

Saint Robert's Church

December 29, 2019



ST. ROBERT'S PARISH

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
Saturday, January 4th
4:30 pm

Sunday, January 5th
7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

Dear Parishioners,

As we ponder the manger scene in its simplicity and beauty, it may be a challenge for us to make the connection with this peaceful family and our own. Obviously, our lives and our world with its blessings and challenges, are very different from theirs. But as Valerie Schultz reminds us in her reflection on "The Holy Human Family," they surely didn't have a stress-free existence: "a crisis pregnancy [in a town where everyone knew everyone else's business], a traumatic childbirth [in a most unlikely place], a flight for their lives to a foreign land [like millions of immigrants today] and resettling in an unfamiliar town [where they didn't know anyone]." It cannot have been an easy beginning for a life together, even with the visits of angels as well as shepherds and magi from distant countries.

"Emmanuel" is the name we've been singing in our longing for the celebration of Jesus' coming during this Advent season. We know that he truly is "God with us" through his Word, the Bread and Cup of Life which we share during the Eucharist, in the celebrant and in our believing community. He's also with us every time we see him in those we serve through our many parish outreach efforts, individual acts of kindness, and whenever we forgive a family member or friend who hurts us through a thoughtless word or deed.

Perhaps, when our culture concludes Christmas on the 25th, we might more easily find some time during the 12 days of Christmas (until the Feast of the Epiphany) to let the mystery sink in: how loved we are by our God! May the Peace of Christ be with us throughout the coming year!

Sr. Sheral

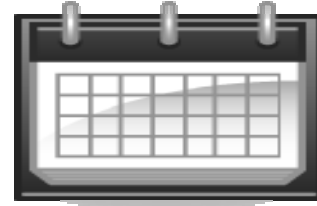
MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Thanks to all of you who donated towards the Christmas flowers and decorations for our church.

SVdP CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

Our 25 families enjoyed an abundance of Christmas items and gift cards received from the Adopt-A-Family Tree manned by Rob Aveson and the many members of the InBetweeners who attended their Christmas meeting. We were able to also include a bag of groceries and a Lucky \$25 Script Card. St. Robert's Conference cannot thank our parishioners enough for assisting us to provide for the families we serve in San Bruno. My God continue to bless us all during the year new.

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-December 30th

Mass Intention 8:30 Anna Delucchi †

Tuesday-December 31st

Mass Intention 8:30 Edward Emilia Gandeza †

Wednesday-January 1st

Mass Intention 9:30 Richard Quintana †

Thursday-January 2nd

Mass Intention 8:30 Kathleen O'Brien †

Friday-January 3rd

Mass Intention 8:30 Iola Galli †

Saturday-January 4th

Mass Intention 8:30 Edna Daly †
4:30 Michael David Yanke †

AA Meeting 10:00am Mahoney Room

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

Please join us on **Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at 9:30 am** to give thanks for all the blessings of this past year and ask God's guidance for the coming year.

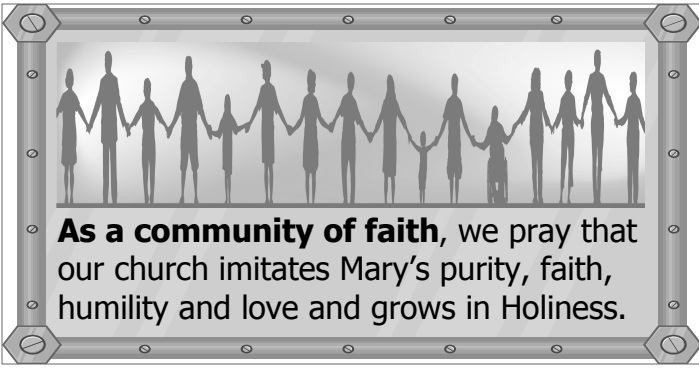
Volunteering at St. Anthony's

During the week between Christmas and New Year's, many of the regular volunteers are away, so 20 of us usually volunteer. This year, it will be Tuesday, Dec. 31. We'll carpool, leaving from the rectory at 8:30am sharp and returning by 2:30. Please be sure to ring the rectory doorbell and come inside! There is a lot of walking and standing involved, but it's always been a great experience to serve our homeless sisters and brothers. Please call me at 589-2800 or email me at sheralmar@saintroberts.org. Volunteer hours gladly

**The Parish Office will be closed
Wednesday, January 1st
We will reopen on Thursday, January 2.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR'S!

MAY YOUR LIFE BE BLESSED
AS YOU SEE GOD BRING FORTH
NEW THINGS IN THE COMING YEAR.



As a community of faith, we pray that our church imitates Mary's purity, faith, humility and love and grows in Holiness.

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

Our sincere sympathy to the family of



Gordon King
who died recently

STEWARDSHIP

This year's Christmas Collection will be posted on the January 12th bulletin.

Thank you for your generous donation

July 1st to December 15th (goal)	240,000.00
July 1st to December 15th (actual) (including E Contributions)	216,027.15
7/1/19—6/30/20 Weekly (Goal)	10,000.00
Weekly Collection (actual 12/15)	7,452.56
(E Cont for month of November)	8,131.50
Thank you for your generosity	

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.

Thanks

Fr. Greene and Fr. Boie are very grateful to everyone who gave Christmas gifts to our priests and staff. We enjoyed all the Christmas goodies you made!

Very Grateful

I would like to thank everyone who made Christmas so wonderful at St. Robert's: Sister Sheral and all who cleaned and decorated the church; to all who donated for Christmas flowers; all our musicians; all of our ushers; lectors; Eucharistic ministers; and altar servers. I am so grateful to all of you. May God bless you all. Fr. John L. Greene

GRIEF AND CONSOLATION

Our monthly Grief Support Meeting will be on Thursday, January 2, 2020, after the 8:30 Mass in the Reconciliation Room. The meeting is open to all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

"Adopt-A-Family Tree"

Adopt A Family Tree Thank You - Thank You for supporting the Adopt-A-Family Tree. Due to your generous support, we were able to make Christmas a little brighter for 70 families in our area. St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Worker San Mateo Family Services and St. Anthony's of Padua are all very grateful. St. Roberts is blessed.

Giving Tree

Giving Tree Thanks to all in the parish who donated toys, and gift cards to our annual Giving Tree project. You should all be proud of the generosity of our community. Thanks to you we were able to brighten the Christmas mornings of hundreds of children and their families right here in San Mateo County. THANK YOU EVERYBODY! From our Little Church Group

2019 TAXES

If you would like a letter regarding your 2019 donations, please call the Rectory at (650) 589-2800 after **January 1st.**

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

St. Roberts Men's Club Dinner / Meeting

Monday Jan 6th - Monthly Men's Club meeting dinner - Doors open at 6:00 PM all men of the parish are welcome.

If you have questions please contact Rico at 869-5009 or e-mail at ricomedinasanbruno@yahoo.com

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.

IF YOU ARE NEW TO ST. ROBERT'S

Welcome! We're a very diverse parish with people from many countries of origin – Registration forms are in the vestibule or you can register online at saintroberts.org. Fill out a registration form and drop it either in the collection basket, the mail, or at the parish office.

If you'd like to know more about what we have going on, please go to our website or contact Sr. Sheral at 650-589-2800 or sheralmar@saintroberts.org. We are happy to have you with us!

MINISTER SCHEDULE/JAN 4TH & 5TH

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers: Jean W. (C)

Albert C., Judy S., Rob A., Sophia C.

Lectors: Paul S. and Cathy A.

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Boie

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy H. (C)

Deacon, Ann B., Emil R., Sean Q.

Lectors:

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Boie

Eucharistic Trish C. (C)

Deacon, Michael N., Roselle N., Sam M.

Lectors: Jim S. and Brent V.

Children's Liturgy: Jackie and Sally & Beth

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: Margot G. (C)

Deacon, Crystal G., Ethel G., Veronica P.

Lectors: Doug H. and Thelma T.

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike S. (C)

George L., Haydee M., Lisa T., Loring T.

Lectors: Neil B.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 30th

Readings: 1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday-December 31st

Readings: 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday, January 1st

Readings: Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Thursday-January 2nd

Readings: 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28

Friday-January 3rd

Readings: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 2:29-34

Saturday-January 4th

Readings: 1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42

Sunday-January 5th

Readings: Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Mt 2:1-12