

# Festival Weekend



**BRING YOUR FRIENDS  
AND FAMILY**  
*rides and games for the kids!!*



**Saturday, until 11 p.m.**  
**and**  
**Sunday, 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**With raffle drawing  
and bingo!!!!**

*Be there and hear your name called  
when you win!!!!*



## **Festival Memories**

*By Peg Ritner*

The very first festival at St. Roberts Church was held in the school yard. I had meetings at my house to discuss festival plans and everyone in the parish was involved.

I had Nellies Attic. Parishioners brought their items to my home and my back yard and garage were loaded with furniture and household items, so much so I couldn't get my car into the garage. In fact, it looked just like a garage sale, of course there were no garage sales in those days. The kids from school painted the furniture and parishioners mended what needed to be fixed.

We carted it all down the hill and the weekend of the festival John Monaghan collected the money every hour and Nellies Attic made \$5,000.

It was a fun and happy time with our St. Roberts friends. So many, gone now but I don't forget.

**Dear Parishioners,**

God's economy is revealed as I reflect on today's readings. Isaiah says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord." As a human race we have discovered many cures or solved many problems. However, why have we had the tendency to believe that we are nearing God's ways when His ways are "as high as the heavens are above the earth." Today, let us take a moment to identify the mysterious ways in which the Lord is truly in our midst and answers our prayers to indicate he is truly near too us and not some distant being who has no effect on our daily movements of life.

It is enough to be called or hired by God to work in His vineyard. We forget the honor we have been bestowed when we are baptized in God's family and place of evangelization. We complain when confronted with what appears to be inequality. God's offer of eternal salvation is abundant and is not to be measured in terms of worldly stakes. We live with in the midst of mystery. This is the foundation of our faith. If every phenomenon could be explained in terms of mathematics why would God, send his only Son, Jesus, to be a model of discipleship.

The Gospel is a challenging message because it challenges our conception of just pay for just work. In this parable we are forced to ponder God's generous offer of eternal life disregarding when the offer is accepted. We who are fortunate to recognize that we have been "hired" in the building of God's kingdom should not "grumble" at the inequality of receiving God's daily just wage. We should examine our feelings for injustice and discern the message of God's unnatural order of seeking those who have not acknowledged the call to be "hired" in the later part of the day.

During this weekend, we are blessed to host the annual festival. This festival has been an opportunity to volunteer hours, talents, and skilled work. No time sheets were filled out. Undoubtedly, relationships were rekindled and new ones were established. It was simply a work of love and labor so that our community has the opportunity to have a pre-figuration of God's Kingdom.

God Bless,

**Seminarian Hansel**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday-September 22nd

|                                  |               |                     |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Mass Intention                   | 6:30          | Tom Parina †        |
|                                  | 8:30          | Anne Connell †      |
| <b>Festival Cleanup</b>          | <b>9am</b>    | <b>School Yard</b>  |
| <b>Grownups Steering Meeting</b> | <b>7:15pm</b> | <b>Mahoney Room</b> |

### Tuesday-September 23rd

|                           |               |                          |
|---------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Mass Intention            | 6:30          | Eleuterio †              |
|                           | 8:30          | Frances Friedman †       |
| <b>Adult Religious Ed</b> | <b>9:15am</b> | <b>Mary's Chapel</b>     |
| <b>Rel Ed/Gr 1-5</b>      | <b>3:30pm</b> | <b>Church &amp; Hall</b> |
| <b>Legion of Mary</b>     | <b>6:30pm</b> | <b>Library</b>           |

### Wednesday-September 24th

|                          |            |                   |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Mass Intention           | 6:30       | Communion Service |
|                          | 8:30       | Steve Tonegato †  |
| <b>9:30am Mass Choir</b> | <b>7pm</b> | <b>Church</b>     |

### Thursday-September 25th

|                           |            |                       |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| Mass Intention            | 6:30       | Communion Service     |
|                           | 8:30       | Charles Xuereb †      |
| <b>RCIA</b>               | <b>7pm</b> | <b>Convent Chapel</b> |
| <b>Athletic Board Mtg</b> | <b>7pm</b> | <b>Mahoney Room</b>   |

### Friday-September 26th

|                |      |               |
|----------------|------|---------------|
| Mass Intention | 6:30 | Perry Gonis † |
|                | 8:30 | Jack Taheny † |

### Saturday-September 27th

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|--------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Mass Intention           | 8:30          | Dolores Giovannoni †   |
|                          | 4:30          | People of St. Robert's |
| <b>AA meeting</b>        | <b>9:30am</b> | <b>Mahoney Room</b>    |
| <b>Grief Consolation</b> | <b>3pm</b>    | <b>Convent Chapel</b>  |
| <b>Fil/Am Set Up</b>     | <b>3pm</b>    | <b>Hall</b>            |

### Sunday-September 28th

|                           |                |                             |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Mass Intention            | 7:30           | Cora Lee & Steven Olivier † |
|                           | 9:30           | Dorothy Aquilio †           |
|                           | 11:30          | Giarth Klingensmith †       |
|                           | 5pm            | Joan Acton †                |
| <b>Fil/Am San Lorenzo</b> | <b>12:30pm</b> | <b>Hall</b>                 |
| <b>Choir Practice</b>     | <b>2pm</b>     | <b>Church</b>               |

Schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers are also available on the web at [www.saintroberts.org](http://www.saintroberts.org).



**As a Parish Community we pray ...**  
 For Catechists throughout the world, especially those who serve our parish family. May they teach children to be caring, forgiving followers of Christ.



**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 7-8:30 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 to follow.

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.

**WELCOME  
 NEW PARISHIONERS**



**Wilbur & Nancy O & Family**  
**Francisco & Alexandra Bermudez & Family**  
**Jason & Cheryl Totah & Family**  
**Arnold & Claudia Calonje & 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](http://www.saintroberts.org).

**STEWARDSHIP**

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| <b>July 1st to Sept. 14th (goal)</b>   | <b>110,550.00</b> |
| <b>July 1st to Sept. 14th (actual)</b> | <b>107,925.91</b> |
| <b>7/1/08-6/30/09 Weekly Goal</b>      | <b>10,050.00</b>  |
| <b>Collection (actual 9/14)</b>        | <b>8,897.51</b>   |

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

As of 9/16/08 **347 Families** have pledged **\$81,630.10.**

*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.*



Our sincere sympathy to the family of  
 Louis V. Maron  
 who died recently



**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.

# MINISTER SCHEDULE/Sep 27 & 28

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

**Presider: Msgr. Dreier**

**Eucharistic Ministers: D. Bisango (C)**

J. Scannell, C. Holland, Y. Olcomendy, R. Hanley,  
D. Hageman, M. Murphy, A. Ciraulo, T. Dachauer

**Lectors: B. Rudometkin and P. Scannell**

**Altar Servers: D. McElory and K. Ravelo**

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

**Presider: Fr. O'Dell**

**Eucharistic Ministers: M. Noce (C)**

M. Nunnery, J. Jackson, C. Noce, A Doherty

**Lectors: A. Reyes and R. Rolfes**

**Altar Servers: A. Cotroneo and P. Murray**

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

**Presider: Msgr. Dreier**

**Eucharistic Ministers: G. Sinks (C)**

R. Valdez, S. Murray, T. Jones, M. Bourne, H. Mar,  
M. Lopez, J. Kelly, A. Solis

**Lectors: J. Valdez and S. Bendick**

**Altar Servers: M. Tankeh, K. Thompson and A. Bolivar**

**Children's Liturgy: Family Mass**

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

**Presider: Fr. O'Dell**

**Eucharistic Ministers: H. Mantler (C)**

V. Valle, J. Yee, L. Sing, P. Fernandez, M. Fernandez,  
E. Sanchez, D. Murphy, L. Juvero

**Lectors: H. Beck and H. Valle**

**Altar Servers: M. Thompson and F. Noti**

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

**Presider: Fr. Ring**

**Eucharistic Ministers: V. Hawkins (C)**

P. Landholt, G. Landholt, M. Dowden, M. Aberouette,  
G. Lynch, D. Ferris, J. Huddleston, C. Innes

**Lector: G. Jurkowitch and M. Innes**

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

### **WEEKLY READINGS**

#### **Monday-September 22nd**

Readings: Prv 3:27-34 Lk 8:16-18

#### **Tuesday-September 23rd**

Readings: Prv 21:1-6,10-13 Lk 8:19-21

#### **Wednesday-September 24th**

Readings: Prv 30:5-9 Lk 9:1-6

#### **Thursday-September 25th**

Readings: Eccl 1:2-11 Lk 9:7-9

#### **Friday-September 26th**

Readings: Eccl 3:1-11 Lk 9:18-22

#### **Saturday-September 27th**

Readings: Eccl 11:9-12:8 Lk 9:43-45

#### **Sunday-September 28th**

Readings: Ez 18:25-28 Phil 2:1-11 Mt 21:28-32

# Living the Liturgy

## Our Generous God

The Isaiah reading and the gospel passage today remind us that God is not like ourselves. Luckily for us, God is "generous and forgiving" and his ways are not our ways! We are **always** invited to seek God and we **always** can turn back to God and know we will be welcomed. We do have a role to play, though, since most people will encounter God – or not – through other people. Is there someone among our family, workplace colleagues or neighbors who might be happy to hear that he or she would be welcome to resume their practice of coming to Church? When Fr. Emmanuel was here, he said that many Nigerians believe that once you've "left" the Church you can never come back. He is writing a book debunking that misconception. Might we invite someone who "used to be Catholic" to accompany us to church?

## Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

I'm on the Archdiocesan Priests' Council committee to help people reflect on the bishops' document "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship." We have arranged for informative sessions to take place in the three counties of the archdiocese so that we Catholics can approach this most important election with clarity about our Church's social teaching. Our Church leaders will not and cannot tell people how to vote, but they do have an obligation to remind us of the moral framework which should guide our decisions. Sessions will take place at 7 pm next Wednesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> at St. Bartholomew Parish, 300 Alameda de las Pulgas (at Crystal Springs) in San Mateo; on Thursday the 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Sebastian Parish, 373 Bon Air Rd. (at Sir Francis Drake), Kentfield; and on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> at Holy Name Parish, 1555 39<sup>th</sup> Ave. (at Lawton), San Francisco. Joan Rosenhauer who helped write the document, will be present and there will be a panel discussion of questions raised by the audience. A summary of the document will be included as a flier in next week's bulletin. Please be sure to read it since it will be helpful as you sort through the election-related deluge of information and misinformation.

## Eucharistic Ministers

Thank you to the 42 of you who came last Saturday! If you were unable to participate in that session, please mark your calendar for Tuesday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. We'll meet in the church, pray together, go over some new procedures and discuss any questions you may have. I really need to talk with **each of you**, so if you can't make the 30<sup>th</sup>, **PLEASE** call me at the rectory or send me an e-mail at [srsheral@saintroberts.org](mailto:srsheral@saintroberts.org), so we can set up a different time to meet. **Thank you. S. Sheral**

## SAN LORENZO RUIZ September 28th

The Fil-Am Group will sponsor the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila to be held on September 28th at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. A reception will follow immediately at the Hennessy Hall after the Mass. Everyone is invited.

Novena prayer of nine days at the host's home starts on September 18-26. For those who are interested to attend the Novena please contact Dada Gallagher at 871-9063 or Rose Jardin at 588-3136.



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS- Saturday, October 4th

St. Robert's church will be celebrating the Feast of St. Francis with the annual " Blessings of the Animals" on **Saturday, October**

**4th.** Bring all your pets regardless of size or shape to the parking lot at 11 a.m. Deacon Duffey will bless each animal and even give some a hug, (maybe). So please join us as we pray, sing and ask God to bless the little creatures that we so love. *Refreshments will be served.*

**The Children's Liturgy Team**



## Blood Drive Sunday coming soon.

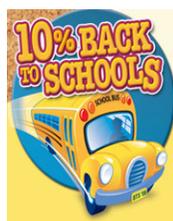
Blood Centers of the Pacific will once again visit here on **Sunday, October 5th**, from 8am to 1:30pm. Please mark your calendar.

## School News

### MY SCHOOL'S COOL FUNDRAISER

This fundraiser began August 1, 2008\*\* and will continue until May 30, 2009. **Shop anywhere** at the Tanforan Mall Food Court, Century ticket stubs and concession at theatre. Save your receipts and 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

*\*\*We will still accept receipts back as far as the August 1st date.*



### BUY SCRIP NOW thru October 13th

if you are not Registered with eScrip, and you shop at Safeway please turn in your receipts to the Rectory or School. Call Chris Peterson if you have any questions at (650) 827-1748.

## La Misma Luna

This Tuesday, at 9:15 am in Mary's Chapel, our adult education group is going to watch "La Misma Luna," a wonderful film which puts a face on the issue of immigration. It is in Spanish with English subtitles.

**Everyone is welcome.**



## 2008 Centerplate Schedule

|               |                           |                   |           |           |
|---------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Full Friday   | Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>     | Dodgers           | 3:00 p.m. | 7:15 p.m. |
| Full Saturday | Sept 27 <sup>th</sup>     | Dodgers           | 2:00 p.m. | 6:05 p.m. |
| ____ Sunday   | October 5 <sup>th</sup>   | 49ers vs Patriots | 8:00 a.m. | 1:15 p.m. |
| ____ Sunday   | October 12 <sup>th</sup>  | 49ers vs Eagles   | 8:00 a.m. | 1:15 p.m. |
| ____ Sunday   | October 26 <sup>th</sup>  | 49ers vs Seattle  | 8:00 a.m. | 1:15 p.m. |
| ____ Sunday   | November 16 <sup>th</sup> | 49ers vs Rams     | 8:00 a.m. | 1:05 p.m. |
| ____ Sunday   | December 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 49ers vs Jets     | 8:00 a.m. | 1:05 p.m. |
| ____ Sunday   | December 28 <sup>th</sup> | 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](http://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.**