

# Saint Roberts Church



## PARISH CELEBRATIONS

Rev. Msgr. Bruce A. Dreier, Pastor  
Rev. Paul O'Dell, Parochial Vicar  
*In Residence* Rev. Vincent Ring, Rev. Msgr. Emmanuel  
Nnanna and Seminarian, Hansel Tomaneng  
Deacon Rusty Duffey, Pastoral Associate  
Deacon John Meyer, Pastoral Associate  
Sister Patricia O'Sullivan, PBVM, **589-0104**  
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Sister Sheral Marshall, OSF, **589-2800**  
Pastoral Associate for Liturgy  
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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. 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

Sundays: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am and 5:00 pm

Holy Days: Please consult weekly bulletin.

Weekdays: Masses are on Tuesday and Friday at 6:30 a.m. and Monday-Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Communion Services are held Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30 a.m. *Our Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring the Eucharist to the sick or homebound. Please contact the Rectory.*

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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

**Dear Parishioners,**

The theme for today’s liturgy is “The Word and the Seed”. When working in your garden you don’t say it loud “may you grow”. The words are spoken in the mind. The promises made to the Israelites by God must come true. How? “My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it” (Is 55:11). The prophet’s hearers were to have no doubt about the reliability of God’s promise and His prophetic word. Without the rain we cannot guarantee the growth of the crop in the garden. The food that comes from God’s work is a source of life. Isaiah’s image of God’s word as seed prepares us for the gospel parable of the sower (Mk 13:1-23, Mk 4:1-20, Lk 8:5-15).

The Psalm (Ps 65:10,11,12-13,14) is a thanksgiving hymn for the end of drought. It links the Isaiah passage which compares God’s word to rain and Paul’s reflections about my place of creation in the divine plan (Rm 8:18-23).

As a farmer waits for the rain so are we to wait for the glory of God. Suffering is no deterrent to our hope for “affliction produces endurance” (Rom 5:3). The spirit which the believer possesses at the present time is but the “first Fruits” (Rom 8:23) of the final deliverance and redemption still in store for the totality of God’s creation. Paul today reminds us of humanity’s continuing responsibility and stewardship for creation (Gn 1:28). God used word to bless man.

The parable of the sower going out to sow represents the experience of Jesus himself preaching in Galilee. The various soils describe those who heard the word, which is His message and how they failed to grasp His message.

The question of why Jesus should speak to them in parables arose because of the hostile neighbors who rejected Jesus’ ministry and the message of His followers had unknowingly fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah (Jn 12:40, Acts 26:36-27). According to Mark, Jesus’ own disciples consistently misunderstood the teaching of Jesus (Mk 8:14-21).

In the explanation of the parable, we read of the struggle of Matthew’s church and of churches of every age. Many today fall away because of failure to understand their faith. Will you also go away? Why go away? Peter answers for you “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (Jn 6:68). Some of us ignore the need to apply our heads as well as our hearts to our religion and its teachings. Others are on the childhood level of never having roots, while others are so fascinated by wealth or so driven hard by the pressures of life (at times blaming God) that their faith goes the way of the seed among thorns and is choked.

Besides all else you cannot keep the faith without updating yourself. What yearly medical digest does to medical doctors is what reading the bible or attending its class and the adult education class should do to you together with paying attention to the liturgy of the word during Mass and other liturgical celebrations. As we say in Ibo Nigeria, *GOOD WINE NEEDS NO BUSH*. That is to say that the word of God is not to be thrown away.

I may not have this golden opportunity to put my reflections on your Sunday Bulletin since I am leaving you for Nigeria on August 14th, please God.

You have all been instrumental to enlivening my faith. As a Catholic Priest, I will always remember you at the Altar. Thanks for accepting me. I now have you as the mother parish to my parish that is only 16 years old..

**-Happy Summer! Msgr. Nnanna**

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

<u>Monday-July 14th</u>		
	6:30	Communion Service
Mass Intention	8:30	Charles F. Nyhan, Sr. †
<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Mahoney Room</b>
<u>Tuesday-July 15th</u>		
	6:30	John Dequara †
Mass Intention	8:30	Patricia Dreier †
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Library</b>
<u>Wednesday-July 16th</u>		
	6:30	Communion Service
Mass Intention	8:30	Kevin McKenna †
<b>9:30am Choir Pract.</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Church</b>
<u>Thursday-July 17th</u>		
	6:30	Communion Service
Mass Intention	8:30	Tim Duca †
<u>Friday-July 18th</u>		
	6:30	William Dill †
Mass Intention	8:30	Barbara Pagan †
<u>Saturday-July 19th</u>		
Mass Intention	8:30	Paul & Rosina Vella †
Mass Intention	4:30	People of St. Robert's
<b>AA meeting</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mahoney Room</b>
<u>Sunday-July 20th</u>		
	7:30	Joseph Cronin †
Mass Intention	9:30	Sis Redmond †
	11:30	Lydia Joy & Richard
		David Paton †
	5pm	Bob Bordin †

**WEEKDAY MASS CHANGES  
EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2ND**

Daily Mass at 8:30 am  
Monday through Saturday.  
Additional Mass at 6:30 am on  
Monday, **Tuesday** and Friday.  
Communion Service on  
**Wednesday** and Thursday  
at 6:30 am.

**Please note the latest update:  
There is 6:30 am Mass on Tuesday  
and  
a 6:30 am Communion Service.**



**As a Parish Community we pray ...**  
That many men and women will heed Jesus' call to yield a bountiful harvest by becoming Priests, Deacons, Sisters and Brothers.



**WE CONGRATULATE  
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Christopher James Totah  
Michelle Mejia

**WELCOME**



**NEW PARISHIONER**

Joan Sexton

**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).

**LOOKING FOR A MASS**

While you are away during the Summer check [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) for Mass schedule in other cities.



Our sincere sympathy to the families of  
**Jeanne Peterson & Chelso Dezordo**  
who died recently

**Bulletin Deadline**

The deadline for submission of weekly bulletin announcements is **Tuesday at noon**. Please submit announcements in writing to Kathy or Judy in the Rectory Office, fax us at 588-9628 or email [parishsec@saintroberts.org](mailto:parishsec@saintroberts.org). - **Thank you!**

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:  
Keith Pringle



**INBETWEENERS AND THE  
SAN JOSE GIANTS**

Join the fun with the Inbetweeners and the San Jose Giants Saturday July 19th. Game begins at 6pm carpool will leave St. Robert's at 4pm. Cost is \$21 per person which includes the game and BBQ dinner. If interested please contact Gerry Huddleston 583-0963.

**Angela #90 YLI  
"NEW AND NEXT TO NEW SALE"  
Saturday, July 26th  
from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
at St. Bruno's Hall**



**STEWARDSHIP**

July 1st to July 6th (goal)	10,050.00
July 1st to July 6th (actual)	8,669.21
7/1/07-6/30/08 Weekly Goal Collection (actual 7/06)	10,050.00 8,669.21

Thank you for your generous donation of **\$2,730.00** to our School, CCD and Confirmation Programs.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**  
As of 7/3/08 **304 Families** have pledged  
**\$74,295.10.**  
*Our goal this year is \$95,100.00*  
**Thank you for your generous donation.**

**Sign up for E-Contributions**  
Go to [www.saintroberts.org](http://www.saintroberts.org) and click on the e-contributions button.  
*There is no cost to you for this service.*

# MINISTER SCHEDULE/July 19 & 20

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

**Presider: Fr. Ring**

**Eucharistic Ministers: R. Aveson (C),**

J. Beltrano, K. Hornung, J. Finegan, M. Murphy, B. Moniz,  
A. Ciraulo, R. Hanley, D. Hageman

**Lectors: B. Rudometkin and C. Aveson**

**Altar Servers: M. Murphy**

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

**Presider: Msgr. Nnanna**

**Eucharistic Ministers: J. Aldinger (C),**

C. Soracco, B. Albright, E. Ruggiero, R. Lahoz

**Lectors: T. Clifford and S. Heaney**

**Altar Servers: E. Johnston and M. Kelly**

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

**Presider: Msgr. Dreier/Deacon Duffey**

**Eucharistic Ministers: R. Valdez (C),**

H. Mar, M. Lopez, J. Kelly, J. Valdez, A. Solis,  
M. Zamatti, M.A. Saisi, M. Blumenthal

**Lectors: L. Kaloucava and J. Marty**

**Altar Servers: S. Bendick, P. Jauregui, B. Wilson**

**Children's Liturgy: Esperanza and Darlene**

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

**Presider: Fr. O'Dell**

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

J. Yee, A. Maron, G. May, H. Madayag, L. Juvero,  
V/L Piccinini, M. Nuti, V. Valle, L. Sing

**Lectors: D. Maron and C. Maron**

**Altar Servers: M. Thompson and A. Dharmadi**

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

**Presider: Fr. Schaukowitch**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Maureen (C),**

M. Santiago, M. Dowden, P. Landholt, J. Huddleston,  
D. Ferris, B. Shader, T. Thompson, M. Aberouette

**Lectors: G. Jurkowitch**

**Altar Servers: D. Marty and J. Marty**

### **WEEKLY READINGS**

#### Monday-July 14th

Readings: Is 1:10-17 Mt 10:34-11:1

#### Tuesday-July 15th

Readings: Is 7:1-9 Mt 11:2-24

#### Wednesday-July 16th

Readings: Is 10:5-7,13-16 Mt 11:25-27

#### Thursday-July 17th

Readings: Is 26:7-9,12,16-19 Mt 11:28-30

#### Friday-July 18th

Readings: Is 38:1-8,21-22 Mt 12:1-8

#### Saturday-July 19th

Readings: Mi 2:1-5 Mt 12:14-21

#### Sunday-July 20th

Readings: Wis 12:13,16-19 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43

# Living the Liturgy

## The Sower and the Seed

The readings this weekend are more tightly related than usual. The Isaiah reading images the word of God as a powerful and life-giving, as effective as the rain and snow, so essential for anything to grow. "My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." In Hebrew, the term for "word," *dabar*, though a noun, is an action word like a verb. The word carries out what it stands for. Though this may be difficult for us to grasp, it is worth the effort, especially when we consider Jesus as the Word of God for us, as the gospel of John proclaims. "The Word was made flesh, he lived among us." (John 1.15) Jesus isn't just the presence of God incarnate, but does the deeds of Yahweh in his welcoming of the outcast and profligate invitation to all to enter God's kingdom. In the parable of the sower and the seed, the power of the word (the seed) is definitely modified by the condition of the ground (the people) which receives it. (If you saw *Godspell*, your mind can replay the hilarious scene of this passage being acted out.)

The meaning, of course, is anything but humorous. How open are we as individuals, families, a community, to hearing the word of God? With most of us having had so little religious education as adults, do we even recognize that the scriptures have something to say to us today? Do we try to understand the readings at Mass by looking them over the week before, so that we become "rich soil" that can produce fruit in the way we live? Do we ever read the Psalms and let them express our feelings of joy or sadness or trust in God? How are we doing passing on our love for the faith, for the Eucharist, for the Church and its people with all our failings and limitations? Can we be as generous with our love and compassion as the Sower is, offering forgiveness and a new start? Why not take some time this week to reflect on the readings for the coming week? Ask the Spirit to enlighten you to hear the word with an open heart that it may continue to bear fruit in your life. **Peace, S. Sheral**

## From Our Bishops

"As people of faith, we are convinced that 'the earth is the Lord's and all it holds' (Ps 24:1). Our Creator has given us the gift of creation: the air we breathe, the water that sustains life, the fruits of the land that nourish us, and the entire web of life without which human life cannot flourish. We believe our response to global climate change should be a sign of our respect for God's creation. Our government policies and our own actions should be based on the following principles: the universal common good, stewardship of God's creation, protecting the environment for future generations, caring for the poor and issues of equity. Each of us should carefully consider our choices and lifestyles. While the poor often have too little, many of us can be easily caught up in a frenzy of wanting more and more---a bigger home, a larger car, etc. We need to ask about ways we can conserve energy, prevent pollution, and live more simply."

(US Catholic Bishops' Statement: Global Climate Change: A Plea for Dialogue, Prudence, and the Common Good.)



For the past 50 years St. Roberts has been my spiritual home. I was baptized at Fort Riley, Kansas before I was married. My husband, Roy, became a convert to the Catholic Church when he was on duty overseas in Japan. I

traveled over the states and Germany with my husband

until he retired from the service. We then settled in San Bruno and bought our home here. St. Roberts was just built and although we attended other churches, we settled at St. Roberts. In 1962 my husband passed away; we both enjoyed going to church here so much. It was here that our daughter, Mary-Jo was baptized, received her First



Communion and was confirmed; she graduated from St. Roberts School in 1972 and went onto Mercy High School. I have been a parishioner here ever since, and we are so grateful to have the clergy Rev. Mgrs. Bruce A. Dreier, Rev. Paul O'Dell, Sister Sheral Marshall, Deacon Rusty Duffey and Deacon John Meyer.

**Marie Whitener**



Fifty years at St. Roberts...seems like such a long time, and yet it also seems to have flown by. When we arrived in 1956 the Church was in the process of being built, so Mass was in Hennessy Hall. It was a time of new beginnings for the parish and for our family. We met our neighbors and fellow parishioners and it was a time of

bonding, making lifelong friends and becoming a part of a faith family. Many changes have taken place over the past 50 years and yet it all seems the same. Greeting old friends at church, going on outings with the Grown-ups, making new friends are all part of what a church community is about and St. Roberts has served us well in that capacity. Here's to 50 more blessed, wonderful, faith- filled years.

**Ernest and Patricia Davini**



## Here's the 2008 Centerplate Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Leave SR	Game Time
_____ Thursday	July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Washington	8:45 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
_____ Friday	July 25 <sup>th</sup>	49er Training Camp		Afternoon
_____ Saturday	July 26 <sup>th</sup>	49er Training Camp		Afternoon
_____ Sunday	July 27 <sup>th</sup>	49er Training Camp		Morning & Afternoon
_____ Monday	July 28 <sup>th</sup>	49er Training Camp		Afternoon
_____ Wednesday	July 30 <sup>th</sup>	49er Training Camp		Afternoon
_____ Friday	August 1 <sup>st</sup>	49er Training Camp		Afternoon
_____ Saturday	August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	49er Training Camp		Morning
_____ Sunday	August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	49er Training Camp		Afternoon
_____ Wednesday	August 6 <sup>th</sup>	49er Training Camp		Afternoon
_____ Friday	August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Dodgers	3:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
_____ Saturday	August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Dodgers	2:00 p.m.	6:05 p.m.
_____ Saturday	August 16 <sup>th</sup>	49ers vs Packers	1:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
_____ Wed	August 20 <sup>th</sup>	Florida	3:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
_____ Thursday	August 21 <sup>st</sup>	Florida	8:45 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
_____ Friday	August 29 <sup>th</sup>	49ers vs Chargers	2:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
_____ Sunday	Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	49ers vs Arizona	7:15 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
_____ Tuesday	Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	Arizona	3:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
_____ Wed	Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>	Arizona	8:45 a.m.	12:45 p.m.
_____ Friday	Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	Dodgers	3:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.
_____ Saturday	Sept 27 <sup>th</sup>	Dodgers	2:00 p.m.	6:05 p.m.
_____ Sunday	October 5 <sup>th</sup>	49ers vs Patriots	8:15 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
_____ Sunday	October 12 <sup>th</sup>	49ers vs Eagles	8:15 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
_____ Sunday	October 26 <sup>th</sup>	49ers vs Seattle	8:15 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
_____ Sunday	November 16 <sup>th</sup>	49ers vs Rams	8:15 a.m.	1:05 p.m.
_____ Sunday	December 7 <sup>th</sup>	49ers vs Jets	8:15 a.m.	1:05 p.m.
_____ Sunday	December 28 <sup>th</sup>	49ers vs Redskins	8:15 a.m.	1:15 p.m.

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

**Training Camp Dress:** Khaki Shorts, white shirt with collar and closed toe shoes.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**As of June 30th,  
we have received \$22,392.87  
This amount includes commission and tips.  
*Thanks* to the many people  
who have volunteered.**