

# Saint Robert's Church



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## **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.

## **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 EUCHARIST**

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. *Communion Services* are held Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30 a.m.

## **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm or call 589-2800 to make an appointment.

**Schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors  
& Altar Servers are also available on the  
web at [www.saintroberts.org](http://www.saintroberts.org).**

## Dear Parishioners,

Another year of drought, we may exclaim, sighing. Our growing population, the lack of rain and new regulations are making our lack of water a major issue for all Californians. We need to think of installing low-flow shower heads and toilets, careful to use the water we do need as the precious resource it is.

We all realize that water is critical for human survival and for improving the lives of people who are poor. One of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals is to reduce by half the percentage of people without access to basic sanitation and clean water. Globally, one billion people have no access to safe drinking water, so understandably, water-related sicknesses claim more lives than AIDS or malaria. 6,000 persons a day and 2 million children a year die of typhoid, cholera and other water-borne diseases. 40 billion hours a year are spent by girls and women hauling water from polluted streams, often 5 miles away. A byproduct of this drudgery is that it prevents them from attending school.

Next weekend, the parish Social Concerns group will be showing a video highlighting the needs of sub-Saharan Africans for clean, safe water. But we needn't feel helpless. Some practical, concerned people have invented what they call PlayPumps to begin to address this tragedy. A hydrologist comes to a rural area, often with a school, to find an appropriate place for a well. The borehole is dug (up to 100 meters or 300 ft. down); piping, a water tank (holding 2500 liters) and merry go round are installed by local folks and, as the kids play, the water is pumped out of the ground and into the tank! Women come and get the fresh, clean water from the tap. (You'll see a diagram and photos in the sanctuary.) The tank has two sides for paid advertising which pays for the upkeep and two sides for health-related reminders. The assembly is guaranteed for at least 10 years. 900 pumps have already been installed in South Africa (where they are made), Mozambique, Zambia and Swaziland. The hope is to have another 3100 PlayPumps by 2010 in Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Tanzania and Uganda. One well costs \$14,000 to install.

We ask that as your almsgiving practice for Lent, you place in the envelopes in the pews the money you have saved from whatever your Lenten sacrifice is. You may put it in the collection every week or wait until the end of Lent. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

*Sincerely, S. Sheral*

# THE WEEK AHEAD



## Monday-February 16th

(Parish Office closed today in observance of President's Day)

Mass Intention 8:30 Thomas Carroll †  
**Passion Play Reh 7pm Church**

## Tuesday-February 17th

Mass Intention 6:30 Daniel Kerwin †  
8:30 Prescita Negrido †  
**Religious Ed/Gr1-5 3:30pm Church & Hall**  
**Confirmation/Yr 1 6pm Hall**  
**Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library**

## Wednesday-February 18th

6:30 Communion Service  
Mass Intention 8:30 James O'Donoghue †  
**Choir Practice 7pm Church**  
**Parish Planning Cmt 7:15pm Library**  
**Scripture Study 7:30pm Convent Chapel**

## Thursday-February 19th

6:30 Communion Service  
Mass Intention 8:30 Bill Duffey †  
**Children's Choir 3pm Church**  
**RCIA 7pm Convent Chapel**

## Friday-February 20th

Mass Intention 6:30 Bob Bonnici †  
8:30 John Dachauer †

## Saturday-February 21st

Mass Intention 8:30 Lou Pahler †  
4:30 People of St. Robert's  
**AA Meeting 10am Mahoney Room**

## Sunday-February 22nd

Mass Intention 7:30 Joseph Emilio †  
9:30 Lou Maron †  
11:30 Mary Shick †  
5pm Michael, John & Gerard Uniacke †  
**Passion Play Reh 7pm Church**

***Scrip and scrip gift cards  
are available after all  
Masses this weekend.  
Please stop by the scrip table outside***



**As a Parish Community we pray ...** for the sick that they may be restored to health; for their caregivers that they be sustained by faith and love.

**WE CONGRATULATE  
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Cole Robert Padilla  
Natalie Rose Padilla  
Gulwet Abel Tezare  
Jordan Kennedy Toomey



Our sincere sympathy to the families of  
Bernadette Walter & Jerry King  
who died recently



**Communion for the Sick**

If there is someone ill in your family or recovering from surgery or chemotherapy who is unable to come to Mass, please call Sister Patricia at 589-0104 and she will ask someone to bring Holy Communion. Or contact Sr. Sheral at 589-2800 about the option of bringing your family member Communion yourself. There is a very simple procedure to be followed and either of us will be happy to go through it with you.

**TRANSFORMING GRIEF** is a day of spiritual retreat for those who are grieving the death of a loved one being offered by Barbara Elordi, Ministry of Consolation Coordinator for the Archdiocese on Sat. March 7th at St. Gabriels' from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Please call Barbara to register at (415) 614-5506

**Consolation Ministry** - Saint Robert's Grief Support Group will hold their next meeting on **February 27th** in the Convent Chapel from 3 to 4:15 p.m. (before the 4:30 p.m. Mass). Anyone who is suffering from the loss, whether (recent or not so recent) of a loved one—spouse, sibling, child, parent, friend or relative is invited to come and pray, share, comfort and be comforted. You are invited to bring a companion for support and strength. God Bless you in your sorrow.

**WELCOME  
NEW PARISHIONERS**



Bert Niedermaier  
Steve & Marilu Chiappari & Family  
Roy & Elvira Chiappari & Family  
Veronica Padilla & Family  
Troy Acevedo & Family  
Amos & Nicole Hadelman & Family  
Vincent & Felicia Alas & Family  
John & Eileen Figone  
Elvira Rios

**IF YOU ARE NEW TO ST. ROBERT'S,** we ask that you complete a registration form found in the vestibule of the church. Drop it either in the collection basket, the mail, or at the parish office. We will send you a New Parishioner Packet with information about the parish, its organizations and groups. If you chose, you can register online at: [www.saintroberts.org](http://www.saintroberts.org).

**PRAYER FOR FAVORS  
THROUGH THE  
INTERCESSION OF THE  
SERVANT OF GOD, NANO NAGLE**



O God, You filled the heart of your servant, Nano Nagle, with loving care and compassion for the needy. Through her intercession, help us in our need.... Grant that, like her, we may do your will, and that we may grow in your love and in the love of our neighbor. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*+Cornelius Lucey, Bishop of Cork and Ross*

*The Presentation Sisters invite you to join with them in praying to their Foundress, Nano Nagle, for complete healing for our Pastor Msgr. Bruce. Prayer cards are available in the vestibule.*

**STEWARDSHIP**

July 1st to Feb. 8th (goal)	321,600.00
July 1st to Feb. 8th (actual)	319,205.12
7/1/08-6/30/09 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 2/08)	9,158.49

**Sign up for E-Contributions**

Go to [www.saintroberts.org](http://www.saintroberts.org) and click on the e-contributions button.

*There is no cost to you for this service.*

# MINISTER SCHEDULE/Feb 21 & 22

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

**Presider:** Fr. O'Dell/Deacon Duffey

**Eucharistic Ministers:** R. Hanley (C)

Y. Olcomendy, D. Hageman, J. Beltrano, A. Ciraulo,  
B. Moniz, K. Hornung, J. Scannell, D. Bisagno

**Lectors:** B. Rudometkin and P. Scannell

**Altar Servers:** C. Lynch and D. McElroy

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

**Presider:** Fr. Ring

**Eucharistic Ministers:** T. Montross (C)

A. Doherty, R. Lahoz, B. Albright, F. Reyes

**Lectors:** R. Rolfes and A. Reyes

**Altar Servers:** M. Grealish and B. Cronin

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

**Presider:** Msgr, Dreier

**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Cesca (C)

L. Canaya, C. Zollezi, S. Murray, R. Valdez, J. Valdez,  
V. Yanke, J. Yanke, L. Rodriguez

**Lectors:** T. Tullius and D. Rollins

**Altar Servers:** K. Mitchell, E. Steenvoorde and A. Ayllon

**Children's Liturgy:** Family Mass and Ben & Lisa

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

**Presider:** Fr. O'Dell/Deacon Duffey

**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Giusti (C)

H. Mantler, N. Bamba, J. Yee, B. Chester, G. May,

H. Madayag, E. Sanchez, M. Nuti

**Lectors:** C. Pisani and G. Khoury

**Altar Servers:** F. Nuti and C. McCann

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

**Presider:** Fr. Schaukowitch

**Eucharistic Ministers:** D. Ferris (C)

P. Linehan, M. Elmore, C. Browne, C. Innes, T. Estelita,  
M. Aberouette, M. Salvato, V. Hawkins

**Lectors:** J. Bartolotti and M. Estelita

**Altar Servers:** S. Delucchi and R. Cuddy

### **WEEKLY READINGS**

#### Monday-February 16th

Readings: Gn 4:1-15,25 Mk 8:11-13

#### Tuesday-February 17th

Readings: Gn 6:5-8,7:1-5,10 Mk 8:14-21

#### Wednesday-February 18th

Readings: Gn 8:6-13,20-22 Mk 8:22-26

#### Thursday-February 19th

Readings: Gn 9:1-13 Mk 8:27-33

#### Friday-February 20th

Readings: Gn 11:1-9 Mk 8:34—9:1

#### Saturday-February 21st

Readings: Heb 11:1-7 Mk 9:2-13

#### Sunday-February 22nd

Readings: Is 43:18-19,21-22,24b-25 2 Cor 1:18-22 Mk 2:1-12

# Living the Liturgy

## Lepers Then, Lepers Today

The readings this weekend are about exclusion. When we hear the gruesome description of leprosy in the first reading, we could wonder why it was included! We might contrast our response to that of Jesus in the gospel. The leper begs to be made clean and Jesus is moved with pity, touches him and responds, "I will do it. Be made clean." The reading raises lots of questions: If the leper was to be dwelling apart and to announce his presence with the ringing of a bell, how did he get so close to Jesus? Why didn't the disciples keep him away from Jesus, unclean as he was? How dare Jesus touch him, risking leprosy himself and disobeying the laws of ritual cleanliness! And why does Jesus tell him not to tell anyone? [The man does need to go to the priest and make the customary offering so that he can be welcomed back into the community.] Jesus' telling those healed not to share their experience with anyone is called the "Marcan Secret" since Mark's gospel is the only one in which we hear this admonition. Scholars tell us that it was probably that Jesus didn't want to be known as merely a miracle worker, but wanted people to follow him because of his message, not to witness his wondrous acts.

Readings like these should prompt us to ask ourselves who we exclude from our care and concern. With the overcrowding of our state's prisons, and the likelihood of early release for many inmates, articles have appeared giving us some insights into who these people are. The statistics I read made me think again about my attitude towards those millions of inmates in our country, the highest percentage of any developed nation. According to many studies, 75% are high school drop outs; 80% are victims of child or sexual abuse; 90% are addicted or alcoholic or both. Their average reading level is between 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade and, not surprisingly, once they are released, 70% are re-arrested.

**The Children's Defense Fund** has an effort called Cradle to Prison Pipeline in which they warn of the frightening relationship of poverty, lack of a high school education, child abuse, juvenile incarceration and community violence. "A Black boy born in 2001 has a 1 in 3 chance of going to prison in his lifetime; a Latino boy, a 1 in 6 chance; and a White boy, a 1 in 17 chance. A Black girl born in 2001 has a 1 in 17 chance of going to prison; a Latino girl, a 1 in 45 chance; and a White girl, a 1 in 111 chance. The urgent challenge for each of us and our nation is to prevent this waste of our children's lives and our nation's capabilities." Even if we didn't care about them as children of God, our state spends 20 times as much per youth in a state juvenile facility than for a student in a public school. But if we believe the scriptures and follow the example of Jesus, we need to recognize that these are our children.

Go on line to the website at [www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org) and see how you can influence legislation to change these statistics. Thank you.

*Peace, S. Sherad*



## Passion Play Auditions

*The Saint Robert's Youth Ministry invites all the teenagers of our parish to join in the presentation of our 14th Annual Passion Play.*

### Auditions will be held in

### Saint Robert's Church:

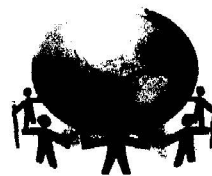
**TOMORROW** Mon. ~ Feb. 16, 2009 ~  
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

*We are also looking for Singers, Musicians and Stage Crew, please come to one of the auditions, or call one of us to sign up for any of these positions. You may call either:*

Ben Baldonado at (650) 589-8519  
or Bob Baker at (650) 871-8490  
or Collin Tullius at (650) 270-1444  
or Ellie Giuseponi at (650) 922-5978

## Caregivers' Workshop

If you're caring for a relative or friend, please save Saturday, **February 28** from 9 am to 1 pm for a gathering at the Convent Chapel. We'll pray together, share our stories and those practices we've found helpful for making this challenging time of care giving a healthy experience for both of you. Look for fliers at the church entrances next weekend.



## St. Robert's Womens Guild Proudly Presents..... "ALL AROUND THE WORLD" Dinner Dance/Auction March 7<sup>th</sup>.

5pm-Midnight at the South San Francisco Conference Center. For further information contact Dinner Dance chairs: Jennifer Dias (650) 359-2808 or Lisa Kreysa (650) 737-0211. **TICKETS** for this event will now be sold every weekend after all the Masses. For further information contact Annetta Giamb Bruno 650-455-4779 to purchase tickets.



*Everyone is invited to play....*



# **Friends Helping Friends Dinner and Bingo**

*Including those who have never played before!!!!*

**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Hennessy Hall  
345 Oak Ave  
San Bruno**

*(St. Robert's Church Hall)*

**Dinner will be served from 5PM until 8PM,  
Seated or take out**

*Come and enjoy  
Fr. Bruce's  
WORLDS FAMOUS GRAVY!!!*

\$10 adults, \$6 children or family for \$25.

*Reservations are not required and we do hope to see you there.*

**BINGO and PEDRO games will follow dinner.**

***With a \$25 or \$50 buy in (for those High Rollers). 😊  
your dinner will be included!***

*If you are unable to attend,  
a donation would be greatly appreciated.  
Proceeds to benefit our St. Robert's Parish community.*

**Please make checks payable to:**  
St Roberts Church (Friends Helping Friends)  
**Send to:** 1380 Crystal Springs Road  
San Bruno, CA 94066

*Thank you for your support.*

**For more information contact:**

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**\*\*\*Laura Davis [laurad@sanbrunocable.com](mailto:laurad@sanbrunocable.com) (650) 438-6318.**

*\*\*\*Please let us know if you would be interested in donating any prizes.*