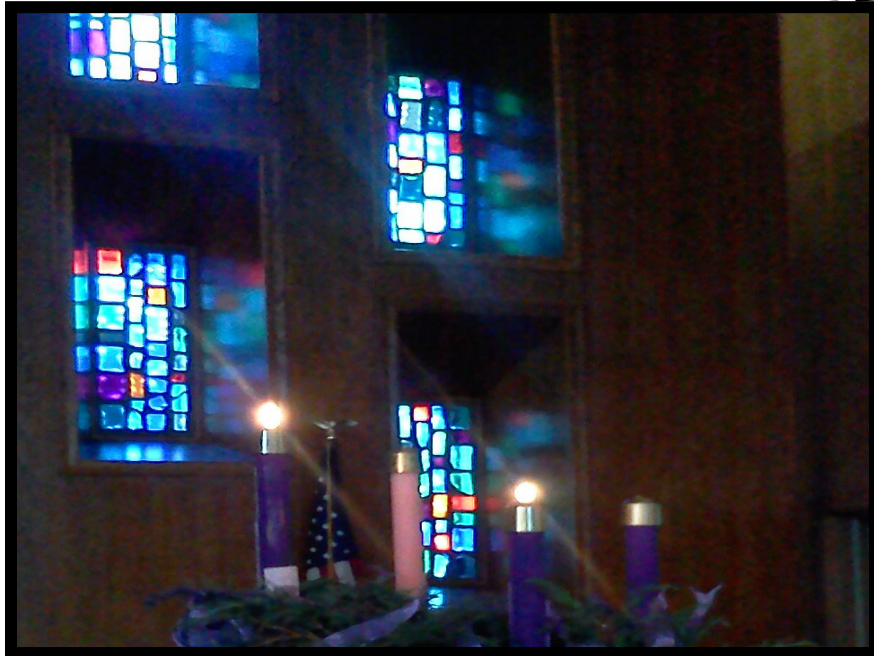


Saint Robert's Church



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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.

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.

Dear Friends,

Sipping peppermint tea, I sit here in Gene's big blue chair. I ask him to give me a few ideas as I write to you on this First Sunday of Advent. The thought comes to me: "Before you begin to write, set our Advent wreath on the table." So, this I do, adding 4 new candles. I light the first purple one. The wreath is our reminder: "Wait for the Lord --- for the Lord is coming!" Today my 80th Season of Advent begins. I still wait with joyful anticipation as I ask: "What does Advent mean to me?"

Even in the midst of so much hustle and bustle, Advent is a time for peace and quiet so we can detect hints or signals by which God wants to lead us out of our fears to hope. It is a time to be patient with ourselves and with others by listening to them and affirming them. Advent encourages us to let our hidden hopes and desires lead us beyond our normal routine day-by-day existence. It is a special period of prayer and reflection. We are asked to set aside more time than usual to live more intimately in God's Presence---to speak to Him, telling Him we love Him and that we want to grow closer to Him. We wait in silence and listen. Deep within our hearts, God gently and lovingly speaks to us.

The days of Advent help us to renew our loyalty to Jesus. We gather together all our hopes and place them in Jesus. We are asked to prepare for surprises and sudden changes and to believe in hidden treasures within ourselves and within others. We remain united in God's love and feel a serious need to help others. We hear the cries of the poor and become one with them as instruments of love that they may receive a vision of hope. We find Jesus very near in each moment --- in every person and event that crosses our path of life.

Let this Advent be for us a new awakening. Let us come to know how very much God loves each of us and that He is always with us. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

Anna May

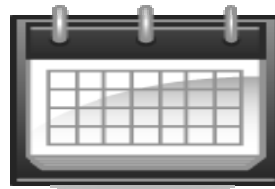


Thank You NEW NATIVITY SCENE

I would to thank you all of our parishioners who generously donated to the cost of our new Nativity Scene. Our beautiful new set will be here in time for Christmas!!

Fr. Greene

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-December 3rd

Mass Intention 6:30 Vera Gallagher
8:30 Jeanne Giannini †

Tuesday-December 4th

Mass Intention 6:30 Isaac Mejia †
8:30 Kathleen Sullivan †
Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel
School of Religion 3:30pm Hall & Church
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library

Wednesday-December 5th

Mass Intention 8:30 Caroline Shea †
Grief Support Mtg 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Youth Group 6:00pm Hall
Choir Practice 7:00pm Church

Thursday-December 6th

Mass Intention 8:30 Jeanne Giannini †
Men's Club Set Up 4:30pm Hall

Friday-December 7th

Mass Intention 6:30 Anne Young †
8:30 George Prieto †
Men's Club
Crab Cioppino 6:00pm Hall

Saturday-December 8th

Mass Intention 8:30 In Thanksgiving
4:30 Andrea Wong †
Euch Adoration 9:00am Church

Sunday-December 9th

Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Intention 7:30 Virginia Ashford †
9:30 People of St. Robert's
11:30 William & Nancy Curtis †
5:00 Sophia Cavales †
Women's Guild
Boutique 10:00am Hall

Schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers are also available on the web at www.saintroberts.org.



AS A PARISH COMMUNITY, we pray for the people of God. That these days of advent revive our life and faith in Jesus' miraculous presence. May he make us a sign that we live totally for him.

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
Bob & Gene***

CONSOLATION MINISTRY

Saint Robert's Grief Support Group's next meeting/s will be on **Saturday, December 15th and January 5th** in the **Convent @ 349 Oak Ave.** from 3:00 – 4:15 (before the 4:30 Mass). Anyone who is suffering from the loss of a loved one – spouse, sibling, child, parent, friend or relative is invited to come together and pray, share, comfort and be comforted. If you have any questions, call: **Sister Patricia @ 589-0104**

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to Nov 25th (goal)	221,870.00
July 1st to Nov 25th (actual), (including E Contributions)	190,618.82
7/1/12—6/30/13 Weekly (Goal)	10,085.00
Weekly Collection (actual 11/18)	7,888.19
Weekly Collection (actual 11/25)	7,442.97
E Cont for month of October	6,082.00
Thank you for your generosity	

Thank you for your generous donation of
\$1,879.76
to the Campaign for Human Development

2012 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 11/15/12 \$77,953.40
has been pledged.
Our goal this year is \$83,000
***Thank you in advance
for your generous donation***

Weekly Envelopes

We apologize to those who did not receive their weekly offertory envelopes. The envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church or at the rectory. Please make sure to get your envelopes; otherwise just put your donation in a regular envelope with your first and last name on it and place in collection basket.

We appreciate your support and again we apologize for any inconvenience this might have caused.

2nd Collections

November 4th - School, CCD and Religious Ed.
November 11th - Archbishop Annual Appeal
November 18th- Campaign for Human Develop.
December 2nd - School, CCD and Religions Ed.
December 9th - Retirement Fund for Religious
December 16th - Archbishop Annual Appeal

Congratulations!

We would like to congratulate our 81 children from St. Robert's School and St. Robert's religious education who made their First Reconciliation (Confession) on Saturday, November 20th.

We look forward to celebrating their First Communion next May.

Maintenance Project

During the last several weeks we have cleaned out all the gutter and down spouts on our Parish campus. Many of the buildings have not had this routine maintenance done for at least 10 years. The cost of this was \$14,000 dollars.

In addition we did the first major maintenance on our Rodgers Organ. The organ is now 19 years old and, like any mechanical item, there are small things that needed to be repaired. The cost of this is approximately \$600 dollars.

We continue to try to maintain and repair our parish and school facilities.

When Someone Is Ill

If you're aware of a parishioner who is homebound, in the hospital or in rehab, please be sure to let Sr. Patricia know. She can be reached at posullivan3@juno.com or at 589-0104. She'd rather hear twice than not at all.

MINISTER SCHEDULE/DEC 8th & 9th

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Scannell (C)
D. Interdonato, A. Ciraulo, M. Murphy, K. Martinez
Lectors: P. Scannell and B. Rudometkin
Altar Servers: C. Peterson and K. McLaughlin

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Nunnery (C)
J. Aldinger, F. Reyes, K. Healy, T. Montross
Lectors: A. Reyes and J. Moresco
Altar Servers: S. O'Halloran and J. Thomson

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Valdez (C)
J. Valdez, M.A. Saisi, A. Brugnara, K. Semenza
Lectors: N. O'Reilly and J. Shick
Altar Servers: N. Uroz, M. Mogannam and I. Birkmeyer
Children's Liturgy: Terry and Bob & Karen

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Giusti (C)
H. Mantler, S. Menendez, C. Attard, C. Morgan
Lectors: G. Peralez and F. Valle
Altar Servers: M. Liu and S. Dababneh

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Elmore (C)
U. Uniacke, K. Welch, M. Dowden, M. Salvato
Lectors: H. Lowood and G. Picazo
Altar Servers: R. Uniacke and O. Uniacke

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 3rd

Readings: Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday-December 4th

Readings: Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday-December 5th

Readings: Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37

Thursday-December 6th

Readings: Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday-December 7th

Readings: Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday-December 8th

Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Sunday-December 9th

Readings: Bar 5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

ADOPT A FAMILY



Once again this year we will have an Adopt-a-Family tree in front of church for the Christmas Season. The tree will have paper ornaments profiling families that can use some help during this time of year. We've received our families from our own St. Vincent de Paul Society, as well as Catholic Worker House in Redwood City, Child and Family Services of San Mateo County and this year we are going to add Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens. If you have means to help, look for the tree after Mass this weekend and on December 1st & 2nd. We'll need the gifts turned in by the weekend of Dec. 15th and 16th for distribution.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have questions please call Rob & Cathy Aveson 583-4757, John & Eileen Grealish 589-6011 or John & Nancy Marty 588-4740.

Saint Robert's Women's

Join us for some Christmas cheer!

Monday, December 10th
6:30 pm Hennessy Hall

Bring in \$10 gift card to participate in and a chance to play Let's Make a Deal!

Dinner:\$12 (Open Bar) (Complimentary for first timers)

RSVP:srwomensguild@yahoo.com

The Giving Tree



The Children's Liturgy team will be setting up their annual Giving Tree. Parishioners are invited to take an ornament from the tree, purchase that item and return it unwrapped along with the gift tags and put it in the box in the vestibule. Gift cards should be brought to the rectory. These gifts will be distributed to the San Bruno Fire Department and Shelter Network.

Thank you in advance for your continued spirit of generosity for our neighbors in need.

CAREGIVING: the Call and Challenge

Saint Robert's next Caregivers' Meeting will be on Thursday, December 13, 2012 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm. It will be held in the Convent Chapel @ 349 Oak Ave.

This meeting is for those who care for a parent, spouse, relative or friend no matter your level of involvement. It will give you an opportunity for reflection, prayer, and sharing of the challenges, resources and blessings for caregivers. The topics we wish to address this month are: Anointing of the Sick and Preparing for death – the legal aspects, e.g. Durable Power of Attorney, Trust vs Will.



CENTERPLATE



Volunteers are needed asap games, this will cover part of your commitment for outdoor education, athletics or service hours. Please note that new this year all volunteers will need to take an online training course prior to working at the game. Please sign-up on the St. Robert's Centerplate web site @ www.saintroberts.org

Day / Date	Event	Meet Time	Game Time
Sunday, December 9	49er's vs Miami Dolphins	7:00am	1:05pm
Sunday, December 30	49er's vs Arizona Cardinals	7:00am	1:15pm

GIFTS FOR THE HOMEBOUND



Many members of our Parish family are homebound or in nursing facilities due to serious illness or advanced years. During Advent, we say to Our Lord: "Come, Lord Jesus!" This hope is in their hearts as well. We can bring Jesus' love to them by placing an unwrapped gift in the basket on our altar steps by December 19th. Some suggestions are: white knee socks, lap robes, sweaters, slippers, robes, dusters, nightgowns, pajamas or a note of encouragement.

ATTENTION! BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Because of the Advent Season and New Year's, all bulletin announcements (until the weekend of January 1st) have to be sent to raragon.stroberts@gmail.com no later than December 12th by 2 pm.

Blessed Advent

As always, I invite us all to enter into this season of Advent and resist the temptation to hurry Christmas! Advent is a blessed time to ponder Emmanuel who became one of us to make all things human, holy. Nothing in our society gears us to patient waiting, but the readings and songs of these days do. Wear something purple to Mass (pink on Dec. 15/16) and save your Christmas

outfit for Christmas gatherings and Christmas Eve/Day! Make a simple Advent wreath for yourself and your family: a circle of evergreens, 3 purple candles and 1 pink and light a candle each Saturday or Sunday, beginning with tonight. Say a simple prayer like, "Come, Lord Jesus, make your home in our hearts and in the hearts of all people this week." You'll notice that the only décor in the sanctuary will be the Advent wreath which will be lit by parishioners each weekend. Let us simplify our lives and clear out our hearts these weeks. And thanks to your generosity, we'll have a new Nativity set! Peace, S. Sheral

Dear Parishioners,

As you are probably aware, about two weeks ago, I spent two humbling days in the hospital. I had blood clots in the lungs. The lungs are now clear but the treatment and testing continue. Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and even flowers. I'm feeling much better but it will be some time before my strength and stamina return to normal.

Please continue to keep Renee, my wife, and I in your prayers. Renee needs them as she tries to learn the role of a nurse. And any wife will tell you that most husbands make for poor patients.

As we begin a new church year, my prayers are with you for a year of good health. Blessings and thanks – Deacon Rusty Duffey

St. Robert's Women's Guild

Annual Holiday Boutique

Sunday,
December
2nd

9am -
3pm



Hennessy
Hall

345
Oak Ave.
San
Bruno

gifts * shopping * crafts

St. Robert's Men's Club

Cioppino Dinner

Friday, December 7th, 2012

Doors Open at 6:00 P.M.

\$45 Per Person

Includes: Dinner, Drinks and
Raffle Tickets

RSVP:

Mike Jay

Email: valsinfo@valsupholstery.com