

Saint Robert's Church



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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. Please contact the rectory to 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 (Saturday)

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

Holy Days: Please consult weekly bulletin.

Weekdays: Masses are on Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 6:30 a.m. and Monday through Saturday at 8:30 a.m. *Communion Services* are held Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

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

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

Dear Friends:

It is much too chilly to sit outside on our deck, so today we have tea-time in our living room, where we examine the readings for this Second Sunday of Lent and talk about what they mean to us.

In the First Reading from the Book of Genesis, God asks Abraham to take the life of His son, Isaac. It is impossible for either of us to imagine how this father feels when he hears that God wants him to offer his only son up as a holocaust? What would we do should God request us to perform such an agonizing task? We decide that we have to do whatever God asks of us, no matter how difficult it may be, trusting in His mercy, compassion and love. As in Abraham's case, we believe God would tell us to stop before we could do such a terrible thing.

The above scene is fore-shadowing of what is spoken of in the Second Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans: **"If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but handed Him over for us all, how will He not also give us everything else along with Him?"** God, Our Father, loves us so much that He asked Jesus to die for us on the cross. Jesus loves us so much that He did not hesitate, but said **"Yes"**.

In the Gospel Reading from Mark, we envision **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST**, which took place six days after He told His disciples He was about to suffer greatly and die. Jesus knew it would not be easy to follow a crucified Messiah; to share in His fate and walk in His footsteps to the Hill of Calvary. Each of us has our own personal cross to carry. It might be the illness of pain we or a loved one is experiencing. There are times when the cross is all that we can see. Jesus knows how difficult it is to follow His path. This is why He took three of His closest friends with Him to the mountaintop to give them a glimpse of the victory that is on the other side of the cross. God, Our Father, proclaims: **"This is My Beloved Son. Listen to Him"**. He tells us who Jesus is and what we must do to share eternal glory with Him.

The mountaintops of our lives, which we experience Jesus' presence and feel spiritually on fire, are wondrous times; but where we need Jesus most is in our valleys of doubt and unbelief. Together we pray: **"Lord, please be with us now"**. We listen closely and hear Jesus say to each of us: **"I am with you always...I have called you by name...You are Mine and I love you."**

**May God bless you today and always,
Gene & Anna May**

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday-March 9th

Mass Intention	6:30	Carla Cukar †
	8:30	Dr. Stephen Krause †
Passion Play Reh	7pm	Church
St. Vincent de Paul	7pm	Mahoney Room

Tuesday-March 10th

Mass Intention	6:30	Peter Pardini †
	8:30	John P. Murphy †
Religious Ed/Gr1-5	3:30pm	Church & Hall
Rel Ed/Jr. High	6pm	Hall
Legion of Mary	6:30pm	Library

Wednesday-March 11th

Mass Intention	6:30	Communion Service
	8:30	Mike Post †
Choir Practice	7pm	Church
Scripture Study	7:30pm	Convent Chapel

Thursday-March 12th

Mass Intention	6:30	Communion Service
	8:30	Charles & Rita Agius †
Children's Choir	3pm	Church
RCIA	7pm	Convent Chapel

Friday-March 13th

Mass Intention	6:30	Carmen Borg †
	8:30	Michael David Yanke †
Stations of the Cross	6pm	Church
Lenten Soup Supper	6:30pm	Hall

Saturday-March 14th

Mass Intention	8:30	Michael Bezzina †
	4:30	Joseph Berni †
AA Meeting	10am	Mahoney Room
Grief/Consolation		
Support Meeting	3pm	Convent Chapel

Sunday-March 15th

Mass Intention	7:30	Maria Emilio †
	9:30	James Halpin †
	11:30	People of St. Robert's
	5pm	Orlina Miron †
Passion Play Reh	7pm	Church

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.





As a Parish Community we pray ... that leaders of nations will find peaceful and just solutions to the problems in the Middle East...may our armed forces serving there be kept safe from all harm.

**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Lana Rae Daggett
James Valentino Maza
Sean Frederick Simmons



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
AND SOUP SUPPERS**

All are invited to our Church for Stations at 6 pm each Friday during Lent. After this time of reflection and prayer, we will go to Hennessy Hall to share a sacrificial meal of soup, salad, bread and fruit. We ask that you give what you would have spent on your Friday dinner to our St. Vincent de Paul Society, who will use it to provide food for our sisters and brothers in need. There will be a basket for your donation on the serving table. This is an opportunity for us to pray together and to get to know one another.



On Friday, March 13th,
*Father Paul will lead the Stations.
The Grownups and Children's Liturgy
will host the supper.*



Our sincere sympathy to the families of
Mary Maniscalco and Lorayne Salvo
who died recently.



AIDS LUNCH -March 11th



The second Wednesday of the month is our donation day. This month it is Wednesday, March 11th. If you can help by providing your favorite dish for up to 12 people that would be great. Please use a non-returnable container and leave in the little church room in the vestibule of the Church by 9:30am. Frozen items are acceptable.

Thank you for your continued assistance.

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 kathywithak2@yahoo.com. - ***Thank you!***

Consolation Ministry - Saint Robert's Grief Support Group will hold their next meeting on **March 14th** in the Convent Chapel from 3 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.

STEWARDSHIP

**THIS WEEK'S
2nd COLLECTION IS FOR
CATHOLIC CHARITIES.**

July 1st to March 1st (goal)	351,750.00
July 1st to March 1st (actual)	352,880.09
7/1/08-6/30/09 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 3/01)	11,265.19

Thank you for your generous donation of **\$2,879.86** for our School, CCD and Confirmation Programs.

2009 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 3/3/09 **125 families** have pledged
\$37,745.00.

Our goal this year is \$98,400
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/March 14 & 15

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring
Eucharistic Ministers: C. Holland (C)
J. Scannell, K. Hornung, A. Ciraulo, D. Hageman,
R. Hanley, R. Aveson, J. Waldvogel, B. Moniz
Lectors: P. Scannell and C. Aveson
Altar Servers: T. Lesser and M. Lara

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell
Eucharistic Ministers: B. Mullins (C)
T. Montross, R. Lahoz, B. Albright, F. Reyes
Lectors: R. Rofles and P. Lustic
Altar Servers: A. Cotroneo and B. Cronin

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. O'Dell/Deacon Duffey
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Valdez (C)
L. Cesca, S. Murray, J. Valdez, L. Rodriguez,
M. Bologna, H. Mar. J. Sexton, M. Blumenthal
Lectors: D. Rollins and T. Tullius
Altar Servers: N. Jauregui, N. Barbieri and K. Uroz
Children's Liturgy: Michelle and Bob & Karen

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring
Eucharistic Ministers: C. Pacas (C)
B. Pacas, C. Morgan, M. Nuti, D. Muprhy, V/L Picinini,
A. Maron, P. Fernandez, M. Fernandez
Lectors: C. Maron and D. Maron
Altar Servers: F. Nuti and C. McCann

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier
Eucharistic Ministers: T. Estelita (C)
M. Santiago, M. Elmore, M. Salvato, M. Aberouette,
C. Innes, P. Landholt, G. Landholt, M. Dowden
Lectors: M. Estelita and G. Jurkowich
Altar Servers: T. Lopez and S. Delucchi

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-March 9th

Readings: Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday-March 10th

Readings: Is 1:10,16-20 Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday-March 11th

Readings: Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28

Thursday-March 12th

Readings: Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31

Friday-March 13th

Readings: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a Mt 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday-March 14th

Readings: Mi 7:14-15,18-20 Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Sunday-March 15th

Readings: Ex 20:1-17 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

2009 Centerplate Baseball Schedule



<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Game Time</u>	<u>Lv. St Roberts</u>
_____ Tuesday	April 7	Milwaukee	1:05 p.m.	7:45 a.m.
_____ Wednesday	April 8	Milwaukee	7:15 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
_____ Friday	April 17	Arizona	7:15 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
_____ Saturday	April 18	Arizona	1:05 p.m.	8:45 a.m.
_____ Wednesday	April 22	San Diego	12:45 p.m.	8:45 a.m.
_____ Monday	April 27	Dodgers	7:15 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
_____ Tuesday	April 28	Dodgers	7:15 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
_____ Wednesday	April 29	Dodgers	7:15 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
_____ Wednesday	May 13	Washington	12:45 p.m.	8:45 a.m.
_____ Friday	May 15	NY Mets	7:15 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
_____ Saturday	May 16	NY Mets	1:05 p.m.	8:45 p.m.
_____ Friday	May 29	St Louis	7:15 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
_____ Saturday	May 30	St Louis	6:05 p.m.	1:45 p.m.
_____ Friday	June 12	Oakland	7:15 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
_____ Saturday	June 13	Oakland	7:05 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
_____ Sunday	June 14	Oakland	1:05 p.m.	8:45 a.m.
_____ Wednesday	June 17	Angels	12:45 p.m.	8:45 a.m.
_____ Friday	June 19	Texas	7:15 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
_____ Saturday	June 20	Texas	6:05 p.m.	1:45 p.m.
_____ Friday	July 3	Houston	7:15 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
_____ Wednesday	July 8	Florida	12:45 p.m.	8:45 a.m.
_____ Friday	July 10	San Diego	7:15 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
_____ Saturday	July 11	San Diego	6:05 p.m.	1:45 p.m.
_____ Wednesday	July 29	Pittsburgh	12:45 p.m.	8:45 p.m.
_____ Monday	August 10	Dodgers	7:15 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
_____ Tuesday	August 11	Dodgers	7:15 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
_____ Wednesday	August 12	Dodgers	12:45 p.m.	8:45 a.m.
_____ Wednesday	Sept. 9	San Diego	12:45 p.m.	8:45 p.m.
_____ Friday	Sept. 11	Dodgers	7:15 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
_____ Saturday	Sept. 26	Cubs	6:05 p.m.	1:45 p.m.
_____ Wednesday	October 1	Arizona	12:45 p.m.	8:45 a.m.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Centerplate Uniform: Full length black pants (no jeans or spandex etc), white shirt with collar, comfortable closed toe and heel shoes.

Sign up on-line at saintroberts.org and click on the Centerplate button

Living the Liturgy

Abraham and Isaac

I really dislike today's first reading. With greater awareness of child abuse in the Church and society, it seems to be the last thing we need to hear. But every commentary insists that the point of the passage is Abraham's total faith in God. God had made a covenant, promising descendents as numerous as the sands and here God seems to ask him to destroy the beloved son through whom that would happen. As Jude Siliciano, OP puts it, "One of the questions put to the community in this story: Is God trustworthy when there is not concrete evidence to prove it and when any sign of reassurance we thought we had is taken away?" Abraham is called our Father in the Faith because of this almost unbelievable trust. Paul echoes this trust in his question: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Jesus dies near this place of testing and shows the same unshakeable trust: his life and death are not in vain; his Father will raise him from a shameful death to the glory shown in the transfiguration. When a friend's faith feels weak, may the Spirit strengthen us to be a wise support. And when our own faith feels weak, may the Spirit grant us the humility to lean on the community.

Peace, S. Sheral

International Women's Day

Though we don't celebrate it the way many countries do, today is International Women's Day. Our Play Pump efforts will relieve girls and women in one village in Malawi from the drudgery of carrying 5 gallon/ 40 pound buckets of water and enable them to attend school or do household tasks. Log on to www.playpumps.org for more information. Please put your check, made out to St. Robert's Church, in the envelop provided and place it in any collection. At the end of Lent, we'll send in one check. We're at \$3805 towards the \$14,000 to provide the whole system. Thank you.

Since all of us either are women or have beloved women in our lives, I want to share some statistics on women's place in the world. Though women produce half of the world's food, they own just 1% of its farmland. Of the 867 million illiterate adults in the world, two-thirds are women. On average, women represent a mere 10% of all elected legislators worldwide. (We have 17% women in both the Senate and the House.) 80% of the world's refugees and displaced people are women and girls. An increase of one year in the average education of a nation's women creates a 5% to 10% decrease in that country's child mortality rates. (United Nations statistics in Women Empowered by Phil Borges).

The Gospel according to Mark

"The Gospel of Mark," a video by Fr. Michael Himes, will be the focus of the adult religious education group this Tuesday at 9:15 am in Mary's Chapel. You're welcome to join us.



"Women's Guild Meeting
come join us for BINGO and Nominations for next year's Women's Guild Board."

Thursday, March 12, 2009 - 6:30p.m.

Hennessey Hall

email srwomensguild@yahoo.com or

Call Tina Cava at 650-871-8009

Mater Dolorosa Community Presents:

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Saturday, March 14th at 7:30 p.m.

You are invited to a spectacular and dramatic presentation of scripture, light and movement when Michael Reardon and Patrick Lane bring

"THE GOSPEL OF MARK"

to our parish community.

This is a profoundly moving and totally captivating work of faith, making the scripture come alive in a fresh way, with music, lighting and costuming, and proclaimed in the oral tradition of the early Church.

We **read** the scripture. We **hear** the scripture.

This is an event to **experience** a contemporary translation of scripture in a new and fresh way.

SCHOOL



INFORMATION

SCRIP SALE AFTER MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

St. Robert's School

will be selling scrip and scrip gift cards
after every mass next weekend.

MY SCHOOL'S COOL FUNDRAISER

This fundraiser continues until May 15, 2009. **Shop anywhere** which includes Penneys, Sears and Target at the Tanforan Mall, Food Court, Century ticket stubs and concession at the theatre. Save your receipts and deposit them at SR Locker (located by Sears) or drop them off at the Rectory/School Dollars= Points for St. Robert's. Questions, call Chris Peterson at 650-827-1748.

****We will still accept receipts back as far as the August 1, 2008.**