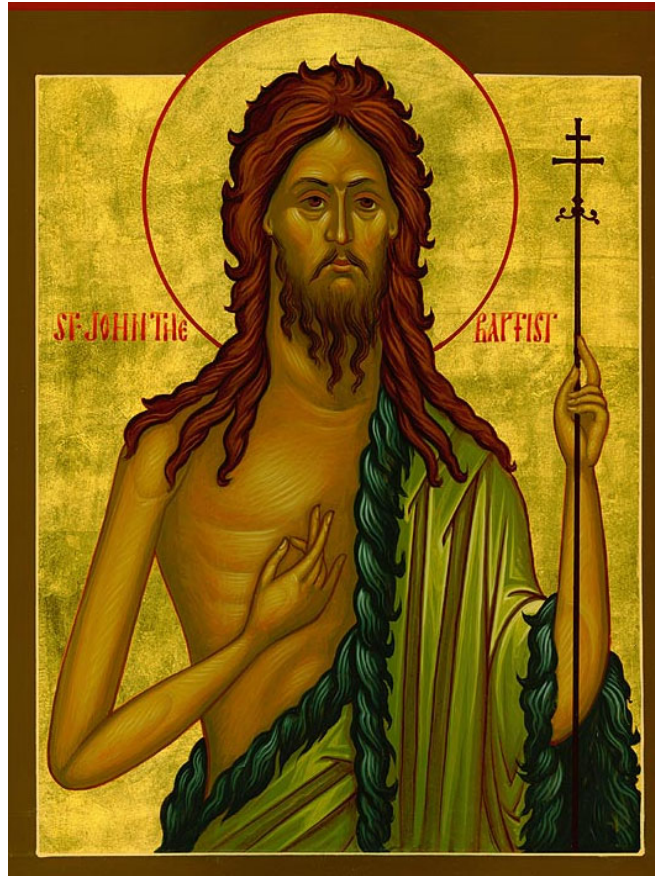


Saint Robert's Church

December 4, 2016



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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.

Happy Advent, Everyone!

No doubt, you've noticed the simplicity of the environment and the longing in the music we're now singing. There are invitations and promises in all the readings we'll hear from the prophet Isaiah. Last weekend, we were invited to "Walk in the light of the Lord!" This weekend, we hear the marvelous promise of the Messiah and the coming of the kingdom of peace. Last weekend, we were reminded to "Stay awake!" in Matthew's gospel. This weekend, we hear from John the Baptist, one of the most prominent persons during this season. "Repent," he says, "for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" He is doing exactly what his cousin Jesus has called him to do.

John had to practice what he preached, as we do who are parents, grandparents or just plain looked up to by some of our friends and neighbors. We all have expectations of how we wish to be treated by others and what words we find uplifting and encouraging. Many of us are also aware of having judgmental thoughts which can quickly sour a conversation. Franciscan Carolyn Townes reminds us of Pope Francis' words that we must "return to ourselves to exercise that spirit of grace and mercy, to see if we are consistent with what we ask of others." Perhaps, Advent is a good time to return to our best selves and take some time each day to examine our actions, words and thoughts. Even if you don't usually reflect on the daily readings, they are particularly beautiful during Advent and are posted in the bulletin.

The letter to the Romans encourages us to "Welcome one another as Christ welcomed you." In this time of political transition as well as the hectic pace which December often brings, what a great gift we'd be bestowing on each other to be a peaceful presence! May the Spirit guide us all.

S. Sheral

Gifts for the Sick and Homebound

It is a tradition at Saint Roberts to donate unwrapped gifts during Advent for our sick and homebound parishioners. Perhaps while shopping for Christmas you may wish to purchase a little gift for an elderly person, friend or forgotten relative. Gifts may be placed in the Baskets in the Sanctuary.

If you know the name of an elderly person who will perhaps not get a gift this Christmas, or would appreciate an extra little gift, please, let us know. Gift may be socks, gloves, scarves, lap rugs, robes, etc. Homemade gifts, especially, hand knitted or crocheted items are especially appreciated.

These gifts will be wrapped by a group of ladies on December 15, 2016, starting at 9:15 a.m. in the Convent 349 Oak Ave. If you have any questions, call Sr. Patricia @ 650-763-8822 or e-mail psullivan3@juno.com.

THE WEEK AHEAD



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monday-December 5th

Mass Intention 8:30 Ada Mocolin †
Men's Club Meeting Cancelled

Tuesday-December 6th

Mass Intention 8:30 Sr. Vianney Buckley,
PBVM
Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Rectory
Rel Ed (Gr 1-5) 3:30pm Hall & Church
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library
Rel Ed/Jr. High 7:00pm Hall

Wednesday-December 7th

Mass Intention 8:30 Joseph Xuereb †
Grief Support 9:00am Church
Children's Choir 3:00pm Church
Choir Practice 7:00pm Church

Thursday-December 8th

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mass Intention 8:30 Bill, Nancy & Paul
Curtis †
6:00pm Martin Glennon †
Caregiver's Mtg. 7:00pm Church
Fil/Am Mtg. 7:00pm Library

Friday-December 9th

Mass Intention 8:30 Bill Kelleher †
Inbetweeners 6:30pm Hall

Saturday-December 10th

Mass Intention 8:30 Sr. Rosaria Acton,
PBVM†
4:30 Steve Morena †
Rudometkin †
Breakfast w/Santa 8:30am Hall
AA Meeting 10:00am Mahoney Room
Morning of Reflection 9:00am Church

"Adopt-A-Family Tree"

Watch for the "Adopt-A-Family Tree". Gifts will be collected on the weekends of December 3-4 and 10-11. Thanks for your help. Rob Aveson



As a Parish Community we pray that the earth will be filled with the knowledge of God and that we come to love one another as he loves us.

We congratulate the newly baptized

*Luca Joseph Mutto
Olivia Grace Mutto
Joseph Carl Hideki Roeder
Jordan Kainoa Yap*



WE CONGRATULATE THE NEWLY MARRIED
Lauren Antonio & Ricky Cacho



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
Ansel Braidman, Jim Crilly,
Maria Faith, Kristi Lemanski,
Marty Staples & Kolby Rousseu

Our sincere sympathy to the family of
Leo John Quilici
who died recently



STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to November 27th (goal)	213,400.00
July 1st to November 27th (actual) (including E Contributions)	202,181.48
7/1/16—6/30/17 Weekly (Goal)	9,700.00
Weekly Collection (actual 11/20)	8,767.54
Weekly Collection (actual 11/27)	7,581.00
(E Cont for month of October)	6,494.00
Thank you for your generosity	

Thank you for your generous donation of **\$2,215.70** for the Campaign for Human Development and **\$1,925.80** to our School, CCD and Confirmation Programs.

2016 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
As of 11/28/16

Total Pledge to Date \$104,899.57
Total Cash Donations to Date \$103,453.57
Archdiocese tax Due \$112,560.00

Thank you in advance for your generous donation.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, 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.

Advent Morning of Reflection

I will be leading an Advent morning of reflection in the church on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9 am to noon. It will help with the planning if you can let me know you're coming at sheralmar@saintroberts.org or 589-2800. We'll close with lunch at noon. Thank you. Sr. Sheral

NO MEETING

Men's Club will not have their regular monthly meeting on **Monday, December 5th**

FilAm Group

The FilAm Group is meeting this Thursday, December 8th, 7:00pm, at the Library. Our 2015 Simbang Gabi will be the main topic of planning and discussion. Please attend this important meeting.

Thanks

My thanks to all of our parishioners who are helping us with the Annual Archdiocese Appeal. I appreciate all your generosity. We are now just \$7,600 away from paying our Archdiocesan tax.

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 10TH & 11TH

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Tony

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

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Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Stewart

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 5th

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

Tuesday-December 6th

Readings: Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday-December 7th

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

Thursday- December 8th

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

Friday-December 9th

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

Saturday-December 10th

Readings: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday-December 11th

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



Grownups



Join us at the "Grownups" Annual Christmas Luncheon on Wed. December 21st, at the Basque Cultural Ctr. The cost is \$28 For info & reservations please call Helen Mantler at (650) 589-2497. Come and enjoy a delightful afternoon with us.



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 **Mass at Dawn or Misa de Gallo**

December 15th 7:00 pm
December 16th 7:00 pm
December 17th 7:00 pm
December 18th 7:00 pm
December 19th 7:00 pm
December 20th 7:00 pm
December 21st 7:00 pm
December 22nd 7:00 pm
December 23rd 7:00 pm

The St. Robert's Fil-Am group is sponsoring Simbang Gabi celebration from December 15th thru Dec. 23 at 7:00 pm. The children of the parish are invited for the parol processional at the beginning of each mass. **More information to follow.**

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.