

Saint Robert's Church

December 10, 2017



celebrate with gladness the great promise in the

Advent Season

Hope, Love, Peace, and Joy...

Wonderful reasons to slow down and savor the season of our Savior throughout the whole month! Count down the days as you count all your blessings. Whether as a continued or new family tradition, our Advent calendars or wreaths will help you to prepare in celebrating the greatest gift mankind could ever receive!

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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.

Dear Friends,

Sipping peppermint tea, I sit here in Gene's big blue chair. I ask him to give me a few ideas as I write to you on this Second Sunday of Advent. The thought comes to me: "Before you begin to write, light the second purple candle on our Advent wreath." So, I do this. The wreath is our reminder: "Wait for the Lord --- for the Lord is coming!" Today my 85th Season of Advent begins. I still wait with joyful anticipation as I ask: "What does Advent mean to me?"

Even in the midst of so much hustle and bustle, Advent is a time for peace and quiet so we can detect hints or signals by which God wants to lead us out of our fears to hope. It is a time to be patient with ourselves and with others by listening to them and affirming them. Advent encourages us to let our hidden hopes and desires lead us beyond our normal routine day-by-day existence. It is a special period of prayer and reflection. We are asked to set aside more time than usual to live more intimately in God's Presence---to speak to Him, telling Him we love Him and that we want to grow closer to Him. We wait in silence and listen. Deep within our hearts, God gently and lovingly speaks to us.

The days of Advent help us to renew our loyalty to Jesus. We gather together all our hopes and place them in Jesus. We are asked to prepare for surprises and sudden changes and to believe in hidden treasures within ourselves and within others. We remain united in God's love and feel a serious need to help others. We hear the cries of the poor and become one with them as instruments of love that they may receive a vision of hope. We find Jesus very near in each moment --- in every person and event that crosses our path of life.

Let this Advent be for us a new awakening. Let us come to know how very much God loves each of us and that He is always with us. O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!

Anna May

SIMBANG GABI

St. Roberts Fil-Am Group is hosting the traditional Simbang Gabi, a nine-day novena of Masses in preparation for Christmas, Dec. 15th thru Dec 23rd, at 7:00 PM. Simbang Gabi expresses the cultural and religious heritage of the Filipinos to prepare and celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Lord. Everyone is invited and welcome to participate. The children of our parish are especially invited for the parol processional at the beginning of each Mass. Fellowship and reception follows each Mass at the Hall. Our Simbang Gabi culminates on Dec. 23rd with the annual Fil-Am Christmas party. Join us ALL to continue this joyous tradition and celebrate Our Savior's birth. For information and participation, food donations, and Mass sponsorships, please call: Roy Blanco 271-3774, Thelma Tannis 483-2466, Chris Gandeza, or Albert Reyes 238-4923.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Monday-December 11th

Mass Intention 8:30 Angela Carville †
Women's Guild 6:30pm Hall

Tuesday-December 12th

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

Wednesday-December 13th

Mass Intention 8:30 Maria Savage †
Children's Choir 3:00pm Church
Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Church

Thursday-December 14th

Mass Intention 8:30 Savina Waldvogel †
Grief Consolation 9:00am Church

Friday-December 15th

Mass Intention 8:30 Eduardo & Emilia
Gandeza †
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church

Saturday-December 16th

Mass Intention 8:30 Andrea Wong †
4:30 Rosa & Natalio
Cademartori †
AA Meeting 10:00am Mahoney Room
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church

Sunday-December 17th

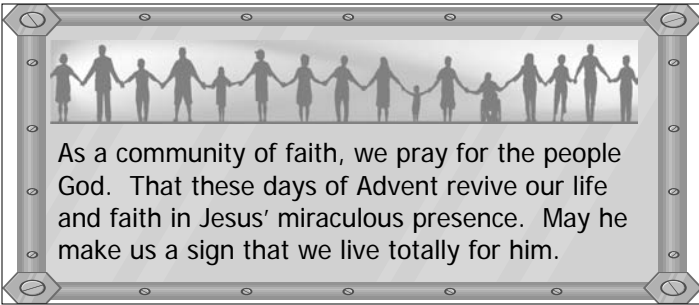
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church

"The Sick and Homebound"

Every year the parishioners of Saint Robert's donate gifts for the Sick and Homebound. This year we will start collecting this weekend and continue throughout Advent. We would appreciate unwrapped, unused gifts of scarves, warm hats, gloves, slippers, socks, lap rugs, PJ's, etc. etc, for men and women. Please, leave your gifts in the basket in the Sanctuary of the Church. Thank you and may God bless you.

We will wrap the gifts on Dec. 19, 2017

Any questions e-mail Sister
Patricia posullivan3@juno.com or call (650)-763-8822



As a community of faith, we pray for the people God. That these days of Advent revive our life and faith in Jesus' miraculous presence. May he make us a sign that we live totally for him.

We congratulate the newly baptized

*Savannah Belle Bawin
Pia Rose Natalina Elliott
Emma Isabel Felix
Keith Pierce Montes O'Donnell*



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 prayers, please call the Rectory at 589-2800



This week we pray for

*Jim Crilly, Edward DeLaTorre
Chris Sigillo, Alejandra Maldonado
Maria Rendon, Alexander Sepulveda
Mary Gilbert*

Our sincere sympathy to the family of



Joan Redlick

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to December 3rd (goal)	240,000.00
July 1st to December 3rd (actual) (including E Contributions)	217,789.08
7/1/17—6/30/18 Weekly (Goal)	10,000.00
Weekly Collection (actual 12/03)	8,399.33
(E Cont for month of November)	7,120.50
Thank you for your generosity	

Thank you for your generous donation of \$2,269.00 to our School, CCD and Confirmation Program.

2017 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 11/15/17

Total Pledge to Date \$105,012.61
Total Cash Donations to Date \$104,712.61
Archdiocese tax Due \$122,729.00

Thank you in advance for your generous donation.

Collection for Retired Religious

Some of you may recall the days when your children brought canned goods to school to resupply the pantries of the Sisters who taught them. Many of those communities are now struggling to keep up with medical bills and other expenses of their elderly Sisters. The annual collection, which takes place this weekend is distributed according to the financial need of each community. Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council/Finance Committee meeting will have their December meeting on Tuesday, December 12th at 7 pm in the rectory. All members are asked to attend.

Rectory Open House

The Annual Christmas Rectory open house will be on Sunday, December 17th after the 9:30 Mass. Fr. Greene and Deacon Rusty will display some of their Nativity collections. Refreshments will be served and all parishioners are invited.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

First and foremost, Saint Vincent de Paul members want to wish you "Merry Christmas " and a prosperous New year. With what we received from the food baskets and second collection, plus the school can drive we were able to bring food and script to 62 families this Thanksgiving. Your generosity is overwhelming. You are GREATLY APPRECIATED.

Giving Tree

The Children's Liturgy annual Giving Tree ornaments are all taken! Purchased item should be returned 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 for your generosity

Grownups

Please join us at the "Grownups" annual Christmas Luncheon on Wed, December 20th at the Basque Cultural Center. The cost is \$32. For more information please call Helen Mantler at (650) 589-2497. Come and enjoy a delightful afternoon with us.

"Adopt-A-Family Tree"



For the 25th year we will have our Adopt-A-Family Tree out in front of church. We'll need to collect the gifts by this weekend, December 9-10, as they'll be distributed the weekend of the 16th. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Thanks. Rob Aveson

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 Friday, December 15th. Please make checks payable to St. Robert's.

My Gift in Memory of: _____

My Gift in Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

MINISTER SCHEDULE/DEC 16TH & 17TH

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers: Jean W. (C)

Christina I., Carolyn H., Judy S.

Lectors: Christina C. and Paul S.

Altar Servers: Dominic J and Cassidy R.

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Tony

Eucharistic Ministers: Sean Q. (C)

Emil R., Nora R., Sean Q. Tricia P., Kevin

Lectors: Tony C. and Colin C.

Altar Servers: Michael B.

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: Maureen H. (C)

Maryann B., Erica G., Mike Q., Sam M.

Lectors: Brent V. and Jim S.

Altar Servers: Clarissa W., Crystle G. and Jordan G.

Children's Liturgy: Haydee

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: Tony R. (C)

Charles A., Veronica R., Sr. Sheral, Mike M.

Lectors: Yvette W. and Thelma T.

Altar Servers: Gio F. and Gabby R.

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Tony

Eucharistic Ministers: Dodi T. (C)

Andy F., Donna F., Haydee M., Una U.

Lectors: Henry L. and Neil B.

Altar Servers: Ryan O. and Sofia C.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 11th

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

Tuesday-December 12th

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

Wednesday-December 13th

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

Thursday-December 14th

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

Friday-December 15th

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

Saturday-December 16th

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

Sunday-December 17th

Readings: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 1 Thes 5:16-24
Jn 1:6-8, 19-28