

# Saint Robert's Church

December 18, 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.

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we hear the very human background to the Christmas story. Mary is pregnant by the Holy Spirit and Joseph knows that he is not responsible for this occurrence! How confused he must have been before his being included in the story of what has happened through a messenger from heaven. What a truly loving partner he must have been in his deep disappointment to protect her reputation rather than shaming her publicly. We who were reared on the stories in the gospels realize that this is not the only difficulty this young couple will experience. There may be grandchildren or neighbors in your circle of relationships who haven't heard the Christmas story of Emmanuel (whose name means God-with-us). Keep your ears open in case there is an opportunity to share this truly good news of the Son of God taking on our humanity! "The Word was made flesh" John's gospel proclaims; when Jesus cried, the neighbors heard him.

The earliest heresies in the Church came from the faithful trying to believe that Jesus was truly divine and truly human. As one of us, he has been through everything we go through, except sin. And lest we be afraid of the power of God, as was common in ancient times, Jesus comes close to us. He uses that power to touch those considered sinners and unclean, to heal and cry with us at the death of a friend. If we've been the sheep who strayed, all we need to do is open ourselves to his presence and his Spirit will guide us back to the fold. And if we're among those who know we can never fall out of the hand of God, no matter what we do, we can heed Pope Francis' words: "*Let us be renewed by God's mercy...and let us become agents of this mercy, channels through which God can water the earth, protect all creation and make justice and peace flourish.*" (Installation as Bishop of Rome, 3/31/13) May we see the face of Christ many times this last week before we celebrate his first coming as one of us!

S. Sheral

### **Men's Club— Save the Dates**

Monday, January 2nd, February 6th - Regular Dinner  
Saturday, February 11th - Marinated Crab Dinner -  
Open to everyone - Dinner and Dancing.

If you have any questions call Rico Medina at  
[650/869-5009](tel:6508695009)

## **THE WEEK AHEAD**



### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

#### **Monday-December 19th**

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

#### **Tuesday-December 20th**

Mass Intention 8:30 Joseph Xuereb †  
***Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Rectory***  
***Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library***  
***Simbang Gabi 6:00pm Hall & Church***

#### **Wednesday-December 21st**

Mass Intention 8:30 Josephine Mohr †  
***Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Hall & Church***  
***Choir Practice 8:00pm Church***

#### **Thursday-December 22nd**

Mass Intention 8:30 Fr. Joseph Marini †  
***Simbang Gabi 6:00pm Hall & Church***

#### **Friday-December 23rd**

Mass Intention 8:30 Bob Tobener †  
***Children's Choir 10:00am Church***  
***Simbang Gabi 6:00pm Hall & Church***

#### **Saturday-December 24th**

Mass Intention 8:30 Billy Heaphy †  
4:30 People of St. Robert's  
8:00pm People of St. Robert's  
Midnight People of St. Robert's  
***AA Meeting 10:00am Mahoney Room***

#### **Sunday-December 25th**

Mass Intention 7:30 People of St. Robert's  
9:30 People of St. Robert's  
11:30 People of St. Robert's

### **Saint Robert Catholic School**

#### **KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS-2017-2018**

Information and applications for Kindergarten are available now at the school office or at [www.saintrobert-school.org](http://www.saintrobert-school.org). Please personally bring completed Kindergarten applications to the school office, January 3<sup>rd</sup> through January 20th between 8:00am - 3:00 pm. Applicants must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2017. Please be sure to include with your child's application, a copy of their birth and baptismal certificates, a family picture, and the application fee. Thank you for your interest in our school!

#### **Open House**

**Saint Robert Catholic School will hold its annual Open House on Thursday evening, February 2, 2017, from 7:00 to 8:00p.m. All are Welcome!**



**We congratulate the newly baptized**  
 Andrew Clarence Murphy  
*Jaden Alvarez Vargas*



**WE CONGRATULATE THE NEWLY MARRIED**  
 Patrick McMorrow & Emily Loi



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***  
 Jim Crilly  
 Debbie Caughman  
 Maria Faith  
 Jose Antonio Perez  
 Sandra Dill  
 Marty Staples  
 Kolby Rousseu



**Our sincere sympathy to the family of**  
 Michela Angeline Gregory  
**who died recently**



# STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to December 11th (goal)	232,800.00
July 1st to December 11th (actual) (including E Contributions)	225,467.98
7/1/16—6/30/17 Weekly (Goal)	9,700.00
Weekly Collection (actual 12/11)	7,507.25
(E Cont for month of November)	6,837.00
<b>Thank you for your generosity</b>	

Thank you for your generous donation of  
**\$2,912.62**  
 for Retirement for Religious.

**2016 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**  
 As of 12/13/16

Total Pledge to Date	\$110,736.57
Total Cash Donations to Date	\$109,857.59
Archdiocese tax Due	\$112,560.00

***Thank you in advance for your generous donation.***

**ST. ROBERT'S PARISH CHRISTMAS 2016**

**CONFESSIONS**  
**Saturday, December 17th,**  
 3:00 - 4:15 pm

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**  
**Christmas Eve,**  
**Saturday, December 24th**  
**No Confessions**  
 Family Mass 4:30 pm; 8:00 pm, and Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day,**  
**Sunday, December 25th**  
 7:30 am, 9:30 am & 11:30 am  
 No Evening Mass

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
**Saturday, December 31st**  
 4:30 pm

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
**Sunday, January 1, 2017**  
 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**  
**Saturday, January 7th**  
 4:30 pm  
**Sunday, January 8th**  
 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

**RECTORY OPEN HOUSE**  
 Fr. Greene and Deacon Rusty are inviting all of our parishioners to an open house at the rectory today, 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.

**SIMBANG GABI**  
 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 please call Albert Reyes, 871-5706

**Merry Christmas**  
 Merry Christmas to all our parishioners who are traveling over the holidays.

## **MINISTER SCHEDULE/DEC 24TH & 25TH**

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

**Presider:** Fr. Greene

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Michael Q., George L., Marie N., Mike S., Una U., Joanne B., Katie B., Janet A., Anthony R., Andy F., Andy F., Donna F., Antonio N., Karen M.

**Lectors:** Gus S. and Cydney S.

**Altar Servers:** Sofia C., Roisin U., Michael B.

### **Saturday/8:00 P.M. Mass**

**Presider:** Fr. Tony

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Tricia P., Christina I., Veronica R., Mary N., Marcela S.

**Lectors:** Heidi B and Barbara R.

**Altar Servers:** Lucas E.

### **Saturday/12 Midnight Mass**

**Presider:** Fr. Greene & Fr. Tony

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Haydee M.

**Lectors:** Marie B. and Albert R.

**Altar Servers:** Cassidy R.

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

**Presider:** Fr. Tony

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Marcela S., Agnes D., Rose V.

**Lectors:** Paul S. and Janet A.

**Altar Servers:** Ava C.

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

**Presider:** Fr. Tony

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Trish C.

**Lectors:** Cathy A.

**Altar Servers:** Michael C.

**Children's Liturgy:** Family Mass

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

**Presider:** Fr. Greene

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joyce M., Thelma T., Mercedita L., Maureen H., Dodi T.

**Lectors:** Carmen P. and Bambi T.

**Altar Servers:**

#### **WEEKLY READINGS**

##### **Monday-December 19th**

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

##### **Tuesday-December 20th**

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

##### **Wednesday-December 21st**

Readings: Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45

##### **Thursday-December 22nd**

Readings: 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56

##### **Friday-December 23rd**

Readings: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66

##### **Saturday-December 24th**

Readings: 2 Sm7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 Lk 1:67-79

##### **Sunday-December 25th**

Readings: Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18