

# SAINT ROBERT'S CHURCH

Christ has Risen!  
Happy Easter!



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Dear Parishioners,

Does the empty tomb prove that Jesus rose from the dead? The answer is no. Why was the tomb empty? Some skeptics say that Mary Magdalene went to the wrong tomb or that Jesus' corpse was stolen, which was a common occurrence during that time. In our gospel passage today, who was the first to believe in the resurrection of Jesus? Remember, that Mary Magdalene came to see Jesus' tomb and found it empty. But she did not understand why. She had no idea that the Lord had risen. At her bidding, Peter and the beloved disciple went to the tomb, and they too found it empty. There is a difference in the reaction of Peter and the beloved disciple when they saw the empty tomb. Peter just saw the empty tomb and did not draw any conclusion and yet the beloved disciple, according to John, saw and believed.

What did the beloved disciple see that others did not? He saw the same empty tomb and he believed that Jesus had been raised from the dead. Why was the beloved disciple the first one to express belief in the Risen Lord? What was the secret of this beloved disciple so much so that he was the first one to acknowledge the resurrection of Jesus? Notice the adjective that describes this apostle, beloved. This disciple looked at the empty tomb through the eyes of love, and he believed in the resurrection. The great love of this disciple enabled him to see the truth of the resurrection.

There is this story about a Filipino priest who was studying for his doctorate in theology in Rome. He had a classmate who was a lay minister from Africa and they became very good friends. One day his African classmate invited him to dinner. So the Filipino priest went to the lay minister's place. While the African was setting the table for dinner, the priest walked around the room looking at the photographs displayed on the wall.

He noticed a big picture of an African woman. Looking at the photo, the priest said to himself, "What an ugly woman!" His classmate noticed that he was looking at the picture of the woman. And the lay minister said to the priest, "Isn't she beautiful? She is my fiancée." Right then and there the priest felt ashamed of how he felt about this woman, saying to himself how ugly she is. He realized that he was very wrong

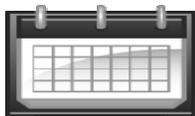
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Many times we equate seeing with loving. And so we say, you are the apple of my eyes; I only have eyes for you; looking through the eyes of love. To see with the eyes of love is also the same as seeing with the eyes of faith. Remember the disciple whom Jesus loved, he saw what the others saw, an empty tomb, and he believed. He saw through the eyes of faith and love. Whatever we do, wherever we are, we are invited to look and see through the eyes of love and faith. When we do that we will see the Risen Lord in our midst, we will see Jesus in others. If we don't do that, we may look at the world with the eyes of hatred, prejudice and injustice. And we know what we are going to see when this happens: violence on the streets, senseless killings, war, discrimination and exploitation of the most vulnerable among us. You only need to look at the front page of the newspapers to understand what I mean.

But as Christians who celebrate Easter, our lives should reflect love and care for others. Our examples of compassion for the needy and for those who need our help, they can be our own family members and friends, make our Easter celebration relevant. Easter reminds us to look through the eyes of faith and love, to look at the empty tomb as the beloved disciple saw it. This is what I call Easter sight. When we love, we will see the truth and the beauty of the person and of the world, and we will see the Risen Lord among us.

Happy Easter,  
Father Obet Andrey

## THE WEEK AHEAD



### Monday-April 9th

Mass Intention 6:30 John Lukin †  
8:30 Andrea Wong †

**8th Gr Decorations Meeting**

**7:00pm Hall**

### Tuesday-April 10th

Mass Intention 6:30 Frances Heaney †  
8:30 Christopher Chastain †

**Legion of Mary Tea Meeting Room**

**6:30pm Library**  
**7:15pm Mahoney**

### Wednesday-April 11th

Mass Intention 8:30 Charles & Rita Agius †

**Choir Practice**

**7:00pm Church**

### Thursday-April 12th

Mass Intention 8:30 Paul & Rosina Vella †

**8th Gr Decoration Meeting**

**7:00pm Hall**

### Friday-April 13th

Mass Intention 6:30 Nemesio Miranda †  
8:30 Anne Anderson †

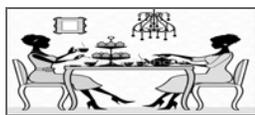
### Saturday-April 14th

Mass Intention 8:30 Etna Kenny †  
4:30 Steven Morena †

### Sunday-April 15th

Mass Intention 7:30 Margaret Galli †  
9:30 Will Fonteno †  
11:30 Pasquale Aloise †  
5:00 People of St. Robert's

## Save the Date



St. Robert's "Time for Tea" Party  
Sunday, April 29 (1 pm to 4 pm)  
Place: El Rancho Inn, Millbrae  
More Info to follow - be on the lookout.



**AS A PARISH COMMUNITY**, we pray  
That those newly born in the water of Baptism  
and those who have come to full communion  
will experience Christ's love and support  
within our faith community.

## Easter Sacraments Celebrated During the Easter Vigil

Congratulations to Pearl Ho and Eduardo Madera who were Baptized, Confirmed and received First Eucharist during the Easter Vigil. Twila Morales made a Profession of Faith, since she was baptized in another faith. She then received her Confirmation and First Eucharist. Leonora Madera received her First Communion. Raquel Gonzalez, Miguel Nava and Mark Tobin look forward to their Confirmation which is scheduled for Pentecost Sunday in San Francisco with Archbishop Niederauer. A great day of celebration was had by all. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

Our sincere sympathy to the families of  
Leopoldo Bamba, Jr.,  
Bridget Carroll &  
Michael Casella



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II declared that the Second Sunday of Easter (next Sunday) is to be called "Divine Mercy Sunday". In the early 1930's Jesus appeared to a sister in Poland. She is now St. Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy". Jesus asked her to "tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy." He promised "complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" to those who turn to Him in trust and worthily receive Him in Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday. "On that day, the very depths of My tender mercy are open...Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Font of My mercy." Confession within a reasonable time before the Feast is sufficient. We must be in the state of grace to receive this extraordinary gift of mercy. Confession takes place at St. Robert's each Saturday from 3:30 - 4:15PM.

## STEWARDSHIP

Our weekly collections for March 25th and April 1st  
will be posted in the April 15th bulletin.

# MINISTER SCHEDULE/APR 14 & 15

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

**Presider:** Fr. Mike  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** R. Hanley (C)  
D. Hageman, A. Ciraulo, C. Holland, N. Jussaume  
**Lectors:** M. Dachauer and C. Bonner  
**Altar Servers:** J. Silva and K. Brown

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

**Presider:** Fr. Obet  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** R. Vassallo (C)  
C. Noce, M. Noce, E. Ruggiero, S. Quinn  
**Lectors:** J. Moresco and S. McDonagh  
**Altar Servers:** A. Blumenthal and K. Blumenthal

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

**Presider:** Fr. Ring  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** R. Valdez (C)  
M.A. Saisi, J. Sexton, M. Salazar, S. Salazar  
**Lectors:** N. O'Reilly and J. Valdez  
**Altar Servers:** N. Mar, N. Uroz and C. Peterson  
**Children's Liturgy:** Esperanza & Nubia and Dan & Sandy

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

**Presider:** Fr. Mike  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Giusti (C)  
V. Valle, A. Reid, L. Sing, D. Soetanto  
**Lector:** R. Hill and T. Tannis  
**Altar Servers:** K. Ravelo and M. Madrigal

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

**Presider:** Fr. Obet  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Elmore (C)  
K. Welch, A. Ferris, D. Ferris, M. Mahoney  
**Lectors:** G. Picazo  
**Altar Servers:** C. Osterlund and T. Lopez

### **WEEKLY READINGS**

#### **Monday-April 9th**

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

#### **Tuesday-April 10th**

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

#### **Wednesday-April 11th**

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

#### **Thursday-April 12th**

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

#### **Friday-April 13th**

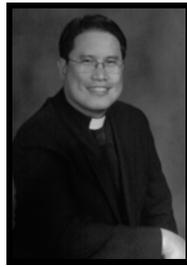
Readings: Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14

#### **Saturday-April 14th**

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

#### **Sunday-April 15th**

Readings: Acts 4:32-35 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31



### ***From the Pastor's Desk***

Domestic violence is hugging headlines these days because of a high profile case in San Francisco. Domestic violence can take many forms. Spousal, child and elder abuse are just some examples of violence in the homes. We have heard of so many cases of spousal and child abuse but not of elder abuse. Why is that? It's because not too many of us are really familiar with the signs of elder abuse. This is very unfortunate because our senior citizens are very vulnerable. Many of them suffer quietly because they cannot do anything to help themselves. The family members' lack of knowledge about elder abuse adds to the misery of the elderly. Here in our parish we have a ministry to the homebound and most of people that we reach out to are the elderly. Part of this ministry is to make sure that our elders are well taken care of. The ministers to the homebound should know if elder abuse is taking place and to report it immediately to the proper authorities.

To address the issue of caring for the elders and preventing abuse, St. Robert's Church, through its Fil-Am Group, is partnering with ALLICE Kumares & Kumpares or Alliance for Community Empowerment in holding the **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Our Family, Our Future** free seminar and resource fair on Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm at Hennessy Hall. This is a very good opportunity to learn about how to take care of our elders and thus prevent abuses. On the back of this page is the flyer where you can take a look at the line up of speakers and the many resource groups that are contributing for the success of this timely seminar.

I urge my parishioners to participate and to spread the word around especially to those who might benefit from this seminar. Caring for our elders is not only a responsibility but also an obligation as it is an essential part of our observance of the fifth commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother." When we honor our parents it is our way of giving back to them for their sacrifices in raising us. Now that many of them are unable to take care of themselves, as a community of families, we should strive to make certain that their rights are protected and that their well-being is assured.

The elders, because of their vulnerability, may constitute the weakest link in our community. And the way we take care of the weakest link tells us the kind of community that we are. It is said that the chain is as strong as its weakest link. When we go hand in hand taking care of the most vulnerable among us, the elderly, then we are able to show that we are a community that cares for the future of our family.

Blessings,  
Father Obet Andrey



ALLICE Kumares & Kumpares  
*Alliance for Community Empowerment*  
in collaboration with  
Seton Medical Center, Thomasians USA  
and the Fil-Am Group of St. Robert's Church  
present

6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL

# Our Family, Our Future



*A free seminar - resource fair  
on caring for elders  
and building healthier family relationships*

**April 28, 2012, Saturday**

**1:00 pm — 3:30 pm**

**St. Robert's Church Hennessy Hall**

**1380 Crystal Springs Road, San Bruno, CA 94066**

- Family & health service providers will be present to address questions
- Free blood pressure and body mass index check by Kaiser Permanente FilAm Association
- Free raffle drawing
- Free refreshments will be served

#### **EMCEES**

Lloyd Lacuesta, KTVU Channel 2  
News South Bay Bureau Chief  
Frances Dinglasan, KGO Channel 7  
News Reporter

**ALLICE**

**Kumares & Kumpares**

Alice Bulo, Bettina Santos Yap, Cherie Querol Moreno, Elaine Murray,  
Elsa Agasid, Erlinda Galeon, Jeannette Trejano, Jol Africa, Jennifer  
Jimenez Wong, Joanne del Rosario, Jose Antonio, Kristine Zahani Averilla,  
Lisa Susbille, Lorraine Conaya, Melou Adan, Fr. Mark Reburiano,  
Paulita Maloy, Randy Calurey, Robert Uy, Sarah Jane Iumin, Susan Roxas

#### **SPEAKERS**

Hon. Marciano Paynor Jr., Philippine Consul General  
Hon. Adrienne Tissier, San Mateo County Supervisor  
Chris Rodriguez, Manager, San Mateo County Adult Protective Services  
Rev. Roberto A. "Obet" Andrey, Pastor, St. Robert's Church  
Glenn Sylvester, President, FALEO  
Rowland Valladares, MSW, San Mateo County Adult Protective Services  
*Special musical presentation by Michael Clements & Kumare Elsa Agasid*

#### **RESOURCE PROVIDERS**

Kaiser Permanente FilAm Assoc., PBRC, FALEO, PNANC,  
Health Plan of San Mateo, FMHI, API Legal Outreach, PAUW-USA,  
AARS, Bayshore Child Services, Bay Area Legal Aid, PCRC, YFES,  
Filipino Cancer Collaborative