

Saint Robert's Church

December 15, 2013

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve,

Tuesday, December 24th

4:30 p.m. (Family Mass), 8:00 p.m. and
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day,

Wednesday, December 25th

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1, 2014

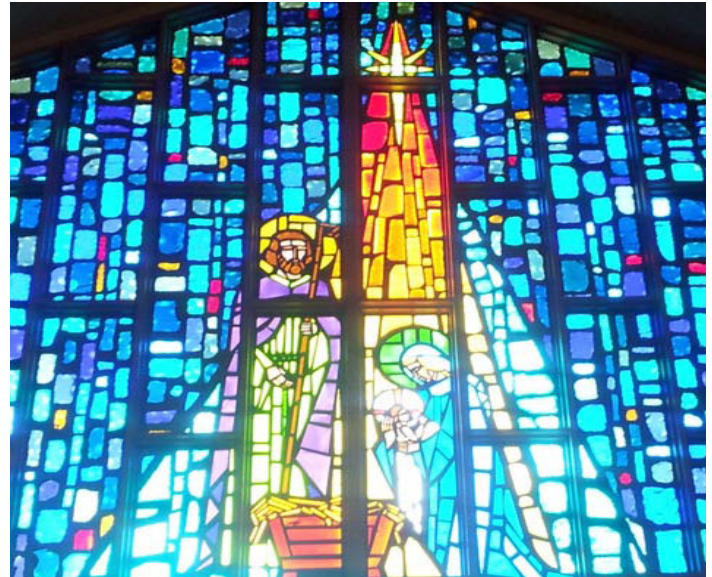
9:30 a.m. only

Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday, January 4th @ 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 5th

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.



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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.

Dear Friends,

Sitting here in Gene's big blue chair, sipping eggnog tea, I gaze at our Advent wreath. My mind drifts back to that Advent evening 67 years ago when my Dad sadly told us that the two little sons of a family friend had contracted polio. Bobbie had died; Jimmy was near death. Dad asked us if we would like to pray for Jimmy --- and so, each night until Christmas Eve, my Mom and Dad and five caring little children knelt around my parent's bed. Together we spoke to God, Our Father:

"Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment when the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at Midnight, in the piercing cold in the stable at Bethlehem. In that hour, O my God, vouchsafe to hear my prayer and grant my request. Please make Jimmy all better." (15 times)

We prayed with child-like faith, trusting completely that God would make Jimmy well. During that Advent season of watching and waiting, we learned to be patient --- our patience was rewarded. Awaiting the start of Midnight Mass, together we knelt in the hall at St. Monica's Church (the church itself was filled to overflowing.) My Grandma McKeever (who never talked in Church) leaned over to us and whispered: "Jimmy is getting better. He will live!" In that very instant, Mass began - the most joyful Christmas Mass of our young lives! On that most Holy Night, we came to experience the overwhelming love of our God and the unfailing power of prayer.

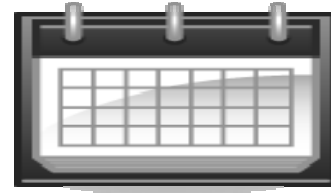
Hope - Pray - Believe - Trust - All Things Are Possible With God!

Anna May

Gift Wrapping Party for Sick and Homebound:

We will wrap the beautiful gifts donated during Advent 2013 on SATURDAY, December 21, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in the Convent 349 Oak Ave. All are welcome to come and join the fun and work. May you have a Blessed Christmas. Sister Patricia

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-December 16th

Mass Intention 6:30 Robert Haskins †
8:30 Joan Sexton †
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Hall & Church

Tuesday-December 17th

Mass Intention 6:30 Patrica Lukin †
8:30 Gerard Cleary †
Rel Ed (Gr 1-5) 3:30pm Hall & Church
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Convent & Church
Rel Ed Jr. High 7:00pm Hall

Wednesday-December 18th

Mass Intention 8:30 Steven Morena †
Grownups Luncheon 11:00am Offsite
Scripture Study 7:00pm Mahoney Room
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Hall & Church
Choir Practice 8:00pm Church

Thursday-December 19th

Mass Intention 8:30 Jim Olmo †
School Board Mtg 7:00pm Mahoney Room
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Hall & Church

Friday-December 20th

Mass Intention 6:30 Helga Becker †
8:30 Ray & Maureen McKeon
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Hall & Church

Saturday-December 21st

Mass Intention 8:30 Andrea Wong †
4:30 Rudometkin Family †

Church Cleaning & Decorating 9:00am Church
AA Meeting 10:00am Mahoney Room
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Hall & Church

Sunday-December 22nd

(FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

Mass Intention 7:30 Fr. Joseph O'Reilly †
9:30 Marie Bender Guel †
11:30 Carlo & Angela Foti †
5:00 People of St. Robert's
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Hall & Church



As A Parish Community, we pray for those suffering from violence, terrorism and war. May they be set free. We pray for our servicemen and women who have been sent to help them. May they soon return home.

**Our sincere sympathy to the families of
Jonah Davity &
Joanne Johnson
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
Jonah Devini
Maria Perez
Michael Fitts
Richard Moore***

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to Dec 8th (goal)	230,700.00
July 1st to Dec 8th (actual), (including E Contributions)	221,560.45
7/1/13—6/30/14 Weekly (Goal)	9,700.00
Weekly Collection (actual 12/8)	8,072.74
E Cont for month of November	5,875.50
Thank you for your generosity	

Thank you for your generous donation of
\$3,320.93
for Retirement for Religious

2013 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 12/3/13 \$82,965.57
has been pledged.

Our Archdiocese tax this year is \$87,300

***Thank you in advance
for your generous donation***

Your Help Needed!

If you're available Saturday, December 21st, we'd love to have your help doing the twice a year deep cleaning of the church and beginning of decorating for Christmas. We'll start at 9 am and work until we're finished. Even if you can only give an hour or so, we'd love to have you! Wear your grubbies and bring a broom or a wisk broom if you have one. Service hours gladly given.

If you are available Wednesday, the 18th, between 1:30 and 4:30 pm, please come to Belle Air School and help with the monthly grocery distribution. You need to be over 16 (with a parental permission slip) and wear closed shoes. You'll enjoy our crew and wonderful families we assist.

Thank you, Sr. Sheral

Confessions on the December 21st

In preparation for the great Feast of Christmas, confessions will be available on Saturday from 3 pm until 4:15 pm.

Simbang Gabi

Simbang Gabi, a nine-day novena of Masses in preparation for Christmas, is a beautiful tradition in the Philippines. St. Robert's Fil-Am Group will again be celebrating Simbang Gabi this year and will continue until December 22nd. Masses will be at 7:00 PM. Fellowship and reception follows after each Mass at Hennessey Hall. On the last day, December 22nd, the Fil-Am Group will conclude with the annual Christmas Party. All are welcome.

Please read further information on the bulletin board at the vestibule of the church.

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Christmas flowers 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 Monday, 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 21ST & 22ND

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: J. Scannell (C)
R. Aveson, A. Ciraulo, N. Jussaume, J. Beltrano
Lectors: C. Aveson and P. Scannell
Altar Servers: T. Paulbitski and M. Rodriguez

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Nunnery (C)
J. Aldinger, F. Reyes, E. Ruggiero, K. Healy
Lectors: A. Reyes and S. McDonagh
Altar Servers: K. Blumenthal and L. Kinchen

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: T. Casey (C)
T. Jones, S. Murray, M.A. Saisi, A. Solis
Lectors: J. Co and J. Shick
Altar Servers: O. Uniacke, P. Uniacke and J. Lucas
Children's Liturgy: Family Mass

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Giusti (C)
H. Madayag, M. Sorhouet, B. Chester, C. Attard
Lectors: H. Beck and T. Tannis
Altar Servers: M. King and A. Jay

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Stewart
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Elmore (C)
J. Cutler, M. Bettencourt, H. Marshall, K. Sweeney
Lectors: G. Picazo and B. Torres
Altar Servers: B. Borghello and V. Borghello

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 16th

Readings: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday-December 17th

Readings: Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday-December 18th

Readings: Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25

Thursday-December 19th

Readings: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25

Friday-December 20th

Readings: Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38

Saturday-December 21st

Readings: Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45

Sunday-December 22nd

Readings: Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

St Robert Scrip Gift Card Order Form

All orders **MUST** be in by Tuesday 9 a.m. and will be delivered same day to school or rectory. Please send payments to the school office C/O Scrip or drop off orders with payment at the church rectory; checks payable to : St. Robert's Parish.

APPAREL & ACCESSORIES			DINING – ON THE GO			ENTERTAINMENT			ONLINE & MAIL ORDER		
Product	QTY	TOTAL	Product	QTY	TOTAL	Product	QTY	TOTAL	Product	QTY	TOTAL
Claire's \$10			Burger King \$10			Barnes & Nobel \$10			iTunes \$15		
Finish Line \$25			Carl's Jr. \$10			Barnes & Nobel \$25			iTunes \$25		
Foot Locker \$25			Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10			Cinemark Theatres \$25			Shutterfly \$25		
Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy Options \$25			Jack in the Box \$10			Xbox Live \$20			SPECIALTY RETAILER		
Payless Shoes \$20			Jamba Juice \$10			GAS & AUTO			Product	QTY	TOTAL
Ross Dress for Less \$25			KFC \$5			Product	QTY	TOTAL	Bath & Body Works \$10		
Talbots \$25			Panera Bread \$10			76 Gas \$25			Bath & Body Works \$25		
The Children's Place \$25			Papa John's Pizza \$10			ARCO \$50			Build a Bear Workshop \$25		
Tj Maxx/Marshall/HomeGoods \$25			Peet's Coffee & Tea \$20			Chevron \$50			CVS/Pharmacy \$25		
Tj Maxx/Marshall/HomeGoods \$100			Quiznos \$10			Shell \$25			CVS/Pharmacy \$100		
DEPARTMENT STORES			Starbucks \$10			Shell \$50			HALLMARK		
Product	QTY	TOTAL	Starbucks \$25			GROCERY			Product	QTY	TOTAL
JcPenney \$25			SUBWAY Gift Card \$10			Product	QTY	TOTAL	Hallmark \$25		
Kohl's \$25			Taco Bell \$10			Safeway \$25			Michael \$25		
Macy's \$25			Wendy's \$10			Safeway \$100			Nutrisystem \$50		
Macy's \$100			DISCOUNT STORE			Save Mart \$25			Rite Aid \$25		
Sears \$25			Product	QTY	TOTAL	Smart & Final \$25			See's Candies \$17.50		
Sears \$100			Target Gift Card \$25			Smart & Final \$50			See's Candies \$25		
DINING-CASUAL			Target Gift Card \$100			Smart & Final \$100			Sephora \$20		
Product	QTY	TOTAL	Walmart/Sam's Club \$25			Whole Foods Market \$25			Toy R Us/Babies R Us \$20		
Boston Market \$10			Walmart/Sams Club \$100			Whole Food Market \$100			Ultra SALONS \$25		
Buca di Beppo \$25			ELECTRONIC & OFFICE			HOME DECOR			Walgreens \$25		
Cheesecake Factory \$25			Product	QTY	TOTAL	Product	QTY	TOTAL	Walgreens \$100		
Chili's \$25			Best Buy \$25			Bed Bath & Beyond \$25			SPORTING GOODS		
Chuck E. Cheese \$10			Best Buy \$100			HOME IMPROVEMENT			Product	QTY	TOTAL
IHOP \$25			Games Stop \$25			Product	QTY	TOTAL	Big 5 Sporting Good \$25		
Landry's Restaurants \$25			Office Depot \$25			Home Depot \$25			REI \$25		
Red Lobster/Olive Garden \$25			Office Depot \$100			Home Depot \$100			Sports Authority \$25		
Red Robin \$25			Staples \$25			Lowe's \$25			Sports Authority \$100		
			Staples \$100			Lowe's \$100			TRAVEL		
						Lowe's \$20 Teachers card			Product	QTY	TOTAL

Additional retailers are available online at www.shopwithscrip.com (School ID # DA81751D9953) i.e. No Fee American Express Cards Also available online is ScripNow!™ the quickest way to purchase scrip. ScripNow! is delivered electronically once payment is received and released Some Scrip will be special order.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TOTAL DUE	\$
Cash/Check	

Payment change to Safeway's eScrip program

Safeway is making significant changes to its eScrip program. As of November 1, 2013, if you shop at Safeway and pay with a credit card, you will no longer earn contributions to Saint Robert's. However, ANY OTHER form of payment will! This includes: Debit Card, Check, Cash, Safeway cards. Please register your debit cards in your Escrip account and you can double dip. www.Shopwithscrip.com (school id DA81751D9953)

Men's Club

- No Men's Club Meeting in January.
- Next monthly meeting will be February 3rd (Mon)
- Marinated Crab Dinner will be February 8th (Sat)

Gift Wrapping for Sick and Homebound will be on SATURDAY, December 21, 2013, @ 11.00 a.m in the Convent, 349 Oak Avenue.

All are welcome. Thanks for the beautiful gifts donated during this Advent. May you have a very Blessed Christmas. (Sister Patricia 763-8822)

KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS ~ 2014-2015



Information and applications for Kindergarten will be available on Monday, January 6th at www.saintrobert-school.org. Please personally bring completed Kindergarten applications for the 2014-2015 school year to the school office January 6th through January 31st from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Your child must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2014. Please be sure to include with your child's application, a copy of their birth and baptismal certificates, a family picture, and the application fee. Thank you for your interest in our school!

OPEN HOUSE

St. Robert School will hold its annual Open House on Thursday evening, January 30th from 7:00p.m. – 8:00p.m. All are welcome!

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

St. Robert School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at this school. St. Robert School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color and national and/or ethnic origin in administration of education policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school administered programs.