

# 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](http://www.saintroberts.org).**

**Dear Friends,**

Two Sundays ago we started taking our Gospel readings from St. John. From Today's Gospel readings-Jn6:41-51-our theme is food for the journey.

During the summer we make preparations for our journey. On my part I had to put my passport first in my suit case before any other things. In the first reading (1kgs 19:4) Elijah went a day's journey into the desert. Mine took me 13 and 1/2 hours from Lagos Nigeria to Atlanta, Georgia and 5 hours 5 minutes from Atlanta to San Francisco. (It was not a relaxing flight. It took 3 days for my ears to function well again.) While Elijah prayed for death saying "This is enough, O Lord!! Take my life, for I am not better than my father." (1kgs 19:4) I prayed for life saying "God keep me safe to St. Roberts to meet Msgr. Bruce Dreier and his good parishioners, make my stay a happy one and lead me back to my parish St. Theresa of the child Jesus Akaeze Nigeria."

There are people in the world today who are seriously praying for death while others are praying for survival and life. My father told me the story of a sick man who was a burden to his family for his illness became terminal due to swollen belly and legs. The only Euthanasia was to dump him in the evil forest to die. This they did! Here comes a man with a rope to the evil forest looking up at what branch of tree to commit suicide by hanging himself. Inadvertently he stumbled into the abandoned man who asked what he brought him to the forest disturbing his peace. He looked closely at the swollen man wondering how he had disturbed his peace. He added "don't disturb me for I still hope for life." At this he said to himself, "If the abandoned man still looks for life why hang himself." He dropped the rope and went home. See how the man became a lesson for the one who wanted suicide.

Our Journey on earth is full of ups and downs. God knows what we need for every journey. Elijah leaves behind all that he knew in embarking on a sacred journey. His words are words of deep frustration. He had killed the prophets of Ball-(kgs18:21-40) and does not understand why his life would now be at risk.

We need food for our journey. Thanks to the angel who brought food to Elijah. He walked forty days and forty nights to Mt. Horeb where Moses had met God (Ex. 19). When we went to the Holy Lands it took us 6 hours to climb Mt. Horeb.

Our journey to heaven should be the concern of every Christian. The letter to the Ephesians, our second reading, is concerned most of all with the church. Elsewhere Paul calls each believe a temple of the Holy Spirit-(Corb:19). In Ephesians the whole church is temple of the Holy Spirit. An offence against the church is an offence against the spirit. Today's second reading Eph. 4:30-32 is like Col 3:12-13. " Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heart felt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do."

Continued next column **Msgr. Nnanna**

# THE WEEK AHEAD

## Monday-August 10th

Mass Intention 6:30 Tom Carolan †  
8:30 Charles Xuereb †  
**St. Vincent de Paul 7:00pm Mahoney Room**

## Tuesday-August 11th

Mass Intention 6:30 Crispina Simon  
8:30 Bill & Nancy Curtis †  
**Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library**

## Wednesday-August 12th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service  
8:30 Charles & Rita Agius †

## Thursday-August 13th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service  
8:30 Bill & Nancy Curtis †

## Friday-August 14th

Mass Intention 6:30 Stanley Mohr †  
8:30 Sam Callejo †

## Saturday-August 15th

Mass Intention 8:30 Paul & Rosina Vella †  
4:30 Tony Bolla †  
**AA Meeting 10am Mahoney Room**

## Sunday-August 16th

Mass Intention 7:30 People of St. Robert's  
9:30 Evelyn Lynch †  
11:30 Mary Isonio †  
5:00 Davida Silva

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To forgive others means that we have to first and foremost forgive ourselves. When your heart is heavy you can't enjoy your meal.

We can believe that Jesus is the bread of life for "everyone who listens to my father and learns from him comes to me".-Jn6:51. Our coming to the table of the Lord is for our spiritual nourishment. It is very clear when St. Paul admonishes the Christians "for as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes". (1 Cor 11:26).

I thank you for accepting back. I am due back to Nigeria on Tuesday, August 11th, to continue my priestly ministry. Pray for me as I do for you. You are hereby invited to my 60th birthday on September 12, 2009. Otito Dili Jesus=Glory be to Jesus

## STEWARDSHIP

### Second Collection For Annual Appeal Sunday, August 23rd

There will be a 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 \$84,770.26 from 423 families. Please help us to make our assessment this year.

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 1st to August 2nd (goal)	50,250.00
July 1st to August 2nd (actual)	45,547.80
7/1/09-6/30/10 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 8/02)	8,094.64

Thank you for your generous donation of **\$2,157.75** to our School, CCD and Confirmation Programs.

### 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.*



**As a Parish Community we pray ...** for the people of God. As we come to the table to receive this life-giving bread, may we firmly believe that this is Jesus—the one sent by the Father to give His flesh for the life of the world.

Our sincere sympathy to the families of  
**Bobby Owen, Bienvenido Nievera  
& William Curtis**  
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  
**Mackenzie Brooks** 

### Communion for the Sick

If there is someone ill in your family or recovering from surgery or chemotherapy who is unable to come to Mass, please call Sister Patricia at 589-0104 and she will ask someone to bring Holy Communion. Or contact Sr. Sheral about the option of bringing your family member Communion yourself. There is a very simple procedure to be followed and either of us will be happy to go through it with you.

### 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](mailto:duffey2rusty@yahoo.com). Thank you in advance and I truly need your help.

**Deacon Rusty**

# MINISTER SCHEDULE/AUGUST 15 & 16

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

**Presider: Fr. Obet**

**Eucharistic Ministers: J. Scannell (C)**

R. Hanley, D. Hageman, Y. Olcomendy, K. Hornung,  
A. Ciraulo, R. Aveson, M. Murphy

**Lectors: M. Dachauer and B. Rudometkin**

**Altar Servers: M. Tankeh and N. Barbieri**

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

**Presider: Fr. Paul**

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

C. Noce, R. Jardin, A. Buelow, E. Ruggiero

**Lectors: J. Thomson and S. Heaney**

**Altar Servers: K. Thomson and B. Cronin**

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

**Presider: Fr. Obet**

**Eucharistic Ministers: T. Jones (C)**

M. Blumenthal, G. Sinks, R. Valdez, J. Valdez, J. Kelly,  
M.A. Saisi, L. Canaya, J. Sexton

**Lectors: D. Wilson and J. Bendick**

**Altar Servers: A. Sciacqua, V. Sciacqua and E. Steenvoorde**

**Children's Liturgy: Mark & Hilda and Ben**

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

**Presider: Fr. Paul**

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

R. Benavente, E. Sanchez, C. Morgan, L. Juvero,  
A. Maron, L. Sing, V. Valle, V/L Picinini

**Lectors: C. Benavente and M. Benavente**

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

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

**Presider: Fr. Obet**

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

D. Ferris, C. Innes, G. Lynch, Sr. Sheral, K. Welch

**Lectors: J. Marty and G. Jurkowitch**

**Altar Servers: N. Stelmashenko and S. Stelmashenko**

### **WEEKLY READINGS**

#### **Monday-August 10th**

Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Jn 12:24-26

#### **Tuesday-August 11th**

Readings: Dt 31:1-8 Mt 18:1-5,10,12-14

#### **Wednesday-August 12th**

Readings: Dt 34:1-12 Mt 18:15-20

#### **Thursday-August 13th**

Readings: Jos 3:7-10a,11,13-17 Mt 18:21—19:1

#### **Friday-August 14th**

Readings: Jos 24:1-13 Mt 19:3-12

#### **Saturday-August 15th**

Readings: 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56

#### **Sunday-August 16th**

Readings: Prv 9:1-6 Eph 5:15-20 Jn 6:51-58



## 2009 Centerplate Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Game Time	Lv. St Roberts
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.

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

**Sat. August 22 49er vs Oakland 5:15 p.m. 12:45 p.m. NEED MORE PEOPLE!!!**

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](http://saintroberts.org) and click on the Centerplate button.

**WE NEED HELP AT THE ABOVE 2 GAMES  
OR THEY WILL CANCEL OUR CONTRACT!!!  
PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!!!**

**Our Centerplate Totals  
as of  
August 4, 2009 are  
\$31,260.05  
This total includes commission and tips.**

# Living the Liturgy

## The Mystery of Death and Suffering

When I gave a reflection at the Marian Medical Center fundraiser in Santa Maria recently, I included a prayer for the 19 year old son of one of our doctors who had just died in a bicycle accident with a car driven by one of his classmates. And the 32 year old sister of one of the sisters I live with spent the night at our home with her husband after her first day of chemotherapy at Stanford for aggressive t-cell cancer. Their sister has just been diagnosed with breast cancer. We all know and love people who have died before their time or with life-threatening illnesses and we ask "Why?" Perhaps, as Californians, these undeserved tragedies are especially difficult for us to understand. With all our technological advances, we should be immune to such hardships! We can easily take for granted the gifts of good health and of life itself which really **are** gifts, though we may not often reflect on that fact. Unconsciously, we may harbor the attitude that we don't deserve the sufferings which afflict the rest of the population. With our American propensity for ignoring whatever is unpleasant, our society encourages us to avoid mentioning, much less acknowledging the more painful realities of life.

And as Catholics, how do we respond to the suffering and death of loved ones? We cannot ignore the pain their situation brings us nor how much we miss the person who is no longer with us. And surely, we can cry out to God in our confusion and sorrow. We have only to remember Jesus' response when he heard that his friend Lazarus had died and saw the sorrow of their friends. In John 11.33-36, he is moved from deep within and weeps. He has known our sadness and the edge of despair which often comes with the mystery of death. Those of us who've experienced the death of loved ones know how comforting it is to be able to lean on the community. We can help each other by our presence, even though there are no words to take away the grief. In the gospel for this Sunday, Jesus expresses in four different ways that our faith and our reception of the Eucharist lead to eternal life. We are one with our friends and family members in the throes of serious illness; we are also one with those who "have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith." (from Eucharistic Prayer I) We can affirm our faith, even through tears, "Whoever eats this bread will live forever." May the Spirit strengthen our faith in the resurrection of Jesus and of all those we love! Peace,  
S. Sheral



Festival t-shirts and sweatshirts will be available for purchase after all masses starting the weekend of August 15th-16th. School children may wear them to school during the weeks before the festival. Please support your parish by wearing one. If you would like to help with sales after Masses, please contact Jeanne Kucsak at 650-867-5470.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Can Help**

Do you know a member of St. Robert's Community who is being squeezed by hard times? St. Vincent de Paul can help with groceries, emergency assistance with rent/utility bills, and vouchers for furniture/clothes. All requests are confidential. Call 343-4403 for further information.

**St. Robert's School will be selling paper scrip and scrip gift cards after Mass next weekend.**

### **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.