



BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY
enjoy the festival entertainment all weekend long.
With rides and games for the kids.

It all begins on NEXT Friday night,
September 19th from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.
The Friday night Ice Cream Social is the best!!!!

Saturday, September 20th from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m.
*Oh, you just have to be there for the
Saturday night sit down dinner!!!!*

Sunday, September 21st from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
raffle drawing and bingo on Sunday!!!!
Be there and hear your name called when you win!!!!

Dear Parishioners,

Sunday's gospel refers to Jesus' crucifixion as a "lifting up." "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself. He said this to show by what death he was to die."

The cross, an instrument of state execution, symbolizes our Christian faith that Jesus' death and resurrection opens to us a new life.

The wood of the cross symbolizes our salvation. In Jesus, God becomes one of us and by his incarnation unites himself with every human. "He worked with human hands, thought with a human mind, acted with a human will, and loved with a human heart."

Minnie Jensen, a friend, died at 50, having battled cancer for almost 20 of her years, including a radiation burn from early treatment that never healed. She married at 16 without finishing high school. The youngest of her six children was two when she first had surgery for breast cancer. Wanting to see her children grow up kept Minnie struggling to live. Minnie came from a singing family and usually instigated the singing at parties, funerals, and weddings. For her own funeral, she chose hymns whose lyrics she had lived and that expressed her understanding of her life. At the wake, her youngest daughter sang "Love Lifted Me." "When I was down and out, love lifted me." Minnie found in the last line of the chorus a statement that made sense of her suffering. "I'll turn in my cross for a crown." Her songs trace how she identified her suffering with Jesus' suffering in firm Christian hope that resurrection follows. Jesus saves us by showing us how to love one another. We can listen to one another's stories, share another's hurt, and lift one another's spirits. The risen Jesus lives and saves us in our love for one another.

**God Bless,
Deacon John**

NOW AVAILABLE ST. ROBERT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY DVD

This DVD is now available for purchase
at the rectory.

Monday thru Friday
Purchase price is \$5.00

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday-September 15th

Mass Intention 6:30 Filip & Kristina Viducic †
8:30 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas
Beirne †

Tuesday-September 16th

Mass Intention 6:30 Slavko & Marie Viducic †
8:30 Patrick O'Brien †

Adult Religious Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Rel Ed/Gr 1-5 3:30pm Church & Hall
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library

Wednesday-September 17th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service
8:30 Kevin McKenna †
9:30am Mass Choir 7pm Church

Thursday-September 18th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service
8:30 John & Amelia
Rudometkin †
Festival Set-Up 3pm Parish
RCIA 7pm Convent Chapel
School Board Mtg 7pm Mahoney Room

Friday-September 19th

Mass Intention 6:30 Oscar & Armida Moniri †
8:30 Carmella Miller †
PARISH FESTIVAL

Saturday-September 20th

Mass Intention 8:30 Brescita Negrido †
4:30 Blanche Lagomarsino †
AA meeting 10am Mahoney Room
PARISH FESTIVAL

Sunday-September 21st

Mass Intention 7:30 John Mocolin †
9:30 Josphine Medrano †
11:30 Bob Bordin †
5pm People of St. Robert's
PARISH FESTIVAL

MARRIAGE IS A JOURNEY!!

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship. Call Paul and Yvonne at (650) 366-7093. Next scheduled weekend is November 7-9 in San Mateo.



As a Parish Community we pray ...
For God's holy people. May we become a sign of Jesus' loving presence in the world.



WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Robert Oscar Perezcassar

Reese Carolyn Larson

Kayque Wllysses Paixao Amaral-Carneiro

Anna Carolina Paixao Amaral-Carneiro

Our sincere sympathy to the families of
 Michael Rodriguez and Julianne Phillips
 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
 Steven Morena



WEDNESDAY EVENING SCRIPTURE STUDY will resume THIS Wednesday, **September 17th** at 7:30 p.m. in the Convent Chapel. Our study will be an overview of the four gospels. *All are welcome!!!*

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!**



Like to Sing? Then We Need You!

The Adult Choir singing at the 9:30 mass is ready to begin a new year raising their voices in praise. We are seeking new members to come join us. You don't need

to be a 'professional' singer, but simply someone who enjoys singing and has a willingness to praise God in song. Rehearsals are every Wednesday from 7 PM to 8:30 PM. We are going to be rehearsing music for Advent and Christmas soon, and would love to invite new members to help us make these seasons truly joyous!

On Sunday, we gather at 9 AM to warm-up prior to the 9:30 mass. Although we would welcome you to join us throughout the year, if you can not make that commitment, we would be happy for you to sing for Nov. and Dec. in preparation for Christmas. We are going to be planning a midnight mass with some beautiful and festive music. We are also going to be joining with St. Matthew's Church in presenting a choral concert on Nov. 9th. Those of you who came to the concert last year know the beautiful choral and solo music that was performed. Those interested in singing for this event are welcome. There will be rehearsals on Sunday afternoons in late September and October from 2 - 3 PM. There will be more details about this concert in the near future.

I would also like to invite any of our congregation who play instruments to come join us. We are always looking for instrumentalists to help in accompanying the choir. There will be opportunities for the Christmas liturgies as well as Sunday masses throughout the year.

For more information, or to join us contact Kevin Imbimbo at 873-4480, or just come by the organ and see me after Mass.

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to Sept. 7th (goal)	100,500.00
July 1st to Sept. 7th (actual)	98,873.40
7/1/08-6/30/09 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 9/07)	10,029.54

Thank you for your generous donation of \$2,432.16 to our School, CCD and Confirmation Programs.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 9/2/08 **341 Families** have pledged
\$80,055.10.

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/Sep 20 & 21

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell & Deacon Meyer
Eucharistic Ministers: NOT AVAILABLE
Lectors: C. Clarke and C. Aveson
Altar Servers: M. Murphy and M. Fogelsong

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring
Eucharistic Ministers: NOT AVAILABLE
Lectors: S. Heaney and P. Lustic
Altar Servers: A. and L. Clifford

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier
Eucharistic Ministers: NOT AVAILABLE
Lectors: S. Bendick and T. Tullius
Altar Servers: N. Jauregui, N. Barbieri and K. Uroz
Children's Liturgy: Esperanza & Nubia and Bob & Karen

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring
Eucharistic Ministers: NOT AVAILABLE
Lectors: M. Cadiz and F. Firpo
Altar Servers: F. Abellana and Dharmadi

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell & Deacon Meyer
Eucharistic Ministers: NOT AVAILABLE
Lector: L. Avila and J. Marty
Altar Servers: R. Cuddy and E. Wright

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-September 15th

Readings: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 Jn 19:25-27

Tuesday-September 16th

Readings: 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31 Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday-September 17th

Readings: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 Lk 7:31-35

Thursday-September 18th

Readings: 1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 7:36-50

Friday-September 19th

Readings: 1 Cor 15:12-20 Le 8:1-3

Saturday-September 20th

Readings: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49 Lk 8:4-15

Sunday-September 21st

Readings: Is 55:6-9 Phil 1:20c-24,27a Mt 20:1-16a

Living the Liturgy

Exaltation of the Cross

The cross is such a mixed blessing for us, as Fr. Bruce shared with the little ones recently. It was a disgraceful instrument of death, reserved for only the worst criminals. Yet for us who believe, it is the symbol of a love which knows no bounds. The reading from Philippians reminds us that Jesus "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness...he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, death on a cross." What a great act of trust in his Father!

Sometimes, we forget that Jesus, though he was the Son of God, faced death as a human being with the same thoughts and fears as we have. Perhaps, he wondered if he had done everything his Father wanted him to do. Perhaps, he was concerned about whether the disciples – motley crew that they were – would be able to carry on his mission of proclaiming the good news of the kingdom. Since he had probably seen other executions, he may have prayed that he would have the courage to go through such a horrendous death for the life of the world. We need to lean on our faith and Jesus' example as we struggle with our own impending death or the death of those we love. Nothing is in vain. As Jesus' suffering and dying brought life to the world, all the suffering and dying that seems so pointless to us is taken up, made holy and fruitful in the suffering and dying of Jesus. May we strengthen each other with our faith that new life will come! Peace, S. Sheral

Register to Vote

Our bishops have reminded us that it is our duty as faithful citizens to vote. If you have changed your party affiliation or name, moved, turned 18 or never registered before, you need to register. More information and forms are in the vestibule of the church.

Parish Youth Choir

All children from 3rd grade up are invited to join our youth choir! Rehearsals have just begun with our new choir director, Robin Hansen. They take place Thursdays from 3:10 to 4 pm in the church. The choir will be singing the fourth Sunday of the month at the 9:30 am Mass and for school Masses. For more information, please contact Robin at 650-278-2707 or e-mail her at joyfulvoice@sbcglobal.net. She has many years of experience working with children and is eager to work with our parish children!



HIGH ROLLER TICKETS

Only 10 left!

Call Steve Belluomini 553-9655 or Jim Brown at 588-9797.
Drawing to be held on Sunday, September 21st at 5 p.m.



CONGRATULATIONS



Joyce/Joe Welch
Winners of
the Early Bird Raffle

Consolation Ministry - Saint Robert's Grief Support Group will hold their next meeting on **September 27th** in the Convent Chapel from 3p.m. to 4:15 p.m. (before the 4:30 p.m. Mass). Anyone who is suffering from the loss, whether (recent or not so recent) 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 you in your sorrow. *Sister Patricia* 589-0104.

School News

MY SCHOOL'S COOL FUNDRAISER

This fundraiser has begun
(August 1st thru May 30, 2009)
Shop anywhere at the Tanforan Mall,
save your receipts & Century ticket stubs.
Deposit them at SR Locker
(located by Sears)
or
drop them off at the Rectory/School
Points = Dollars for St. Robert's
Questions, call Chris Peterson at 650-827-1748



2008 Centerplate Schedule

Full	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	8:00 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
___	Sunday	October 12 th	49ers vs Eagles	8:00 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
___	Sunday	October 26 th	49ers vs Seattle	8:00 a.m.	1:15 p.m.
___	Sunday	November 16 th	49ers vs Rams	8:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.
___	Sunday	December 7 th	49ers vs Jets	8:00 a.m.	1:05 p.m.
___	Sunday	December 28 th	49ers vs Redskins	8:00 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).

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

**As of September 8th
we have received \$35,509.36
This amount includes commission and tips.
Thanks to the many people
who have volunteered.**