

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,
 Today Jesus reminds us:
 I am the good shepherd,
 and I know mine
 and mine know me.



JOHN 10:14

This weekend we had the opportunity as a parish to share in a wonderful experience. Close to 90 of our children in Religious Ed and School programs shared in the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time! Their joy in receiving Jesus was a wonderful thing to see. Families gathered to celebrate and we as a parish should welcome them as they join us in our weekly celebration of the greatest gift we receive in our faith – Jesus with us!

“May is Mary’s Month.” I remember this phrase from my childhood and it is still important today. We have an opportunity this month to share with our children and with each other a unique gift of prayer. Watch as the children crown Mary, and share with them all the wonderful things that Mary can teach us by her example of accepting God’s plan for her life. During the month of May, let’s try to make the time to share in a conversation with Mary. Perhaps we can ask her to teach us to be as accepting of God’s plan for our lives as she was when she said Yes to God’s call. Mary supports us silently everyday as she did for her own Son, Jesus. Let us hold her example close to our hearts and share in her joy at the end of May on the feast of the Visitation. May we be Mary to each other this week, and share her willingness to serve God as we serve each other at home, at work and especially in our families.

God Bless each of you – Joanne Bartolotti

THE WEEK AHEAD

<u>Monday-May 4th</u>		
Mass Intention	6:30	Special Intention
	8:30	Patrocinio C. Limjoco †
Men’s Club Mtg	6:30pm	Hall
<u>Tuesday-May 5th</u>		
Mass Intention	6:30	Justin Orfittelli †
	8:30	John P. Murphy †
Adult Rel Ed	9:15am	Mary’s Chapel
Rel Ed/Gr 1-5	3:30pm	Church & Hall
Rel Ed/Jr. High	6pm	Hall
Legion of Mary	6:30pm	Library
<u>Wednesday-May 6th</u>		
Mass Intention	6:30	Communion Service
	8:30	Rita Fambrini †
Grief Support Mtg	9am	Convent Chapel
Choir Practice	7pm	Church
Scripture Study	7:30pm	Convent Chapel
<u>Thursday-May 7th</u>		
Mass Intention	6:30	Communion Service
	8:30	James Borg †
Children’s Choir	3pm	Church
Women’s Guild Mtg	6:30pm	Hall
RCIA	7pm	Convent Chapel
<u>Friday-May 8th</u>		
Mass Intention	6:30	George Mitchell †
	8:30	Adaline Lagomarsino †
<u>Saturday-May 9th</u>		
Mass Intention	8:30	Jack Renault †
	4:30	All Mothers
AA Meeting	10am	Mahoney Room
Grief Consolation	3pm	Convent Chapel
<u>Sunday-May 10th</u>		
Mass Intention	7:30	All Mothers
	9:30	All Mothers
	11:30	All Mothers
	5:00	All Mothers

LOOKING FOR A MASS

Anytime you are away you can check www.masstimes.org for Mass schedule in other cities.





As a Parish Community we pray for...

The children who have received the body and blood of Christ for the first time. We pray also for their parents and for their teachers. May they always know how very much Jesus loves them.



Our sincere sympathy to the family of



John Paul Marra
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.

**AIDS LUNCH -
May 13th**



The second Wednesday of the month, May 13th, is our donation day. If you can help by providing your favorite dish for up to 12 people that would be great. Please put in 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.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Next Thursday, May 7th, is the 58th annual "National Day of Prayer". Its theme is **"Prayer...America's Hope!"** It is based on Psalm 33:22, which says: *"May Your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in You."* This is an extremely critical time in America's history. From economic pressures, to the ongoing threat of terrorism, to the unraveling of our culture's moral fabric, many people are dealing with a deep sense of uncertainty and apprehension. God hears our prayers and is ready to respond to our cries for help. Please join with millions of other Americans to ask God to guide and protect our country.

STEWARDSHIP

A New Parish Second Collection

Next weekend there will be a new second collection to assist the parish in covering our assessment to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Our assessment must be paid whether or not we reach the goal of our Annual Appeal goal. For the 2008 Annual Appeal we fell almost \$10,000 short of our goal. The parish had to make up this difference from parish funds.

The parish finance committee reviewed the statistics of the campaign. One critical factor was the number of families who participated by making a pledge or a one time gift. Last year only 360 families out of 2221 registered families. This equates to approximately 16% participated in the Archbishop's Appeal.

The parish finance council passed a resolution to institute a quarterly second collection to give the opportunity for more families to participate in the Archbishop's Appeal. This year our assessment is \$98,400. To date we have received pledges and gifts in the amount of \$67,383 from 254 families. Please help us to make our assessment this year.

July 1st to April 26th (goal)	412,050.00
July 1st to April 26th (actual)	437,160.82
7/1/08-6/30/09 Weekly Goal Collection (actual 4/26)	10,050.00 9,231.19

Thank you for your generous donation of **\$2,033.22** to the Black & Indian Home Missions.

2009 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 4/21/09 **254 families** have pledged **\$67,383.00.**

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/May 9 & 10

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Hanley (C)

A. Ciraulo, M. Murphy, R. Aveson, J. Beltrano,
Y. Olcomendy, J. Waldvogel, D. Bisagno, C. Holland

Lectors: J. Cronin and C. Aveson

Altar Servers: L. Balestieri and M. Fogelsong

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Dreier

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Mullins (C)

J. Aldinger, A. Buelow, C. Noce, M. Noce

Lectors: J. Thomson and J. Moresco

Altar Servers: E. Johnston and L. Clifford

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Schaukowitch

Eucharistic Ministers: L. Cesca (C)

L. Quintana, J. Kelly, M.A. Saisi, A. Solis, M. Lopez,
A. Lopez, M. Zamattia, M. Quilici

Lectors: J. Shick and B. Lopez

Altar Servers: F. Blumenthal, V. Sciacqua and C. Lynch

Children's Liturgy: Michael and Gus

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Schaukowitch

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Chester (C)

R. Benavente, M. Nuti, V. Valle, H. Mantler, L. Juvero,
L. Sing, N. Bamba, D. Murphy

Lectors: C. Benavente and M. Benavente

Altar Servers: C. McCann and F. Nuti

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Dowden ©

T. Estelita, C. Lopez, V. Lopez, G. Landholt, P. Landholt,
C. Innes, G. Huddleston, D. Ferris

Lectors: M. Estelita and J. Bartolotti

Altar Servers: R. Cuddy and E. Estelita

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-May 4th

Readings: Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday-May 5th

Readings: Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday-May 6th

Readings: Acts 12:24—13:5a Jn 12:44-50

Thursday-May 7th

Readings: Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20

Friday-May 8th

Readings: Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6

Saturday-May 9th

Readings: Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14

Sunday-May 10th

Readings: Acts 9:26-31 1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8

A LETTER FROM FATHER BRUCE

Dear Friends,

I want to once again thank you for your prayers, support and love. I went almost three weeks without the need for a transfusion. The last time I was in the hospital my doctors tried another medicine which seems to have slowed down the internal bleeding. However, over these past two weeks I have needed four units of blood and two infusions of iron. This past week my doctors decided to restart me on the medicine I had intravenously in the hospital. I will be taking this drug three times a day. If it works, they have a form of the drug which gets administered every twenty eight days. The doctors say that within the next month I will have another scan to look at the tumor in the liver and the blood clot in the portal vein.

I do tire easily and have not been able to do much around the parish except to celebrate Mass and greet people. I would like to thank Father Paul, Father Ring and all the staff for covering for me when, at the last moment, I am unable to do something.

I have spoken to Archbishop Niederauer and Bishop Justice over the past couple of weeks. After a lot of prayer and reflection I have asked them to appoint an administrator to Saint Roberts. I will remain as pastor. The administrator will handle the day to day operations of the parish and will provide another priest to help with funerals and Masses. We have spoken about our parish and the qualities which I feel are necessary for the administrator. The most asked question will be will this person become pastor when I am no longer able to serve in that capacity? Both the Archbishop and Bishop feel that that is not a decision that needs to be made now. The personnel board will be discussing Saint Roberts and making a recommendation to Archbishop Niederauer sometime in the next month.

I am at peace with this decision. It is the right thing for Saint Roberts. Jesus was raised from the dead in order that sin and death may be conquered. I truly trust in God's care for me and in his giving me each day. In a few weeks my classmates and I celebrate thirty-one wonderful years of priestly service. It is a gift for which we are grateful.

May God continue to bless our time together with strong faith and the courage to profess that faith as did the disciples of Jesus throughout the ages.

Father Bruce

Living the Liturgy

The Good Shepherd

This Fourth Sunday of Easter has traditionally been an occasion to talk about vocations and, having been a vocation director for almost half of my ministerial life, I can't pass up the opportunity! Who would you like to see leading our parish community in 10 or 20 years? The shortage of priests is well-known, yet I daresay, not many adults ever ask a son or grandson, nephew or neighbor if he has ever considered becoming a priest. Sisters and brothers are also in short supply; I'm the eleventh youngest in our province, having been in the community for 44 years! We are fortunate, of course, to have two wonderful deacons who serve our parish community in many ways. We are blessed, too, with wonderful lay ministers in Yvonne Olcomendy, Joanne Bartolotti, and all the generous religious education and St. Robert's School teachers, aides, and volunteers, not to mention parishioners who visit the sick, respond to the needs of the poor, organize fundraisers, serve during liturgies, and keep the community spirit alive through the various groups. Undoubtedly, the ranks of lay ministers will continue to grow as more and more people get in touch with their baptismal call to serve, a realization encouraged by Vatican II. And thanks be to God for that!

But do we really WANT religious and priests and deacons for the future? If we do, we need to remember that they will come from families and parishes like our own. We don't grow on trees! Obviously, at this point in the church's life, celibacy is a requirement for priesthood and religious life and that is a major obstacle for some people. If you know someone whom you think MIGHT be interested, why not have him or her talk with one of us on staff? Sometimes, the strange misconceptions young people (and their parents) have would discourage any normal, healthy person from even considering these lifestyles. We will share honestly the joys and challenges of our vocations, so the person can make an informed choice. Peace, S. Sheral

Climate Change

Another way we care for the poor is our concern for creation, since the poor suffer the worst effects of climate change. Pope Benedict XVI has insisted, "Before it is too late, it is necessary to make courageous decisions" to curb climate change. If you go to www.CatholicClimateCovenant.org, you'll see information about the St. Francis Pledge and other resources for awareness and action.

**St. Roberts
Men's Club Meeting**
Monday May 4th
Doors open at 6:00 PM
\$ 20.00 / person
Price includes dinner, drinks and Raffle!
This Month's dinner:
Russ's famous skirt steak fajitas, black beans, rice and mexican salad
RSVP to Tim Fuller at:
tim.fuller@rgcreations.com
(650) 280-9800



WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING AND INSTALLATION DINNER

May 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Come join us celebrate the Installation of the Women's Guild 2009-2010 Board Members. Help us thank the current board for all their hard work and welcome the new board members.

Consolation Ministry - Saint Robert's Grief Support Group will hold their next meeting on **May 9th** 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. *Sister Patricia* 589-0104.

FLORES DE MAYO-Sunday, May 17th

Fil/Am Group of St. Roberts is celebrating Flores de Mayo on Sunday, May 17th at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Children of the Parish are invited for the floral offering and coronation of the Blessed Mother. Reception at Hennessy Hall will immediately follow after the Mass.

PlayPumps

We are reaching our goal of \$14,000 little by little! As of Wednesday, we are at \$11,993 for the Play-Pump system to bring clean water, better health and a chance for girl children to attend school instead of lugging polluted water from miles away! So if you still want to participate, please drop your check (made out to St. Robert's Church) by the rectory by **this Tuesday**. We will make out one check to the organization. Thank you, everyone, for acknowledging that we are all brothers and sisters by your generosity! The Social Concerns Group