

Saint Robert's Church

December 7, 2014



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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 Masses: 8:30 am and 6:00 pm

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 Parishioners,

Coming into December, I am saddened by the recent events in Ferguson, Missouri. As I wade through volumes of grand jury material in an effort to make sense of all the conflicting reports, violent protests pop up in other cities, and it's hard not to become pessimistic about humanity. A touching photo from the Portland protest of a young boy hugging a police officer isn't likely to end the troubles; but it did remind me of the undying hope that some day all might live in peace.

May God bless the people of our parish, strengthening in us that faith, hope, and charity which form the foundation of this holy season; and may He bring about abiding peace in every heart without delay.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Mike

The Spirit of Advent

You'll notice that our church looks very simple with no flowers and no adornments except the Advent wreath. The universal Church invites us to keep the spirit of Advent in this way; you can help us all to do that by waiting to bring poinsettias until Dec. 22. If you have something purple to wear these Sundays, that will be helpful, too. Thank you.

For the Homebound

As is our tradition, you are invited to bring something warm and cozy for our parishioners who are homebound: a lap rug, warm slippers or socks, etc. Please place it in the basket in the sanctuary before Dec. 19 when the gifts will be wrapped. If you have questions, call *Sister Patricia* @ 650-763-8822 or e-mail posullivan3@juno.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 to the rectory by December 18th. 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.

Grownups Luncheon

The Grownups Christmas luncheon will be held at the Basque Cultural Center on December 17. Reservations must be received by **December 10**. For more information call Helen Mantler at (650) 589-2497.

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-December 8th

Mass Intention 8:30 Bill & Nancy Curtis †
6 pm Joseph & Elda Salvi †
Advent Retreat 9:00am Church
Women's Guild Mtg 6:30pm Hall
St. Vincent de Paul 7:00pm Mahoney Room

Tuesday-December 9th

Mass Intention 6:30 Rev. Andrew Quinn
8:30 John & Amelia
Rudometkin †
Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Kidstock 10:30am Church
Rel Ed (Gr. 1-5) 3:30pm Hall & Church
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library
Confirmation/Yr 1 7:00pm Hall & Church

Wednesday-December 10th

Mass Intention 8:30 Kathleen Corcoran †
Children's Choir 3:00pm Church
Youth Group 6:00pm Hall
Scripture Study 6:00pm Mahoney Room
Choir Practice 8:00pm Church

Thursday-December 11th

Mass Intention 8:30 Paul & Rosina Vella †
Kidstock 6:30pm Church

Friday-December 12th

Mass Intention 6:30 Maria Gatt †
8:30 Charles & Rita Agius †
Inbetweeners 6:30pm Hall

Saturday-December 13th

Mass Intention 8:30 Valerie Rescola †
4:30 Joseph Ciraulo †
AA Meeting 10:00am Mahoney Room
Breakfast w/Santa 8:30am Hall

Sunday-December 14th

Sacrament Class 8:30am Hall

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

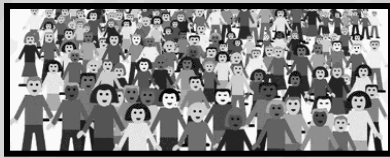
Monday, December 8th

Masses at 8:30 am and 6:00 pm.

There will be no 6:30 am Mass that day.

CAREGIVING Meeting

Saint Robert's next Caregivers' Meeting will be on Thursday, December 11, 2014 from 7:30 pm – 9:00pm. @ Mary's Chapel. This Month Sister Anna Marie Colapietro (from Hospice) will speak to address many issues dealing with end of Life and the role of the Caregiver. All are welcome. If you plan to attend call Sister Patricia (763-8822) or e-mail posullivan3@juno.com or just "walk-in.



As A Parish Community, we pray for the gift of racial harmony and peace.

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
Louis Bianchi
Rick Gibeau
John Shanahan

Our sincere sympathy to the families of



Catherine Murphy
Michael Travis
Ralph Turner
Jerry Yee
who died recently

STEWARDSHIP

We are so happy to announce this year's festival's earnings were \$69,000.
 Thank you to all who worked so hard in making this year's festival such a huge success.

Scrip will be sold after the following Masses

Dec 6th @ 4:30pm
 Dec 7 @ 7:30am/9:30am/5pm
 Dec 13 @ 4:30pm
 Dec 14th @ 7:30am/9:30am/5pm
 Dec 20 @ 4:30pm

July 1st to November 30th (goal)	212,700.00
July 1st to November 30th (actual), (including E Contributions)	203,974.78
7/1/14—6/30/15 Weekly (Goal)	9,700.00
Weekly Collection (actual 11/23)	7,601.40
Weekly Collection (actual 11/30)	6,995.34
E Cont for month of November	6,534.00
Thank you for your generosity	

Thank you for your generous donation of
\$3,895.57
 to our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

2014 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 12/1/14 **\$94,152.08**

has been pledged.

Our Archdiocese tax this year is \$94,300

Thank you in advance for your generous donation

Joint Meetings

The Parish Council, Parish Finance and the Parish Maintenance Committee will meet Wednesday, December 10th at 7 pm in the rectory.

The St. Vincent de Paul conference wishes to thank parishioners for so generously donating funds and non perishable foods during November and throughout the year. With your support, SVDP members delivered groceries and gift cards to 49 needy families this Thanksgiving. God bless you and those we assist.

Bruce Chester, President, SVdP Conference

ADOPT A FAMILY

Once again this year we will have an Adopt-a-Family tree in front of church for Advent. 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. If you have means to help, look for the tree after Mass this weekend. We'll need the gifts turned in by the weekend of December 13th and 14th 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.

St. Robert's Fil-Am Group

Simbang Gabi, a nine-day novena of Masses before Christmas is a beautiful tradition in the Philippines that enhances the culture and religious heritage of the Filipinos. St. Robert's Fil-Am Group is sponsoring Simbang Gabi celebration from Dec. 15th thru Dec. 23rd at 7:00pm, to celebrate and prepare for the birth of Jesus, our Lord. Everyone is invited and welcomed to participate. The children of the parish are especially invited for the parol processional at the beginning of each Mass. Fellowship and reception after each Mass. On the last day, Dec. 23rd, Fil-Am will celebrate with the annual Christmas Party. Join us ALL to continue this joyous tradition and celebrate Jesus' birth.

For information and participation, food donations, and Mass sponsorships, please call: Roy Blanco 871-3774, Thelma Tannis, 952-5080, or Albert Reyes, 871-5706

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 Wednesday, December 17th. Please make checks payable to St. Robert's.

My Gift in Memory of: _____

My Gift in Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

MINISTER SCHEDULE/DEC 13TH & 14TH

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Scannell

J. Waldvogel, K. Beltrano, M. Murphy, M. Noce

Lectors: B. Rudometkin and C. Bonner

Altar Servers: C. Clifford and A. Herrera

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: J. Aldinger

A. Buelow, A. Lopez, L. Reyes, R. Vassallo

Lectors: B. Lopez and A. Reyes

Altar Servers: J. Cordero and N. Malani

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike

Eucharistic Ministers: M. Quilici

A. Brugnara, E. Garcia, L. Cesca, A. Lemanski

Lectors: C. Sinks and K. Lemanski

Children's Liturgy: Haydee and Ben

Altar Servers: K. McHale, R. Muhawieh and S. Sinks

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Attard

A. Mariategue, C. Mariategue, M. Sorhouet, V. Valle

Lectors: J. Puchbauer and S. Puchbauer

Altar Servers: V. Giomi and C. Kalagayan

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Estelita

J. Cutler, K. Sweeney, M. Elmore, M. Salvato

Lectors: N. Buencamino and H. Lowood

Altar Servers: N. Estelita and K. Martinez

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 8th

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

Tuesday-December 9th

Readings: Is 40:1-11 Mt 8:12-14

Wednesday-December 10th

Readings: Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30

Thursday-December 11th

Readings: Is 41:1:13-20 Mt 11:11-15

Friday-December 12th

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

Saturday-December 13th

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

Sunday-December 24th

Readings: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28