

# Rev. Msgr. Bruce A. Dreier



It is with great sadness that we share with you the passing of Father Bruce late Monday morning. He fought a courageous battle for eight months and is no longer suffering. As he wrote in his letter in January, "He is home now."

**A vigil will be held at Saint Roberts Church  
on Monday, August 17th at 7:30 p.m.  
A funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, August 18th 10:00 a.m.  
at Saint Mary's Cathedral.  
The funeral will be followed by a **PRIVATE** burial at Holy Cross  
and a **PUBLIC** reception here at St. Roberts.**

**Blessings to you all,  
St. Roberts Parish Staff**

**RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH**

## Dear Friends,

We sit on our deck, warmed by the sun, sipping mint tea, with today's readings before us. We notice that all three pertain to the Eucharist—Jesus—our Life and our Love. We remember clearly the joy of our First Communion day. For Gene it was 77 years ago and for Anna May 69. How often have we received Jesus' Body and Blood? At least once a week during these many years. He has sustained us; given us hope; forgiven and healed us and filled us with His love. Thank you, Lord. Several years ago, we wrote this poem:

*We, your family of believers, gather this day  
to worship and praise You;  
to thank You and pray.  
As we listen to Your Word, Holy Spirit, inspire;  
our longing hearts, please set on fire.*

*Transform our gifts of bread and wine,  
that they become Your Body and Blood Divine.  
We offer ourselves; make us one with You  
in this sacrifice—so old, yet ever new.*

*Together we proclaim Jesus' death till His return.  
In the breaking of bread,  
our hearts within us burn.  
In unison, our voices we raise  
with joyful hymns of love and praise.*

*We give You thanks for all You do  
as we become Christ's Body too.  
All our sorrows and fears, our sins You bear -  
One Body, One Life, One Spirit we share.*

*The moment comes when bread and wine  
are now Your Body and Blood Divine.  
We approach Your table with emotions of awe -  
Your chosen people, whose presence You draw.*

*We take and eat Your body, Lord;  
and drink Your Cup of Blood outpoured.  
Our souls You fill with peace and love;  
our spirits soar to heaven above.*

*As we journey forth from this holy place,  
help us bring to others Your loving embrace.*

**Gene & Anna May**



**Parish Back-to-School Barbecue  
on Saturday, August 29th,  
after the 4:30pm Mass.  
Save the date!!!!**

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday-August 17th

Mass Intention 6:30 Frank O'Reilly †  
8:30 Joseph Spitaleri †

**7:30 p.m. Vigil for Father Bruce at St. Roberts**

### Tuesday-August 18th

#### **RECTORY CLOSED**

Mass Intention 6:30 Andrea Wong †  
8:30 Frances Friedman †

10 a.m. Funeral for Father Bruce at the Cathedral

**Followed by Burial at Holy Cross  
and reception at St. Roberts.**

**Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library**

### Wednesday-August 19th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service  
8:30 Sister Margarite  
Apostolo †

### Thursday-August 20th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service  
8:30 Enrico Bertini †

### Friday-August 21st

Mass Intention 6:30 Sister M. Elizabeth  
Murray †  
8:30 Susanna Bendy †

### Saturday-August 22nd

Mass Intention 8:30 Seamus Murphy †  
4:30 Joe Arsenault †

**AA Meeting 10am Mahoney Room**

### Sunday-August 23rd

Mass Intention 7:30 Tom & MaryAnn Begley †  
9:30 People of St. Robert's  
11:30 Peter Guerrero †  
5:00 Prescita Negrado †

**Confirmation Yr 2 3:30pm Hall**

## 2009 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 8/8/09 423 families have pledged \$84,770.26.

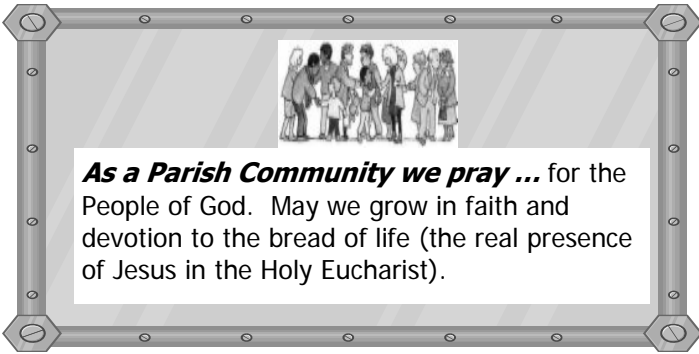
*Our goal this year is \$98,400*

Thank you for your generous donation.



### **CORRECTION TO LAST WEEK'S BULLETIN:**

**The second collection for the Annual Appeal will  
be the weekend of September 12th & 13th.**



**As a Parish Community we pray ...** for the People of God. May we grow in faith and devotion to the bread of life (the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist).

**WE CONGRATULATE  
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Jaina Marie Grant  
Brody Peter Farrugia  
Jaxon Kent Salazar  
Kaitlyn Sierra Sicker

**WE CONGRATULATE  
THE NEWLY MARRIED**

Christina Cook & Timothy McMorrow



Our sincere sympathy to the family of

**Mary Morris**  
who died recently.

**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. 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**

**STEWARDSHIP**

**NEXT WEEKEND  
OUR 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR  
THE 2009 MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL**

**OUR 2009 MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL**

The Propagation of the faith office of the archdiocese has invited the diocese of KUMBAKONAM, India to speak to us about their missionary activities and challenges. Accordingly **Rev. M. S. Selva Raj**, will be speaking to us at all the Masses next weekend of **Aug 22/23**. This diocese with a Catholic population of 2,013,000 which is just 5 1/2 % of the total population, has an area of 7823 square km. and is situated in Tamil Nadu, South India. It is served by 178 diocesan and 45 religious priests, 535 and 27 trained lay catechists. This diocese was started in 1899. The present mission needs are:

- 1) Construction of 20 more new parishes, each with a new church and rectory. At present, there are 87 parishes and 527 mission-stations. While there is wave of clustering of parishes in the U.S. But in this diocese the need of dividing the large parishes into 2 or 3 is very urgent. But the people are quite unable to support the church. 80% of the Catholics earn hardly \$2 a day.
- 2) Now there are 462 nuns in charge of catechetical, educational, medical and social ministries throughout this rural diocese, thus helping in faith-formation and helping the poor Catholics, for their integral development. Many of these nuns need a place to stay, pray and rest.
- 3) Training a lay-catechist for each mission in Liturgy, Bible & Catechetics. There are 525 of them .
- 4) Recruiting more young men in the seminary, since the rural diocese abounds in vocations to priesthood and religious life. Some priests are serving as missionaries around the world.
- 5) Providing a shelter to 100 homeless families every year.
- 6) Education of 2000 very poor or orphan children from remote villages every year by providing them with free board & lodge.

**Every year, an average of 50 young men and women go out of this diocese to other missions throughout India and other parts of the world to serve God and His people as missionaries. The mission and spiritual prospects of Kumbakonam diocese are bright but its needs are pressing. 60% of its Catholics are depressingly poor. Therefore, your fervent prayers and generous help are earnestly requested for building the KINGDOM of GOD, in diocese of KUMBAKONAM, INDIA.**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

July 1st to August 9th (goal)	60,300.00
July 1st to August 9th (actual)	53,442.01
7/1/09-6/30/10 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 8/09)	7,894.21

# MINISTER SCHEDULE/AUGUST 22 & 23

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

**Presider:** Fr. Paul

**Eucharistic Ministers:** R. Hanley (C)

J. Waldvogel, J. Scannell, M. Murphy, Y. Olcomendy,  
D. Bisagno, K. Hornung, D. Hageman, A. Ciraulo

**Lectors:** P. Scannell and C. Aveson

**Altar Servers:** R. Nazzal and J. Nazzal

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

**Presider:** Fr. Ring

**Eucharistic Ministers:** R. Vassallo (C)

A. Doherty, J. Jackson, M. Nunnery, R. Lahoz

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

**Altar Servers:** E. Johnston and L. Clifford

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

**Presider:** Fr. Paul

**Eucharistic Ministers:** L. Rodriguez (C)

V. Yanke, J. Yanke, A. Solis. M. Quilici, M. Lopez,  
L. Quintana, S. Salazar, M. Salazar

**Lectors:** F. Abellana and J. Valdez

**Altar Servers:** A. Kucsak, J. Marty and D. Marty

**Children's Liturgy:** Michael and Ben

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

**Presider:** Fr. Obet

**Eucharistic Ministers:** B. Chester (C)

H. Madayag, C. Morgan, M. Nuti, V. Valle, J. Yee,  
P. Fernandez, M. Fernandez, F. Firpo

**Lectors:** F. Firpo and C. Pisani

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

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

**Presider:** Fr. Paul

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

A. Lopez, C. Lopez, V. Lopez, C. Browne, G. Landholt,  
P. Landholt, M. Aberouette, M. Dowden

**Lectors:** J. Bartolotti

**Altar Servers:** E. Wright and T. Lopez

### **WEEKLY READINGS**

#### **Monday-August 17th**

Readings: Jgs 2:11-19 Mt 19:16-22

#### **Tuesday-August 18th**

Readings: Jgs 6:11-24a Mt 19:23-30

#### **Wednesday-August 19th**

Readings: Jgs 9:6-15 Mt 20:1-16

#### **Thursday-August 20th**

Readings: Jgs 11:29-39a Mt 22:1-14

#### **Friday-August 21st**

Readings: Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22 Mt 22:34-40

#### **Saturday-August 22nd**

Readings: Ru 2:1-3,8-11;4-13-17 Mt 23:1-12

#### **Sunday-August 23rd**

Readings: Jos 24:1-2a,15-17,18b Eph 5:21-32 Jn 6:60-69



## 2009 Centerplate Schedule

Day      Date      Opponent      Game Time      Lv. St Roberts

***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 GAME  
OR THEY WILL CANCEL OUR CONTRACT!!!  
PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!!!**

**Our Centerplate Totals  
as of  
August 4, 2009 are  
\$31,870.23  
This total includes commission and tips.**

## **CHANGES concerning Father Bruce's Services**

**On Monday afternoon,  
visitation will begin at noon  
here at St. Robert's Church.  
Valet parking will be provided  
at ALL parking lots.**

**A live feed in the hall will  
accommodate the church overflow  
for the 7:30 p.m. vigil service.**

**At the request of his family,  
the burial services at  
Holy Cross will be private.  
Please come to the reception at  
St. Robert's Hall following the  
Funeral Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday.**

## **LIVING THE LITURGY**

### **The Circle of Life**

Most of us will remember the title song from "The Lion King." Fr. Bruce chose this for the opening of his vigil service tomorrow night. It speaks of life and death, that mystery we are all immersed in at this moment. One of the lines is: "You should never take more than you give." That was surely true of Fr. Bruce. (You might recall that when he was named a Monsignor, and parishioners asked what they should call him, he said, "Just call me Father Bruce.") If you read his obituary, you see the variety of ministries he carried out with great dedication and compassion in his 31 years as a priest. He has served as chaplain at both Cathedral and Sacred Heart High Schools – they were two separate schools then; as chaplain to the San Francisco Fire Department; as Director of Vocations and Secretary of the Office of Priestly Personnel and Formation. He also served as Parochial Vicar (Associate Pastor) at St. Cecilia's and St. Elizabeth's, and as pastor at Epiphany for 12 years, and here at St. Robert's for the past five years. He has been a leader in the archdiocese on the Personnel Board, the Council of Priests, and the Archdiocesan Finance Council.

Two of the readings he chose for the vigil are Jeremiah 1.4-9 and II Timothy 1.3-9; you might want to read them yourself to get deeper insight into what kept him going. The gospel he chose is from the Sermon on the Mount: "You are the light of the world..." which also says a lot about what was important to him. A conversation he and I had right before he went into the hospital for the last time epitomizes for me what his life was about. "You know how you always do something for Lent? Why don't you ask Fr. Obet if this Lent parishioners could donate to Fr. Nnanna to help him build his church." He obviously found his place "on the path unwinding in the circle of life." Rest in peace, Fr. Bruce. **S. Sheral**