

Saint Robert's Church

December 1, 2013



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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,

Advent is here! Hopefully, the Spirit will open us to the many ways God sneaks in, even with the hectic pace of this season. With Christmas cards to be sent, gifts to be bought, traditional parties and family gatherings added to an already too busy schedule, it's no wonder we might pass over the blessings of Advent. An Advent wreath is a great reminder with its four candles and evergreens. What a challenge to resist our society's efforts with full-page ads constantly hawking the latest of everything! Especially if finances are tight, what other kinds of gifts might we give? We might choose to give someone we love the gift of our presence: an afternoon walk in the park or two hours of helping with shopping or housekeeping. Fortunately, our parish efforts through the Giving Tree, Adopt-A-Family, the donation of warm and cozy items for the homebound, and help for the Philippines, we are reminded of the larger family to which we belong.

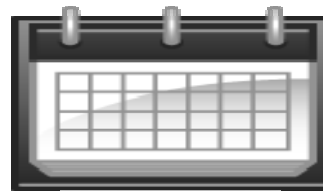
Here's a practical suggestion: Why not try for five minutes of quiet each day to ask yourself: "Where are you being present to me today, Lord?" It might be an awareness of the good health which enables you to juggle all the demands on your time. It might be the Lord inspiring you through the harried clerk who still exhibits patience with your questions. It could be your (grand)child asking you to tell her the Christmas story or the song or reading from Mass which stays in your heart. Then give thanks for that presence. Trust that God can break through any time we're the least bit open! Happy Advent!

S. Sheral

Something Warm and Cozy

As always, we are invited to bring something special for our parishioners who are homebound: a warm robe, lap robe, slippers, socks – whatever will warm their hearts and their bodies! Please place them in the baskets in the sanctuary by Dec. 22

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-December 2nd

Mass Intention 6:30 Eugene Needham †
8:30 Frank Puccetti †

Tuesday-December 3rd

Mass Intention 6:30 Jeffrey Kollman †
8:30 Kathleen Sullivan †
Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Rel Ed (Gr 1-5) 3:30pm Hall & Church
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library
Rel Ed (Jr. Hi) 7:00pm Hall & Church

Wednesday-December 4th

Mass Intention 8:30 Sister Vianney Buckley
Grief Support Cmt 9:00am Mary's Chapel
Youth Group 6:00pm Hall
Scripture Study 7:00pm Mahoney Room
Choir Practice 7:00pm Church

Thursday-December 5th

Mass Intention 8:30 Gene May †
Men's Club Set up 4:30pm Hall

Friday-December 6th

Mass Intention 6:30 Katherine Nicholls †
8:30 Joseph & Elda Salvi †
Men's Club
Crab Cioppino 6:00pm Hall

Saturday-December 7th

Mass Intention 8:30 Sister Ita Cleary
4:30 Edmond Giovannoni †
Euch Adoration 9:00am Church
First Reconciliation 10:00am Church
AA Meeting 10:00am Mahoney Room

Sunday-December 8th

(SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

Mass Intention 7:30 Angelo, Carlo &
Angela Foti †
9:30 People of St. Robert's
11:30 Bill & Nancy Curtis †
5:00 Emmanuel Enriquez †

Women's Guild
Boutique All Day Hall



As A Parish Community, we pray that the season of Advent becomes for us a time of spiritual preparation for the coming of Jesus into our hearts.

**Our sincere sympathy to the family of
Maria Luisa Grodzicki
who died recently**



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
Dan Armenta
Sandra Dill***

STEWARDSHIP

November 24th and December 1st collections will be posted in the December 8th bulletin.

2013 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 11/21/13 \$79,765.57

has been pledged.

Our Archdiocese tax this year is \$87,300

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

A Cal-Fresh Invitation

The Social Concerns Group would like to extend an invitation to any of us willing to take a challenge. Would you and your family like to try living on the CalFresh (food stamps) allocation for a week? Especially for us in California, the household income standards and benefits allocated seem out of touch with reality. Give it a try, then contact your representatives to let them know your opinion about the Senate proposal to cut \$5 billion over ten years from the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the House proposal to cut \$40 billion over ten years. Here is the most current information:

Household size	Maximum gross monthly income	Weekly benefit
1	\$1211	\$47.25
2	\$1640	\$86.75
3	\$2069	\$124.25
4	\$2498	\$158.00
5	\$2927	\$187.50
6	\$3356	\$222.50
7	\$3785	\$297.50

The Giving Tree

The Children's Liturgy team has set up their annual Giving Tree. Parishioners are invited to take an ornament from the tree, purchase that item and return it unwrapped along with the gift tags to the vestibule at any Mass or to the rectory (requested FOR GIFT CARDS!) by December 18th. These gifts will be distributed to the San Bruno Fire Department and Shelter Network.

Thank you in advance for your continued spirit of generosity for our neighbors in need.

ADOPT A FAMILY

Once again this year we will have Adopt-a-Family tree in front of church for the Christmas Season. The tree will have paper ornaments profiling families that can use some help during this time of year. We've received our families from our own St. Vincent de Paul Society, as well as Catholic Worker House in Redwood City, Child and Family Services of San Mateo County and this year we are going to add Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens. If you have means to help, look for the tree after Mass. We'll need the gifts turned in by the weekend of December 14-15th for distribution.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have questions please call Rob & Cathy Aveson 583-4757, John & Eileen Grealish 589-6011 or John & Nancy Marty 588-4740.

OPEN HOUSE

Fr. Greene and Deacon Rusty invite you to an open house at the Rectory on Sunday, December 15 after 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Fr. John and Deacon Rusty will have a display of Nativity Scenes from around the world.

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 Monday, December 16th. Please make checks payable to St. Robert's.

My Gift in Memory of: _____

My Gift in Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

MINISTER SCHEDULE/DEC 7TH & 8TH

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Aveson (C)
Deacon, J. Beltrano, A. Ciraulo, M. Murphy
Lectors: C. Aveson and C. Clarke
Altar Servers: E. McElroy and T. Paulbitski

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Nunnery (C)
Deacon, F. Reyes, A. Buelow, T. Montross
Lectors: A. Reyes and J. Aldinger
Altar Servers: B. Borghello and V. Borghello

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: T. Casey (C)
Deacon, M. Bourne, M. Quilici, A. Solis
Lectors: J. Shick and S. Kho
Altar Servers: M. Rodriguez, A. Herrera and M. King
Children's Liturgy: Mark & Hilda and Darlene

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Giusti (C)
Deacon, H. Mantler, S. Menendez, D. Sosa
Lectors: H. Beck and G. Peralez
Altar Servers: E. Holloway and D. Holloway

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Stewart
Eucharistic Ministers: M. Elmore (C)
Deacon, K. Beltrano, H. Marshall, T. Estelita
Lectors: N. Buencamino and G. Picazo
Altar Servers: N. Estelita and M. Mogannum

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

Readings: 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