

Saint Robert's Church



CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Christmas Eve,
Monday, December 24th**
4:30 p.m. (Children's Mass), 8:00 pm and
Midnight Mass.

**Christmas Day,
Tuesday, December 25th**
7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Tuesday, January 1, 2013**
9:30 a.m.

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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: Please consult weekly bulletin.

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

The key to unlock the central message this Sunday is found in the second reading where Paul urges us to be happy always in the Lord. This Sunday we light the third candle of the Advent wreath. Its rose color signifies rejoicing. For the season today is called Gaudete Sunday which means "REJOICE" We rejoice because the one who is to come is already among us. Shout for joy, rejoice and exult because the Lord has removed judgment against us, he has driven our enemies away. In the Gospel from Luke, John the Baptist responds to a basic question his listeners are asking on how they are to prepare themselves to receive the gift of joy and peace in life. In John's reply the source of true joy and peace consists in sharing of goods with those who are deprived and being content with what one possesses. This threefold demand is a fulfillment of Jesus' call for more than just fairness, justice and equity.

John the Baptist challenges us to seek ways of sharing, ways of being honest and grateful for what God has given us. The best way to rejoice in the Lord; the best way to true joy and peace is found in genuine sharing with those who have nothing. Genuine peace and joy is found in a just administration of common goods and being content with what God in his generosity has given us.

One of the primary ways that we should prepare ourselves for Christmas is spending more time saying, 'what should I do?' rather than "what can you do for me". John the Baptist prepared people for His coming by showing what they had to do for Him.

The Advent is a time to put things right, we wear purple to remind everyone that this is a period of preparation and a period of penance. But halfway through Advent, the Church softens the harsh purple to rose and brings back flowers to the altar to give us consolation that the end is not far away. "REJOICE in the Lord, I shall say it again "REJOICE! "We should make haste to prepare for him, leveling the hills in our lives that create barriers, making straight the roads in our lives rather than maneuvering around others for filling in the valleys, so that it will be easier to them to cross over to us. Instead of asking what others can do for me we should make haste to prepare for Our Lord and ask him, "Master, tell me what I should do?" This Christmas and throughout the coming year.

God Bless

Deacon John

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-December 17th

Mass Intention 6:30 Robert Haskins
8:30 Steven Hart †

Joint Finance/Parish

Council Meeting 7:00pm Rectory
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church & Hall

Tuesday-December 18th

Mass Intention 6:30 Terry Ray Martinez †
8:30 Maria Teresa Aloise †

Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Mahoney & Church

Wednesday-December 19th

Mass Intention 8:30 Jim Olmo †
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church & Hall
Choir Practice 8:00pm Church

Thursday-December 20th

Mass Intention 8:30 Michael Martinez †
School Board Mtg 7:00pm Mahoney Room
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church & Hall

Friday-December 21st

Mass Intention 6:30 John Tim Lin †
8:30 Rudometkin Family
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church & Hall

Saturday-December 22nd

Mass Intention 8:30 Caroline Shea †
4:30 John & Amelia
Rudometkin †
AA Mtg 10:00am Mahoney Room
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church & Hall

Sunday-December 23rd

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Intention 7:30 Marie Devincenzi †
9:30 Carlo & Angela Foti †
11:30 Steven Hart †
5:00 People of St. Robert's
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church & Hall

THE **PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

December 25th & 26th
December 31st & January 1st



AS A PARISH COMMUNITY, Preparing our Hearts for the coming of Christ, we pray that we see the face of Jesus in the weak, the poor, the elderly, the unborn and all who suffer in body and spirit.

Our sincere sympathy to the families of



Bill Quintana & Dolores Piazza



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
Bill Michelini***

STEWARDSHIP

Christmas Collection

We would like to ask for your generosity in our Christmas collection. We are struggling to pay our parish bills and your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember that any gift you make to St. Robert's is tax deductible.

Thank you
Fr. Greene

July 1st to Dec 9th (goal)	242,040.00
July 1st to Dec 9th (actual), (including E Contributions)	211,456.20

7/1/12—6/30/13 Weekly (Goal)	10,085.00
Weekly Collection (actual 12/9)	6,606.82
E Cont for month of November	5,526.50

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you for your generous donation of
\$3,685.87
to Religious Retirement.

2012 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 11/15/12 \$77,953.40
has been pledged.

Our goal this year is \$83,000

***Thank you in advance
for your generous donation***

NEW VICE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to the new Vice Principal of our school, BriJit Lopez. She was appointed last week to assist our School Principal Margo Wright. All the best to you, BriJit.

St. Robert's Fil-Am Group

The annual Simbang Gabi, a nine-day Novena of Masses before Christmas (Dec. 15-23) is a beautiful tradition. It will culminate on Sunday, Dec. 23 with a festive dinner at Hennessy Hall after the 7 pm Mass. This celebration is the prelude to the Birth of the Child Jesus and the FilAm Christmas Party. All are invited for food, singing and Line Dancing.

"Come and Be Merry"

For more information call: Encar Sanchez 588-7153 or Rose Benavente 557- 0282

*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
Saint Robert's Parish staff
want to wish all of you and
your families a very Happy
and Peaceful Christmas and a
Prosperous New Year!*

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



Christmas flowers and garlands 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 17th. Please make checks payable to St. Robert's.

My Gift in Memory of: _____

My Gift in Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

MINISTER SCHEDULE/DEC 22nd & 23rd

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Aveson (C)
J. Beltrano, A. Ciraulo, N. Jussaume, J. Waldvogel
Lectors: C. Bonner and B. Rudometkin
Altar Servers: T. Paulbitski and C. Paulbitski

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Nunnery (C)
E. Ruggiero, R. Vassallo, B. Mullins, A. Buelow
Lectors: J. Moresco and S. McDonagh
Altar Servers: J. Thomson and C. Daniele

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: L. Cesca (C)
T. Casey, Z. Tamayo, M. Bourne, A. Brugnara
Lectors: Student
Altar Servers: K. Malani, A. Stines & K. Wilson
Children's Liturgy: Esperanza & Nubia and Darlene

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Giusti (C)
A. Maron, S. Menendez, H. Mantler, V. Valle
Lectors: D. Maron and F. Valle
Altar Servers: N. Medina and M. Liu

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: K. Welch (C)
T. Estelita, M. Elmore, A. Lopez, K. Beltrano
Lectors: H. Lowood and B Lopez
Altar Servers: N. Estelita and E. Estelita

Monday/December 24th

4:30 pm (Children's Mass) Presider: Fr. Greene
8:00 pm Presider: Fr. Mike
Midnight Presider: Fr. Greene

Tuesday/December 25th

7:30 am Presider: Fr. Ring
9:30 am Presider: Fr. Mike
11:30 am Presider: Mr. Greene

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 17th

Readings: Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17

Tuesday-December 18th

Readings: Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25

Wednesday-December 19th

Readings: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25

Thursday-December 20th

Readings: Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38

Friday-December 21st

Readings: Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45

Saturday-December 22nd

Readings: 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56

Sunday-December 23rd

Readings: Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45



SIMBANG GABI

Novena of Masses

To intensify our preparation on the final week of Advent

7:00 PM, December 15-23, 2012

St. Robert's Church

Reception after each mass

Priests and Choirs

Dec 15	Fr. Mike Konopik, St Robert St. Therese Choir
Dec 16	Fr. Obet Andrey, St Patrick St. Matthew Choir
Dec 17	Priest: TBA Couples for Christ Choir
Dec 18	Fr Paul O'Dell, All Souls Choir: TBA
Dec 19	Msgr. Johnny Alarcon, St Augustine Choir: TBA
Dec 20	Fr. Bonifacio Espeleta, St Andrew Kaibigan ni Jesus Choir
Dec 21	Fr. Arnold Zamora, Holy Name of Jesus St. Matthew Choir
Dec 22	Fr. Rolando Caverte, Church of Epiphany St. Therese Choir
Dec 23	Fr. John Greene, St Robert St. Robert's Children's Choir

The Nativity of Jesus was first celebrated in the Philippines in 1565. The Christmas celebration began with a novena of Masses starting on December 16 and ending on December 24 with a *noche buena* (a Christmas family dinner) after the midnight Mass. This novena was called *Misa de Aguinaldo* or Gift Masses. Since each of the novena Masses started at dawn with the cock's crow, the Masses later became known as *Misa de Gallo*. The Christmas novena became one of the best loved and most celebrated traditions in all parts of the Philippines. To this day, in most rural areas in the Philippines, people attend the *Misa de Gallo* at 4:00 or 5:00 o'clock in the morning. The faster pace of life in metropolitan cities necessitated some adjustments in the time of the novena of Masses. Some churches began to offer Christmas novena masses in the evening. Hence, the name *Misa de Gallo* was changed to *Simbang Gabi* (Night Mass). Today, whether the liturgies are celebrated at dawn or at night, the novena of Christmas Masses is simply called *Simbang Gabi*. This practice is now being observed not only in the Philippines but in other parts of the world.

Filipino-Americans have introduced *Simbang Gabi* in the United States and have found it to be an effective way to build a community of faith, to express who they are as a people, to celebrate their religious tradition and culture.

Here at St. Robert's Church, *Simbang Gabi* will be celebrated from December 15-23 (vigil mass) at 7:00 PM. Different priests and choirs will join us in each community celebration as we intensify our preparation on the final week of Advent.

For more information on *Simbang Gabi* or to offer mass intentions, please contact:

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