

# 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 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 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.

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

Dear Friends,

I sit here on our deck, sipping Hawaiian Pineapple tea. This is a lovely day in May (our month as Gene always called it). The warmth of the sun fills me with peace as I contemplate the beauty that surrounds me. This is the garden that Gene tended so faithfully. The grass is so very green; yellow daisy bushes (that he planted 10 years ago) have multiplied and have spread all along our back fence. His two small apple trees are full of leaves in expectation that apples will soon appear. His rose bushes are budding and the wild nasturtiums have crept into every empty patch of earth. The oak tree (that was only a few feet tall when Gene and I married) now towers above our house. Its wide branches gently sway as they reach toward the heavens. God created the earth and all that it holds and God saw that it was good!

I close my eyes and ask Gene to help me find a message for you in today's readings. My family is going through the most difficult days of our lives, just as many of you also are. So now I read today's Gospel according to John:

Jesus tell us: *'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in Me. In My Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to Myself, so that where I am you also may be.'*

What loving words of consolation and of hope! In the midst of our sorrow and grief, we can rest assured that those we love who have died are with Jesus. At the moment of their death, Jesus came to them; enfolded them in His arms and carried them home. They now live a glorious new life with Him that will never end. Jesus remains here on earth with us too. His Holy Spirit (Who dwells within each of us) is guiding, protecting, comforting and helping us to believe; to hope and to love our God. Then we can do the works of Jesus. We now can reach out to one another with compassion, forgiveness, generosity and love.

This motto which Gene lived by continues for all eternity ----

**LOVE LIFE --- LIVE LOVE!**

Anna May



## THE WEEK AHEAD



### Monday-May 23rd

Mass Intention 6:30 Clementine Freidt †  
8:30 Philip Delucchi †

**Men's Club  
Golf Tournament 4:30pm Hall**

### Tuesday-May 24th

Mass Intention 6:30 Louise Colosimo †  
8:30 Bob Panizzon †

**Kindergarten Parent  
Orientation 6:00pm School  
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library**

### Wednesday-May 25th

6:30 Communion Service  
Mass Intention 8:30 Thomas Daly, Jr. †  
**Choir Practice 7:00pm Church**

### Thursday-May 26th

6:30 Communion Service  
Mass Intention 8:30 James Keating †

### Friday-May 27th

Mass Intention 6:30 Eduardo & Emilia  
Gandeza †  
8:30 Philip Delucchi †

### Saturday-May 28th

Mass Intention 8:30 Mary Daly †  
4:30 Nat Russo †  
**AA Mtg 10:00am Mahoney Room**

### Sunday-May 29th

Mass Intention 7:30 Deigo & Maria  
Ricardo †  
9:30 Mary Shick †  
11:30 Anthony Yaquinto †  
5:00 People of St. Robert's

## **Flores-Am Flores de Mayo**

Fil-Am Flores de Mayo honoring the Blessed Mother with floral offering will be held on Sunday, May 22nd @ 11:30 am Masses. All children of the parish are invited. Reception will immediately follow at Hennessy Hall.

For more information call Chris Gandeza (650) 871-7524 Rose M. Jardin (650) 588-3136.





AS A PARISH COMMUNITY, WE PRAY for those whose hearts are troubled. May they place their trust in God , knowing that he turns all thing to good for those who love him.

**WE CONGRATULATE  
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Katherine Rose Bourdet  
Massimo Guenther Briem  
Penelope Juliet Cino  
Michael Alessandro D'Amico  
Roman Cristiano D'Amico



Our sincere sympathy to the families of  
Lloyd Scott & Steven Morena  
who died recently.



**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS  
Juan & Shannon Peinado & Family**

**IF YOU ARE NEW TO  
ST. ROBERT'S**

Fill out a registration form and 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).

**ATTENTION ALL WIDOWS**

Would you like to join Mary's Widows (a "doing-things-together" fun group). Our next luncheon/meeting will take place on Wednesday, June 1st. If you have not received a flyer by mail, please call telephone Anna May at 589-7087 or email at [Emay@sanbrunocable.com](mailto:Emay@sanbrunocable.com) for the time and location .

**Active Duty Military Listing**



We would like to remember our active duty military personnel at all our Masses on Memorial Day weekend. If you know of someone on active duty, please contact Deacon Duffey at (650) 589-2800 or email [duffey2rusty@yahoo.com](mailto:duffey2rusty@yahoo.com) .

**Thank You Blood Donors**



Thank you to all who came by to donate blood last Sunday. If you were unable to donate and want to, please visit Blood Centers of the Pacific behind In-and-Out Burgers in Millbrae. Your gift of life is very much needed and appreciated.

**STEWARDSHIP  
WEEKLY COLLECTION**

July 1st to May 15, 2011 (goal)	433,090.00
July 1st to May 15th (actual)	404,910.09
7/1/10-6/30/11 Weekly Goal	10,490.00
Collection (actual 5/15)	7,483.82

Thank you for your generous donation of  
**\$1,670.16**  
for the Catholic Communications Campaign.

**2011 ARCHBISHOP'S  
ANNUAL APPEAL  
As of 5/12/11  
\$50,242.08  
has been pledged.  
Our goal this year is \$86,200.  
Thank you in advance**

# MINISTER SCHEDULE/May 28 & 29

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

**Presider:** Fr. Obet  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** R. Hanley (C)  
D. Hageman, A. Ciraulo, N. Jussaume, C. Holland  
**Lectors:** C. Bonner and P. Scannell  
**Altar Servers:** K. Ajam and K. Ravelo

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

**Presider:** Fr. Ring  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** R. Vassallo (C)  
C. Noce, M. Noce, J. Aldinger, B. Albright  
**Lectors:** A. Reyes and J. Thomson  
**Altar Servers:** K. Thomson and B. Godfrey

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

**Presider:** Fr. Paul  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Bourne (C)  
A. Romine, S. Murray, A. Solis, M. Quilici  
**Lectors:** J. Valdez and D. Wilson  
**Altar Servers:** M. Grealish, A. Bolivar and A. Gaines  
**Children's Liturgy:** Michael and Darlene

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

**Presider:** Fr. Obet  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Giusti (C)  
H. Mantler, R. Benavente, C. Morgan, C. Forsell  
**Lectors:** F. Firpo and H. Beck  
**Altar Servers:** R. Benavente and A. Kelly

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

**Presider:** Fr. Paul  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** G. Huddleston (C)  
C. Innes, M. Aberouette, M. Mahoney, M. Elmore  
**Lector:** H. Lowood and G. Picazo  
**Altar Servers:** A. Kucsak and A. Davis

### **WEEKLY READINGS**

#### **Monday-May 23rd**

Readings: Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26

#### **Tuesday-May 24th**

Readings: Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a

#### **Wednesday-May 25th**

Readings: Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8

#### **Thursday-May 26th**

Readings: Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11

#### **Friday-May 27th**

Readings: Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17

#### **Saturday-May 28th**

Readings: Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21

#### **Sunday-May 29th**

Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21



## **From the desk of the Pastor Parish Pastoral Council**

Let us continue with the series of articles on Parish Pastoral Council. At this time we will try to answer the question, "What is the nature and foundations of the Parish Pastoral Council?"

Official documents of the Church offer us a number of guiding points about the pastoral council. Vatican II highly recommended parish councils as an effective means to promote pastoral activity. The Code of Canon Law reinforced this recommendation of Vatican II. Through the pastoral council, the pastor discovers the needs and desires of the parish because the council members are able to study and reflect on pastoral problems and to recommend practical solutions. The pastor, then, consults them to know his people more profoundly.

The Church has made a number of statements concerning the purpose of parish councils. They help the parish life to conform ever more closely to the Gospel. They coordinate parish associations and initiatives. They advise the pastor on how to plan and implement pastoral ministry systematically and effectively.

The parish council is called "pastoral" not only because of its focus on pastoral concerns, but because of its unique relationship to the pastor, who initiates and establishes the council, who convenes its meetings and presides at them, and who seeks the good of his people by interacting with the council. Although the explicit teachings about pastoral councils are recent, they are to be found in our tradition from the beginning, captured in four words: communion, participation, gifts and consultation.

We are, first of all, a communion formed by God's initiative on our behalf through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. The first letter of Peter proclaims: "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." Our communion begun with our baptismal experience is the source of all our efforts on behalf of the Church.

Participation, secondly, in the life of the Church is an outgrowth of our communion. "As a body is one, though it has many parts, all the parts of the body, though many are one body, so also Christ." Baptism commissions every Christian to carry on the saving mission of Christ.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit, thirdly, require us to admit that each of us has certain gifts, while others possess still other gifts. We are incomplete without each other. Pastors have the gifts of leadership; they seek council members with gifts of wisdom and prudence. Thus there is lived out what St. Paul has written: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service, but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."

Finally, consultation reminds us that Church leaders from the earliest days would consult the community. The Apostles and the elders met at the Council of Jerusalem to discuss whether Gentile Christians needed to keep the Law of Moses. No decision was made, until all parties, including Paul and Barnabas, had a chance to speak. As in the first century, so now pastors consult counselors to receive wise advice and to hold the community together. Thus, we see that the parish council, while a new creation by Vatican II, has its roots in Christian tradition that always spoke of communion, participation, gifts and consultation.

Blessings,

Father Obet

### The Presentation of the Gifts & Preparation of the Altar

Do you know any “foodies”— folks who love food “for consumption, study, preparation and news” (“Foodie,” Wikipedia). In a way, all of us are called give special attention to the simple food we bring to the Lord’s altar table, for with the bread and wine we bring our entire lives.

After the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of the Eucharist takes place in the Mass. This part of the liturgy begins with the preparation of the altar. This is a pivotal action. The ambo was the point of focus for the Liturgy of the Word; the altar is the point of focus for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The Word of God proclaimed, taken in, and “digested” leads us to the action of Eucharist where we actually eat and drink of the Word made Flesh.

The gifts of bread and wine are presented by those gathered in the assembly. Unleavened bread — wheat that was planted, tended, harvested, crushed, and then made anew into this simple food. Wine — grapes that were planted, tended, harvested, crushed, and then made anew into a rich drink. These are the elements through which we offer ourselves to God and Christ offers himself to us. Financial offerings for the poor or for the needs of the Church also symbolize and make real our participation in the Eucharist and in the mission of the Church.



#### SPOTLIGHT ON THE GIRM\*

“First, the altar, the Lord’s table, which is the center of the whole Liturgy of the Eucharist, is prepared by placing on it the corporal, purificator, Missal, and chalice ...”

\*General Instruction of the Roman Missal, n. 73.

### A Chosen Race, A Holy Nation

What a rich set of readings we have this weekend! The selection from Acts gives us the history of the diaconate, an ordained ministry in the Church which fell into disuse for centuries and then was revived during the Second Vatican Council. The passage points out that there were various ministries in the Church from the beginning, suited to the various gifts and the variety of needs of the members of the Body of Christ. The proliferation of involvement by lay people which we experience today echoes that “division of labor” which the early Church knew and encouraged.

The reading from Peter’s first letter stresses the dignity of each of us, “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own.” Is there any other marvelous phrase which Peter’s community could bestow on us to help us know how blest we are? And, of course, it’s not for us to arrogantly lord it over others, but so that we “may announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” We’re called, drawn close to God, and then sent out to be that compassionate presence to anyone and everyone who needs to know God is near.

In the gospel, John’s community tells us that Jesus is preparing a dwelling place in his Father’s house and it’s not just after we die, but begins now! He and the Father are one and we are one with them and the Holy Spirit. The Trinity dwells within us. Jesus’ promise that he will be with us always means inside of us, closer than we are to ourselves. And when we gather for the Eucharist, the breaking of the bread, we recognize that presence among all of us together.

Last week, I had a wonderful experience while waiting for Sharon Firpo as she retrieved an errant ball rolling across the street and into the park. As I admired a sixth grader’s shirt, he told me that he had received it from someone the night before at a gathering after his grandmother death. I expressed my sympathy and his response touched me deeply. He said something like, “It’s okay because she was in a lot of pain and now she’s with God and not suffering any more.” This young man’s faith in the resurrection must have been breathed in from his family who believe. Our faith is caught as well as taught. May we each live our Easter faith in simple, everyday ways so that others may catch it from us!

Peace,  
S. Sherai



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