

# Saint Robert's Church

Welcomes  
Fr. Obet  
as  
Pastor



## CONGRATULATIONS



Dear Friends,

On this Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14, 2010, I am being installed as the sixth pastor of St. Robert's Church. Archbishop Niederauer has appointed me as pastor in December of last year and I am very grateful to him for giving me this opportunity to serve this community. My installation is the formal recognition and celebration of my appointment as pastor.

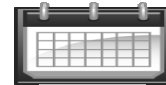
Since I came here as the parish administrator in July of last year I have experienced your warm welcome and support. I understand that we started on a difficult note with the passing of Msgr. Bruce Dreier about a month after I came. It would have been very helpful to me had Msgr. Bruce and I worked together for a longer time. However, I know that I have a lot of help in my ministry as the pastor here. I have a wonderful staff, the parish organizations are very active and the parishioners are generous and supportive.

Our parochial school is also a gem in our parish community. Our school principal and faculty are doing a great job in making sure that our school children get the best Catholic education. When I see the school parents and their children participate actively in the life of the parish, we know that our school is really a parish school. There is seamless connection between the parish and the school. And this is what makes St. Robert's Church a great parish.

As we gather together to celebrate the Eucharist on the day of my installation as pastor, let us all give thanks and praise to God for all the wonderful blessings that we have received as a community. Through the intercession of our patron, St. Robert, may God continue to bless us and give us the grace and strength to fulfill our parish mission of coming together as a family of faith and prayer, striving to respond to the call of Jesus to love God and neighbor.

***Blessings,  
Father Obet Andrey***

## THE WEEK AHEAD



### Monday-March 15th

Mass Intention 6:30 Doris Attard †  
8:30 Gary O'Reilly †  
***Passion Play Reh 7:00pm Church***

### Tuesday-March 16th

Mass Intention 6:30 Sister Margarite  
Apostolo, SHF †  
8:30 Armida Moniri †  
***Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel***  
***Religious Education 3:30pm Church & Hall***  
***Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library***

### Wednesday-March 17th

6:30 Communion Service  
Mass Intention 8:30 Frances Friedman †  
***Choir Practice 7:00pm Church***

### Thursday-March 18th

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

### Friday-March 19th

Mass Intention 6:30 Margaret Spillane †  
8:30 Mariagiuseppa  
Aloise †  
***Stations of the Cross 6:00pm Church***  
***Soup Supper 6:30pm Hall***  
***Passion Play Reh. 6:45pm Church***

### Saturday-March 20th

Mass Intention 8:30 Gene May †  
4:30 Michael  
Abrahamsohn †  
***AA 10:00am Mahoney Room***  
***Dinner Dance 5:00pm Offsite***

### Sunday-March 21st

Mass Intention 7:30 People of St. Robert's  
9:30 Robert Flood †  
11:30 Mary Norman †  
5:00 Tom Brown †  
***Passion Play Reh 7:00pm Church***

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



**AS A PARISH COMMUNITY,  
WE PRAY**  
FOR FATHER OBET  
ON THE CELEBRATION  
OF HIS INSTALLATION  
AS PASTOR OF  
ST. ROBERT'S PARISH.  
MAY HE ENJOY A LONG AND  
HEALTHY LIFE AS  
HE SHEPHERDS US,  
HIS FLOCK.



**WE CONGRATULATE  
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

Jason Keith DelaCruz  
Makai Tyler Shimizu



Our sincere sympathy to the families of  
**Alfonso Hernandez, Paul St. Clair  
and Janet Steele**  
who died recently.

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

**The three important Lenten practices  
PRAYER – FASTING – ALMSGIVING.**

Please come to our Church for Stations at 6PM each Friday during Lent. Following this time of reflection and prayer, we will go to Hennessy Hall to share a 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. A basket for your donation will be found on the serving table. This is a wonderful chance to pray together and get to know one another.

**On Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>,  
members RCIA group  
will lead the Stations.**

**They, along with St. Vincent de Paul  
will host the supper.**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

**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.

**ANNUAL PALM SUNDAY PRESENTATION  
MARCH 28TH**

Is your child an actor at heart? We need children five years of age and older to take part in the Palm Sunday presentation of the Gospel on March 28th at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

**Rehearsals** will take place at church from 4-5 p.m.:

**Monday March 22nd,  
Wednesday, March 24th and  
Friday March 26th.**

Children can sign up on Sunday, March 14th and 21st after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in Little Church or call Mary Ann Saisi at 589-2000

*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:  
William Breite and Tony Yaquinto***

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

July 1st to March 7th (goal)	361,800.00
July 1st to March 7th (actual)	345,870.98
7/1/09-6/30/10 Weekly Goal	10,050.00
Collection (actual 03/07)	10,140.34

**2010 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

As of 3/9/10 **138 families** have pledged  
**\$26,756.50**

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

Thank you for your generous donation.

**Sign up for E-Contributions**

Go to [www.saintroberts.org](http://www.saintroberts.org) and click on the e-contributions button.

*There is no cost to you for this service.*

# MINISTER SCHEDULE/March 20 & 21

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

**Presider:** Fr. Paul

**Eucharistic Ministers:** C. Holland (C)

J. Scannell, L. Flodr, J. Waldvogel

**Lectors:** B. Rudometkin and P. Scannell

**Altar Servers:** R. Nazzal and J. Kelly

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

**Presider:** Fr. Paul

**Eucharistic Ministers:** C. Mullins (C)

C. Noce, M. Noce, E. Ruggiero, R. Vassallo

**Lectors:** R. Rolfes and J. Thomson

**Altar Servers:** E. Johnston and S. Jensen

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

**Presider:** Fr. Obet

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

L. Rodriguez, M.A. Saisi, T. Smerdel, G. Sinks

**Lectors:** J. Valdez and J. Aldinger

**Altar Servers:** A. Bolivar, A. Davis and L. O'Reilly

**Children's Liturgy:** Family Mass

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

**Presider:** Fr. Paul

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

R. Benavente, E. Sanchez, J. Yee, L. Sing

**Lectors:** M. Benavente and C. Benavente

**Altar Servers:** S. Stelmashenko and A. Ayllon

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

**Presider:** Fr. Obet

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

T. Estelita, M. Mahoney, E. Shick, K. Welch

**Lector:** M. Estelita and G. Jurkowich

**Altar Servers:** E. Estelita and N. Estelita

### **WEEKLY READINGS**

#### **Monday-March 15th**

Readings: Is 65:17-21 Jn 4:43-54

#### **Tuesday-March 16th**

Readings: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Jn 5:1-16

#### **Wednesday-March 17th**

Readings: Is 49:8-15 Jn 5:17-30

#### **Thursday-March 18th**

Readings: Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47

#### **Friday-March 19th**

Readings: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

#### **Saturday-March 20th**

Readings: Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53

#### **Sunday-March 21st**

Readings: Is 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11

## LIVING THE LITURGY

### "Be Reconciled to God"

Today's gospel, the Prodigal Son, is a familiar one to most of us. In the Tuesday morning reflection group, we talked about Henri Nouwen's book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*. In it, he reflects on the Rembrandt painting capturing the moment of the younger son's return and his father's welcome in the sight of the older son, two men looking on and a woman faintly in the background, perhaps his wife. The book is a great one for Lent, inviting us to consider which aspects of ourselves resemble each of the three main characters. Some of us weren't wild enough to have been the younger son growing up, but many of us can identify with the older son in our resentment at God's goodness towards someone we think isn't "worthy!" Those of you who are parents or grandparents may have experienced the mercy of the father as you welcomed back into the family a child or grandchild who had gone astray. Nouwen's explanation of the deeper meanings in this family's relationships could give us insight into our own family dynamics. How loving are we? Is there someone to whom we need to show God's mercy? Is there need for reconciliation between myself and one of my relatives or coworkers? Am I willing to at least be open to the possibility of a better relationship?

And speaking of reconciliation, in the second reading, Paul reminds us, "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation." Are there aspects of my life which don't fit with my being a follower of Christ? If you want to celebrate the change of heart you're experiencing, you might want to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You may call the rectory and set up an appointment with one of the priests or plan to come Monday evening, March 22 at 7:30 pm when we will host the parishes of the deanery for our Lenten Reconciliation Service. If you haven't been for a while, don't worry. The priest will gladly help you. Let us pray for each other these days and we all may be converted in those areas where we need to be!

**Peace, S. Sheral**

### Change for Churches

Thank you for your generosity to our friend, Fr. Nnanna who is building a church for his parishioners in Nigeria. Please make your check payable to St. Robert's and put Fr. Nnanna on the memo line. If you've been affected by the economic downturn, please don't feel obligated to contribute. He will be as grateful for your prayers.

### Parish Ministries and Groups

You may have noticed in the vestibule that there is a listing of all the parish groups and ministries with their contact persons. Descriptions of each group are in folders in the magazine rack. If you'd like to get involved or are just interested in what St. Robert's has to offer, please help yourself!

### DINNER DANCE NEXT WEEKEND!!! March 20th.



*Last chance!!! Get the tickets while they last!!!*

ON SALE after all Masses this weekend or call Carolyn Uroz at 650-302-8850.



### St. Matthews Catholic Church Presents

### REQUIEM

*By Gabriel Faure*

**Sunday, March 21st at 2 p.m.**

A choral Mass for Lent with choir members from surrounding Catholic Churches including **members from our own St. Roberts choir** at St. Matthews Church, 1 Notre Dame Ave., San Mateo, Ca 94402, (650) 344-7622.

**The Respect Life Group** would like to invite you to participate in the 40 Days for Life Vigil (Ash Wednesday to March 28), praying the rosary in front of Planned Parenthood, 2211 Palm Ave., San Mateo. St. Robert's day is Sunday, March 28 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Several of the Catholic Churches in the area have already signed up for a day. Please phone Mary Nunnery at 455-7685.



### Youth Ministry Mass March 28th at 5 p.m.

All the youth of the parish are invited to participate in this special event. For further information

Contact Deacon John (650) 703-1667.

**See you there for singing and worshipping!!!!**



**to all the Blood Donors** who came by to donate blood on Super Bowl Sunday. We received 30 pints. This was a very good turnout. Thank you to everyone.

If you would still like to donate, please visit the Peninsula Center of Blood Centers of the Pacific. Their office is located at 111 Rollins Road, Millbrae, behind In & Out Burgers. Call (650) 697-4034 to make an appointment or just drop in. Lent is a great season to give the gift of life to someone in need.

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



# Centerplate 2010



## April Games

14th Pittsburgh leave 8:15am  
23rd St. Louis leave 2:45pm  
24th St. Louis TBD  
28th Philadelphia leave 8:30am

## May games

13th San Diego leave 8:15am  
15th Houston TBD  
16th Houston leave 8:30am  
27th Washington leave 8:15am  
31st Colorado leave 8:15am

## June Games

11th Oakland leave 2:45pm  
12th Oakland TBD  
16th Baltimore leave 8:30am  
25th Boston leave 2:45pm  
26th Boston TBD  
27th Boston leave 8:30am  
28th Dodgers leave 2:45pm  
29th Dodgers leave 2:45pm  
30th Dodgers leave 8:30am

## July Games

15th NY Mets leave 2:45pm  
16th NY Mets leave 2:45pm  
17th NY Mets TBD  
28th Florida leave 11:00am  
29th Florida leave 8:30am  
30th Dodgers leave 2:45pm  
31st Dodgers TBD

## August Games

10th Chicago leave 2:45pm  
12th Chicago leave 8:30am  
25th Cincinnati TBD

## September Games

30th Chicago leave 8:30am

*We leave from the Rectory at the above posted leave times. For those working in San Francisco, you can meet the group at the gate.*

**Dress code:**  
*White shirt with collar, black pants (no spandex or jeans) and no open toed shoes.*

**Sign up:**  
at [www.saintroberts.org](http://www.saintroberts.org)-click on Centerplate,  
email Tonya Katches at [ttstinytots@yahoo.com](mailto:ttstinytots@yahoo.com)  
or call Tonya at (650) 291-7232

**SEE YA THERE!!!!**

