

Saint Roberts Church



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Changes in Communion Distribution

In response to requests from many parishioners, we will be distributing Holy Communion only in the front of the church beginning next weekend. There will be six Eucharistic Ministers positioned across the front of the sanctuary. We ask those who have mobility issues to please sit in the front pews on the choir side. The priest will then bring Holy Communion to you in your seats.



You are cordially
invited
to the installation of
Rev. Roberto "Obet" A. Andrey
as Pastor
Sunday, March 14, 2010
at the 11:30 a.m. Mass
in which
Archbishop George Neiderauer
will preside.
*Reception immediately following
In Hennessy Hall.*

Dear Parishioners,


Wednesday of this coming week is Ash Wednesday one of the starkest, yet one of the most loved days of the Church's year. It is always amazing how many people come to Church to be reminded that they are dust, and to dust they will return; how many come to be admonished to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.

In the early Church, when Lent was a time for the reconciliation of public penitents, the penitents would come to the Church at the beginning of Lent, that is, on Ash Wednesday. They would wear a penitential garment, suggesting sackcloth and be sprinkled with ashes. Then they would be ritually expelled from the congregation to do their penance for 40 days, returning to the Church on Holy Thursday, when they would be readmitted to the sacraments. With the passing centuries, the expulsion from the Church of the penitents disappeared, but the ashes remained and became a call to penance for all the faithful.

In the scriptures, sackcloth and ashes are the signs of penance—think of the story Jonah's preaching in Nineveh, where not only the adults but the children put on sackcloth as a sign of their penitence. Jesus referred to sackcloth and ached in the same way (Matthew 11:21). The act of putting on ashes symbolizes fragility and mortality, and the need to be redeemed by the mercy of God. Far from being a merely external act, the Church has retained the use of ached to symbolize that attitude of internal penance to which all of us are called during Lent. There is one beautiful Church prayer we can all remember this Ash Wednesday:

Leave the past in ashes,
and turn to God
with tears and fasting for God
is slow to anger and ready to forgive.

A small detail many may not know. The ashes come from the palms of the previous Palm Sunday. So the ashes also remind us of where we are headed—the glory of Easter.

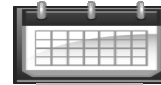


Ash Wednesday Masses

Masses on Ash Wednesday will be at
8:30 am,
10:30 am**
and 6 pm.

**The 10:30 am Mass
will be the school Mass,
but everyone is invited to join
the school community in prayer.

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-February 15th (PRESIDENT'S HOLIDAY)

Parish Office & School Closed Today

Mass Intention 8:30 Adolph & Rita
Fambrini †

Tuesday-February 16th

Mass Intention 6:30 Frances Silva †
8:30 Frances Friedman †

Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Religious Education 3:30pm Church & Hall
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library
Confirmation 7:00pm Hall

Wednesday-February 17th (ASH WEDNESDAY)

Mass Intention 8:30 Precita Negrido †
10:30 Steven Hart †
6pm Rich DeSanto †

Cheerleading 3:00pm Hall
Choir Practice 7:00pm Church

Thursday-February 18th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Mary Daly †
RCIA 7:00pm Convent Chapel
School Board Mtg 7:00pm Mahoney Room

Friday-February 19th

Mass Intention 6:30 Alfonso Hernandez
8:30 Aldo Alchera †
Cheerleading 3:00pm Hall
Soup Supper 6:30pm Hall

Saturday-February 20th

Mass Intention 8:30 C. Angela Foti †
4:30 Michael Abrahamsohn †
AA 10:00am Mahoney Room
Consolation Min. 3:00pm Convent Chapel

Sunday-February 21st

Mass Intention 7:30 John A. Mocelin †
9:30 People of St. Robert's
11:30 Mike Kyne †
5:00 Robert Flood †
Passion Play Reh 7:00pm Church



As a Parish Community we pray ...

THAT GOD WILL FILL THE HOMES OF ALL MARRIED COUPLES WITH FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.



**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Colette Buu Huynh
Raiza Alexis Maranan

Our sincere sympathy to the families of



Carmen Deguara,
John Henry Voreyer,
Melinda Aguiniga
and Arcelia Juarez
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:
Lito Badiable, Genaro Badiable and
Marie Fe Badiable***

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
AND SOUP SUPPERS -**

PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING:

All are invited to our Church for Stations at 6PM each Friday during Lent. After this time of reflection and prayer, we will go to Hennessy Hall to share a sacrificial meal of soup, salad, bread and fruit. We ask that you give what you would have spent on your Friday dinner to our St. Vincent de Paul Society. They will use it to provide food to our sisters and brothers in need. There will be a basket for your donation on the serving table. This is an opportunity for us to pray together and for members of our Parish family to get to know one another.

**On Friday, February 19th,
Father Paul
will lead the Stations
and the Women's Guild
will host the supper.**

ST. ROBERT'S RESPECT LIFE GROUP

There will be a meeting of the Respect Life Group on Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. in Mary's Chapel.

Thank you to the "parents" that participated in the Spiritual Adoption Project. A total of 58 babies were spiritually adopted. Look for your baby's growth progress each month on the Church Bulletin Board (at the entrance of the church). Any questions, please contact Mary Nunnery at 588-6349.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

We will be handing out the devotional booklets to the children today so that they can begin their journey toward Easter on Ash Wednesday. Please take the time to read the little devotion with your children. Make it a family affair.

CHANGE BUILDS A CHURCH

As a parish we will be helping Fr. Nnanna build a church in Nigeria. The children will be bringing home an envelope they can fill with change during the week and return it each Sunday to Little and Middle Church as their offering during Lent.

UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS

We are also going to help Catholic Worker House again this year with an underwear and socks drive. Please deposit the items in the basket in front of Little church. They are in desperate need.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 1st to Feb. 7th (goal)	321,600.00
July 1st to Feb. 7th (actual)	308,475.23
7/1/09-6/30/10 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 02/07)	9,390.22

Thank you for your generous donation of
\$2,229.85
to our School, CCD and Confirmation Programs.

2009 Contribution Statements
Please call the Rectory if you would like a contribution statement for your taxes.

MINISTER SCHEDULE/Feb 20 & 21

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Holland (C)

T. Dachauer, J. Scannell, D. Bisagno, A. Ciraulo

Lectors: M. Dachauer and C. Clarke

Altar Servers: C. McHale and M. McHale

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Vassallo (C)

J. Jackson, R. Lahoz, T. Montross, M. Nunnery

Lectors: A. Clifford and T. Clifford

Altar Servers: K. Thomson and L. Clifford

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Paul

Eucharistic Ministers: G. Sinks (C)

T. Smerdel, K. Semenza, J. Sexton, L. Cesca

Lectors: J. Bendick and T. Tullius

Altar Servers: M. Grealish, A. Sciaqua and B. Simpson

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

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Chester (C)

N. Bamba, M. Nuti, E. Sanchez, J. Yee

Lectors: H. Valle and F. Firpo

Altar Servers: S. Stelmashenko and F. Valle

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Paul

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Lopez (C)

A. Lopez, V. Lopez, G. Landholt, P. Landholt

Lector: B. Lopez and J. Marty

Altar Servers: D. Rodriguez and A. Davis

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-February 15th

Readings: Jas 1:1-11 Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday-February 16th

Readings: Jas 1:12-18 Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday-February 17th

Readings: Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Mt 6:1-6,16-18

Thursday-February 18th

Readings: Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25

Friday-February 19th

Readings: Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15

Saturday-February 20th

Readings: Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32

Sunday-February 21st

Readings: Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

Living the Liturgy

Blessings and Woes

The Beatitudes which we hear today are probably among the most familiar passages in the gospels. But have we ever REALLY heard them? If we dare to, as we look to this coming Ash Wednesday, we will be unsettled. Perhaps, the photos and stories we have seen and heard of the Haitians will help us understand. They are surely poor, hungry, and weeping and must wonder why the world's assistance is taking so long to reach the outlying regions of Port au Prince. And yet they sing and pray and the great majority of them, these brothers and sisters of ours, make the best of a horrendous situation. Another translation of "blessed" is "happy" and the faces of the children reflect joy when they receive the smallest portion of food.

What about ourselves? Those of us who have grown up poor and have known hardship and hunger must have a different appreciation for a good meal than those of us who've always had enough to eat. If we're accustomed to what our society calls "the good life" what might our obligation be to those who have so little? If you've ever visited with the people in a poor country, you've no doubt been awed by their generosity. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor statistics, the poorest fifth of Americans give more than twice as much to charity (4.3% of income) as the wealthiest fifth (2.1% of income). With this being the third consecutive year of drought in our state, unemployment has reached record rates, over 40% in some communities resulting in food shortages, and adverse impacts on the stability of families and businesses.

Luke's community was always concerned about the poor, as Jesus was. In Matthew's version, the words "in spirit" are added, perhaps, to soften the statement. Only Luke includes "the woes", but perhaps we need to hear them at this time in our history. There is an invitation and a challenge contained in the woes. Can we trust the Spirit enough to listen to them? **Peace, S. Sheral**

Change for Churches

You'll recall that each year, our parish Social Concerns group has helped us to direct our Lenten sacrificial offerings to one global effort. Two years ago, you donated 1500 bednets for the malaria-stricken villages of sub-Saharan Africa. Last year, you provided the \$14,000 it took to survey, build and install a Play Pump for a village in Malawi. The last thing Fr. Bruce said to me while he was still feeling pretty well was this: "You know how we always collect money for a good cause during Lent? Could you do that for Fr. Emmanuel next Lent?" I assured him that we would do that. So, this year, we want to help Fr. Emmanuel Nnanna Egwe build a church for one of his many villages. There will be envelopes in the pews for your donation. If you give by check, please make it out to St. Robert's; the parish will make out one check after Easter. Thank you in advance. **S. Sheral and the Social Concerns Group**

E CONTRIBUTIONS

As you are preparing your budgets for 2010, now might be a good time to consider using e-contributions for your parish donations. For more information you can look at the parish web page at SaintRoberts.org and locate the button on the right side of the page.

E-contributions can be used for your Sunday offering, 2nd Collection and Archbishop's Annual Appeal. To start, go to E-paluch.com and follow the easy steps. You may make contributions weekly, semi-monthly or monthly using your credit card or bank account. There is no charge to you for this service, and if you need assistance with the set up, please call Deacon Duffey at 589-2800. Thank you.



Women's Guild Dinner Dance

Don't miss out on this year's Women's Guild Dinner Dance on **March 20th**. Tickets will be available after all masses. Questions please contact Carolyn Uroz at 650-302-8850.

Singing or Playing for Triduum

If you can't commit to singing or playing an instrument every week, but would like to join the combined choir for Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday evening Masses, the Good Friday afternoon liturgy at 1:30 pm, and/or Easter Sunday at 11:30 am, we'd love to have you! Practices are Wednesdays during Lent at 7 pm in the church. Please contact Kevin Imbimbo at kji@sanbrunocable.com or call him at 678-0491.

Consolation Ministry Grief Support Group February 20th

Our next meeting is on February 20th 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 or any of the Saint Robert's Consolation Committee.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

Saturday, February 27th at 12 Noon

at St. Mary of the Assumption
Cathedral

1111 Gough Street in San Fran-
cisco.



Bishop William Justice cordially extends an invitation to all married couples of the Archdiocese of San Francisco and beyond to a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration and renewal of vows. Registration forms are available by download at www.sffamilylife.com or email sfeath@gmail.com or call (707) 552-3394. Special honor will be shown to those who are celebrating their 25th, 50th or 50+ Wedding Anniversaries.

Lenten Directives

Anyone older than 14 years of age is to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday. Anyone between 18 and 59 years of age is to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. One full meal is allowed and two smaller meals, not to equal the full meal. If ability to work is affected or you have health concerns, the law does not apply.

On Ash Wednesday, purple fliers with information on the liturgies and services we offer here at St. Robert's will be in the pews. Please take one and give it to a friend, neighbor or family member who might be prompted by the Spirit to return to the practice of their childhood faith.

CalGrant Workshop

A workshop to assist graduating seniors to apply for state-funded CalGrants will take place on Saturday, February 20 from 9 am to 1 pm at South San Francisco High School, 400 B St. The process usually takes about an hour. CalGrants offer up to \$9,700 a year to pay for college expenses to qualifying colleges, universities and career schools. Be sure to go to www.calgrants.org or jbelli@ssfusd.org or call Jackie Belli at 871-8752 to find out what information you need to bring.

Job Search Assistance

Many of the parishes in the southern part of San Mateo County (Saints Gregory, Mathew, Luke, Catherine) are participating in a free program to assist unemployed and underemployed parishioners through multi-parish gatherings. There are two workshops being offered this month to which you are invited: for executives and senior management, Feb.22-25, 9 am to 5 pm; for office workers and supervisors, Feb. 27, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm; recent college graduates, Mar. 4-5 from 9 am to 5 pm. Please contact inquiries@careerinnovate.com, call 574-1870 or see S. Sheral for detailed fliers.

Church of the Epiphany

**827 Vienna Street
in San Francisco,**

will be rededicating
the Gym in Nano Nagle Hall to
Monsignor Bruce Dreier's Gym.

This event will take place over a two day period
on Saturday and Sunday,
February 27th & 28th.

GO AS FAR AS YOUR COURAGE WILL CARRY YOU.

On Sunday, February 28, from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.,

celebrate the legacy of Sr. Dorothy Stang, SND.

Notre Dame High School (Dining Room)

1540 Ralston Avenue, Belmont

RSVP: call 650-486-2181 or email powelson@sndden.org.

**You will be inspired by
performance artist Sr. Jon
Julie Sullivan, impassioned
brother David Stang,
co-worker/friend Marlene
DeNardo, and others.**

**A raffle (including fair trade
goodies, eco items and an
iPod!) and a reception with
refreshments will follow.**

**RSVP now. This event is
limited to the first 200 people
who respond.**

For more information on Dorothy Stang, please visit these websites:

The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, California Province

www.snddenca.org and www.dorothystang.org

**St. Robert's School will be selling paper scrip and scrip gift cards
after mass next weekend (Feb. 20th and 21st)."**