

Saint Robert's Church

December 8, 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,

Our good Pope Francis has given us an Advent gift: his first apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, the Gospel of Joy. You can Google it and download a copy directly from the Vatican. It is a true expression of this holy Jesuit: inclusive, honest and very grounded in reality. It bears slow, reflective reading. His lovely spirit, reminiscent of Blessed John XXIII, is evident on every page.

In the third paragraph, he extends his invitation: "I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unflinchingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her." Francis invites the whole Church to take seriously Jesus' command, "Go make disciples of all nations..." (Matt.28.19), to spread the gospel, *evangelium* in Latin.

In his usual sensitive way, he acknowledges that many people don't experience joy, "yet surely we all have to let the joy of faith slowly revive as a quiet yet firm trust, even amid the greatest distress." The joy of knowing we are loved by God will prompt us to share that joy with those searching for meaning in our time. The Holy Father's love for all people, especially the poor, compels him to urge each of us to share the gospel because all people *deserve* to know God's love and forgiveness.

This 93 page homily is full of quotes from scripture, the writings of previous Popes, general conferences of the world's bishops; Thomas Aquinas and other theologians; and many of the Documents of Vatican II. He hopefully and clearly addresses with the wisdom of our Catholic tradition the challenges of secularization, cultural shifts, violence, peace, the dialogue between faith, reason and science, and the economy.

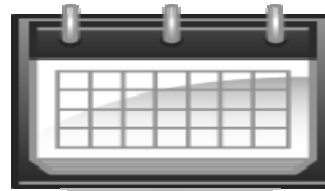
Praying with this gift would be great preparation for Gaudete (Be Joyful) Sunday next weekend. Continue to have a blessed Advent!

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 9th

Mass Intention 6:30 Reynaldo Simon
8:30 Sharon Konopik †
Women's Guild Mtg 6:30pm Hall

Tuesday-December 10th

Mass Intention 6:30 John Horan †
8:30 Msgr. Nnanna †
Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Mary's Chapel
Rel Ed (Gr 1-5) 3:30pm Hall & Church
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library
Confirmation Yr 1 7:00pm Hall

Wednesday-December 11th

Mass Intention 8:30 Morena Family †
Youth Group 6:00pm Hall
Scripture Study 7:00pm Mahoney Room
Choir Practice 7:00pm Church

Thursday-December 12th

Mass Intention 8:30 Charles & Rita Agius †
Kidstock 6:30pm Church
Caregiver's Mtg 7:30pm Mary's Chapel

Friday-December 13th

Mass Intention 6:30 Robert Haskins
8:30 Sister Peter Corcoran †
Inbetweeners Mtg 6:30pm Hall

Saturday-December 14th

Mass Intention 8:30 John & Amelia
Rudometkin
4:30 John Galea †
Breakfast w/Santa 8:30am Hall
AA Meeting 10:00am Mahoney Room
Grief Consolation 3:00pm Convent
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Hall & Church

Sunday-December 15th

(THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT)

Mass Intention 7:30 Jonathan Tengpo †
9:30 Felice & Carmela
Dellegrazie †
11:30 People of St. Robert's
5:00 Nancy Seal †
Rel Ed/Sac Class 8:00am Hall
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Hall & Church



As A Parish Community, we pray for our parish family. May we become aware that Jesus lives within each of us and welcomes all who enter his house just as he welcomes us.

**WE CONGRATULATE
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

*Maya Amerie Edwards
Jaxson L. Jacobs
Camille Punjabi Villocillo*



**Our sincere sympathy to the families of
Dan Armenta & Pauline Attard
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
Bill Cody***

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to Dec 1st (goal)	221,000.00
July 1st to Dec 1st (actual), (including E Contributions)	213,482.71
7/1/13—6/30/14 Weekly (Goal)	9,700.00
Weekly Collection (actual 11/24)	8,123.30
Weekly Collection (actual 12/1)	9,013.40
E Cont for month of November	5,875.50
Thank you for your generosity	

Thank you for your generous donation of **\$2,483.41** to the Campaign for Human Development, **\$1,045.00** to our School, CCD and Confirmation Programs and **\$5,318.58** for the victims of the Philippine Typhoon.

2013 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

**As of 12/3/13 \$82,965.57
has been pledged.**

Our Archdiocese tax this year is \$87,300

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

Some Advent Suggestions

Here are a few ideas to help us honor this season of Advent when our society is already full-steam ahead into Christmas.

- Wear something purple when you come to Mass as a reminder to us all that we're in the preparation time for this great feast. Actually, next weekend is Gaudete Sunday whose color is pink to let us know that we're halfway to Christmas.
 - Our church is deliberately plain without any Christmas flowers or décor until Christmas Eve; it's a "back to basics" time, time to recall the wonder of the Word made flesh, Emmanuel.
 - Pray for the person or family for whom you're buying gifts.
- Peace, S. Sheral**

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.

Simbang Gabi

Simbang Gabi, a nine-day novena of Masses in preparation for Christmas, is a beautiful tradition in the Philippines. St. Robert's Fil-Am Group will again be celebrating Simbang Gabi this year from December 14-22. Masses will be at 7:00 PM. Fellowship and reception follows after each Mass at Hennessey Hall. On the last day, December 22nd, the Fil-Am Group will conclude with the annual Christmas Party. All are welcomed.

Please read further information on the bulletin board at the vestibule of the church.

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 14TH & 15TH

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Stewart
Eucharistic Ministers: C. Holland (C)
D. Interdonato, N. Jussaume, C. Noce, M. Noce
Lectors: B. Rudometkin and C. Bonner
Altar Servers: P. Toomey and J. Cilia

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Vassallo (C)
S. Quinn, K. Healy, E. Ruggiero, M. Nunnery
Lectors: T. Clifford and L. Clifford
Altar Servers: L. Kinchen and M. Jensen

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: R. Valdez (C)
U. Uniacke, L. Cesca, G. Sinks, K. Martinez
Lectors: C. Sinks and J. Bartolotti
Altar Servers: O. Uniacke, P. Uniacke and A. Mar
Children's Liturgy: Esperanza & Nubia and Darlene

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene
Eucharistic Ministers: B. Chester (C)
A. Maron, C. Attard, F. Firpo, R. Benavente
Lectors: M. Benavente and C. Pisani
Altar Servers: I. Birkmyer and K. McHale

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Mike
Eucharistic Ministers: D. Ferris (C)
A. Ferris, K. Sweeney, M. Salvato, M. Bettencourt
Lectors: J. Puchbauer and S. Puchbauer
Altar Servers: B. Borghello and V. Borghello

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

Readings: 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, 10-13

Sunday-December 15th

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

St Robert Scrip Gift Card Order Form

All orders **MUST** be in by Tuesday 9 a.m. and will be delivered same day to school or rectory. Please send payments to the school office C/O Scrip or drop off orders with payment at the church rectory; checks payable to : St. Robert's Parish.

APPAREL & ACCESSORIES			DINING – ON THE GO			ENTERTAINMENT			ONLINE & MAIL ORDER		
Product	QTY	TOTAL	Product	QTY	TOTAL	Product	QTY	TOTAL	Product	QTY	TOTAL
Claire’s \$10			Burger King \$10			Barnes & Nobel \$10			iTunes \$15		
Finish Line \$25			Carl’s Jr. \$10			Barnes & Nobel \$25			iTunes \$25		
Foot Locker \$25			Chipotle Mexican Grill \$10			Cinemark Theatres \$25			Shutterfly \$25		
Gap/Banana Republic/Old Navy Options \$25			Jack in the Box \$10			Xbox Live \$20			SPECIALTY RETAILER		
Payless Shoes \$20			Jamba Juice \$10			GAS & AUTO			Product	QTY	TOTAL
Ross Dress for Less \$25			KFC \$5			Product	QTY	TOTAL	Bath & Body Works \$10		
Talbots \$25			Panera Bread \$10			76 Gas \$25			Bath & Body Works \$25		
The Children’s Place \$25			Papa John’s Pizza \$10			ARCO \$50			Build a Bear Workshop \$25		
Tj Maxx/Marshall/HomeGoods \$25			Peet’s Coffee & Tea \$20			Chevron \$50			CVS/Pharmacy \$25		
Tj Maxx/Marshall/HomeGoods \$100			Quiznos \$10			Shell \$25			CVS/Pharmacy \$100		
DEPARTMENT STORES			Starbucks \$10			Shell \$50			Hallmark \$25		
Product	QTY	TOTAL	Starbucks \$25			GROCERY			Michael \$25		
JcPenney \$25			SUBWAY Gift Card \$10			Product	QTY	TOTAL	Nutrisystem \$50		
Kohl’s \$25			Taco Bell \$10			Safeway \$25			Rite Aid \$25		
Macy’s \$25			Wendy’s \$10			Safeway \$100			See’s Candies \$17.50		
Macy’s \$100			DISCOUNT STORE			Save Mart \$25			See’s Candies \$25		
Sears \$25			Product	QTY	TOTAL	Smart & Final \$25			Sephora \$20		
Sears \$100			Target Gift Card \$25			Smart & Final \$50			Toy R Us/Babies R Us \$20		
DINING-CASUAL			Target Gift Card \$100			Smart & Final \$100			Ultra SALONS \$25		
Product	QTY	TOTAL	Walmart/Sam’s Club \$25			Whole Foods Market \$25			Walgreens \$25		
Boston Market \$10			Walmart/Sams Club \$100			Whole Food Market \$100			Walgreens \$100		
Buca di Beppo \$25			ELECTRONIC & OFFICE			HOME DECOR			SPORTING GOODS		
Cheesecake Factory \$25			Product	QTY	TOTAL	Product	QTY	TOTAL	Product	QTY	TOTAL
Chili’s \$25			Best Buy \$25			Bed Bath & Beyond \$25			Big 5 Sporting Good \$25		
Chuck E. Cheese \$10			Best Buy \$100			HOME IMPROVEMENT			REI \$25		
IHOP \$25			Games Stop \$25			Product	QTY	TOTAL	Sports Authority \$25		
Landry’s Restaurants \$25			Office Depot \$25			Home Depot \$25			Sports Authority \$100		
Red Lobster/Olive Garden \$25			Office Depot \$100			Home Depot \$100			TRAVEL		
Red Robin \$25			Staples \$25			Lowe’s \$25			Product	QTY	TOTAL
			Staples \$100			Lowe’s \$100			Disney \$25		
						Lowe’s \$20 Teachers card			Disney \$100		

Additional retailers are available online at www.shopwithscrip.com (School ID # DA81751D9953) i.e. No Fee American Express Cards Also available online is ScripNow!™ the quickest way to purchase scrip. ScripNow! is delivered electronically once payment is received and released Some Scrip will be special order.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

TOTAL DUE	\$
Cash/Check	

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. 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.

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.

Inbetweeners

The Inbetweeners Christmas Gathering will be this Friday, Dec.13th in Hennessy Hall. Doors open at 6:30pm, dinner at 7:30pm. The cost is \$ 15.00 per person or a \$15.00 gift per person. For more info call George Lynch.

KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS ~ 2014-2015

Information and applications for Kindergarten will be available on Monday, January 6th at www.saintrobert-school.org. Please personally bring completed Kindergarten applications for the 2014-2015 school year to the school office January 6th through January 31st from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Your child must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2014. 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

St. Robert School will hold its annual Open House on Thursday evening, January 30th from 7:00p.m. – 8:00p.m. All are welcome!

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

St. Robert 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. St. Robert 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.

SR WOMEN'S GUILD

DECEMBER SCARF EXCHANGE & DINNER-MEETING

Tis the Season to be Jolly!

Please join us:

Bring a scarf (\$15) for a friendly scarf exchange between the lovely ladies of the Guild and also please bring a gently used scarf to donate & spread the holiday cheer

Monday Night Dec 9th

6:30 Hennessy Hall

Dinner: \$12.00 (includes open bar)

RSVP: srwomensguild@yahoo.com