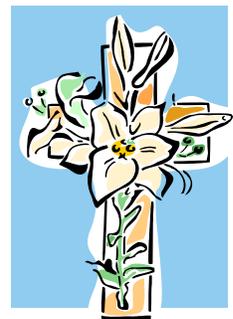


SAINT ROBERT'S CHURCH



The Parish Staff
Would like to wish
The Parish Community
Of St. Robert's
A
Blessed Easter



Dear Parishioners,

Happy Easter!

When you say this greeting today, what comes to your mind? What does this greeting mean to people? The children would probably say that they like Easter because of the Easter eggs and the Easter bunny. These two are the popular symbols of Easter. And they are highly commercialized at this time. Well, Easter is supposed to be fun. Hence, the colorful trappings that come with the celebration of Easter Sunday. But let me tell you a very important symbol or sign of Easter. The Empty Tomb.

Why the empty tomb? In John's gospel, the empty tomb is the proof that Jesus has resurrected. However, it was not easy to understand right away the significance of the empty tomb. Magdalene and Peter saw the empty tomb but they did not associate it at once with the resurrection. Who did? The beloved disciple also saw the empty tomb and he believed. It was the disciple whom Jesus loved who instantly acknowledged that Jesus has risen. Why? Because he saw the empty tomb with the eyes of love.

It has been said that when you love, you will see. In the book, "The Little Prince" written by Antoine de Saint-Exupere, there is this beautiful quotation from the dialogue between the little prince and the fox who have become close friends, "It is only through the heart that one can see clearly, for what is essential is invisible to the eyes." Indeed, people in love can see more clearly. Because of that special relationship between Jesus and the beloved disciple, the truth about the empty tomb became very clear to that disciple.

Easter invites us to see everything through the eyes of love or through the eyes of faith. In one of his letters, Saint Paul says that we walk by faith, not by sight. When we love one another we are able to see the risen Lord in each one of us. Happy Easter is not a greeting that we can just say once a year. If we try to look at the world around us every day with the eyes love, then Easter becomes a 24/7 reality.

Father Obet

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-April 25th

Mass Intention 6:30 Arador Gandeza & Nap Balinin †
8:30 Kevin McKenna †

Tuesday-April 26th

Mass Intention 6:30 In Thanksgiving
8:30 Deceased Members of Angela Inst. #90 †

Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library

Wednesday-April 27th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service
8:30 Joseph Vinal †
Choir Practice 7:00pm Church

Thursday-April 28th

Mass Intention 6:30 Communion Service
8:30 Kevin McKenna †

Friday-April 29th

Mass Intention 6:30 Tony Mallamo †
8:30 Richard McGrath †
Line Dancing 6:00pm Hall

Saturday-April 30th

Mass Intention 8:30 Kevin Burke †
4:30 Geraldine Patterson †
AA Mtg 9:30am Mahoney Room

Sunday-May 1st

Mass Intention 7:30 John P. Murphy †
9:30 Julio Borruso †
11:30 Delio Simoni †
5:00 Norman Yates †

AMERICAN LINE DANCING

Thank God It's Friday Benefit Event

April 29th (6:00 - 9:00 pm) Hennessy Hall

This special event is open to all parishioner and friends of St. Robert's church. In lieu of class fee valued at \$10 per attendee, you may donate as much as you like to St. Roberts Church to benefits its various charities and ministries. Please join us and catch all the fun and excitement.

Pre-Registration is requested. For more information please contact.

Allen Isidro at (650) 515 - 2320



AS A PARISH COMMUNITY, WE PRAY the Blessings of the Risen Christ to one and all.



Our sincere sympathy to the families of Helen McAllister & Josephine Puttoff 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 Sandra Dill

Parish Healing Mission a huge Success

Thanks to all who attended our parish Mission on Healing. Many were healed thanks to the prayers of all. This community event was very faith inspiring. Continue to use the prayer techniques we learned together. Thank you.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The collection figures for Sunday, April 17th, and the Easter collection will be posted in the May 1st Bulletin.

2011 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
As of 4/14/11
\$45,558.52
has been pledged.
Our goal this year is \$86,200.
Thank you in advance

Jesus Christ Is Risen!

Happy Easter! Most of us have heard the Easter story many times. So this reflection will focus on some aspects of Matthew's version which we might have overlooked. When the women approach the tomb "as the first day of the week was dawning," the angel says to them, "Do not be afraid." When Jesus meets them on their way back home, he repeats this assurance. My favorite scripture scholar, Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP, asks, "Does it take more courage to believe in a Risen Savior than in an admired, but dead religious teacher? What does it mean in our lives that everything has changed for us?" Surely, those who followed Jesus, especially those who followed him through his passion and death experienced their lives as changed forever.

How about us? All of us who participated in any of the Easter Masses will have renewed our baptismal promises and have been sprinkled with the Easter water. Every time we bless ourselves at one of the holy water fonts at the entrance of the church, we are invited to do the same thing. If we don't do it merely as a habit, we ought to pray as we sign ourselves, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." These are the same words used at our baptism when someone else, usually our parents, wanted us to be part of God's family. So, now it is time to make that commitment to follow Jesus (or to renew it) for ourselves. The church wisely gives us 50 days to deepen this commitment, after our 40 days of preparation for this feast through our Lenten observance.

The dawning of the first day of the week has great meaning for Matthew. His listeners would know that he is saying that something very new is happening. It is an ordinary day; people are going about their daily lives and are back to work, having observed the Sabbath. "Don't expect resurrection appearances just on high holy days, Fr. Jude points out, "in dedicated places and under certain, ideal conditions. Look for the Risen One...in daily life, while doing ordinary chores. If the Risen Christ isn't with us where we work out our Christian lives, he is still in the grave." Jesus' resurrection is the reason why for us as Christians Sunday is our holy day instead of Saturday which the Jewish community observes.

So, the invitation comes to us this Easter : let us open our eyes and look for the signs of resurrection! New life in ourselves, in those we love, in efforts in our society to surround the poor and vulnerable with our care and our help, in struggles for human dignity and justice here at home and in North Africa and the Gulf states, so many places where God's Spirit is at work!

Some parishioners have asked why we wrote letters about making foreign aid (1% of the federal budget, though some people think it is 25%). The Social Concerns group hopes to spearhead one project reminding us of the needs of our global family and one project closer to home. Soon, we will be focusing on our efforts on providing food for the children of San Bruno who usually receive free or subsidized lunches during the school year. Of course, we'll be inviting your participation! Thank you in advance.

Thank you to everyone who brought flowers, cleaned and decorated the church for the most important feast of the year!

Happy Easter! S. Sherl

MINISTER SCHEDULE/APR 30/MAY 1

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet/Deacon John
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Hanley (C)
Deacon John, D. Hageman, R. Aveson, J. Waldvogel,
A. Ciraulo
Lectors: C. Aveson and C. Clarke
Altar Servers: M. McKenna and M. Mar

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Obet/Deacon /Rusty
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Nunnery (C)
Deacon Rusty, A. Albright, C. Noce, M. Noce, J. Aldinger
Lectors: R. Rolfes and A. Reyes
Altar Servers: S. Jensen and A. Cronin

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring/Deacon Rusty
Eucharistic Ministers: T. Jones (C)
Deacon Rusty, J. Sexton, G. Sinks, A. Solis, J. Bartolotti
Lectors: C. Sinks and J. Valdez
Altar Servers: J. Silva, C. Lynch and P. Lynch
Children's Liturgy: Terry and Sandy & Danny

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Paul/Deacon Rusty
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Giusti (C)
Deacon Rusty, E. Sanchez, C. Morgan, L. Jovero, F. Firpo
Lectors: F. Firpo and H. Beck
Altar Servers: J. Fontenot and L. Fontenot

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Paul/Deacon John
Eucharistic Ministers: G. Huddleston (C)
Deacon John, C. Innes, M. Aberouette, M. Dowden,
S. Mangold
Lector: N. Buencamino and B. Lopez
Altar Servers: D. Rodriguez and E. Gonzalez

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-April 25th

Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday-April 26th

Readings: Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday-April 27th

Readings: Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35

Thursday-April 28th

Readings: Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48

Friday-April 29th

Readings: Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14

Saturday-April 30th

Readings: Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15

Sunday-May 1st

Readings: Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31