

Saint Robert's Church

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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 Day Masses: 8:30 am and 6:00 pm

Weekdays: Masses are 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,

As you read this, the 190 representatives at the Paris global climate conference are in the midst of their meetings whose results will affect our lives for the remainder of this century.

Pope Francis' release of *Laudato Si*, subtitled "On Care for Our Common Home," earlier this year speaks of its importance in his eyes. In it, he states, "Humanity is called to recognize the need for changes of lifestyle, production and consumption, in order to combat this [climate] warming." NASA, the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the Union of Concerned Scientists and the American Federation of Scientists all agree that "Climate-warming trends over the past century are very likely due to human activities."

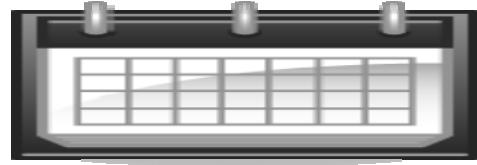
Many of those who suffer the most from climate change have contributed least to it. Flash floods and mudslides in Sierra Leone are due to this, yet it takes the greenhouse gas emissions of 85 of their citizens to equal that of one American. In *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis writes: "We know that technology based on the use of highly polluting fossil fuels – especially coal, but also oil and, to a lesser degree, gas – needs to be progressively replaced without delay."

What can we do? Contact our congressional delegation, encouraging them to support strong agreements. Pray every day this week for courage for those present to make binding, verifiable commitments. Pope Francis recommends very simple habits to help us find a balanced lifestyle coming from an inner peace. Something as simple as giving thanks before and after a meal connects us with nature and the labor of those bringing food to our table. I'd suggest that we commit to drinking our pristine Hetch Hetchy water instead of water in plastic-which takes 500,000 years to decompose! Peace, S. Sheral

Advent Purple

Oftentimes, the anticipation and preparation for an event is almost as enriching as the event itself. It might help us to stay focused on Advent if we wear purple these Sundays and save our Christmas sweaters for the parties we attend.

THE WEEK AHEAD



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Monday-December 7th

Mass Intention 8:30 Tom Dachauer †
Women's Guild 6:30pm Hall

Tuesday-December 8th

Mass Intention 8:30 Bill & Nancy Curtis †
6pm Pia Marie Sciandri †
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 & Church

Wednesday-December 9th

Mass Intention 8:30 Sr. Mary O'Donnell †

Thursday-December 10th

Mass Intention 8:30 Paul & Rosina Vella †

Friday-December 11th

Mass Intention 8:30 Margie Greene †
Inbetweeners Mtg 6:30pm Hall

Saturday-December 12th

Mass Intention 8:30 Charles & Rita Agius †
4:30 James Galvin †
AA Mtg 10:00am Mahoney Room
Breakfast/Santa 8:30am Hall

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 be collecting the weekends of December 5th/6th and 12th/13th 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.



As a Parish Community we pray that we continue to promote the Gospel and grow in a deeper understanding and love of God and of one another.

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



**Jean Bisagno
Terry Campbell
Lester Leanart Carlson
Luke Makous
Destiny Pelayo
Gianna DeMartini**

Our sincere sympathy to the family of



**Joe Anthony Douglas
Frank Pannachi Sr.
Sophie Rutledge
Frances Vella**

God Bless You

Through the efforts of many volunteers and donations from the people of this parish, Saint Vincent de Paul Society was able to deliver 40 pounds of food and \$50.00 worth of script to 54 families on low income...Thank You and God Bless you.

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to November 29th (goal)	213,400.00
July 1st to November 29th (actual) (including E Contributions)	212,294.24
7/1/15—6/30/16 Weekly (Goal)	9,700.00
Weekly Collection (actual 11/22)	8,864.22
(actual 11/29)	7,919.54
E Cont for month of November	6,731.50
Thank you for your generosity	

Thank you for your generous donation of **\$2,853.37** to the Campaign for Human Development and **\$4,166.59** to our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

2015 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 11/25/15 Amount Pledged \$89,781.05
Total Cash Donations To Date \$84,614.80
Archdiocese tax for 2015 \$95,600.00

Thank you in advance for your generous donation.

Please remember Saint Robert's Church when making a will or trust.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses will be at 8:30 am and 6:00 pm.

Consolation/Grief Ministry

The Christmas Season is always very difficult for those who have recently lost a loved one. The Consolation Committee is offering a special session on December 19th to help you on your grief journey by sharing with you some helpful coping skills. We meet in the Convent, 349 Oak Ave. from 3:00 -4:15 pm. This is a time to pray, reflect, to talk and share. All are welcome.

Kindergarten Tours

If you are thinking about sending your child to Saint Robert Catholic School, now is the perfect time to schedule a Wednesday tour. Come take a walk around the school with the Principal, Mrs. Wright, and learn about the many wonderful curriculum choices and activities at your Parish School. Please call 650-583-5065 to schedule a tour.

The Shrine and Wall of Remembrance

Now that the Month of November (the special month of **All Souls**) has come to an end, the Shrine and Wall of Remembrance will be taken down this weekend. We thank you for sharing your special "memories" of your loved ones and now invite you to take them home and treasure them.

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 14th. Please make checks payable to St. Robert's.

My Gift in Memory of: _____

My Gift in Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

MINISTER SCHEDULE/DEC 12TH & 13TH

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Stewart

Euch Ministers: Albert C.

Jean W., Judy S., Katie B., Rob A.

Lectors: Cathy A. and Marilyn D.

Altar Servers: Cody K. and Jason K.

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr./Greene

Euch Ministers: Ann B.

Mary N., Michael G., Rose V., Sean Q.

Lectors: Suzanne T-K and Myles K.

Altar Servers: Nusi M. and Ava C.

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Euch Ministers: Tracey J.

Alex L., Gus S., Ray T., Zulma T.

Lectors: Kristi L. and John V.

Children's Liturgy: Haydee and Ben

Altar Servers: Cameron K., Giana C. and Nick C.

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Euch Ministers: Cynthia M.

Devi S., Encar S., Joyce M., Margot G.

Lectors: Doug H. and Heidi B.

Altar Servers: Michelle B. and Jorja F.

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Stewart

Euch Ministers: Christina I.

Andy F., Dodi T., Donna F., Mary D.

Lectors: Sr. Seral and Bambi T.

Altar Servers: Josh L. and Ryan O.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 7th

Readings: Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday-December 8th

Readings: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday-December 9th

Readings: Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30

Thursday- December 10th

Readings: Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15

Friday-December 11th

Readings: Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19

Saturday-December 12th

Readings: Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:26-38

Sunday-December 13th

Readings: Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

St. Robert's Men's Club

Men's Club Regular Meeting

ALL ARE WELCOME

Friday, December 14th, 2015

Doors Open at 6:00 p.m.

Please note date change

Gifts for the Sick and Homebound



We are collecting gifts to be distributed to the Sick and Homebound in our neighborhood. we would appreciate - socks, scarves, lap rugs, robes, nightgowns, slippers etc. etc. etc. Please, put your gift in the baskets in the sanctuary. **Gift wrapping** will be on Thursday, December 17, 2015 in the Old Convent, 349 Oak Ave. after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All are invited to this gift wrapping party.

Jingle & Mingle

at the December Women's Guild Meeting

Monday December 7 | 6:30 pm | Hennessy Hall

Bring a wrapped scarf for our Annual Scarf Exchange.

We will also be collecting scarves to donate to local Women's Shelters.

RSVP: <https://sites.google.com/site/rwomensguild/home>



Grownups

Join us at the "Grownups" Annual Christmas Luncheon on Wed. December 16th at the Basque Cultural Ctr. The cost is \$28-\$33 For info & reservations please call Helen Mantler at (650) 589-2497. Come and enjoy a delightful afternoon with us.

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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 21st. These gifts will be distributed to families in San Mateo County. Thank you in advance for your continued spirit of generosity for our neighbors.

Confessions on December 19th

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

Simbang Gabi



St. Robert's Fil-Am Group is hosting Simbang Gabi, a nine-day novena of Masses before Christmas, a beautiful tradition in the Philippines that expresses the culture and religious heritage of the Filipinos. The Simbang Gabi celebrations take place from Dec. 15th thru Dec. 23rd at 7:00pm, to 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. There will be fellowship and a 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

The Spirit of Advent You'll notice that our church looks very simple with no flowers or plants 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 to the rectory until Dec. 22.

Decorating for Christmas

If you are available on Saturday, December 19th at 9 am. We would love your help as we clean and decorate our church for Christmas. Service hours gladly given.