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St. Robert's Parish Celebrates 50 Years

2008

Join us as we celebrate
our 50 years
as a Parish Community
June 8th, at the 11:30 a.m. Mass
to be celebrated by
Archbishop George Niederauer
with a reception to follow
in the middle yard
with
displays in the hall.



Pentecost

Dear Parishioners,

First and foremost I would like to wish each and every mother a very happy Mother's Day. May God bestow his blessings upon you always.

Today we come to the high point of our Easter celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost, meaning "fifty days" after the Passover. This was the feast day in which the Jewish people celebrated the Giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. On Mt. Sinai the different tribes of Israel entered into covenant with God and with one another and became the people of God. God gave them the Ten Commandments as a guide to show them how to be a people, because being people of God means relating to God and to one another in a that what God Himself has mapped out, not in the way that we think is right. The beginning of wisdom, the beginning of true religion, therefore, is when we realize that as humans we are limited and shortsighted, and so we ask God to show us how to be the people of God that He has created us to be.

Imagine this: Jesus ascends to heaven and mandates the disciples to spread the Good News from Jerusalem to all Judea, to Samaria and to the ends of the earth. But the task is too much for them. How could these twelve, uneducated, rural, fishermen from Galilee go out and address the learned world of Greek philosophers and Roman poets. Moreover even their fellow Jews are hostile to them. So what do they do? They go in and pray, and wait for God's initiative. And as soon as God gives the sign of the Holy Spirit, there they go, all out on the streets boldly and fearlessly proclaiming the Good News.

Fulton J. Sheen once said about the church that even though we are God's chosen people, we often behave more like God's frozen people. God's frozen people indeed: frozen in our prayer life, frozen in the way we relate with one another, frozen in the way we celebrate our faith. We don't seem to be happy to be in God's house; we are always in a hurry to get it over and done with as soon as possible. Today is a great day to ask the Holy Spirit to rekindle in us the spirit of new life and enthusiasm, the fire of God's love.

God Bless,

Deacon John Meyer

Come Holy Spirit
Fill us with your love,
Send your fire and renew
The face of the earth

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday-May 12th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Charles & Rita Agius †
St. Vincent de Paul 7pm Mahoney Room

Tuesday-May 13th

Mass Intention 6:30 Manuel Falzon †
8:30 Kathleen Sullivan †
Religious Education 3:30pm Church & Hall
Religious Education 6pm Church & Hall
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library

Wednesday-May 14th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Special Intention
8th Gr Party Prep 6:30pm Hall
9:30 Choir Practice 7pm Church

Thursday-May 15th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Rena Watt †
School Board Mtg 7pm Mahoney Room
5pm Choir Pract 7:30pm Church

Friday-May 16th

Mass Intention 6:30 Louie Borrelli †
8:30 Lydia Joy & Richard
David Paton †
Cheerleading 3pm Hall

Saturday-May 17th

Mass Intention 8:30 Paul & Rosina Vella †
Mass Intention 4:30 Jim Handley, Jr. †
AA meeting 10am Mahoney Room

Sunday-May 18th

Mass Intention 7:30 Tom & Maryanne
Begley †
9:30 People of St. Robert's
11:30 Ana Kovacevic †
5pm Jeanette Mehegan †
Fil/Am Flores de Mayo Reception 12:30pm Hall

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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



As a Parish Community we pray ...
 That all Mothers, Grandmothers, God-Mothers and all women who nurture and love us will enjoy dignity, respect and unconditional love on this Mother's Day and every day.



**WE CONGRATULATE
 THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Brianna Marie Galea
 Jessen Vincent Blunt
 Ryan William Blunt
 Cesar Baudelio Ramirez



Thank you Blood Donors

Thank you to all who donated blood last weekend. We received 22 pints. Blood Centers of the Pacific is very grateful. If you missed this opportunity please visit their office behind In/Out Burgers in Millbrae. Our next donation day will be September 28th, the Sunday after the parish festival.



AIDS LUNCH-May 14th

-We are scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday of each month. If you can prepare a favorite cookie, snack or lunch item for 10 to 12 people, please drop it off at the Children's Chapel, in the back of Church, by 9 a.m. on **May 14th**. Please pack the items in a non-returnable container. Frozen items *are ok!*

GIVE THE GIFT OF SIGHT!!



Donate prescription eyeglasses, sunglasses and hearing aids (no cases please). There will be a collection box in the vestibule of the Church throughout May Thank you so much for your generosity.

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.



Our sincere sympathy to the families of Richard Dineen and Amerigo "Rico" Parenti who died recently

****Consolation Ministry** Saint Robert's Grief Support Group will hold a meeting on **May 31st** in the Convent Chapel from 3:00 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.



**WERE YOU HERE
 AT ST. ROBERT'S 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.

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to May 4th (goal)	442,200.00
July 1st to May 4th (actual)	463,282.20
7/1/07-6/30/08 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 5/04)	9,242.95

Thank you for your generous donation of **\$2,294.75** to our School, CCD and Confirmation Programs.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
 As of 5/7/08 **266 Families** have pledged **\$62,165.10**.
Our goal this year is \$95,100.00
Thank you for your generous donation.

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.

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE/May 17 & 18

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Dachauer (C),

J. Waldvogel, K. Hornung, B. Moniz, J. Finnegan,

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

Lectors: B. Rudometkin and S. Kelly

Altar Servers: M. Murphy and L. Belluomini

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: E. Ruggiero (C),

B. Mullins, R. Lahoz, M. Nunnery, J. Aldinger

Lectors: T. Clifford and R. Rolfes

Altar Servers: A. Cotroneo and J. Thomson

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell

Eucharistic Ministers: L. Rodriguez (C),

M. Zamatti, M.A. Saisi, M. Blumenthal, J. Kelly,

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

Lectors: L. Kaloucava and J. Marty

Altar Servers: M. Lynch, M. Lynch and J. Nazzal

Children's Liturgy: Esperanza & Nubia and Bob & Karen

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Chester (C),

D. Murphy, H. Mantler, T. Estelita, A. Estelita,

J. Abellana, E. Sanchez, G. May, V. Valle, J. Yee

Lectors: D. Maron and C. Maron

Altar Servers: G. Villanueva and M. Villanueva

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Nnanna

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Salvato (C),

G. Lynch, V. Hawkins, M. Santiago, M. Maran,

P. Maran, T. Thompson, C. Browne, M. Aberouette

Lectors: M. Innes

Altar Servers: C. Buencamino and T. Lopez

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-May 12th

Readings: Jas 1:1-11 Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday-May 13th

Readings: Jas 1:12-18 Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday-May 14th

Readings: Acts 1:15-17,20-26 Jn 15:9-17

Thursday-May 15th

Readings: Jas 2:1-9 Mk 8:27-33

Friday-May 16th

Readings: Jas 2:14 Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday-May 17th

Readings: Jas 3:1-10 Mk 9:2-13

Sunday-May 18th

Readings: Ex 34:4b-6,8-9 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18

Living the Liturgy

The Coming of the Spirit

Today we celebrate the sending of the Holy Spirit to a group of frightened disciples, set free to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen. Jude Siciliano, OP puts it this way: "[Each] generation does its best to educate and train its children in faith and religious practices. But we are not merely 2,000-year descendants of the first Christian generation. Instead, each new generation is first-generation Christian, born of the Holy Spirit and sent to proclaim the gospel for a new age. Today reminds us of that...because in Baptism we received the same, fresh, youthful Holy Spirit the disciples assembled together received." In *First Impressions@preacherexchange.org*. May 11th

A 60th Anniversary

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict may be confusing to most of us. A bit of history might help. The 60th anniversary of the foundation of the State of Israel is a cause of rejoicing for some Jewish people, while for other Jewish people and for the Palestinians, it marks the *nakba* or catastrophe. After World War II, several world leaders determined that having a Jewish state would prevent a tragedy like the Holocaust from happening again and end their life in exile. That decision meant the destruction of 400 ancient Palestinian villages and the violent displacement of 750,000 Palestinians. Three generations later, many Palestinians are still living in refugee camps.

In response to the continuing firing of crude rockets into southern Israel, the Israeli Defense Force has responded with harsh military force. Several Jewish soldiers have faced imprisonment for refusing to serve in the Occupied Territories. Since the *intifada* or resistance, of 2004, 452 Palestinians children have been killed by the military and 11 Israeli children have been killed by the Palestinians.

The siege of Gaza, widely condemned as violating the international law against collective punishment, has caused villages to literally drown in sewage. The total Israeli blockade has kept replacement parts and fuel, as well as food, water and basic medicines out of this densely populated area of 1.5 million people. Our country's relationship with Israel and the bias of much of our media have kept the reality of this tragedy from the American people. If you would like to understand more, please go to www.afsc.org (American Friends Service Committee, website of the Quakers) or www.jvp.org (Jewish Voice for Peace). May the Spirit guide peacemakers on both sides and our own leaders that their efforts may be fruitful.

Peace, S. Sherab

Help Needed at Catholic Worker

Members of the parish Social Concerns group had a fruitful conversation with Peter Stiehler of the San Bruno Catholic Worker Sunday morning. In case you're not aware, with the help of many volunteers, the Catholic Worker provides breakfast for 50-60 homeless persons Tuesday through Friday from 6:30 to 9 am. They provide shelter for 8 or 9 guests and also give them dinner. Two immediate needs to which you can respond are the following. The sheets for the beds need to be washed each weekend and presently there is only one person who washes them once a month. Could you be one of the people to pick up the sheets at least once a month and drop them off clean and dry? They also need someone to wash towels twice a month on Thursdays or two people who would share that task. If you can help, please call Peter on his cell: 291-2400.

The Children's Liturgy folks will spearhead our usual collection of men's new underwear (sizes 32-36 please), socks and sweatshirts. Please put them in the basket on the altar steps or in Little Church sometime this month.

Flores de Mayo

The parish Fil-Am group will sponsor the May Crowning next Sunday at the 11:30 am Mass. All children of the parish are invited to come early and bring flowers to adorn Mary's shrine. The Mass will be followed by a reception in Hennessy Hall with luscious Filipino food. Everyone is most cordially invited!

Summer Home Retreat

Mercy Center, Burlingame, is again offering an opportunity to make a retreat while you live at home Monday, July 21 to Friday, July 25. You just need to build in an appropriate daily pattern for prayer and come to Mercy Center for one hour each day for spiritual direction. You can arrange your appointment around your work/family commitments. The spiritual directors are here for a month-long internship and, during this week, share their ministry with people nearby. The week before the retreat, your director will call to discuss your expectations, answer questions and set up the time to meet. A firm commitment to the retreat experience and to the five sessions is all that is required. If you have questions or would like a registration form, please see me or contact Mercy Center at 340-7495 or csoracco@mercyburl.org.



Here's the



2008 Centerplate Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Leave SR	Game Time
_____ 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: _____

Sign up on line at: www.saintroberts.org

<p>As of April 29th, we have received \$10,176.10. This amount includes commission and tips. <i>Thanks</i> to the many people who have volunteered.</p>
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