

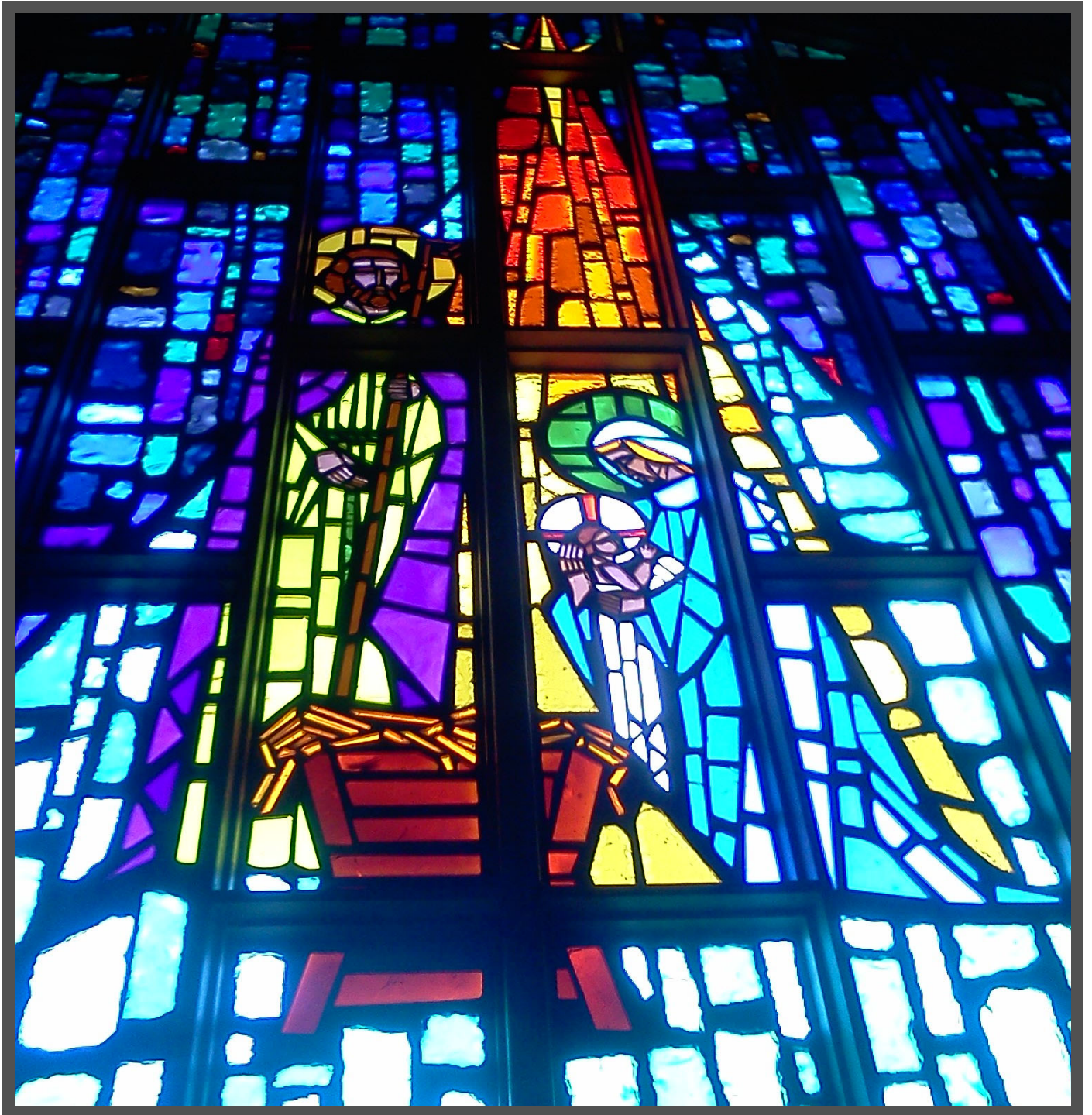
SAINT ROBERT'S CHURCH

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THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-December 26th

Mass Intention 8:30 Rose Larsen †

Tuesday-December 27th

Mass Intention 6:30 Andrea Wong †
8:30 Bridget Walsh †
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library

Wednesday-December 28th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Mary Glaude †

Thursday-December 29th

6:30 Communion Service
Mass Intention 8:30 Carmela Borg †

Friday-December 30th

Mass Intention 6:30 Gerald Dissley †
8:30 Rose Larsen †

Saturday-December 31st

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Mass Intention 8:30 Ruthie Tanti †
4:30 People of St. Robert's
AA Meeting 10:00am Mahoney Rm

Sunday-January 1st

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Mass Intention 7:30 Ronald Holden †
9:30 Rose Evans †
11:30 Donald Costello †
5:00 Joan McCarthy †



The Office Staff would like to send our Christmas wishes to you and to your families. May this day be filled with laughter and many blessings.

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH AND
MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND.**

Dear Parishioners,

There is no place like home. This is very true especially when we celebrate Christmas. If we are away from our family on Christmas Day, we long to be with them. On Christmas Day I feel a little bit homesick. It's not too bad though. I am fortunate to have my parish family and my extended families here in America. Whenever I go to the Philippines to visit my family in late October I already feel the Christmas spirit. In the Philippines it is beginning to look a lot like Christmas as soon as the "ber" months come. As early as September Christmas decorations are already visible. Television and radio stations start their Christmas countdown. At this time most employees are getting their Christmas bonuses and many are already on a holiday shopping spree. When I flew back to San Francisco before Thanksgiving Day, I felt I have already celebrated Christmas with my family.

Why is Christmas so important to families? It's because Christmas is the story of a family, the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. God has come to us through a family. Jesus was born in a family. What could be a better way to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior, than with a family? On Christmas it is easy to say what we call "motherhood statements" in our homilies. We preach about the spirit of Christmas. We talk about peace and joy that Christmas brings. You and I have become familiar with these themes of Christmas. There is nothing wrong to remind the congregation about the spirit of Christmas. But I would like to make a Christmas wish for next year's celebration. Last week I wrote about Simbang Gabi in our parish bulletin. Simbang Gabi is a novena of masses in preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. My wish is that during the Simbang Gabi masses the theme of the celebration would be family life. The Presider would be asked to preach on the various aspects of family life based on the scripture readings of the day. In that way the Simbang Gabi masses would become a family-oriented celebration culminating on Christmas Day.

It is not too early to have this Christmas wish for next year. A long time is needed to identify the topics for each mass. And since it is our practice to invite guest Presider for Simbang Gabi, they need ample time to prepare and preach about family life. By January of next year, with the establishment of the new Parish Pastoral Council and in coordination with the Fil-Am Group that sponsors and organizes our Simbang Gabi masses, I hope that this wish would come true. A Blessed Christmas to all our families!

Blessings,

Father Obet Andrey



AS A *PARISH COMMUNITY* , we pray that the newborn beauty of this Christmas Day will fill our hearts with a love for life and draw nations into the embrace of God's love.



WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Alexandra Eleanor Garrett
Gianna Angelica Ku
Liam Wayne Gapultos Martin
Katherine Tyler Morales

WELCOME NEW
PARISHIONERS

Marc & Rachel Crowe & Family
Juan & Tanya Cruz & Family
Marie Encina & Family

IF YOU ARE NEW TO
ST. ROBERT'S

Fill out a registration form and drop it either in the collection basket, the mail, or at the parish office. We will send you a New Parishioner Packet with information about the parish, its organizations and groups. If you chose, you can register online at: www.saintroberts.org.

STEWARDSHIP

The collection for Sunday, December 18th, will be posted in the January 1st bulletin.

2011 ARCHBISHOP'S
ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 12/8/11

\$75,914.94

has been pledged.

Our goal this year is \$86,200.

Thank you in advance
for your generous donation.

Sign up for E-Contributions

Go to www.saintroberts.org and click on the e-contributions button.

There is no cost to you for this service.

Merry Christmas!

I'm so grateful to hear Handel's Messiah these days. Its majesty seems fitting for the feast: the God of all the earth comes among us as a vulnerable baby in a backwoods town in an insignificant country. Especially this year, we need the light of Christ to shine into our lives and our country. The Word-made-flesh is God's declaration that no matter how many poor decisions we make as a society or as individuals, God still loves us and believes in us! St. Paul declares in his letter to the Romans: "Nothing...can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord. (8.39)." If we can remember this reality, we won't add our laments to those of others that we're "going to hell in a hand basket!"

We need to look around us and recognize all the signs of God's Spirit at work, including in those who may not be believers. We know the tremendous good being done through you, our parishioners, in your generosity to those in need, whether of material things or of practical support for families with critically ill children. But who knew about Howard Buffet, Warren's son, using his funds and his own farming expertise to assist subsistence farmers throughout the world? Three of us will be working the week after Christmas with the St. Bernard Project in New Orleans which has organized 36,000 volunteers to rebuild 405 homes since Hurricane Katrina and the Gulf oil spill. The recent \$1.5 million donation from Marc and Lynne Benioff, supplemented by the city of San Francisco, will provide housing for 200 San Francisco homeless families with school age children.

So my invitation to all of us, including myself, is this. Where do I recognize the presence of the light of Christ bringing peace on earth through someone's goodness? Might the Spirit be asking me to bring that peace of Christ through forgiving someone who has offended me? In my circle of acquaintances, who is in need of my compassion? Merry Christmas and a blessed new year!

S. Sheral

MINISTER SCHEDULE/DEC 31 & Jan 1

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Hanley (C)

Deacon, D. Hageman, J. Beltrano, T. Dachauer

Lectors: B. Rudemetkin and M. Dachauer

Altar Servers: M. McKenna and K. McLoughlin

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr.

Eucharistic Ministers: B. Mullins (C)

Deacon, A. Buelow, J. Aldinger, R. Lahoz

Lectors: J. Moresco and J. Aldinger

Altar Servers: S. O'Halloran and C. Topper

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr.

Eucharistic Ministers: L. Cesca (C)

Deacon, J. Ajam, T. Smerdel, A. Brugnaro

Lectors: J. Bartolotti and J. Co

Altar Servers: M. McAlorum, K. Ajam and A. Paras

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr.

Eucharistic Ministers: R. Benavente (C)

Deacon, S. Menendez, H. Mantler, H. Madayag

Lector: F. Firpo and R. Hill

Altar Servers: R. Benavente and D. Arellano

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr.

Eucharistic Ministers: G. Huddleston (C)

Deacon, D. Ferris, M. Mahoney, K. Welch

Lectors: H. Lowood

Altar Servers: B. Godrey and F. Gomez

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 26th

Readings: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday-December 27th

Readings: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday-December 28th

Readings: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18

Thursday-December 29th

Readings: 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35

Friday-December 30th

Readings: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 Lk 2:22-40

Saturday-December 31st

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

Sunday-January 1st

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