

Saint Robert's Church

December 1, 2019

“You . . . must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.”

— Matthew 24:44



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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 Day Masses: 8:30 am and 6:00 pm

**Weekdays: Masses are
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.**

COMING ATTRACTIONS

The time from Thanksgiving to Christmas always seems so fast. Thanksgiving Day comes and goes, and we are already inundated with Christmas shopping, decorations, parties and celebrations. It seems that Thanksgiving is just a hint of the coming attraction, which is the Christmas Season, perhaps because Thanksgiving is only one day and Christmas and New Years is a full five weeks!

Advent is four weeks of announcing a coming attraction, inviting us also to prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Not just to wrap up our presents, but to wrap our own hearts to welcome Christ into our hearts and homes. In a real sense, to come to Bethlehem with the shepherds and wise men to worship Jesus, the newborn king and present him with the gift of our lives—to rejoice and be merry at God's gift of love for us.

So enjoy Thanksgiving, get ready for the coming attraction of Christ's birth. For as the old Advent hymn says:

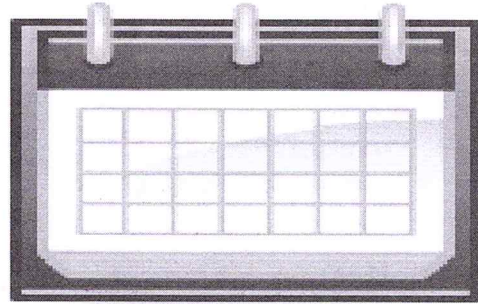
*The King shall come when morning dawns
and light and beauty brings. Hail, Christ,
the Lord! Thy people pray: Come quickly,
King of Kings.*

Fr. John L. Greene

Grief and Consolation

Grief is difficult to cope with at any time of year but it is especially difficult during the Christmas Season. To help you cope, we will have our monthly Grief and Consolation Support Meeting on Thursday December 5, 2019 in the Reconciliation Room after the 8:30 am Mass (approx. 9:10) The Meeting will last about 90 minutes and is open to all who are grieving the loss of a loved one. For more info, call Sophia Chester at (650) 588-5993.

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-December 2nd

Mass Intention 8:30 Cyril & Frances Fullan †

Tuesday-December 3rd

Mass Intention 8:30 Fred Juha †
Rel Ed (Gr. 1-5) 3:30pm Hall & Church
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Rectory
Rel Ed (Jr. High) 7:00pm Hall & Church

Wednesday-December 4th

Mass Intention 8:30 Michael Shanahan †
Choir Practice 7:00pm Church
RCIA 7:00pm Rectory

Thursday-December 5th

Mass Intention 9:00 Richard Quintana †
Grief Consolation 9:15am Church

Friday-December 6th

Mass Intention 8:30 Salvi & Dachauer Families
Men's Club 6:00pm Hall

Saturday-December 7th

Mass Intention 8:30 Teresa Rizzetto †
4:30 Johnny Ivancich †
AA Meeting 10:00am Mahoney Room

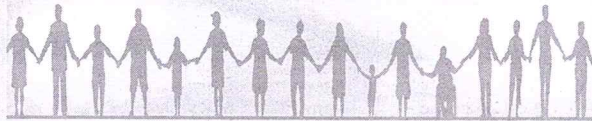
MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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 Friday, December 13th. Please make checks payable to St. Robert's.

My Gift in Memory of: _____

My Gift in Honor of: _____

Given by: _____



As a community of faith, we pray that our hearts be filled with God's love and patience towards one another and that the world may find peace as we enter into our Advent season.

We congratulate the newly baptized



Quinn Roosevelt Carey

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 prayers, please call the Rectory at 589-2800

This week we pray for

- Don Bisagno
- Kevin Bohn
- Jose Antonio
- Bob Lockwood
- Barbara Massini
- Anna May May
- Joan Murphy
- Mario Nardi
- Bob O'Donnell
- Sister Patricia
- Francisca Perez
- Jennie Stewart
- K. Maafu Tuuhetoka



STEWARDSHIP

The collection figures for December 1st will be posted in the December 7th bulletin.

2019 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 11/25/19

Archdiocese tax Due	\$ 119,261.00
Total Pledges	\$ 90,718.21
Total Donations to Date	\$ 90,023.21
STILL NEEDED	\$ 28,542.79

Thank you for your generous donation.

GIVE ELECTRONICALLY

St. Robert's relies on the financial support of its parishioners and the electronic giving program offers convenience for you, and provides much needed donation consistency for our Parish. To give electronically, visit www.saintroberts.org and click on the link to sign up.

Please remember Saint Robert's Church when making a will or trust.

"Adopt-A-Family Tree"

"Adopt-A-Family Tree" Gift tags will be available after all the Masses this weekend - November 30th and December 1st. Gifts will be collected on the weekends of December 7-8 & 14-15. Thanks for your help. Rob Aveson

Gifts for the Sick and Homebound 2019

As we prepare for Christmas, let us not forget our sick and homebound parishioners and those in care centers and shelters this time of year. Many of them no longer receive gifts or surprises at Christmas. We will be collecting small items, such as gloves, warm hats, scarves, Afghans, socks etc., for them. There is a basket in the sanctuary into which you may place your donated gift. Thank you!

"The Gift Wrapping Party" will be on Thursday, December 12, 2019 @ 9:15 a.m. (after the 8:30 Mass), in the old St. Robert's Convent, 349 Oak Ave. It should last approx. one hour. *Come join the fun and fellowship!*

Any questions, please contact the rectory


(650)589-2800

Giving Tree

The Children's Liturgy annual Giving Tree ornaments are all up! Purchased item should be returned unwrapped along with the gift tags to the rectory by December 20th. These gifts will be distributed to families in San Mateo County. Thank you for your generosity.

SIMBANG GABI

St. Roberts Fil-Am Group is hosting the traditional Simbang Gabi, a nine-day novena of Masses in preparation for Christmas, Dec. 15th thru Dec 23rd, at 7:00 PM. Simbang Gabi expresses the cultural and religious heritage of the Filipinos to prepare and celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Lord. Everyone is invited and welcome to participate. The children of our parish are especially invited for the parol processional at the beginning of each Mass. Fellowship and reception follows each Mass at the Hall. Our Simbang Gabi culminates on Dec. 23rd with the annual Fil-Am Christmas party. Join us ALL to continue this joyous tradition and celebrate Our Savior's birth. For information and participation, food donations, and Mass sponsorships, please call: Albert Reyes (650) 238-4923.



SR WOMEN'S GUILD PRESENTS
**BREAKFAST
 WITH
 SANTA**
 FREE PHOTO WITH SANTA

**WEAR YOUR PJS OR
 HOLIDAY SHIRT AND ENJOY
 ARTS AND CRAFTS**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14
 HENNESSY HALL**
8:30 AND 10:30 SEATINGS
 ADULTS \$10/CHILDREN \$8/UNDER 2 YRS FREE
 RESERVATIONS ONLY/NO DAY OF TICKET SALES
 CHECK-IN REQUIRED AT THE DOOR
 RSVP BY DEC 7 ON THE WOMEN'S GUILD WEBSITE

Grown Ups Holiday Luncheon

Please join us for the luncheon on Wednesday, December 18th at the Basque Cultural Center. Social hour is 11 am lunch at noon. The cost is \$36.00 per person. Reservations with menu choice and check due on December 8th. For more information call Joe Yanke at 650-877-0800.

**Saint Robert Catholic School
 KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS
 2020-2021 School Year**

Information and applications for Kindergarten are available now at the school office or at www.saintrobert-school.org. Please personally bring completed Kindergarten applications to the school office by January 15th, 2020, between 8:00am - 3:00 pm. Applicants must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2020. 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

Saint Robert Catholic School will hold its annual Open House on Sunday, January 26th, 2020, from 10:30am to 12:30pm, after the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome!

Non-Discrimination Policy

Saint Robert Catholic 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. Saint Robert's Catholic 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.

MINISTER SCHEDULE/DEC 7TH & 8TH

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: Albert C. ©

Barbara R., Brian M, Carolyn H., Jean W.

Lectors: Christina C. and Monica C.

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers: Alonzo L. (C)

Ann B., Eloisa C., Emil R., Marcela S.

Lectors: Brijit L. and Janet A.

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: Trish C. (C)

Gina P., Jorge A., Ruby V., Sam M.

Lectors: Brent V. and Chris M.

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Boie

Eucharistic Ministers: Cynthia M. (C)

Ethel G., Joyce M., Lina R., Margot G.

Lectors: Doug H. and Heidi B.

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Boie

Eucharistic Ministers: Dodi T. (C)

Felipe O., Joseph L., Sheral M., Zulma T.

Lectors: Bambi T. and Marie B.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 2nd

Readings: Is 4:2-6 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday-December 3rd

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

Wednesday, December 4th

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

Thursday-December 5th

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

Friday-December 6th

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

Saturday-December 7th

Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26

Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday-December 8th

Readings: Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12