

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.**

My Dear Friends,

Deafness is one of the worst handicaps that can affect a person. And one of the tragic aspects of deafness is that it arouses little sympathy in others. Yes, strange it may seem, we will spontaneously feel a great compassion for the blind and go out of our way to help them, and at the same time find it comical or even annoying, a person who is merely hard of hearing. Yet in some respects, the predicament of the deaf is much worse. While the blind are able to have normal social interaction with others through conversation, attending talks, listening to the radio, the deaf are almost completely cut off from social life. In order to imagine something of their misery, we need only remember how frustrated we feel when we are watching an interesting film and the sound goes dead. Right then and there the story ceases to make sense. We see the players laughing, weeping, fighting and we have no idea why. Such is the plight of the deaf: they are in the hustle and bustle of everyday life, yet they have no part in it. They are clueless as to what is going on in the world.

The problem is deafness is not only a physical disability. There is also such a thing as spiritual deafness. When we are deaf to God's word, either by involuntary or willful carelessness, we become like those physically deaf: immersed in God's world, yet we understand a little of what is going on. We see people being born and people dying, we see a lot of pain and heartaches, and we see everywhere violence and crime, disappointment and failure, broken homes and broken lives, and we do not know why. We also see some people very happy, some beautiful and productive lives, some people aging gracefully, some people and parish communities moving on after their loved ones have passed away, and we do not see why. Indeed, spiritual deafness is also a great misfortune.

Listening only to what we want to hear makes us spiritually deaf. This also limits our ability to speak the truth and can therefore render us mute. The problems of society and of the world are mostly caused by people's prejudices and biases against each other. This current debate about health care reform can be distorted by partisan politics and by the vested interests of certain sectors of society. What may be lost is the fact that access to health care is a human right, a universal right. In their website, www.usccb.org, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops is offering the following insights as guides in the debate on health care reform:

- **a truly universal health policy with respect for human life and dignity;**
- **access for all with special concern for the poor and inclusion of legal immigrants;**
- **pursuing the common good and preserving pluralism including freedom of conscience and variety of options; and**
- **restraining costs and applying them equitably across the spectrum of payers.**

If we want to make a difference in this world, as what our government leaders and politicians would like to say and do, we must approach the issues that affect us as human beings not with eyes that see only what is external but with God's own vision, which sees the dignity and honor of everyone, especially that of the poor and the less fortunate.

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Monday-September 7th

Mass Intention 8:30 Ana Kovacevic †
(Parish Office closed today in observance of Labor Day)

Tuesday-September 8th

Mass Intention 6:30 Marija Gregov †
8:30 Rich & Pat Miallovich †
Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Rel Ed 3:30pm Church & Hall
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library

Wednesday-September 9th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Patt Hatcher †
Gen Festival Mtg 7:00pm Hall

Thursday-September 10th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Deacon Jack Bourne †
RCIA 7:00pm Convent Chapel

Friday-September 11th

Mass Intention 6:30 Amerigo Parenti †
8:30 Deacon Jack Bourne †
Inbetweeners 6:30pm Hall

Saturday-September 12th

Mass Intention 8:30 Paul & Rosina Vella †
4:30 People of St. Robert's
AA Meeting 10am Mahoney Room
Consolation Ministry 3:00pm Convent Chapel
Festival Teen Dance 6:00pm Hall

Sunday-September 13th

Mass Intention 7:30 Charles & Rita Agius †
9:30 Caridad Ricardo †
11:30 Mary Isonio †
5:00 Lorraine Butler †
Confirmation/Yr2 3:30pm Hall

The gospel this Sunday reminds us that Jesus comes to open the eyes and hearts of all. The healing of the deaf mute in a Gentile territory tells us that Jesus wants everyone to hear the truth and to be able to speak the truth plainly for the sake of the Kingdom. In this Sunday's first reading, Isaiah gives a beautiful image of the kingdom that is to come for the chosen people. This was a messianic prophecy heard by the Israelites while they were in exile in Babylon. We, Christians, have long held that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies spoken by Isaiah. The miracle story in Mark's gospel tells us that indeed Jesus ushers in the kingdom through his power to heal. Through the efforts of everyone, governments and communities alike, we want to make this world a reflection of God's kingdom. But we need to understand what is going on in the world around us. The power of Jesus will open our ears so we can listen to the word of God and see everything in the light of the gospel. This saving action of Jesus makes us effective Christians and just like Jesus we can do all things well, thus making our homes, our community, our country, our world a better place to live in.

Father Obet



As a Parish Community we pray ...for
 God's blessing on all students and teachers as they begin a new school year may they grow in wisdom, faith and love.



**WE CONGRATULATE
 THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Kaitlyn Sierra Ficker
 Leonardo Pena



Our sincere sympathy to the families of
 Steven Hart & Caterina Angela Foti
 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: **John Balidio***

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.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

**Victor & Rowena Quimson & Family
 Alvin & Adela Escobar & Family
 Bryan & Deborah Verna & Family
 Leo & Joanne Meneses & Family
 IF YOU ARE NEW TO ST. ROBERT'S,**

we ask that you complete a registration form found in the vestibule of the church. Drop it either in the collection basket, the mail, or at the parish office. We will send you a New Parishioner Packet with information about the parish, its organizations and groups. If you chose, you can register online at: www.saintroberts.org.

STEWARDSHIP

Second Collection For Annual Appeal September 12th & 13th

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% who 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 \$84,855.26 from 426 families. Please help us to make our assessment this year.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 1st to August 30th (goal)	90,450.00
July 1st to August 30th (actual)	82,649.21
7/1/09-6/30/10 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 8/30)	9,888.41

Thank you for your donation of **\$4,152.93** to the Mission Appeal and **\$4,630.70** to our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

MINISTER SCHEDULE/September 12 & 13

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Aveson (C)
R. Hanley, D. Hageman, A. Ciraulo, D. Bisagno,
J. Beltrano, J. Waldvogel, Y. Olcomendy
Lectors: M. Dachauer and C. Clarke
Altar Servers: M. Fogelsong and J. Fontenot

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet
Eucharistic Ministers: B. Mullins (C)
C. Noce, M. Noce, R. Lahoz, T. Montross
Lectors: A. Clifford and T. Clifford
Altar Servers: N. Nussbaum and R. Topper

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Jim
Eucharistic Ministers: L. Cesca (C)
K. Semenza, M. Blumenthal, C. Zollezi, M. Zamattia,
M. Quilici, M. Lopez, L. Quintana, S. Murray
Lectors: T. Tullius and D. Wilson
Altar Servers: K. Uniacke, J. Mejia-Prieto & L. O'Reilly
Children's Liturgy: MaryAnn and Ben & Lisa

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring
Eucharistic Ministers: B. Chester (C)
C. Morgan, D. Murphy, N. Bamba, H. Madayag,
H. Mantler, M. Nuti, L. Sing, L. Welch
Lectors: H. Valle and C. Pisani
Altar Servers: A. Sciacqua and V. Sciacqua

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet
Eucharistic Ministers: G. Lynch (C)
M. Salvato, C. Browne, D. Ferris, C. Innes, M. Santiago,
A. Lopez, C. Lopez, V. Lopez
Lector: J. Bartolotti
Altar Servers: M. Grealish and M. McHale

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-September 7th

Readings: Col 1:24-2:3 Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday-September 8th

Readings: Mi 5:1-4a Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday-September 9th

Readings: Col 3:1-11 Lk 6:20-26

Thursday-September 10th

Readings: Col 3:12-17 Lk 6:27-38

Friday-September 11th

Readings: 1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14 Lk 6:39-42

Saturday-September 12th

Readings: 1 Tm 1:15-17 Lk 6:43-49

Sunday-September 13th

Readings: Is 50:5-9a Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35



2009 Centerplate Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Game Time	Lv. St Roberts
_____ 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 _____

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

Our Centerplate Totals as of August 24, 2009 are \$38,296.02. This total includes commission and tips.

Festival September 18-20



Bring your friends and family to enjoy festival entertainment all weekend long.

Rides and games for the kids, an ice cream social on Friday night, delicious food, including a sit down dinner on Saturday night in Hennessy Hall, raffle and bingo on Sunday afternoon.

Festival Hours are:

Friday at 6:00pm to 11:00pm,
Saturday from 1:00pm to 11:00pm and
Sunday from 12:30 to 6:00pm.



BOTTLE SUNDAY-Wine will be collected before Mass on Sept. 12th-13th for the wine and cheese booth.



BOOK BOOTH NEEDS: Books, Dvds and video games needed please drop in box marked "Book Booth" in vestibule of church.



Festival T-shirts and Sweatshirts will be on sale after all the Masses until the Festival.



CAKE BOOTH....Cakes, Cookies, Brownies Your specialties needed!!!

Your donations are what make the cake booth successful every year. Please drop off your generous donations, Friday Sept. 18th at 8 a.m. at Hennessy Hall. We also welcome and encourage your delicious treats to be dropped off at the cake both throughout the festival. Please contact Dina Thompson at 692-5277 with any questions.

We invite you to Sponsor our 2009 Festival

There are 3 Sponsorship options to choose from:

Platinum	\$525	Your business name will be displayed in our lounge and game booths on a professionally made, 2x6 sign, and a 4 x 8 Banner at Festival entry
Gold	\$200	Your business name will be displayed in our lounge and game booths.
Silver	\$100	Your business name will be displayed in our game booths.

(Please Return Bottom Portion to Rectory c/o Festival Sponsors with Check Payable to St. Roberts)

Sponsorship Level (please circle one) Platinum Gold Silver

Company Name: _____ My Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State & Zip: _____

Phone Number : _____ E-mail: _____

Name to appear on banner/booth signs: _____

Please contact Janell Lillie at 650-873-4155 or Father Obet at 650-589-2800 if you have any questions.

Thank you! Your Sponsorship and continued support is greatly appreciated and Tax Deductible!

(Tax ID# 94-1437729)

Living the Liturgy

The Challenge of Faith

September has arrived, school is back in session, and we're all asking, "Where did the summer go?" And to add to our confusion, the first reading sounds as though it belongs in Advent! The beautiful words of Isaiah are addressed to a people living in fear of being attacked by their enemies, the Babylonians. Salvation will mean a wondrous transformation with all bodily limitations removed, water in the desert in pools and rivers. The reading is chosen to align with the gospel in which Jesus cures a man who can neither hear nor speak.

Jesus is in Gentile territory and the people who must have heard of his reputation, bring the man to him. He kindly takes the man away from the crowd and touches his ears and his tongue, praying, "Be opened!" The man can hear and speak plainly and everyone is amazed. Jesus tells them not to tell anyone, but they cannot help themselves and they proclaim it far and wide. Why does Jesus want it kept quiet? Scripture scholars tell us that Jesus didn't want people to see him as a miracle worker, but to listen to him as he tells of the kingdom of God, his Father. In other gospel passages, he chides some of his disciples, implying that they followed him only to see what wonders he might perform rather than because they believed in him.

Recalling that people with physical ailments were often seen as punished by God for something they or their families had done, this man qualifies as one of "the poor" whom James speaks of in the second reading. The bluntness of James' command, "Show no partiality" should give us believers pause. He is talking about treating the well-to-do and the poor differently, but we could expand his words to include anyone whom we treat differently. So we might ask ourselves, Who do I look down upon? The young person who "dresses funny"? My relative who is gay or lesbian? My co-worker who is divorced and re-married? If we look to the example of Jesus, he is constantly reaching out to those who are considered "less than" others. If we call ourselves Christians, aren't we called to do the same? Peace be to you. Sr. Sheral

Commemorations This Week

As we celebrate Labor Day, we who are employed can offer thanks to God for the blessing of work and pray for so many who are unemployed or underemployed. Even if we're not in a position to help them financially, perhaps we can give our emotional support to those in difficult straits.

The eighth anniversary of 9/11 occurs this Friday. May our thoughts and prayers be with all who have lost loved ones and with parishioners who have family members serving in the military.

**FESTIVAL HIGH ROLLER TICKETS
AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES NEXT
WEEKEND, SEPT. 12 & 13. SEE GUS!**

AIDS LUNCH –September 9th

The second Wednesday of the month, **September 9th**, 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 9:30 am. Frozen items are acceptable. Thank you for your continued assistance.



RCIA CLASSES HAVE BEGUN

Please contact Deacon Rusty Duffey if you know any adults, over 18, who need the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and/or Confirmation. Also if you know of someone who was baptized in another Christian denomination who is considering joining the Catholic Church, please have them call as well. We will gladly explain what the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is all about.

Consolation Ministry

Saint Robert's Grief Support Group-Sept. 12th

Our next meeting is on September 12th, in the Convent Chapel from 3:00 – 4:15 (before the 4:30 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 friend or companion as for support and strength if you so wish. God Bless you in your sorrow. Sister Patricia 589 – 0104.

St. Robert's Fil-Am Group to host a Novena for the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila

The Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz is celebrated on September 27th. In preparation a traditional nine-day novena will be celebrated in family homes from September 17th to September 25th. Please call Dada Gallagher (650) 871-9063 or Encar Sanchez (650) 588-5173 for more information.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

We have scheduled with Lifetouch to be here to take family pictures for the directory on October 9-10, 20-24 and 27-30. We will begin scheduling appointments during the parish festival. Remember you get one free portrait and a free directory per family when you take a picture for the directory. Portraits are expected to be available this Thanksgiving and the directory is expected in February 2010. Please mark your calendars now. Thanks to everyone who signed up to volunteer and who attended our planning meeting.