# Saint Robert's Church



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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (CCD)-**588-0477** Ms. Joanne Bartolotti - Director Mrs. Leslie Fong, Secretary PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY – **589-2800** Mr. Kevin Imbimbo

#### 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.

#### Dear Parishioners,

It is truly a wonderful thing to be gathered around the table of the Lord. What we see before us is amazing. What we experience is life altering. What we receive is no ordinary gift. It is a precious gift from God. God gives us all that we need. God gives us more than we could ever hope for. God gives us the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is real food. The Eucharist is real food for the body and for the soul. The Eucharist is so much more. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic lives. As Catholics, we believe that the Eucharist is the real presence of Christ. At mass we receive the Body and Blood of Christ when we come to the table of the Lord. The grace and nourishment of the Eucharist empowers us to live a life of faith, and to be living witnesses of Jesus. In a very real way, Jesus is with us on our journey of faith. Sometimes the journey we take in life can be precarious.

I had the opportunity to serve our great nation as a naval chaplain assigned to the Marines. During the war in Iraq, I traveled around the different bases to celebrate the mass. Numerous Marines came to the mass. It was quite obvious that the mass meant something to these Marines. They didn't come to receive just a wafer. They believed in their hearts that they were receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. They needed the real presence of Christ to help them during their darkest moments. There are no atheists in foxholes. In the midst of violence, Christ was present.

When times get difficult, it is comforting to know and to believe that we have something good from God. Christ feeds us with his body and blood. Christ gives abundantly to us. Overflowing is his generosity. We are truly blessed to receive the goodness of the Lord all the time. How blessed we are to be Catholics.

-Father Paul

# New Parish Directory is Planned.

Once again we are planning to offer a Parish Directory in early 2010. We have contracted with Lifetouch Church Directories. We have scheduled for them to be here in October to take family pictures, one free portrait with a picture for the directory. Portraits will be available in November. We also hope to have a roster of parishioners as we have done in the past. Much more information will follow in the coming months.

Right now I am trying to solicit volunteers for a meeting with the company in August. Volunteers are needed to publicize, contact families, sign up for portrait appointments (mostly online) and make reminder calls, greet our families during the photography, and help with the creative design ideas. We are hoping to offer a 25% discount on all additional portraits for the family of a volunteer along with service hours for school parents. In addition I would like the assistance of a Sign-up Coordinator, a Publicity Coordinator and a Layout Coordinator.

Please let me know if you are interested in helping out with this parish project, even if you would be unable to attend the August meeting. You can call me at the rectory (650) 589-2800 or email me at <u>duffey2rusty@yahoo.com</u>. Thank you in advance and I truly need your help.

Deacon Rusty

# THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday-July 27th					
Mass Intention	6:30				
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		Apostolo †			
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	<u>Tuesday-Ju</u>	lv 28th			
Mass Intention		Francis O'Reilly †			
		Isabelle Cardinale †			
Legion of Mary	6:30pi				
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<u> </u>	<u>Nednesday-J</u>				
	6:30				
Mass Intention	8:30	Michael McMorrow †			
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		Communion Service			
Mass Intention	8:30	John O'Malley			
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Manalatan	<u>Friday-Jul</u>				
Mass Intention	6:30				
	8:30	Kathleen Gilligan †			
	<u>Saturday-Au</u>	aust 1st			
Mass Intention	•	Charles Krepps †			
	4:30				
Eucharistic Ado		Church			
AA Meeting	10am	Mahoney Room			
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	<u>Sunday-Auq</u>	ust 2nd			
Mass Intention	, ,	John Geniali †			
		Frank Vidulich †			
		Nancy Curtis †			
	5:00				

# LOOKING FOR A MASS

Anytime you are away this summer check www.masstimes.org for Mass schedule in other cities.



# **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 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.



# **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION-August 2nd**

On every First Saturday of each month, we have the privilege of celebration Eucharistic Adoration, following the 8:30AM Mass and closing with Benediction at 10:00AM. In these difficult times so many people are suffering financially and need help. Jesus has told us: "Come to Me you who are heavily burdened and I will refresh you." Come and pray for all who are hungry, homeless, unemployed and are feeling hopeless.

# WE CONGRATULATE THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Sophie Louise Boyd Sophia Juliana Madrigal

Dur sincere sympathy to the families of Michael Abrahamsohn & Steven Brady who died recently.

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# WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Raimundo & Jessica D'Amico & Family Todd & Tiffany Guerin & Family Maria Victoria Tuvilla Andre Baldomero & Family Americo & Michelle Amaral & Family

# 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.

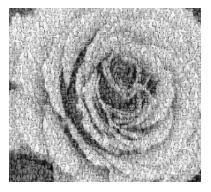
# STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to July 19th (goal)	30,150.00	
July 1st to July 19th (actual)	24,223.23	
7/1/09-6/30/10 Weekly Goal	10,050.00	
Collection (actual 7/19)	8,197.30	

2009 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL As of 7/21/09 419 families have pledged

**\$84,475.26.** *Our goal this year is \$98,400* Thank you for your generous donation.

# 2010 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL PHOTO MOSAIC



An example of a photo mosaic.

The theme for next year's campaign is "You are the light of the world". The visual is a mosaic of a lighthouse composed of about 1200 individual portraits. The goal is to have every parish represented in the poster. If you would like to participate, please submit a picture to the rectory by **September 15th.** Every participant must sign an Image Release Form, which you will be given to you when you submit your picture. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

# Sign up for E-Contributions

Go to www.saintroberts.org and click on the e-contributions button.

There is no cost to you for this service.

# MINISTER SCHEDULE/AUgust 1 & 2

# Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring/Deacon John Eucharistic Ministers: R. Hanley (C) R. Aveson, A. Ciraulo, J. Scannell, D. Hageman, K. Hornung, M. Murphy, C. Holland, J. Beltrano Lectors: P. Scannell and C. Aveson Altar Servers: C. Lynch and P. Lynch

# Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Paul/Deacon Rusty Eucharistic Ministers: R. Vassallo (C) R. Jardin, A. Buelow, J. Jackson, R. Ruggiero Lectors: P. Lustic and A. Reyes Altar Servers: A. Cotroneo and E. Johnston

# Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Nnanna/Deacon Rusty Eucharistic Ministers: M. Blumenthal (C) S. Murray, M.A. Saisi, A. Solis, C. Zollezi, M. Zamattia, M. Quilici, M. Lopez, L. Canaya Lectors: F. Abellana and J. Valdez Altar Servers: E. Gonzalez, M. Grealish and P. Jauregui Children's Liturgy: Esperanza and Gus

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

Presider: Fr. Obet/Deacon Rusty Eucharistic Ministers: B. Chester (C) M. Nuti, C. Morgan, V/L Picinini, L. Juvero, L. Sing, J. Yee, A. Maron, E. Sanchez Lectors: G. Khoury and H. Beck Altar Servers: A. Dharmadi and R. Benavente

# Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Paul/Deacon John Eucharistic Ministers: M. Dowden (C) G. Lynch, C. Innes, K. Welch, M. Elmore, C. Browne, M. Aberouette, G. Landholt, P. Landholt Lectors: N. Buencamino and C. Galletta Altar Servers: D. Marty and J. Marty

# WEEKLY READINGS



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# **2009 Centerplate Schedule**

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Pittsburgh 49er Training Ca 49er Training Ca 5000	TBA           tick Park         TBA           7:15 p.m.           7:15 p.m.           12:45 p.m.           7:00 p.m.           5:15 p.m.	8:45 am. <b>7a.m.</b> <b>2 p.m.</b> <b>noon</b> 2:45 p.m. 2:45 p.m. 8:45 a.m. 2:15 p.m. 12:45 p.m.
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**Centerplate Uniform:** Full length black pants (no jeans or spandex etc), white shirt with collar, comfortable closed toe and heel shoes.

Sign up on-line at saintroberts.org and click on the Centerplate button.

Our Centerplate Totals as of July 9, 2009 are \$22,616.04 This total includes commission and tips.

# Living the Liturgy

# The Eucharist

"Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and distributed them." Sound familiar? The words are the same as those used in the Eucharistic prayer. Two aspects of the first reading are also worth noticing: the loaves made from the first fruits are usually offered to God, but because the people are starving, Elisha gives them to the people instead and there is enough. Secondly, barley loaves are the bread of the poor. Elisha feeds 100 people with 20 small loaves; Jesus feeds 5,000 with two fish and five barley loaves. How good our God is to respond to our bodily needs as well as our spiritual hungers!

Look around you next time you come to Mass. Who else but Jesus could gather and unite such a diverse community in age, life style, economic level, ethnic background, political affiliation, education, and language? Yet we acknowledge the same need for God in our lives, the same desire to become the people God wants us to be, reaching out to each other and to those in need. We need each other, the guidance of the Spirit when we begin to stray, and the nourishment of Jesus' Body and Blood to encourage us to imitate his own compassion.

Estimates are that 850 million people go hungry in this world of plenty. Catholic Relief Services at <u>www.crs.org</u> has local people in 99 countries working on agricultural and development projects. Bread for the World at <u>www.bread.org</u> lobbies for policies to help poor and hungry people here and worldwide. When we pray the Our Father, "Give us this day our daily bread," may we include all our brothers and sisters in the "us." Peace, S. Sheral

# The People of Gaza

Speaking of food, more than six months after Israel's devastating assault on the Gaza Strip, the borders are still basically closed, children physically stunted and emotionally traumatized, and pregnant women anemic. 96 % of the people are dependent on humanitarian aid. According to the World Food Program, Gaza requires a minimum of 4000 trucks of food daily just to meet basic nutritional requirements. Yet, despite a 22 March decision by the Israeli cabinet to lift all restrictions on foodstuffs, only 653 trucks of food and other supplies were allowed entry during the week of May 10, at best meeting 23 % of required need. As of July 13, Israel only allows 30 to 40 commercial items compared to 4,000 approved products prior to June 2006. No building materials for schools or clinics bombed, no replacement parts for sewer systems, cars or machinery, no appliances, fabric, clothing, shoes, or mattresses.

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# SEPARATED AND DIVORCED ANNUAL PICNIC August 16th-San Bruno Park

On Sunday, August 16th we will gather for our 5th annual picnic at San Bruno Park. All unmarried Catholics and their families and invited for an afternoon of good food, great fun, and lots of camaraderie. We will supply hot dogs, sausages, buns, condiments and a COOK!! Please bring a side dish, beverage or dessert to share. We always have fun and find interesting dishes when we get together, so join us at noon on August 16th. There is a nominal charge of \$5 per person or \$10 per family to cover meat, charcoal etc. For directions and more information please call Gail at (650) 591-8452.

# **NEW SUPPORT FOR THE DIVORCED**

Would you like support while you travel the road through separation and divorce? The Archdiocese of San Francisco offers support for the journey. The Separated and Divorced Catholics of the Archdiocese of San Francisco (SDCASF) now have TWO on going support groups in the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month. There is one on the Peninsula at St. Bartholomew Parish, 600 Columbia Dr. San Mateo, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the spirituality center. The other one is in O'Reilly hall at St. Stephen Parish near Stonestown, San Francisco, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, at 7:30 p.m. Call Gail at (650) 591-8452 or Joanne at St. Bart's at (650) 347-0701 for more information.

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We can do something about this situation. We can call or e-mail our congresspersons to demand that conditions be placed on the \$2.775 billion dollars requested in military aid to Israel in the FY2010 budget. The money should only be disbursed in quarterly installments after verification of several conditions. Possible violations of the Arms Export Control Act (using weapons against an occupied people) during the most recent attack must be investigated. Members of the Israeli military, a group called "Breaking the Silence," have testified to several practices forbidden by international law but utilized during this siege, including the use of white phosphorus in densely populated areas, the use of civilians as shields, the wholesale bombing of civilian targets where there was no evidence of hostile activity. U.S. assistance must only be used within the 1967 borders and weapons cannot be used by Israel in its military occupation of the Gaza Strip, West Bank and East Jerusalem. There must be a freeze on expansion of Israeli settlements on Palestinian territory; otherwise, the much-discussed "two state solution" becomes geographically impossible. And lastly, Israel must lift the blockade, opening the border crossings to humanitarian aid and normal economic transactions. For more information, please go to www.jewishvoiceforpeace.org or www.endtheoccupation.org