh and Sister Mary Fitzgerald.

OMAHA — St. Robert's Parish has sponsored the Tinh Van Nguyen family who recently arrived from Fort Chaffee, Ark.

Tinh, his wife, Hue Thi, their son Thanh, two daughters-in-law, Nguyen Thi Luot and Le Thi Don (whose husbands did not get out of South Vietnam), and three grandchildren will make their new home at 4912 Chicago Street.

St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Robert's and other parishioners helped furnish and repair the house.

Nuns Are Co-Sponsors

Nguyen Thi Ran and her three children will soon move into their new home on the grounds of the Servants of Mary Provincial House in Omaha.

The family, co-sponsored

by the Servants of Mary and Doctors Robert and Barbara Heaney, now reside at Our Lady of the Sorrows Convent.

Nguyen Thi Ran is employed by the Servites as a housekeeper. Seven-year-old Nguyen Thi Thanh and five-year-old Nguyen Thi Chong attend Dundee Grade School.

The mother is a widow. Her husband was killed in the Vietnam war when her youngest child Nguyen Thi Hung (now 3 years old) was only three months. The family lived in a fishing village in South Vietnam.

Through donations the Vietnamese family's new home will be completely furnished. The Oblates of Mary Immaculate volunteered their time to paint the inside of the home.

1975 - St. Robert's Parish Outreach

Parishioner Helen Kronschnabel and her late husband, John, were parish founding members. Helen recently shared with Kelly about the Vietnamese family that St. Robert's helped in 1975 partnering along with the Servite nuns. Helen sent a clipping from the 1975 Catholic Voice newspaper featuring this outreach. Thank you, Helen, for the inspiration to promote our parish history.

St. Robert Bellarmine parishioners from past to present have continued to give of themselves over the last 56 years. Thank you to all who have made this a very special parish and exceptional community!

If you would like to submit some history of St. Robert Bellarmine for the bulletin, please:

Send a picture or article explaining the context, names of people, and include a few sentences.

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish History will be in the bulletin usually on the last Sunday of the each month.

To submit or if you have questions, please contact Kelly Vazquez ~

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