

Saint Roberts Church

We built this Church



and we keep on building



Dear Parishioners,

It is wonderful to be back at St. Robert's. I want to thank Monsignor Dreier, Father O'Dell and all of the Parish staff for their warm welcome. To all of you who have said "welcome home," thank you.

After fourteen years as your Pastor, I found my appointment to St. Denis Parish in Menlo Park to be more than I expected. Having spent all my adult life either in the City or here on the Peninsula, I found the vast majority of St. Denis parishioners to be a bigger challenge than I had expected. The majority of parishioners had "migrated" to Menlo Park because of school or job and still traveled a great deal both on business or for pleasure. The parish itself is spread out taking in parts of Menlo Park, Atherton, Woodside and all of Portola Valley. I learned the importance of zip codes! With no school, Religious Education classes are a critical part of Parish life with over 350 children registered. Classes are held on Sunday morning but I found the class time too short and the attendance to be sporadic. I am hoping my successor will be able to find a better solution. The priest house was large with its own apple, peach and apricot trees – I learned about the importance of pruning and of spraying. However, I wish I had listened more to my father on how to take care of the large lawns and gardens that surround the Church and the house. Because I was the only resident priest at St. Denis, I depended upon Fr. Tom Moran to minister at Our Lady of the Wayside in Portola Valley. Many of you will remember Fr. Tom from when he was assigned here with me at St. Robert's. Because of the on-going problems with my back (I still have nerve damage that causes a little instability when I climb stairs and pain when I turn, e.g. golf swing) and the soon to be 70th birthday, the Archbishop was kind enough to grant my request to retire after 44 years in active ministry. Counting the six years in the Seminary, I can say that it rounds out to 50 years. I hope now that I will be able to serve you as a retired priest and as your pastor emeritus. It is good to be back "home."

As the years have gone by, I realize more and more the importance of Scripture in the life of the Church and in the growth of our spiritual lives. In October, bishops from throughout the world will meet in Rome to address the topic of "The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church." My hope is that this "synod of bishops" will be an impetus to all of us to listen more closely to the Word of God when it is proclaimed at Mass and to devote time each day or week to reading the Word of God at home. When it is helpful, I will give a brief introduction to the Scripture readings at the Masses I celebrate. I hope this practice will help you to put the readings in context and, therefore, be of assistance to you as you listen.

Sincerely-Father Ring

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

<u>Monday-July 28th</u>	
6:30	Communion Service
Mass Intention	8:30 Alejandro Gomez †
<u>Tuesday-July 29th</u>	
6:30	Isabelle Cardinale †
Mass Intention	8:30 Lillian Fazio †
Legion of Mary	6:30pm Library
<u>Wednesday-July 30th</u>	
6:30	Communion Service
Mass Intention	8:30 Walfred Young †
9:30am Choir Pract.	7pm Church
<u>Thursday-July 31st</u>	
6:30	Communion Service
Mass Intention	8:30 Pasquale Aloise †
<u>Friday-August 1st</u>	
6:30	Ivan Facini †
Mass Intention	8:30 Jake Miller †
<u>Saturday-August 2nd</u>	
8:30	Mary Browne
Mass Intention	4:30 Brian Cotter †
Eucharistic Adoration	9am Church
AA meeting	10am Mahoney Room
<u>Sunday-August 3rd</u>	
7:30	Lillian Fazio †
9:30	People of St. Robert's
1:30	Frank Vidulich †
5pm	Nancy Curtis †

**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.
on Wednesday.**



As a Parish Community we pray ...that political, civil and financial leaders be guided by the spirit of truth, wisdom, understanding and love in all of their decisions.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION-Saturday, August 2nd

Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass and continuing until Benediction at 10 a.m., Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in our Church. The Eucharist is truly a Sacrament of love- - a Sacrament that demonstrates Jesus' love for each of us. It gives us the grace we need to love God and our neighbor. God longs to be with us in the Eucharist. He is waiting.

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.



My sabbatical leave started from September 2007 to end on September 2008. There was no official arrangements only providence brought me here as it should be. So I visited a Priest friend in Abuja Nigeria who made me feel at home in the Parish

and asked me to try USA. Thanks to him! Another thanks to the Archdiocese of San Francisco who accepted my application and wrote a powerful letter to the Embassy for my Visa. The acceptance letter sent me to Msgr. Bruce Dreier who welcomed me to this lovely community. At the first day I wondered if he knew me before for he welcomed me so warmly. He took me to places of interest and my memories of them will be repeatedly told to my parishioners at home who will be excited. I can imagine their joy when I tell them that you are their mother Parish in U.S.A. I cannot forget to thank the parish, secretariat for their hospitality. God bless you all.

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 all at the altar. Thanks for accepting me and in Jesus Mary and Joseph let us keep praying for one another.

Msgr. Nnanna Emmanuel

Mater Parish, Box 129
AFIKPO EBONYI STATE
Nigeria, West Africa

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. - **Thank you!**



MILLBRAE HELPING HANDS is a

group of women who crochet lap robes and shouldrettes for resident of local nursing homes. We are in need of yarn to continue our projects which included crocheting birthday gifts for the residents of Serra Nursing Home and small decorations for holidays. If you have any unused yarn in your homes, we would appreciate your donation. We would be glad to pick up. Please call Colleen McClelland at 259-9807 or Helen Perez at 589-7194, if you have any yarn you would like to donate.

LOOKING FOR A MASS

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



STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to July 20th (goal)	30,150.00
July 1st to July 20th (actual)	29,075.53
7/1/08-6/30/09 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 7/20)	7,502.69

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 7/22/08 **306 Families** have pledged **\$74,520.10.**

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.

MINISTER SCHEDULE/Aug 2 & 3

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Hanley (C),

M. Elmore, J. Quinn, J. Finnegan, M. Murphy, B. Moniz,
A. Ciraulo, D. Hageman, T. Dachauer

Lectors: C. Clarke and J. Cronin

Altar Servers: M. Murphy and T. Lesser

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Aldinger (C),

F. Reyes, T. Montross, L. Quintana, E. Ruggiero

Lectors: A. Reyes and P. Lustic

Altar Servers: N. Nussbaum and P. Murray

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Valdez (C),

G. Sinks, M. Bourne, H. Mar, M. Lopez, J. Kelly,
J. Valdez, A. Solis, M. Zamatti

Lectors: T. Tullius and J. Marty

Altar Servers: A. Shick, E. Shick and N. Stelmashenko

Children's Liturgy: Esperanza and Ben

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Pacas (C),

D. Murphy, B. Pacas, A. Maron, H. Madayag, L. Juvero,
V/L Piccinini, M. Nuti, M. Giusti, L. Sing

Lectors: H. Valle and C. Pisani

Altar Servers: F. Nuti and M. Thompson

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Nnanna/Deacon Duffey

Eucharistic Ministers: Sr. Maureen (C),

M. Santiago, M. Dowden, P. Landholt, G. Landholt,
G. Lynch

Lectors: H. Lowood

Altar Servers: R. Cuddy and K. Uroz

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-July 28th

Readings: Jer 13:1-11 Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday-July 29th

Readings: Jer 14:17-22 Jn 11:19-27

Wednesday-July 30th

Readings: Jer 15:10,16-21 Mt 13:44-46

Thursday-July 31st

Readings: Jer 18:1-6 Mt 13:47-53

Friday-August 1st

Readings: Jer 26:1-9 Mt 13:54-58

Saturday-August 2nd

Readings: Jer 26:11-16,24 Mt 14:1-12

Sunday-August 3rd

Readings: Is 55:1-3 Rom 8:35,37-39 Mt 14:13-21

Living the Liturgy

The People of Iraq

As our bishops have reminded us in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, "In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation." (no. 13) With more and more discussion about troop withdrawal from Iraq (and possibly redeployment into Afghanistan), it is easy to lose track of the fate of the ordinary citizens there.

Since 2003, an estimated 4 million Iraqis have fled to Syria, Jordan and Iran, including many Chaldean Catholics and other religious minorities. Among those fleeing are some 110,000 who have worked with our troops as translators, drivers, cooks, and mechanics and who are especially in danger since they are viewed as collaborators by the insurgents. Roughly half of the Christian population has fled their homes to other parts of Iraq or neighboring countries. The economic, social and cultural impact on these countries has been overwhelming; both Syria and Jordan have spent \$1 billion trying to meet their needs. Immigrants are not allowed to work in their temporary homelands and whatever resources they may have brought with them - money, clothing, essential supplies - have long since been spent. In addition, 2.7 million Iraqis are internally displaced persons, or IDPs, who have been driven out of their previously integrated Shiite/Sunni neighborhoods by insurgent violence.

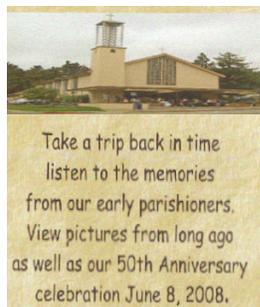
Our administration has provided \$191 million in humanitarian aid to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees for Iraqis both inside and outside the country. Since mid-2007, a mere 3,040 Iraqi refugees have arrived in the United States, according to James Foley of the State Department. As many as 5,500 could be processed by the end of March and 8,000 more by the end of June. Considering the great number of refugees at risk of death, Congressmen Hastings, Shays and 9 others introduced a bill, H.R. 6496, which authorizes multi-year funding to increase refugee resettlement, address immediate humanitarian needs with a comprehensive regional strategy to assist host countries, and help IDPs and other vulnerable populations. If you'd like to help these innocent Iraqi refugees in great need, please contact our senators and congresspersons to support this bill.

As Catholics, we can be proud of the efforts of Caritas Internationalis, the international arm of Catholic Charities, which has been working diligently inside Iraq. Catholic Relief Services and the Migration and Refugee Services of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops are working with local dioceses to help resettle Iraqi refugees and persistently lobbying to increase their number.

Let us remember the refugees, as well as our troops and their families, in our daily prayers. May God bless all who suffer in our broken world and may we support them by our compassion and concern.

Peace, S. Sheral

**Now available
St. Robert's DVD**



This DVD is now available for purchase at the rectory Monday through Friday From 9a.m. to noon. Purchase price is \$5.00.

AIDS LUNCH-August 13th-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 **August 13th**. Please pack the items in a non-returnable container. Frozen items *are ok!*



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Saturday, July 19th twenty boys and girls had the opportunity to be part of the Mervyns (Back to School Spree) during which time, before regular store hours, the children are able to buy \$100 of discounted clothes. Each child is allowed to enter the store with a chaperon who assists them with the shopping. This year the chaperons were: Pat Davini, Sandy Mangold, Liz Cesca, Nancy McMahon, Maria Canjura, Dolores Moynihan, Jean and Don Bisagno, Terry Campbell, Mary Pleas, Rena Fenech, Loretta Root, Marie and Carlo Noce, Yvonne Pierik, Joan King, Frances Gilfillan, Carmen and Gerry Huddleston and Pat Daansen.

Thank you so much for giving up your morning to help with this worthy cause.

Bruce Chester

President

Society of St. Vincent de Paul



SCRIP

Shop Safeway during August 6th thru September 9th using your registered Safeway Club Card. Purchase products with the yellow school bus and St. Robert's school will receive 10% of your purchase price. If not registered with eScrip, shop from September 12th

thru October 13th and turn your receipt in to the Rectory or School.

Call Chris Peterson if you have any questions at (650) 827-1748.



Here's the 2008 Centerplate Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Leave SR	Game Time
Monday	July 28 th	49er Training Camp	1:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	July 30 th	49er Training Camp	1:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Friday	August 1 st	49er Training Camp	6:45 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Friday	August 1 st	49er Training Camp	1:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Saturday	August 2 nd	49er Training Camp	6:45 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Sunday	August 3 rd	49er Training Camp	1:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	August 6 th	49er Training Camp	6:45 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Wednesday	August 6 th	49er Training Camp	1:30 p.m.	3:00 p.m.
Sunday	August 10 th	49er Training Camp	1:30 p.m.	3:00 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.
Saturday	August 16 th	49ers vs Packers	1:30 p.m.	6:00 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.
Friday	August 29 th	49ers vs Chargers	2:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
Sunday	Sept 7 th	49ers vs Arizona	7:15 a.m.	1:15 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.
Sunday	October 5 th	49ers vs Patriots	8:15 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Sunday	October 12 th	49ers vs Eagles	8:15 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Sunday	October 26 th	49ers vs Seattle	8:15 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
Sunday	November 16 th	49ers vs Rams	8:15 a.m.	1:05 p.m.
Sunday	December 7 th	49ers vs Jets	8:15 a.m.	1:05 p.m.
Sunday	December 28 th	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: _____

Sign up on-line at www.saintroberts.org. Click on the Centerplate button

**As of July 21st,
we have received \$26,779.25
This amount includes commission and tips.
Thanks to the many people
who have volunteered.**