

Saint Robert's Church



Rectory Office: 1380 Crystal Springs Rd.
San Bruno, CA 94066 Phone: **(650) 589-2800**
FAX: **(650) 588-9628**
Web Site: www.saintroberts.org

Rev. John L. Greene, Pastor
Rev. Michael Konopik, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Vincent Ring, *Retired In Residence*
Deacon Rusty Duffey, Pastoral Associate
Deacon John Meyer, Pastoral Associate
Sister Sheral Marshall, OSF,
Pastoral Associate for Liturgy
Sister Patricia O'Sullivan, PBVM, **589-0104**
Pastoral Associate for Sick and Homebound

In residence **763-8822**
Sister Ita Cleary, PBVM
Sister Antonio Heaphy, PBVM
Sister Vianney Buckley, PBVM
Ms. Rose Aragon, **589-2800**
Office Administrator
Mrs. Judy DeMartini, **589-2800**
Parish Receptionist/Bookkeeper

PARISH SCHOOL – **583-5065**
Mrs. Margo Wright, Principal

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (CCD)-
588-0477
Ms. Joanne Bartolotti - Director
Mrs. Leslie Fong, Office Manager

PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY – **589-2800**
Mr. Kevin Imbimbo

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.

**Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.
Every valley shall be filled and
every mountain and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made straight
and the rough ways made smooth.**

This proclamation, given by the prophet Isaiah to Israel to announce release from her long captivity in Babylon, are echoed in the cry of John the Baptist in the desert by the Jordan River. Through Isaiah, God was consoling the people that they would have a new Exodus to the Promised Land; but unlike the first Exodus, the Lord would bring them straight home, removing obstacles and hardships to speed their way.

John's proclamation was announcing a new kind of Exodus: not just from captivity to worldly oppressors, but from captivity to sin and eternal death. Christ, himself, is the way, and people follow him to find the direct route to the new Promised Land – the fullness of life, eternally, in God.

Let us open our hearts in this Advent season, removing obstacles to God through Reconciliation, and so *prepare the way* for Christ to fill our lives anew with his own, through the miracle of Christmas.

Peace and God Bless,
Fr. Mike

CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Christmas Eve,
Monday, December 24th**

4:30 p.m. (Children's Mass), 8:00 pm and
Midnight Mass.

**Christmas Day,
Tuesday, December 25th**

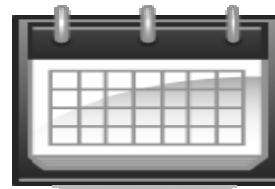
7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
No Evening Mass

**NEW YEAR'S DAY
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Tuesday, January 1, 2012**

9:30 a.m.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
*December 25th & 26th
December 31st & January 1st*

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-December 10th

Mass Intention 6:30 Thomas Baustista †
8:30 Jeanne Giannini †
Women's Guild Mtg 6:30pm Hall
St. Vincent de Paul 7:00pm Mahoney Room

Tuesday-December 11th

Mass Intention 6:30 Tereza Radov †
8:30 Morena Family †
School of Religion 3:30pm Hall & Church
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library
Confirmation/Yr 1 7:00pm Hall & Church

Wednesday-December 12th

Mass Intention 8:30 Charles & Rita Agius †
Band Concert 6:30pm Tanforan Mall
Choir Practice 7:00pm Church

Thursday-December 13th

Mass Intention 8:30 Jonathan Tengco †
Christmas Show
Kid Stock &
Choir Performance 7:00pm Church
Caregiver's Mtg 7:00pm Convent

Friday-December 14th

Mass Intention 6:30 Robert Haskins
8:30 Tom Daly †
InBetweeners 6:30pm Hall

Saturday-December 15th

Mass Intention 8:30 Terry Tonegato †
4:30 Josie Clarke †
Breakfast w/Santa 8:30am Hall
AA Mtg 10:00am Mahoney Room
Grief Consolation 3:00pm Convent
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Hall

Sunday-December 16th

Third Sunday of Advent

Mass Intention 7:30 Terry Tonegato †
9:30 Robert Marshall, Sr. †
11:30 People of St. Robert's
5:00 Tom Curran †
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Hall & Church



AS A PARISH COMMUNITY, we pray for all mothers-to-be. May God bless them with the gift of hope. May they cherish the life that stirs within their womb.

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
Charles Kenyon
Eileen Collins
Loretta Orrante***

STEWARDSHIP

Our Sincerest Gratitude



Thank you in advance for your generous contributions to our Giving Tree, Adopt a Family, Homebound and **specially to our Christmas collection.** May God bless you.

July 1st to Dec 2nd (goal)	231,955.00
July 1st to Dec 2nd (actual), (including E Contributions)	196,006.32
7/1/12—6/30/13 Weekly (Goal)	10,085.00
Weekly Collection (actual 12/92)	8,749.66
E Cont for month of November	5,526.50
Thank you for your generosity	

Thank you for your generous donation of
\$1,732.00
to our School, CCD and Confirmation Programs.

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

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Louise Jordan

IF YOU ARE NEW TO ST. ROBERT'S

Fill out a registration form and drop it either in the collection basket, the mail, or at the parish office. We will send you a New Parishioner Packet with information about the parish, its organizations and groups. If you chose, you can register online at: www.saintroberts.org.

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**

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Christmas flowers and garlands will decorate the Church during the Christmas Season. If you would like to make a donation of \$10 toward their purchase in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out the form below and return it to the Rectory by Friday, December 16th. Please make checks payable to St. Robert's.

My Gift in Memory of: _____
My Gift in Honor of: _____
Given by: _____

MINISTER SCHEDULE/DEC 15th & 16th

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Ring
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Aveson (C)
S. Chester, C. Noce, M. Noce, D. Hageman
Lectors: C. Aveson and C. Clarke
Altar Servers: C. Paulbitski and T. Paulbitski

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: B. Mullins (C)
A. Doherty, S. Quinn, A. Buelow, R. Vassallo
Lectors: S. McDonagh and A. Cotroneo
Altar Servers: D. Arellano and K. Blumenthal

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: T. Casey (C)
G. Sinks, T. Jones, M. Quilici, A. Solis
Lectors: J. Valdez and J. Co
Altar Servers: F. Gomez, A. Dempsey and S. Galli
Children's Liturgy: Michael & Gus

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: V. Valle (C)
J. Mallia, F. Firpo, D. Murphy, A. Reid
Lectors: J. Puchbauer and S. Puchbauer
Altar Servers: G. Sosa and K. Pagnotta

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: G. Huddleston (C)
K. Beltrano, D. Torres, T. Estelita, D. Soetanto
Lectors: B. Torres and N. Buencamino
Altar Servers: E. Estelita and N. Estelita

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 10th

Readings: Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday-December 11th

Readings: Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday-December 12th

Readings: Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:26-38

Thursday-December 13th

Readings: Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15

Friday-December 14th

Readings: Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19

Saturday-December 15th

Readings: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday-December 16th

Readings: Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18



SIMBANG GABI

Novena of Masses

To intensify our preparation on the final week of Advent

7:00 PM, December 15-23, 2012

St. Robert's Church

Reception after each mass

Priests and Choirs

Dec 15	Fr. Mike Konopik, St Robert St. Therese Choir
Dec 16	Fr. Obet Andrey, St Patrick St. Matthew Choir
Dec 17	Priest: TBA Couples for Christ Choir
Dec 18	Fr Paul O'Dell, All Souls Choir: TBA
Dec 19	Msgr. Johnny Alarcon, St Augustine Choir: TBA
Dec 20	Fr. Bonifacio Espeleta, St Andrew Kaibigan ni Jesus Choir
Dec 21	Fr. Arnold Zamora, Holy Name of Jesus St. Matthew Choir
Dec 22	Fr. Rolando Caverte, Church of Epiphany St. Therese Choir
Dec 23	Fr. John Greene, St Robert St. Robert's Children's Choir

The Nativity of Jesus was first celebrated in the Philippines in 1565. The Christmas celebration began with a novena of Masses starting on December 16 and ending on December 24 with a *noche buena* (a Christmas family dinner) after the midnight Mass. This novena was called *Misa de Aguinaldo* or Gift Masses. Since each of the novena Masses started at dawn with the cock's crow, the Masses later became known as *Misa de Gallo*. The Christmas novena became one of the best loved and most celebrated traditions in all parts of the Philippines. To this day, in most rural areas in the Philippines, people attend the *Misa de Gallo* at 4:00 or 5:00 o'clock in the morning. The faster pace of life in metropolitan cities necessitated some adjustments in the time of the novena of Masses. Some churches began to offer Christmas novena masses in the evening. Hence, the name *Misa de Gallo* was changed to *Simbang Gabi* (Night Mass). Today, whether the liturgies are celebrated at dawn or at night, the novena of Christmas Masses is simply called *Simbang Gabi*. This practice is now being observed not only in the Philippines but in other parts of the world.

Filipino-Americans have introduced *Simbang Gabi* in the United States and have found it to be an effective way to build a community of faith, to express who they are as a people, to celebrate their religious tradition and culture.

Here at St. Robert's Church, *Simbang Gabi* will be celebrated from December 15-23 (vigil mass) at 7:00 PM. Different priests and choirs will join us in each community celebration as we intensify our preparation on the final week of Advent.

For more information on *Simbang Gabi* or to offer mass intentions, please contact:

Albert Reyes 871-5706 (arichreyes@aol.com)

Veronica Realuyo 580-5267

(veronica4pbc@aol.com)

Sasa Puchbauer 359-9933 (sasanpuch@pacbell.net)



Many Thanks to the following families who donated to our new Nativity Scene. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Larry Testa
 Mary Nunnery
 John & Lydia Caberto
 Max Maraffio
 In Loving memory of Craig Chester
 Tom Dachauer
 Agnes Doherty
 Maria Canjura
 Nancy Arsenaault
 Ellen Olson
 Mary Fogarty
 Michael & Ellen Shanahan

Getting through the Christmas Holidays and Survey the needs for 2013.

Saint Robert's next Caregivers' Meeting will be on Thursday, December 13, 2012 from 7:00 pm-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. If you wish to attend call either Sister Sheral (589-2800) or Sister Patricia (589-0104) or simply show up!

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. Our annual gift wrapping party for the Sick and Homebound on **Thursday, December 20, 2012**, after the 8:30a.m. Mass, in the Convent Dining Room on 349 Oak Ave.

Bring your scissors (optional) and wrapping talents.

Thank You and May God bless all who donated to this much appreciated Christmas Gift Giving project. So many of those elderly and sick people have no family or friends left to give them gifts at this holy time of year. Thanks again. Sister Patricia

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.

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.

Across the Parish

2012 Christmas Issue



Dear Members of St. Robert's Family,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you! All of us are blessed to have our own families, and we are blessed to be part of a larger family: St. Robert's Church and school. As a family, the holidays make us count our blessings and be thankful for each other. They are times to draw us closer to each other and to God.

The message of Christmas is that God is our Father, and that he shows us His love in the birth of His son. Jesus shares our humanity with us and calls us his brothers and sisters.

May God bless all of us this Christmas and help us to celebrate in our lives the power of His love.

With Gratitude
Merry Christmas
Fr. John L. Greene
and the staff of
St. Robert's Church and School

**ST. ROBERT'S PARISH
ADVENT / CHRISTMAS 2012**



**COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF THE
SACRAMENT OF PENANCE @
MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH
SO. SAN FRANCISCO**

Monday, December 10th, 7:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of Penance
St. Robert's Church**

Saturday, December 22nd
3:00 pm to 4:15 pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Christmas Eve,
Monday, December 24th**

4:30 p.m. (Children's Mass), 8:00 pm and Midnight Mass.

**Christmas Day,
Tuesday, December 25th**

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
No Evening Mass

**NEW YEAR'S DAY
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Tuesday, January 1, 2012**

9:30 a.m.

THE **PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

December 25th & 26th

December 31st & January 1st

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year