

Saint Robert's Church

Dec 13, 2015



ST. ROBERT'S PARISH CHRISTMAS 2015

CONFESSIONS
Saturday, December 19th
3:00 - 4:15 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASSES
Christmas Eve,
Thursday, December 24th
Family Mass 4:30 p.m.,
8:00 p.m., and
Midnight Mass

Christmas Day,
Friday, 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
Friday, January 1, 2016
Mass at 9:30 a.m. only

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY
Saturday, January 2nd
4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 3rd
7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Dear Friends,

Looking over the readings, I sit here in Gene's big blue chair, sipping Earl Grey tea. As we near the final lap of our Advent journey – our preparation for both Christmas and the Second Coming of Jesus – we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. The first reading encourages us to: ***"Shout for joy...Sing joyfully. Be glad and exult with all your heart...The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior. He will rejoice over you with gladness and renew you in His love."*** Once again, the Word of God tells us Our Father loves us and that He wants us to be filled to overflow with joy.

Through the years, whenever I'm worried or afraid, I say these words of Isaiah: ***"God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the Lord, and He has been my savior."*** Comfort and peace surround me as I renew my trust in Jesus. He is always with me. He loves me just the way I am. He gives me all the strength I will ever need.

Paul tells us: ***"Rejoice in the Lord always. Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near."*** I go back in time to that day 77 years ago. Our Mom had taken Shirley, Joan, Bob and me to the annual Christmas parade on Clement Street. Expectantly, we watched Santa throw bags of hard Christmas candy to the children along the sidewalk. With a wink, Santa threw a bag to Bob and then one to me. Clutching our treasures, we smilingly skipped back to our car. That's when Mom pointed to a little boy and girl sadly walking away from the parade toward us. She said, "They didn't catch any candy." Hand-in-hand, Bob and I ran up to the boy and girl. We gave them our candy. For the very first time (at the ages of 5 and 6), Bob and I experienced the joy that comes when we give from our hearts to another. As this Advent winds down, will we listen to the gentle whisper of the Holy Spirit and let God's mercy and love flow through our hands and our hearts to someone in need? If we do: ***"the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."***

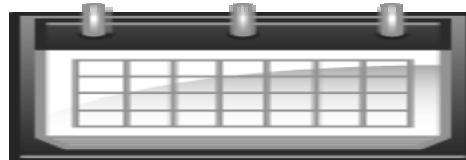
"Rejoice! The Lord is near!"

Anna May

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Monday-December 14th

Mass Intention 8:30 John & Amelia
Rudometkin †

Men's Club Mtg 6:00pm Hall
St. Vincent de Paul 7:00pm Mahoney Room

Tuesday-December 15th

Mass Intention 8:30 Henry Aragon †
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
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Convent

Wednesday-December 16th

Mass Intention 8:30 Jack Roach †
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Hall & Church

Thursday-December 17th

Mass Intention 8:30 Chuck Rapp
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Convent

Friday-December 18th

Mass Intention 8:30 Tom Dachauer †
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Convent

Saturday-December 19th

Mass Intention 8:30 Jim Olmo †
4:30 Steven Morena †
AA Mtg 10:00am Mahoney Room
Grief Consolation 3:30pm Convent
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Convent

Sunday-December 20th

Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Convent

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](tel:650-583-5065) to schedule a tour.



As a Parish Community we pray with joy and gladness. May we proclaim throughout all the earth that God is in our midst and that he renew us in his love.

We congratulate the newly baptized

*Taya Kimiko Burroughs
Greyson Sawyer Lam
Cara Jolie Pouey*



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
Sandra Dill**



Our sincere sympathy to the families of



**Elizabeth Ho
Monica Luciano
Helen Jean Restani
who died recently**

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to December 5th (goal)	223,100.00
July 1st to December 5th (actual) (including E Contributions)	220,169.24
7/1/15-6/30/16 Weekly (Goal)	9,700.00
Weekly Collection (actual 12/05)	7,875.00
E Cont for month of November	6,731.50
Thank you for your generosity	

Thank you for your generous donation of
\$5,952.91
To the retirement for religious.

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.

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. For more information e-mail Sister Patricia O'Sullivan -- posullivan3@juno.com or call 650-763-8822

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. 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.

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 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.

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

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 19TH & 20TH

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Euch Ministers: Sophia C.

Carolyn H., Joe Y., Marie N., Virginia Y.

Lectors: Paul S. and Carol B.

Altar Servers: Cody K. and Roisin U.

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Stewart

Euch Ministers: Brian M.

Agnes D., Kathy H., Marcela S., Tom M.

Lectors: Tony C. and Janet A.

Altar Servers: Colin C. and Nusi M.

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Stewart

Euch Ministers: Trish C.

Ethel G., Karen M., Mary B., Sam M.

Lectors: Jen C. and Cydney S.

Children's Liturgy: Lisa and Gus

Altar Servers: Sam S., Thomas B. and Crystle G.

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Euch Ministers: Anacarmina M.

Catalina M., Charlie A., Lina R., Veronica R.

Lectors: Mario B. and Rennie H.

Altar Servers: Victoria G. and Michael B.

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Euch Ministers: Antonio N.

George L., Ken S., Marci E., Mike S.

Lectors: Neil B. and Gigi P.

Altar Servers: Rachel H. and Teresa S.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 14th

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

Tuesday-December 15th

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

Wednesday-December 16th

Readings: Is 45:6b-8, 18-25 Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday- December 17th

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

Friday-December 18th

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

Saturday-December 19th

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

Sunday-December 20th

Readings: Mi 5:1-4a Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1:39-45