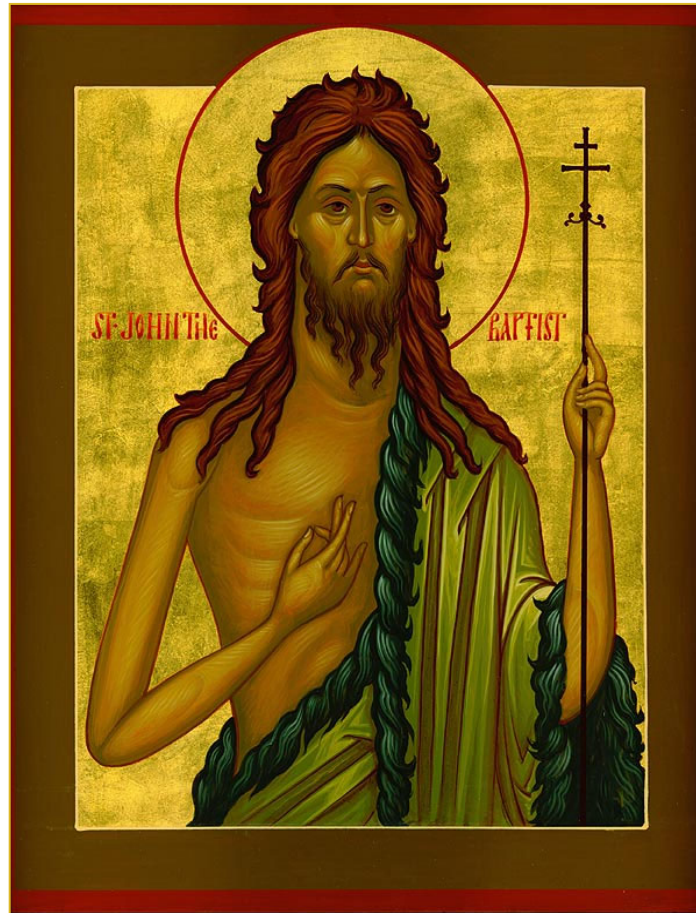


Saint Robert's Church

December 8, 2019



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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.**

Dear Friends,

On this Second Sunday of Advent, sipping peppermint tea, I sit here in Gene's big blue chair. The second purple candle in our Advent wreath is glowing, reminding us: "Wait for the Lord – For the Lord is coming!" Today is also the Feast of Mary's Immaculate Conception - Our Lady conceived without sin. Mary is the first person to celebrate Advent, the time in which she waits with joyful anticipation for the birth of her Beloved Child. If we look at how Mary spends these hopeful days, we too can celebrate the Holy Season of Advent in joyful anticipation. Mary says "Yes" to God and believes that the Son of God came to live within her body. We too believe that, by virtue of our Baptism, the Son of God lives within our body. We too can say "Yes" to Our Father by being obedient to Him and doing all He asks of us.

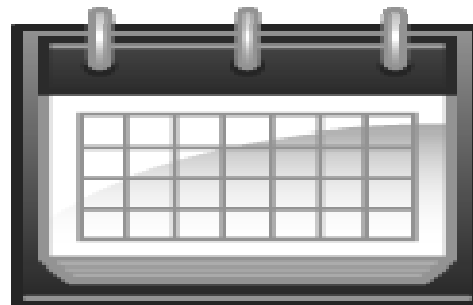
Mary doesn't just sit home waiting. The first thing she does is hasten to the home of her cousin, whom the Angel Gabriel told her was six month pregnant. She carries Jesus in her womb to Elizabeth and to her baby John, the Baptist. When little John hears Mary's greeting, he leaps within the womb of his mother. The newly-conceived Jesus is a real baby. John, in his third trimester, is a real baby – the first proof that all human life begins with conception. We too can carry Jesus to others, especially to mothers experiencing a difficult pregnancy.

Picture Mary speaking to her baby growing within her womb; softly singing to Him; and telling Him how very much she loves Him. We too can do this by setting aside more time than usual to live 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 heart, God gently and lovingly speaks to us. We hear the cries of the poor, the hungry and homeless. We become one with them, by providing help to them and giving them new hope, peace and joy. In Jesus, we and they place our trust. Let this Advent be for us a new awakening, knowing how very much God loves us and that He is always with us. "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!"
Anna May

Reminder

Monday is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-December 9th

Mass Intention 8:30 Tom Daly, Jr. †
Women's Guild 6:30pm Hall
St. Vincent de Paul 7:00pm Mahoney Room

Tuesday-December 10th

Mass Intention 8:30 Rosa Miriam Calles †
Rel Ed (Gr. 1-5) 3:30pm Hall & Church
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Rectory
Confirmation/Yr. 1 7:00pm Hall & Church

Wednesday-December 11th

Mass Intention 8:30 Jim Galvin †
Choir Practice 7:00pm Church
RCIA 7:00pm Rectory

Thursday-December 12th

Mass Intention 9:00 Charles & Rita Agius †
Children's Choir 3:00pm Hall

Friday-December 13th

Mass Intention 8:30 Sister Ita Cleary †

Saturday-December 14th

Mass Intention 8:30 David Tonegato †
4:30 Savina Waldvogel †
Breakfast with Santa 8:30am Hall
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 for each of us. May these days of advent revive our life and faith in Jesus' presence within us.

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
- Kenzie Nelson
- Bob O'Donnell
- Sister Patricia
- Francisca Perez
- Jennie Stewart
- K. Maafu Tuuhetoka

Our sincere sympathy to the families of



Theodore Kapsas
Margarita Martinez
who died recently

STEWARDSHIP

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| July 1st to December 1st (goal) | 220,000.00 |
| July 1st to December 1st (actual) (including E Contributions) | 116,926.08 |
| 7/1/19—6/30/20 Weekly (Goal) | 10,000.00 |
| Weekly Collection (actual 11/24) | 7,783.58 |
| Weekly Collection (actual 12/01) | 6,571.35 |
| (E Cont for month of November) | 8,131.50 |
| Thank you for your generosity | |

Thank you for your generous donation of **\$2,717.00** to the Campaign for Human Development and **\$1,833.24** for our School, CCD and Confirmation Programs.

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.

"Adopt-A-Family Tree"

"Gifts will be collected on the weekends of December 7-8 & 14-15 . Thanks for your help. Rob Aveson

Sister Patricia

Sister Patricia sends her sincere gratitude for your prayers, visits, "feeding sessions", flowers and cards. She is making good progress but, most likely, will be at the Peninsula Post Acute facility for another three weeks.

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.

Film Group

The Film Group has a meeting for December 10th, at the Mahoney Room, 7PM. This is a very important meeting to finalize our program and festivities for our Sambaing Gabi for December. Please attend.

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.

The Spirit of Advent

You've noticed, no doubt, that the church, the readings and the songs are inviting us into the spirit of Advent. The circular wreath represents God's endless love for us; the gradual lighting of the four candles symbolizes our gradual preparation these weeks for the coming into our world of the Light of the World. May we make time during these hectic days for the true Gift.

Sr. Sheral

Please remember

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

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

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.

Grocery Distribution THIS Thursday

The monthly grocery distribution at Belle Air School is this Thursday, the 12th because of Christmas. We gather around 1:30 pm in the cafeteria, the first building you see, and usually finish around 4:30. New volunteers are always welcome and service hours gladly given.

Wear closed-toed shoes, just in case anything should fall. We are most grateful for Lions Club and Rotary members who've added to our ranks as well as the faithful volunteers who rarely miss. Families are very grateful and the children are a great joy!

If you have questions, please call Sr. Sheral at 589-2800. Thank you.

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 14TH & 15TH

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Boie

Eucharistic Ministers: Marie N. (C)

Katie B., Mary N., Rob A., Sophia C.

Lectors: Cathy A. and Marilyn D.

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Boie

Eucharistic Ministers: Janet A. (C)

Kathy H., Kevin M., Kevin T.M., Sean Q.

Lectors: Colin C. and Tony C.

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Stewart

Eucharistic Gus S. (C)

John V., Liz C., Maryann S., Roselle N.

Lectors: Cyndey S. and Michael N.

Children's Liturgy: Jenna (Combined)

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: Catalina M. (C)

Marie S., Maureen H., Rose B., Thelma T.

Lectors: Mario B. and Carmen P.

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: George L. (C)

Lisa T., Loring T.

Lectors: Josie P. and Neil B.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 9th

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

Tuesday-December 10th

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

Wednesday, December 11th

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

Thursday-December 12th

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

Friday-December 13th

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

Saturday-December 14th

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

Sunday-December 15th

Readings: Is 35:1-6a, 10 Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11