

Saint Robert's Church



CHANGES IN LITURGICAL ADAPTATION WILL BE IN EFFECT AT ST. ROBERTS BEGINNING THE WEEKEND OF AUGUST 8TH and 9th

In May Archbishop Niederauer wrote about the outbreak of swine flu. He put in place for all public Masses in the Archdiocese of San Francisco a liturgical adaptation affecting the offering of Holy Communion under both Species, the distribution of Holy Communion on the tongue, the Sign of Peace, and the practice of holding hands while praying the Our Father.

In recent weeks Priests have asked the Archbishop to reconsider the imposition of this adaptation. After consulting with medical experts it would be reasonable to remove this adaptation. Effective immediately, this adaptation is removed, and we will begin next weekend here at St. Roberts.

The number of swine flu cases continues to grow throughout this country and around the world, and it is expected that this flu may return in the fall. A swine flu vaccine is being readied for use later this year.

If changing circumstances indicate, the adaptations maybe re-imposed. Please continue the ordinary precautions in order to protect your own health and that of others.

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

Dear Parishioners,

We hear a lot these days climate change. The White House scientific report, "Global Climate Change Impacts in the United States," gives sobering statistics: if we do nothing, the southern half of Arizona, southeastern California and Las Vegas could see more than 120 days with 100+ temperatures; precipitation levels would decline by more than 40% in most of the region, meaning less available water, more wildfires, and mountain forests declining by 60-90%.

What does this have to do with our faith, you might ask? If we don't deal with the effects of climate change, the poorest members of our global family will suffer the worst effects and very soon. In his latest encyclical, Charity in Truth, Pope Benedict XVI writes, "The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole." The Vatican has installed 2,400 solar panels above the audience hall and has cut the energy consumption in St. Peter's Basilica by 40%, principally by upgrading the entire lighting system.

As the main producer of green house gases which contribute to global warming, we have a particular obligation to make the changes necessary. So our country's bishops have set up a national group which you can access at www.catholicclimatecovenant.org. The group is asking Catholic households all over the country to take the St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor. It reads: I/We pledge to:
PRAY and reflect on the duty to care for creation and protect the poor and vulnerable;
LEARN about and educate others on the causes and moral dimensions of climate change;
ASSESS how we, as individuals and in our families, parishes and other involvements, contribute to climate change by our own energy use, consumption and waste;
ACT to change our choices and behaviors to reduce the ways we contribute to climate change;
ADVOCATE for Catholic principles and priorities in climate change discussions and decisions, especially as they impact those who are poor and vulnerable. More information is available at the website. May the Spirit guide us in our response! —*Peace, S. Sheral*

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday-August 3rd

Mass Intention 6:30 Kevin & Patrick Burke †
8:30 Nancy Curtis †

Tuesday-August 4th

Mass Intention 6:30 Margie Matone †
8:30 Kathleen Sullivan †

Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library

Wednesday-August 5th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service
8:30 Edward Lagomarsino †
Grief Support 9:00am Mary's Chapel

Thursday-August 6th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service
8:30 Special Intention

Friday-August 7th

Mass Intention 6:30 Father Rene Gomez †
8:30 Adolph Fambrini †

Saturday-August 8th

Mass Intention 8:30 Teresa & Epifanio
Herrera †
4:30 People of St. Robert's
AA Meeting 10am Mahoney Room

Sunday-August 9th

Mass Intention 7:30 Emilio & Mocelin
Families †
9:30 Jim Pinelli †
11:30 Harry Robinson †
5:00 John Geniali †

New Parish Directory is Planned.

Once again we are planning to offer a Parish Directory in early 2010. We have contracted with Lifetouch Church Directories. We have scheduled for them to be here in October to take family pictures, one free portrait with a picture for the directory. Portraits will be available in November. We also hope to have a roster of parishioners as we have done in the past. Much more information will follow in the coming months.

Right now I am trying to solicit volunteers for a meeting with the company this month. Volunteers are needed to publicize, contact families, sign up for portrait appointments (mostly online) and make reminder calls, greet our families during the photography, and help with the creative design ideas. We are hoping to offer a 25% discount on all additional portraits for the family of a volunteer along with service hours for school parents. In addition I would like the assistance of a Sign-up Coordinator, a Publicity Coordinator and a Layout Coordinator.

Please let me know if you are interested in helping out with this parish project, even if you would be unable to attend the August meeting. You can call me at the rectory (650) 589-2800 or email me at duffey2rusty@yahoo.com. Thank you in advance and I truly need your help.

Deacon Rusty



As a Parish Community we pray ... for all who hunger and thirst. May we, who partake of the bread of life, do the work of God by feeding them and giving them water to drink.

**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Gabriel Jesus Gomez
Ray Anthony Kopf
Madison Aiyana O'Rourke
Nevaeh Noehmi Rodarte



Our sincere sympathy to the family of



Robert Flood
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.



**DID YOU KNOW?
Summertime, Safe Time**



This summer when your children are out of school and on different schedules, meeting new people and going to new places, make sure that you talk to them often about their experiences and the people they have met. Listen carefully to your children. If possible, observe and get to know the other children and adults who are part of your children's summertime fun. Above all, communicate your safety concerns to your children. Make sure they know that they can come to you with any concerns they may have about the people they interact with. And if you hear of or observe behaviors that may be inappropriate, make sure to communicate your feelings to people who are in a position to intervene. Communication is key to creating and maintaining a safe environment all year round.

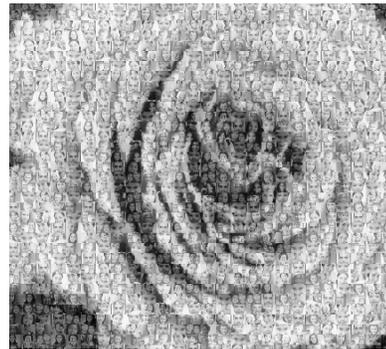
STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to July 26th (goal)	40,200.00
July 1st to July 26th (actual)	37,453.16
7/1/09-6/30/10 Weekly Goal Collection (actual 7/26)	10,050.00 8,271.43

2009 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
As of 7/28/09 **421 families** have pledged
\$84,710.26.

Our goal this year is \$98,400
Thank you for your generous donation.

**2010 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL
APPEAL PHOTO MOSAIC**



An example of a photo mosaic.

The theme for next year's campaign is **"You are the light of the world"**. The visual is a mosaic of a lighthouse composed of about 1200 individual portraits. The goal is to have every parish represented in the poster. If you would like to participate, please submit a picture to the rectory by **September 15th**. Every participant must sign an Image Release Form, which you will be given to you when you submit your picture. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

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/AUGUST 8 & 9

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Paul

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Aveson (C)

J. Waldvogel, Y. Olcomendy, A. Ciraulo, D. Hageman,
R. Hanley, K. Hornung, J. Beltrano, M. Murphy

Lectors: C. Clarke and J. Cronin

Altar Servers: K. Ravello and J. Wilson

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Aldinger (C)

B. Mullins, M. Nunnery, R. Lahoz, B. Albright

Lectors: P. Lusic

Altar Servers: A. Cotroneo and D. Rodriguez

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Paul

Eucharistic Ministers: G. Tolentino (C)

V. Yanke, J. Yanke, L. Quintana, K. Semenza, L. Cesca,
M. Bourne, A. Romine, H. Mar

Lectors: T. Tullius and J. Shick

Altar Servers: T. Lesser, M. Lynch and N. Jauregui

Children's Liturgy: Terry and Gus

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Msgr. Nnanna

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Pacas (C)

B. Pacas, L. Welch, C. Morgan, H. Mantler,
M. Fernandez, P. Fernandez, H. Madayag, N. Bamba

Lectors: C. Maron and D. Maron

Altar Servers: C. McCann and K. Katches

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Elmore (C)

M. Mahoney, M. Aberouette, M. Dowden, C. Innes,
G. Lynch, D. Ferris, M. Santiago, K. Welch

Lectors: M. Innes and H. Lowood

Altar Servers: M. Godfrey and K. Uroz

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-August 3rd

Readings: Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday-August 4th

Readings: Nm 12:1-13 Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday-August 5th

Readings: Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29a,34-35 Mt 15:21-28

Thursday-August 6th

Readings: Dn 7:9-10,13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10

Friday-August 7th

Readings: Dt 4:32-40 Mt 16:24-28

Saturday-August 8th

Readings: Dt 6:4-13 Mt 17:14-20

Sunday-August 9th

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:4-8 Eph 4:30—5:2 Jn 6:41-51



2009 Centerplate Schedule

Day Date Opponent Game Time Lv. St Roberts

Saturday Aug. 8th Soccer/Candlestick Park TBA noon NEED MORE PEOPLE!!!

_____	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.

Friday, Aug. 14th 49er vs Denver 7 p.m. 2:15 p.m. NEED MORE PEOPLE!!!

_____	Saturday	August 22	49er vs Oakland	5:15 p.m.	12:45 p.m.
_____	Wednesday	September 9	San Diego	12:45 p.m.	8:45 a.m.
_____	Friday	September 11	Dodgers	7:15 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
_____	Saturday	September 26	Cubs	6:05 p.m.	1:45 p.m.
_____	Wednesday	October 1	Arizona	12:45 p.m.	8:45 a.m.
_____	Sunday	October 4	49er vs St Louis	1:15 p.m.	8:15 a.m.
_____	Sunday	October 11	49er vs Atlanta	1:05 p.m.	8:15 a.m.
_____	Sunday	Nov 8	49er vs Tennessee	1:15 p.m.	8:15 a.m.
_____	Thursday	Nov 12	49er vs Chicago	5:20 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
_____	Sunday	Nov 29	49er vs Jacksonville	1:05 p.m.	8:15 a.m.
_____	Monday	Dec 14	49er vs Arizona	5:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.
_____	Sunday	Dec 27	49er vs Detroit	1:05 p.m.	8:15 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.

**Our Centerplate Totals
as of
July 29, 2009 are
\$31,219.80
This total includes commission and tips.**

Living the Liturgy

We Become What We Eat

People encouraging us to eat healthy food often say “you are what you eat” which is also physically true. If you sang the words of one of the songs we sang last weekend, you heard yourself singing, “We become what we eat.” It might have seemed almost sacrilegious, except that St. Augustine used those words in the third century to describe what happens when we receive the Eucharist. It is so stark, but theologically true! The more we receive the Lord’s Body and Blood, the more fully the Lord can change us into himself. If we feel that the Lord’s compassion, generosity and acceptance of everyone are needed these days more than ever, then let us receive him more frequently! Those of us who are older might need to forget old messages which emphasized our unworthiness when approaching the Eucharist. When I invite someone to be a Eucharistic minister, and he or she says, “But I’m not worthy,” I sometimes reply that no one is worthy! “Worthy” isn’t the question; the question is whether or not, the person would like to serve our community in this way. If we recall the Last Supper, we realize that Jesus shared his Body and Blood with those who would desert him in his hour of need, one who would deny him and another who would betray him. It was often sinners with whom he ate meals and people considered untouchable by Jewish law and custom whom he cured. He knows us as we are and accepts us where we are, always inviting us to be better, more loving than we would otherwise be. If we feel there is a major obstacle between ourselves and the Lord or ourselves and someone else, there is the Sacrament of Reconciliation available every Saturday afternoon at 3:30 pm or by appointment any time in the rectory. St. Teresa of Avila said, “He has no hands, but yours, no feet, but yours.” So let us receive him with reverence and willingness to be changed. Peace, S. Sheral

Many Thanks!

Many thanks to the parishioners, their friends and relatives who cleaned, demolished and painted the new Catholic Worker in South San Francisco and to those who provided lunch the past two Saturdays. The lower level still needs a lot of work so Peter Stiehler will need help again in September. If you’d like to help the next time we work, please contact me or keep your eyes on the bulletin! Thanks very much. **S. Sheral**



THE FESTIVAL IS COMING “City by the Bay” September 18th-20th

Plans are under way for this years annual parish festival. The BBQ and Food Booth and Fr. Bruce’s famous garlic fries are in need of your help. Several people are needed to work in these very popular booths and everyone from the parish is welcome to help. Most shifts are for 2 hours but you can work for as many hours/ days as you would like. If you would like to help in any of these booths or can help in any way, please contact Louise and Ray Downs or Jeff and Raquel Downs at noniepapadowns@att.net or by phone at (650) 355-1927.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED ANNUAL PICNIC August 16th-San Bruno Park

On Sunday, August 16th we will gather for our 5th annual picnic at San Bruno Park. All unmarried Catholics and their families and invited for an afternoon of good food, great fun, and lots of camaraderie. We will supply hot dogs, sausages, buns, condiments and a COOK!! Please bring a side dish, beverage or dessert to share. We always have fun and find interesting dishes when we get together, so join us at noon on August 16th. There is a nominal charge of \$5 per person or \$10 per family to cover meat, charcoal etc. For directions and more information please call Gail at (650) 591-8452.

AIDS LUNCH –August 12th

The second Wednesday of the month, **August 12th**, 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.