

# Saint Robert's Church

December 14, 2014

## ST. ROBERT'S PARISH CHRISTMAS 2014

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 20th,  
3:00 - 4:15 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

#### Christmas Eve,

**Wednesday, December 24th**

Family Mass 4:30 p.m.,  
8:00 p.m., and  
Midnight Mass

#### Christmas Day,

**Thursday, December 25th**

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.  
No Evening Mass

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Thursday, January 1st, 2015  
Mass at 9:30 a.m. only

### FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

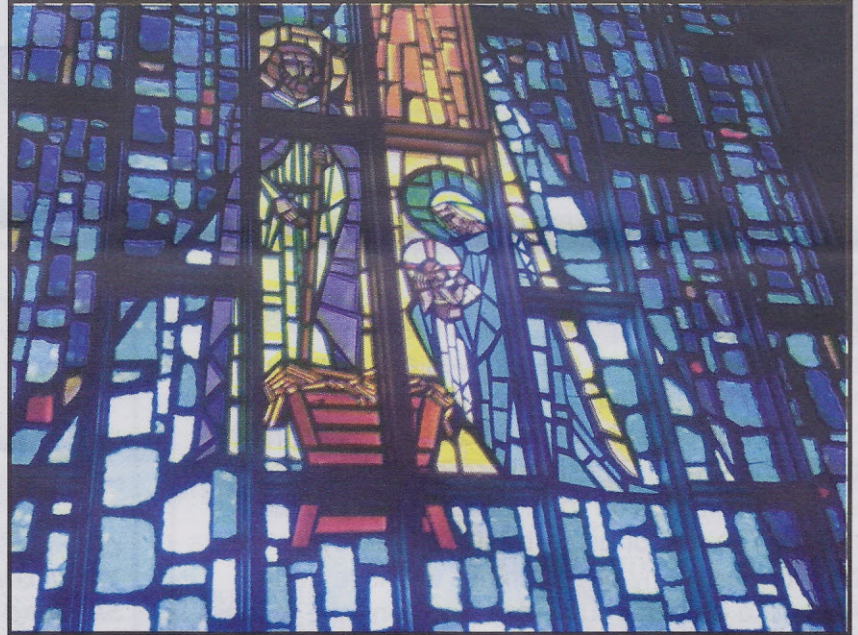
**Saturday, January 3rd**

4:30 p.m.

**Sunday, January 4th**

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.



### MASS TIMES

Vigil Mass 4:30 pm (Saturday)

Sundays: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am and 5:00 pm

Holy Days Masses: 8:30 am and 6:00 pm

**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.

Rectory Office: 1380 Crystal Springs Rd.  
San Bruno, CA 94066 Phone: (650) 589-2800  
FAX: (650) 588-9628  
Web Site: [www.saintroberts.org](http://www.saintroberts.org)

Rev. John L. Greene, Pastor  
Rev. Michael Konopik, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Vincent Ring, *Pastor Emeritus*  
Rev. Stewart Wilber, Sunday Assistant  
Deacon Rusty Duffey, Pastoral Associate  
Deacon John Meyer, Pastoral Associate  
Sister Sheral Marshall, OSF,  
Pastoral Associate for Liturgy  
Sister Patricia O'Sullivan, PBVM, 589-0104  
Pastoral Associate for Sick and Homebound  
In residence 763-8822  
Sister Ita Cleary, PBVM  
Sister Antonio Heaphy, PBVM  
Sister Vianney Buckley, PBVM  
Ms. Rose Aragon, 589-2800  
Office Administrator  
Mrs. Judy DeMartini, 589-2800  
Parish Receptionist/Bookkeeper

### PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY – 589-2800

Mr. Kevin Imbimbo

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we light the pink candle on our Advent wreath, symbolizing Gaudete (Be Joyful!) Sunday. The title comes from the opening line of Paul's first Letter to the Thessalonians: "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." It may seem strange to be rejoicing when our websites and newspapers are filled with tragedies and sadness. The reading from Isaiah gives us a different perspective: We are reminded of our dignity and responsibility as God's people through baptism and confirmation. The Spirit has anointed us "to bring glad tidings to the poor; to heal the brokenhearted;" free the captives and prisoners; and "announce a year of favor from the Lord." Many of our parishioners and those of other faith traditions serve in these ministries all year long, showing compassion to those experiencing hard times. The rest of us partake in these joyous works through the many opportunities we have during Advent to be generous. May God continue to bless us with good health, time and earthly goods to share and the inspiration to share them! Happy Advent! S. Sheral

The monthly Second Harvest grocery distribution will take place this Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup> at Belle Air School on Third Avenue. We spend from 1:30 to 4:45pm unloading the pallets and distributing the food to about 80 families with children. If you can help, please call Sr. Sheral at 589-2800.

### The Spirit of Advent

You'll notice that our church looks very simple with no flowers and no adornments except the Advent wreath. The universal Church invites us to keep the spirit of Advent in this way; you can help us all to do that by waiting to bring poinsettias until Dec. 22. If you have something purple to wear these Sundays, that will be helpful, too. Thank you.

### Church Decorating

We'll be doing our twice a year cleaning of the church and decorating for Christmas on Saturday the 20th from 9 am on. Wear your grubbies and come! Service hours gladly given. Thank you. S. Sheral

### The Giving Tree

The Children's Liturgy team will be setting 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 rectory 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.

## THE WEEK AHEAD



### Monday-December 15th

Mass Intention 8:30 Henry Arata †  
6 pm Steven Morena †  
**Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Hall & Church**

### Tuesday-December 16th

Mass Intention 6:30 Mona Cafftery  
8:30 Alex Wild  
**Rel Ed (Gr. 1-5) 3:30pm Hall & Church**  
**Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library**  
**Rel Ed/Jr. High 7:00pm Hall**  
**Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church**

### Wednesday-December 17th

Mass Intention 8:30 John Robertson  
Foster, Jr. †  
**Children's Choir 3:00pm Church**  
**Youth Group 6:00pm Hall**  
**Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Hall & Church**  
**Choir Practice 8:00pm Church**

### Thursday-December 18th

Mass Intention 8:30 Paul & Rosina Vella †  
**School Board Mtg 7:00pm Library**  
**Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Hall & Church**

### Friday-December 19th

Mass Intention 6:30 Paul Uliana †  
8:30 Jim Olmo †  
**Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Hall & Church**

### Saturday-December 20th

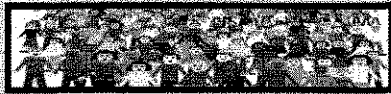
Mass Intention 8:30 Jacqueline Mitchell †  
4:30 Rosa & Natalio  
Cadermatori †  
**AA Meeting 10:00am Mahoney Room**  
**Grief Consolation 3:00pm Convent**  
**Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Hall & Church**

### Sunday-December 21st

**Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Hall & Church**

### For the Homebound

As is our tradition, you are invited to bring something warm and cozy for our parishioners who are homebound: a lap rug, warm slippers or socks, etc. Please place it in the basket in the sanctuary before **Thursday, Dec. 18th** when the gifts will be wrapped at the Convent after the 8:30 am Mass. If you have questions, call *Sister Patricia* @ 650-763-8822 or e-mail [posullivan3@juno.com](mailto:posullivan3@juno.com).



**As A Parish Community**, we pray for the coming of Jesus. May he lead us on the straight path toward loving God more deeply and sharing his love with others.



**WE CONGRATULATE  
THE NEWLY BAPTIZED**

*Kayden Leonery Alba  
Michael Steven Bojarski  
Sky Zubia Reyes*

*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***  
*Henry Aragon  
Dorilynn Harrison  
Dolores Patterson  
John Shanahan  
Michelina Yaquinto*

**Our sincere sympathy to the family of  
Michael Gaines  
who died recently**



**STEWARDSHIP**

July 1st to December 7th (goal)	222,400.00
July 1st to December 7th (actual), (including E Contributions)	214,381.05
7/1/14—6/30/15 Weekly (Goal)	9,700.00
Weekly Collection (actual 12/07)	8,541.27
E Cont for month of November	6,534.00
Thank you for your generosity	

Thank you for your generous donation of  
**\$2,209.97**  
to our School, CCD and Confirmation programs.

**2014 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

**As of 12/5/14 \$95,152.08  
has been pledged.**

**Our Archdiocese tax this year is \$94,300  
Thank you in advance for your generous donation**

**Scrip will be sold after the following Masses**

Dec 13 @ 4:30pm  
Dec 14th @ 7:30am/9:30am/5pm  
Dec 20 @ 4:30pm  
Dec 21 @ 7:30am/9:30am/5pm

**Confessions on the December 20th**

In preparation for the great Feast of Christmas, confessions will be available on Saturday from 3 pm until 4:15 pm.

**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE**

Fr. Greene and Deacon Rusty invite you to a Christmas open house at the Rectory on Sunday, December 21st after 9:30 a.m. Mass.

All are invited to enjoy some Christmas goodies.

**ADOPT A FAMILY**

Once again this year we will have an Adopt-a-Family tree in front of church for Advent. 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. We'll need the gifts turned in by this weekend 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.

**St. Robert's Fil-Am Group**

Simbang Gabi, a nine-day novena of Masses before Christmas is a beautiful tradition in the Philippines that enhances the culture and religious heritage of the Filipinos. St. Robert's Fil-Am Group is sponsoring Simbang Gabi celebration from Dec. 15th thru Dec. 23rd at 7:00pm, to celebrate and prepare for the birth of Jesus, our Lord. Everyone is invited and welcomed to participate. The children of the parish are especially invited for the parol processional at the beginning of each Mass. Fellowship and reception after each Mass. On the last day, Dec. 23rd, Fil-Am will celebrate with the annual Christmas Party. Join us ALL to continue this joyous tradition and celebrate Jesus' birth.

For information and participation, food donations, and Mass sponsorships, please call: Roy Blanco 871-3774, Thelma Tannis, 952-5080, or Albert Reyes, 871-5706

**MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**



Christmas flowers 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 Wednesday, 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 20TH & 21ST

## **Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass**

**Presider:** Fr. Greene  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** P. Guiney  
C. Holland, D. Interdonato, J. Waldvogel, R. Aveson  
**Lectors:** C. Clarke and P. Scannell  
**Altar Servers:** J. Arsenault and E. McElroy

## **Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass**

**Presider:** Fr. Mike  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Nunnery  
A. Doherty, B. Mullins, M. Saucedo, S. Quinn  
**Lectors:** J. Moresco and t. Clifford  
**Altar Servers:** C. Clifford and S. Redmond

## **Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass**

**Presider:** Fr. Stewart  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** T. Jones  
A. Solis, E. Gumban, G. Sinks, S. Murray  
**Lectors:** J. Co and S. Kho  
**Children's Liturgy:** Lisa and Gus  
**Altar Servers:** L. Kinchen, M. Philpott and G. Thompson

## **Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass**

**Presider:** Fr. Greene  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Giusti  
A. Reid, H. Mantler, J. Mallia, L. Sing  
**Lectors:** Z. Coronel and C. Pisani  
**Altar Servers:** A. Jay and J. Marty

## **Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass**

**Presider:** Fr. Mike  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** A. Navarro  
C. Innes, H. Marshall, M. Mahoney, M. Dowden  
**Lectors:** M. Bettencourt and H. Lowood  
**Altar Servers:** M. Cava and P. Newman

### **WEEKLY READINGS**

#### Monday-December 15th

Readings: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27

#### Tuesday-December 16th

Readings: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Mt 21:28-32

#### Wednesday-December 17th

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

#### Thursday-December 18th

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

#### Friday-December 19th

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

#### Saturday-December 20th

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

#### Sunday-December 21st

Readings: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-16 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38