

Saint Robert's Church

December 11, 2016

the blind see
the lame walk
lepers are cured
the deaf hear
the dead are raised

AND THE GOOD NEWS?
It is being preached
to the poor!

Mt. 11:2-11



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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 Friends,

Sipping candy cane tea, I sit here in Gene's big blue chair gazing at his beautifully carved wooden nativity set. The manger is empty, awaiting the coming of Jesus. It is Gaudete Sunday. The word Gaudete means "Rejoice". The purpose of this day is to give us encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus and His coming to us at the end of time.

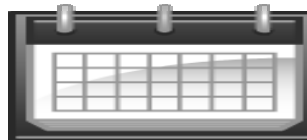
In today's First Reading, we hear Isaiah's words: **"Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak; say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God."** In the Second Reading, St. James tells us: **"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged."**

Our words have tremendous power. They can either heal or hurt another. A kind, loving word can lift their heart and bring them joy; while an impatient, critical word can take away their joy and break their heart. Though Advent is a wonderful time of the year, with it can come much stress. When we are stressed, our patience flies out the window. What we are thinking can come out in what we say, usually to those we love the most.

Loving, encouraging words can change the one to whom we speak. I remember my Mom and the bakery lady at Wirth's across the street from St. Monica's Church. She was a cranky woman who never smiled and, with her sharp tongue, cut down the people whom she served. Each Sunday after Mass, Mom went to Wirth's to buy us donuts for our breakfast. The line was long. Each Sunday, Mom would greet the bakery lady with a warm smile, a cheerful "Hello, how are you today?" and a few kind words. This went on for many years. One Sunday, before Mom could walk through the door, the Bakery Lady came running out and gave Mom a big hug. From that day forward, each customer was greeted with a smile. Because of my Mom's caring words, the bakery lady's unhappiness was changed to joy, which she shared with every customer. What if each of us fills our tiny part of the world with words of kindness? Can we, as the voice of Jesus, change the world?

Anna May

THE WEEK AHEAD



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monday-December 12th

Mass Intention 8:30 Charles & Rita Agius †
Women's Guild 6:30pm Hall
St. Vincent de Paul 7:00pm Mahoney Room

Tuesday-December 13th

Mass Intention 8:30 Joseph Xuereb †
Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Rectory
Rel Ed (Gr 1-5) 3:30pm Hall & Church
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library
Confirmation/Yr 1 7:00pm Hall

Wednesday-December 14th

Mass Intention 8:30 Father Joseph Marini †
Children's Choir 3:00pm Church
Simbang Gabi 6:00pm Hall & Church
Choir Practice 8:00pm Church

Thursday-December 15th

Mass Intention 8:30 Savina Waldvogel †
6:00pm Martin Glennon †
Simbang Gabi 6:00pm Hall & Church

Friday-December 16th

Mass Intention 8:30 Ada Mocolin †
Simbang Gabi 6:00pm Hall & Church

Saturday-December 17th

Mass Intention 8:30 Norma Tonegato
4:30 Rosa & Natalio
Cademartori †
AA Meeting 10:00am Mahoney Room
Simbang Gabi 6:00pm Hall & Church

Sunday-December 18th

Simbang Gabi 6:00pm Hall & Church

"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](tel:(650)589-2497). Come and enjoy a delightful afternoon with us.



As a Parish Community we pray that each word we speak be filled with the mercy and love of Jesus.

We congratulate the newly baptized

*William Patrick Schmid Ong
Raphael Soares Quintino
Samuel Soares Quintino
Aiden Joseph Toomey*



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,
Jose Antonio Perez
Marty Staples & Kolby Rousseu

Our sincere sympathy to the families of



Dave D'Alba
Raymond Schenone
who died recently

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to December 4th (goal)	223,100.00
July 1st to December 4th (actual) (including E Contributions)	217,956.33
7/1/16—6/30/17 Weekly (Goal)	9,700.00
Weekly Collection (actual 12/04)	8,952.85
(E Cont for month of November)	6,837.00
Thank you for your generosity	

Thank you for your generous donation of
\$2,094.24
to our School, CCD and Confirmation Programs.

2016 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
As of 12/06/16

Total Pledge to Date \$107,136.57
Total Cash Donations to Date \$106,257.59
Archdiocese tax Due \$112,560.00

Thank you in advance for your generous donation.

RECTORY OPEN HOUSE

Fr. Greene and Deacon Rusty are inviting all of our parishioners to an open house at the rectory on Sunday, December 18th, after the 9:30 am Mass. They will display some new nativity sets from their collections. Free Christmas refreshments will be served. Come and share our hospitality at the rectory.

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. 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 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 posullivan3@juno.com.

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.

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 **\$5,400** 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 17TH & 18TH

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers: Jean W.

Albert C., Katie B., Rob A., Christina I.

Lectors: Barbara R. and Cathy A.

Altar Servers: Brianna F. and Giana C.

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Tony

Eucharistic Ministers: Brian M.

Ann B., Emil R., Janet A., Tom M.

Lectors: Yvette W. and Janet A.

Altar Servers: Michael B. and Sailosi M.

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Tony

Eucharistic Ministers: Alex L.

Ethel G., Karen M., Ruby V., Una U.

Lectors: Kristi L. and JayJay J.

Altar Servers: Katherine T., Crystle G. and Caira F.

Children's Liturgy: Beth & Paola

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: Phia T.

Anthony R., Charles A., Marie S., Maureen H.

Lectors: Carmen P. and Heidi B.

Altar Servers: Maverick M. and Michelle B.

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: Donna F.

Andy F., Haydee M., Ken S., Mike S.

Lectors: Marie B. and Cydney S.

Altar Servers: Sofia C. and Lucas E.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 12th

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

Tuesday-December 13th

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

Wednesday-December 14th

Readings: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25 Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday-December 15th

Readings: Is 54:1-10 Lk 7:24-30

Friday-December 16th

Readings: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8 Jn 5:33-36

Saturday-December 17th

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

Sunday-December 18th

Readings: Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24