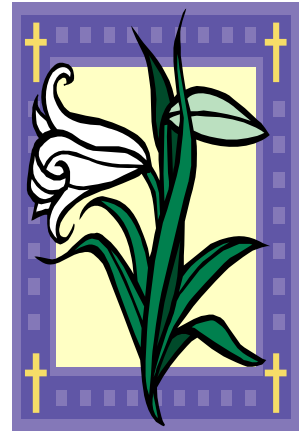


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St. Robert's Parish Celebrates 50 Years

2008



We wish you all
a Blessed Easter

Dear Saint Robert's Family,

We began this season of Lent with readings which addressed our lives through these forty days: pray, fast and give alms. All of us live these directions in different ways. Some give up something for Lent. Others come to Mass daily. Some make lifestyle choices to quit smoking or lose weight or exercise more. Many have chosen to participate in the project of the Parish Social Concerns Group by donating money to purchase bed nets which will help to eradicate Malaria especially among the children of Africa.

The journey through Lent takes us on different paths yet the ultimate destination is the same. We walk with Jesus through his entrance into Jerusalem, we share the Passover meal with him, we accompany Jesus to the Garden of Olives as he prays and is arrested. Throughout the night he is questioned, mocked, put on trial and condemned to death. His friends abandon him. Peter denies even knowing him. What could be worse? It lays ahead of him as he drags the cross to the top of the hill. He is stripped of his clothes and nailed to this instrument of torture and death. It is finally over as he hands over his life to the Father, is placed in his mother's arms and buried in the tomb.

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But not really. His friends had lost hope. All their dreams and expectations that Jesus was the Messiah were crushed when he died. It was only through the Easter experiences that they again found a reason to hope. Jesus had risen from the dead. God's power was manifest. Joy abounded. What the scriptures had predicted and what Jesus had taught them had now come true: the Messiah must first suffer and die before the power of God would shine through.

All of us journey with the Lord as we travel along life's path. We hit moments of discouragement and frustration. We all bear the cross. This is a special time for us because Easter brings us a reason to hope again. Life returns and joy abounds. Jesus Christ has shattered the bonds of sin and death. He is risen.

You are most cordially invited to celebrate these great days with us as we journey with the Lord. Join us as we celebrate the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection.

May the blessings of this season of grace fill you and your family.

Father Bruce

EASTER SUNDAY

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER BRUCE

Dear Parishioners

Two weeks ago the Archbishop announced the names of priests who are retiring this year. In most cases this is effective July 1, 2008. As you know Saint Robert's has been blessed with the services of Father Marini until his illness last December. With the transfer of Father Joe Healy and Father Marini we have been operating with two priests. In addition to the eight week day Masses and five Sunday Masses each week, we have celebrated over twenty funerals since January 1st.

I have consulted with the staff and leaders of our parish to discuss with them a proposal to invite Father Vincent Ring to be in residence at Saint Robert's as he begins his retirement in July. We have had several discussions. It can be somewhat awkward for a pastor to retire and live in the parish from which he retires. Father Ring will be retiring from Saint Denis. It's been four years since he last served at Saint Robert's. Father Ring and I are both aware of tensions which could exist between the retiring pastor and the new pastor. We are both committed to working together to avoid these pitfalls.

Father Ring has loyally served the Archdiocese since his ordination to the priesthood in 1964. He will serve Saint Robert's in the same way as Father Marini served: celebrating weekday and Sunday Masses, visiting the sick, celebrating funerals and most importantly reconnecting with the people of Saint Robert's. We will welcome Father Ring back to Saint Robert's this July.

Fr Bruce

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday-March 24th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Frances Friedman †
**Grownups Steering
Committee Mtg 7:15pm Library**

Tuesday-March 25th

Mass Intention 6:30 Mary Gregor †
8:30 Clifford Gerst †
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library

Wednesday-March 26th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Nancy Kenny †
9:30am Choir Pract 7pm Church

Thursday-March 27th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Anthony J. Biocini †
**RCIA 7pm Convent Chapel
5pm Choir Pract 7:30pm Church**

Friday-March 28th

Mass Intention 6:30 Mary Gregor †
8:30 Michael McHugh †
Tipps/Potluck 6:30pm Hall

Saturday-March 29th

Mass Intention 8:30 Roland Herrera †
Mass Intention 8:30 Neil Murphy †
**AA meeting 10am Mahoney Room
Consolation Ministry 3pm Convent Chapel**

Sunday-March 30th

Mass Intention 7:30 People of St. Robert's
9:30 Isabelle Cardinale †
11:30 David Papageorgiou †
5pm Lydia Joy & Richard
David Paton †

LOOKING FOR A MASS



While you are away during the Easter Break check www.masstimes.org for Mass schedule in other cities.

Schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers are also available on the web at www.saintroberts.org.



As a Parish Community we pray ...
 For those newly born in the waters of baptism and those coming to full communion. May they experience Christ's love and support within our parish family.



Our sincere sympathy to the families of
**Debra Santana, Keersten Juarez, Helen Weber,
 and Betty Trailer**
 who died recently



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:
Jeanne Peterson



Parishioners Receive Their Easter Sacraments

During the Easter Vigil the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation were received by Sonya Cacianti, Charlene Kious, Ellen Larsen, Veronica Perez and Shawnesha Smith. Paula Madrigal, Ralph Martinson and Margaret Shannon, who were baptized in other Christian faiths, made a Profession of Faith and received for the first time as a Catholic the Sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. Congratulations to them and special thanks to their sponsors and families. Also special thanks for the hard work of this year's RCIA team: Donna McGuigan, Rita Tullius, Suzie Lucanic, Kimberly Welch, Mary Bourne, Deborah Cain and George Jurkovich.

Adult Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, May 11th, in San Francisco. If you know of any adults who would like to prepare and receive this sacrament, please contact Deacon Rusty Duffey as soon as possible.

Consolation Ministry Saint Robert's Grief Support Group will hold a meeting on **March 29th** in the Convent Chapel from 3:00 p.m.-4:15 p.m. (before the 4:30 p.m. Mass). Anyone who is suffering from the loss 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 and comfort you in your sorrow. Call, Sister Patricia 589-0104 or any of the consolation Ministry Committee.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Rachelle Guzman & Family
Annette Mendoza
Jim & Colleen Eberle & Family
Mercedes Alaray

Nicamer & Yecenia Tolentino & 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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II declared that the Second Sunday of Easter (next Sunday) is to be called "Divine Mercy Sunday". In the early 1930's, Jesus appeared to a Sister in Poland. She is now St. Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy. Jesus asked her to: "Tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy". He promised "complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" to those who turn to Him in trust and worthily receive Him in Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday. "On that day, the very depth of My tender Mercy are open...Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Font of My Mercy". Confession within a reasonable time before the Feast is sufficient. We must be in the state of grace to receive this extraordinary gift of mercy. Confession takes place at St. Robert's each Saturday from 3:30 till 4:15pm and by appointment. Jesus has mercy and love for each of us. He will not let us go.

STEWARDSHIP

**The figures for March 16th
 will be in the March 30th
 Bulletin.**

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
 As of 3/11/08 **194 Families** have pledged **\$43,810.10**.
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There is no cost to you for this service.

MINISTER SCHEDULE/March 29 & 30

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Nnanaa

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Scannell (C),

K. Hornung, B. Moniz, M. Elmore, J. Finnegan,

J. Waldvogel, J. Quinn, M. Murphy, Y. Olcomendy

Lectors: J. Cronin and S. Kelly

Altar Servers: M. Lara and J. Jauregui

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell

Eucharistic Ministers: E. Ruggiero (C),

C. Noce, M. Noce, B. Mullins, F. Reyes

Lectors: A. Reyes and J. Moresco

Altar Servers: B. Cronin and E. Johnston

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: A. Romine (C),

M.A. Saisi, M. Blumenthal, K. Semenza, J. Kelly,

L. Rodriguez, M. Quillici, M. Bologna, S. Murray

Lectors: T. Tullius and J. Bendick

Altar Servers: S. Bendick, A. Ayllon and B. Wilson

Children's Liturgy: Family Mass

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Nnanaa

Eucharistic Ministers: G. May (C),

E. Sanchez, L. Welch, V. Valle, D. Murphy, J. Yee,

N. Bamba, H. Madayag, L. Juvero, M. Giusti

Lectors: D. Maron and C. Maron

Altar Servers: F. Abellana and K. Reidy

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell

Eucharistic Ministers: G. Landholt (C),

D. Ferris, P. Linehan, C. Engler, M. Huntington,

R. Atkinson, Sr. Maureen, V. Hawkins, P. Landholt

Lectors: H. Lowood

Altar Servers: T. Lopez and J. Heffernan

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-March 24th

Readings: Acts 2:14,22-32 Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday-March 25th

Readings: Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday-March 26th

Readings: Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35

Thursday-March 27th

Readings: Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48

Friday-March 28th

Readings: Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14

Saturday-March 29th

Readings: Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15

Sunday-March 30th

Readings: Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31

Nets Save Lives



Operation Bed Nets

Thank you so very much, parishioners and students of St. Robert's, for taking so seriously our efforts to provide bed nets for God's poor! Almost 40% of the world's population is at risk for malaria, with this disease killing more children under 5 years of age than anything else. According to Jeffrey Sachs, the Columbia University economist, there are an estimated 300 million sleeping sites in sub-Saharan Africa. Though the \$3 billion needed may seem overwhelming, many church groups, student clubs and other organizations are also collecting donations to provide protective nets for the children. This past weekend \$1,255, including \$532.60 from St. Robert's School, was donated which brings us to \$12,847.05 thus far.

If you haven't turned in your blue envelope yet, please do so as soon as possible, so we can write one check from the parish. On this Easter day, we have helped people struggling with so much poverty to believe in the God of life.

Thank you.

The Social Concerns Group

MARRIED COUPLES

Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you make your marriage a better dwelling place for His Word. It can happen on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, **April 18th-20th**. Sign up so you can renew your love for one another. For more information, call Paul and Yvonne at (650) 366-7093 or www.sf.lovemoredeeply.org.



**WERE YOU HERE
AT ST. ROBERTS
IN 1958????**

If so please call Virginia Yanke at 877-0800 or the rectory at 589-2800. We would like to know who you are.

LIVING THE LITURGY

Easter Joy

Today we celebrate the greatest feast of the Church's year: Jesus rising from the dead and our rising with him to newness of life. We all know the story: his being abandoned by those closest to him except for Mary, his mother, Mary Magdalen, John and the women he met on the way to Calvary. How depressed the disciples must have been by their own cowardice: he was such a loving friend, doing good to all, teaching them that the least was to be the greatest in this new dispensation. Was he just another dreamer? How was he able to perform such amazing miracles like curing Peter's mother-in-law? This new reign of God which he proclaimed, where the poor are blest, the sorrowing comforted and everyone of equal dignity, seemed to have come to a tragic end. Would they each go back to their previous lives as a fisherman, tax collector or physician?

But then early in the morning, Mary Magdalen and "the other Mary" come with a strange message. They have seen the Lord and, as Matthew says, "He has been raised from the dead and is going before you into Galilee." We can only imagine their amazement! You might read the accounts of Jesus' appearances in Mark and Luke as well. Though they are embarrassed and ashamed, Jesus is not angry with them for deserting them, but wishes them peace. Is there a lesson here for us? May we rejoice with the whole Church over the next 50 days until Pentecost!

Sr Sheral

A Special Dinner

As you may recall, the Tuesday morning adult religious education group has been learning about Islam. Last month, some of us had the opportunity to share lunch with the Turkish Muslim women who had spoken to us and with some of my Franciscan Sisters who had also heard the women speak. On Saturday, April 19 at 6 pm, we'll be hosting the women and their husbands and the Sisters for a potluck in Hennessy Hall. If you'd like to come, you are most welcome. If you'd like to bring something, that would be wonderful. Please let me know by phone at 589-2800 or by e-mail at rsSheral@saintroberts.org. Thank you.



Here's the



2008 Centerplate Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Leave SR</u>	<u>Game Time</u>
___ Monday	April 7 th	San Diego	7:45 a.m.	1:05 p.m.
___ Tuesday	April 8 th	San Diego	3:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
___ Friday	April 11 th	St. Louis	3:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
___ Saturday	April 12 th	St. Louis	9:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.
___ Tuesday	April 15 th	Arizona	9:30 a.m.	1:35 p.m.
___ Wed	April 16 th	Arizona	8:45 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
___ Wed	April 30 th	Colorado	8:45 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
___ Monday	May 12 th	Houston	3:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
___ Thursday	May 15 th	Houston	8:45 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
___ Friday	May 16 th	White Sox	3:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
___ Saturday	May 17 th	White Sox	2:00 p.m.	6:05 p.m.
___ Friday	May 30 th	San Diego	3:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
___ Tuesday	June 3 rd	NY Mets	3:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
___ Wed	June 4 th	NY Mets	8:45 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
___ Friday	June 13 th	Oakland	3:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
___ Saturday	June 14 th	Oakland	2:00 p.m.	6:05 p.m.
___ Tuesday	June 17 th	Detroit	3:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
___ Wed	June 18 th	Detroit	8:45 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
___ Monday	June 30 th	Cubs	3:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
___ Wed	July 2 nd	Cubs	3:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
___ Thursday	July 24 th	Washington	8:45 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
___ Friday	July 25 th	Arizona	3:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
___ Saturday	July 26 th	Arizona	2:00 p.m.	6:05 p.m.
___ Wed	August 6 th	Atlanta	8:45 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
___ Friday	August 8 th	Dodgers	3:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
___ Saturday	August 9 th	Dodgers	2:00 p.m.	6:05 p.m.
___ Wed	August 20 th	Florida	3:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
___ Thursday	August 21 st	Florida	8:45 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
___ Tuesday	Sept 9 th	Arizona	3:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
___ Wed	Sept 10 th	Arizona	8:45 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
___ Friday	Sept 26 th	Dodgers	3:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
___ Saturday	Sept 27 th	Dodgers	2:00 p.m.	6:05 p.m.

Dress Code: Full length Black Slacks (no jeans, capris, spandex), white shirt with collar, closed toe shoes (black or white).

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

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