

# SAINT ROBERT'S CHURCH



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## MASS TIMES

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 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 PENANCE

Saturday: 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm or call 589-2800 to make an appointment.

## 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.

## Fr. Bruce's Anniversary

In honor of the first anniversary of Fr. Bruce Dreier's death, we will be having a special Mass at 10:30 am on Saturday, August 14. Please plan to join us.

Schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers are also available on the web at [www.saintroberts.org](http://www.saintroberts.org).

## Dear Parishioners,

A few weeks ago I got a call from a parishioner. She said she needed to talk to a priest. She told me that she is having so much difficulty dealing with her mother. Her mother is 88 years old and became a widow last year. It seems to her that her mother has changed for the worse making life difficult for both of them. I tried to ask a lot of questions to figure out what is really going on and why so I could offer some counseling. Towards the end of our conversation I reminded her that prayer is important especially at this point in her life. Then came the question that I have heard so many times before, "Father, how will I know that God answers my prayers?"

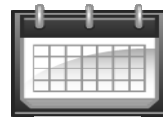
The first reading of the gospel this weekend answers that question very well. In the first reading Abraham bargains with God to save the sinful cities of Sodom and Gomorrah from destruction. Abraham's haggling with God is interpreted by many as praying to God. This story reminds us that God is merciful and always hears and answers our prayers. In the gospel the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray and Jesus gave them the Lord's Prayer. In that prayer Jesus taught his disciples to call God as Abba, Father. It is a very intimate form of addressing God.

When we pray to God, we may be asking so many things. And sometimes, if not most of the time, what we are asking for are not in our best interests. We should always remember that what God promises in response to our earnest prayers is not necessarily the answer that we seek. Since God is our Father, who is like a loving parent, God will always give what is best for us. God gives us the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the only gift that we ever need. The primary petition of a Christian prayer is to ask for the Holy Spirit. Why the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit enables us to love and trust in the most difficult situations of life. The Holy Spirit also transforms our words and our deeds. Our words become Jesus' words and our deeds his deeds when we act and speak through the gift and the power of the Holy Spirit.

I remember telling that parishioner who called me a few weeks ago that she can be Jesus to her mother because the Holy Spirit is God's answer to her prayers. Of course, I also reminded her to persevere and to be persistent in her prayers, because Jesus teaches us that it pays to be persistent in our prayers.

**Blessings,  
Father Obet**

## THE WEEK AHEAD



### Monday-July 26th

Mass Intention 6:30 Italo Lucchesi †  
8:30 Gene May †

### Tuesday-July 27th

Mass Intention 6:30 Anthony Torres †  
8:30 Connie Drews †  
**Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library**

### Wednesday-July 28th

6:30 Communion Service  
Mass Intention 8:30 Judy Johnson

### Thursday-July 29th

6:30 Communion Service  
Mass Intention 8:30 Isabelle Cardinale †

### Friday-July 30th

Mass Intention 6:30 Papa Ben  
Venturina †  
8:30 Pasquale Aloise †

### Saturday-July 31st

Mass Intention 8:30 Bob & Karen Toboner  
4:30 People of St. Robert's  
**AA Mtg 9:30am Mahoney Room**

### Sunday-August 1st

Mass Intention 7:30 Francis Mitchell †  
9:30 Rodolfo Ibay †  
11:30 Marie Morena †  
5:00 Kathleen Dunleavy †



## CENTER PLATE NEEDS HELP FOR 49er training camp:

Aug 2nd 3-9 Santa Clara  
Aug 3rd 3-9 Santa Clara  
Aug 6th 7am -1230pm Santa Clara  
Aug 7th 7-1230 2-7pm (two shifts) Santa Clara  
Aug 9th 2-7pm Santa Clara  
Aug 11th 2-7pm Santa Clara  
Aug 17th 2-7pm Santa Clara  
Aug 18 2-7pm Santa Clara  
Aug 19th 2-7pm Santa Clara

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## LIVING THE LITURGY

### A Forgiving and Giving God

Abraham's dialogue with God in the Genesis reading might remind us of the bargaining we can so easily do with God: "If you grant me this promotion, Lord, I promise I'll do such and such." "If you let me pass this test, I promise I'll study harder the next time." At least, he's bargaining for others and not himself!

But the gospel tells us that we don't need to bargain with God. God is ALWAYS ready to give us whatever will be for our good! There are many things which happen which we don't understand and it is convenient to blame them on God, rather than admitting that many of life's occurrences are beyond us. When a loved one dies despite our prayers and the prayers of other friends, we are understandably grief-stricken and possibly angry. Strange as it may seem, we can invite God's Spirit to be present to us as we work through those feelings. We do need to ask, though, since our God is gentle and respects our free will. Sometimes, we may be the one God sends to someone in need of a listening ear and a compassionate heart.

Often, we may forget to ask God to let us be part of the answer to our prayers. There isn't much point in praying that we be a welcoming parish community if I only speak to my good friends after Mass! And if we pray for people in difficult straits financially, it would be good to think about whether anyone in my circle of acquaintances is experiencing that situation. And if a family is, how might I be supportive? We might also think about who we pray for. Is my world only my family or might I, at least occasionally, pray for those who are easily forgotten: prisoners and their families, children on the streets, refugees? May the Spirit inspire us all!

Peace,  
S. Sheral

### Catholic Worker Shines

Many thanks to the parishioners who cleaned the San Bruno Catholic Worker last Saturday: Chris, Daniel and Julia Arellano, Fiona Blumenthal, Iris Garcia, Esperanza Halili, Andy McAlindon, Linda Olivier, and Larry Testa. We had a great time and gladly spruced things up for the homeless folks who come for a meal and shelter. By the way, Peter Stiehler could use some help in preparing and serving dinner and visiting with the guests between 5 pm and 7 pm seven days a week. If you are available, even for a few times this summer, please call him at 291-2400 or e-mail him at peterstiehler@gmail.com. He'll be most grateful!

### Prayer for the Gulf and its People

Loving God, we look at the devastation wrought by human hands and are saddened by the greed of humanity. Yet we know that your gentle Spirit can move us to action if we open ourselves to its mighty winds. Bless us with the holy fire of your love, empower us to heal what harms and renew our commitment to care for your creation. Amen. (Thanks to Pax Christi USA)



AS A PARISH COMMUNITY, WE PRAY...**WE PRAY THAT ALL POLITICAL LEADERS TURN TO GOD FOR WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING IN DECISIONS AFFECTING HUMAN LIFE FROM THE FIRST MOMENT OF CONCEPTION UNTIL NATURAL DEATH.**

### WE CONGRATULATE THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Jacob Axel Harkavy

Jude Aaron Harkavy

Tia Marie Shigematsu Trinidad



Our sincere sympathy to the families of  
**Ricco Ruggeri, Mike Clark &  
William Cochrane**  
who died recently.



### **SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Under the Missionary Cooperation Plan of the Archdiocese of San Francisco this weekend there is a mission appeal to help the Diocese of Gonaives in Haiti. Father Chris Beretta will preach at all Masses. Please support this appeal that will benefit the people Haiti.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 1st to July 18th (goal)	34,470.00
July 1st to July 18th (actual)	25,840.37
7/1/10-6/30/11 Weekly Goal	10,490.00
Collection (actual 07/18)	7,822.10

Thank you for your generous donation of  
**\$1,786.14**  
to St. Patrick's Seminary.

### **ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

**As of 7/20/10**

**over 400 families have pledged**

**\$66,480.15**

**Our goal this year is \$96,000**

*Thank you in advance  
for your generous donation.*

# MINISTER SCHEDULE/JULY 31 & AUG 1

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

**Presider:** Fr. Obet

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

M. Murphy, D. Hageman, R. Hanley, R. Aveson,  
S. Chester, A. Ciraulo

**Lectors:** Paul Scannell and Cathy Aveson

**Altar Servers:** M. McKenna and M Tankeh

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

**Presider:** Fr. Ring/Deacon John

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

M. Noce, B. Noce, C. Soracco, J. Aldinger

**Lectors:** Albert Reyes and Jeffrey Thomsen

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

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

**Presider:** Fr. Obet/Deacon John

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

J. Kelly, H. Mar, G. Sinks, A. Romine, T. Jones,  
M. Zamattia

**Lectors:** Dana Jolie and John Valdez

**Altar Servers:** B. Simpson, K. Ajam and R. Topper

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

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

**Presider:** Fr. /Deacon Rusty

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

V. Valle, R. Benavente, M. Fernandez, P. Fernandez,  
D. Murphy, L. Jovero

**Lectors:** Camille Maron and David Maron

**Altar Servers:** F. Valle and J. Cascino

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

**Presider:** Fr. Obet/Deacon Rusty

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

K. Welch, M. Dowden, C. Browne, M. Elmore,  
M. Aberoutte, C. Innes

**Lector:** Mark Innes and Brijit Lopez

**Altar Servers:** C. Osterlund and D. Rodriguez

### **WEEKLY READINGS**

#### **Monday-July 26th**

Readings: Jer 13:1-11 Mt 13:31-35

#### **Tuesday-July 27th**

Readings: Jer 14:17-22 Mt 13:36-43

#### **Wednesday-July 28th**

Readings: Jer 15:10, 16-21 Mt 13:44-46

#### **Thursday-July 29th**

Readings: Jer 18:1-6 Jn 11:19-27

#### **Friday-July 30th**

Readings: Jer 26:1-9 Mt 13:54-58

#### **Saturday-July 31st**

Readings: Jer 26:11-16, 24 Mt 14:1-12

#### **Sunday-August 1st**

Readings: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21