

# Saint Robert's Church

December 17, 2017



## Third Sunday of Advent

### **CONFESSIONS**

**Saturday, December 23rd,**

3:00 - 4:15 pm

Evening Mass

4:30 pm

**Sunday, December 24th**

7:30 am, 9:30 am & 11:30 am

**Christmas Eve, December 24th**

4:30 pm, 8:00 pm and Midnight

**Christmas Day**

**Monday, December 25th**

7:30 am, 9:30 am & 11:30 am

No Evening Mass

**Saturday, December 30th**

4:30 pm

**Sunday, December 31st**

7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am, 5:00 pm

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**Monday, January 1, 2018**

9:30 am

Dear Parishioners,

This is Gaudete Sunday, with its pink candle to remind us that the long-awaited celebration of the Savior's birth is almost here! The song we're singing each week of Advent captures the sense of longing and repentance to which we're called during this holy season. The second verse is God speaking clearly to the people in Isaiah's time (~740 B.C.) and to us today: "Hark, the voice of one who's crying in the desert far and near, bidding all to full repentance since the kingdom now is here. O that warning cry obey! Now for God prepare a way; let the valleys rise to meet him and the hills bow down to greet him." This Sunday, we hear John the Baptist, the "voice of one who's crying" calling us all to repentance from anything which keeps us from recognizing the presence of God coming to us in Jesus, the Word made flesh. We heard about John last Sunday in Mark's gospel and here he appears in John's gospel, so clear about who he is – one 'making straight the way of the Lord' – and who he isn't. "He was not the light," as this gospel proclaims, "but came to testify to the light." And if we really hear him, we need to ask ourselves: From what do I need to repent? What attitudes or behaviors block the presence of God getting through to me? What would listening to God's voice through these readings prompt me to do or to be? Perhaps, you can take a few moments in the midst of this hectic season to reflect on these questions. And an even deeper one raised by this gospel: What in my life "testifies to the light" who is Jesus?

May the Holy Spirit prepare our hearts to make more room for Emmanuel's coming into our lives and relationships!

Sr. Sheral

### Preparing the Church for Christmas

If you have some time on Friday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> to help clean and decorate the church, we'll begin right after the 8:30 am Mass. We do this major cleaning before Christmas and Easter, so please wear your old clothes. We'll be most grateful for your help! Service hours gladly given. Thank you in advance, Sr. Sheral

### 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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Monday-December 18th

Mass Intention 8:30 Lidia Vinal †  
**Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church**

### Tuesday-December 19th

Mass Intention 8:30 Jim Olmo †  
**Adult Rel Ed 9:15am Rectory**  
**Rel Ed (Gr 1-5) 3:30pm Hall & Church**  
**Rel Ed/Jr High 7:00pm Hall**  
**Legion of Mary 7:00pm Library**  
**Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church**

### Wednesday-December 20th

Mass Intention 8:30 Bob Tobener †  
**Children's Choir 3:00pm Church**  
**Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Church**  
**Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church**

### Thursday-December 21st

Mass Intention 8:30 Paul & Rosina Vella †  
**Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church**

### Friday-December 22nd

Mass Intention 8:30 Rudometkin & Morena  
Families †  
**Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church**

### Saturday-December 23rd

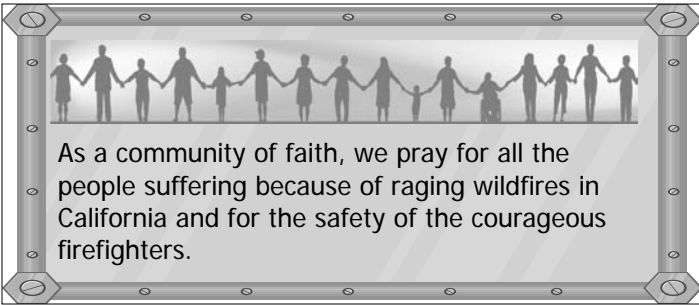
Mass Intention 8:30 Tom Daly †  
4:30 Manuel Falzon †  
**AA Meeting 10:00am Mahoney Room**  
**Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church**

### **"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](mailto:posullivan3@juno.com) or call (650)-763-8822



As a community of faith, we pray for all the people suffering because of raging wildfires in California and for the safety of the courageous firefighters.

**We congratulate the newly baptized**

*Isabella Marie Blundell*



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 families of**



Giuseppe Duchi  
Barbara Motroni

**who died recently**

**STEWARDSHIP**

July 1st to December 3rd (goal)	250,000.00
July 1st to December 3rd (actual) (including E Contributions)	225,590.71
7/1/17—6/30/18 Weekly (Goal)	10,000.00
Weekly Collection (actual 12/03)	7,611.63
(E Cont for month of November)	7,120.50
<b>Thank you for your generosity</b>	

Thank you for your generous donation of  
**\$5,333.38**  
for Retirement for Religious.

**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.***

**GIVE ELECTRONICALLY**

St. Robert's relies on the financial support of its parishioners and the electronic giving program offers convenience for you, and provides much needed donation consistency for our Parish. To give electronically, visit [www.saintroberts.org](http://www.saintroberts.org) and click on the link to sign up.

**Rectory Open House**

The Annual Christmas Rectory open house will this 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.

**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.

**WEEKLY READINGS**

**Monday-December 18th**

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

**Tuesday-December 19th**

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

**Wednesday-December 20th**

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

**Thursday-December 21st**

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

**Friday-December 22nd**

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

**Saturday-December 23rd**

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

**Sunday-December 24th**

Readings: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

**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 23RD & 24TH

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

**President: Fr. Tony**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Rob A. (C)**

Albert C., Katie B., Marie N., Pamela G.

**Lectors:** Cathy A. and Barbara R.

**Altar Servers:** Michael B. and Sierra K.

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

**President: Fr. Tony**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Marcela S. (C)**

Ann B., Kevin TM, Rose V., Tricia P.

**Lectors:** Jan T. and Janet A.

**Altar Servers:** Ava C. and Sailosi M.

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

**President: Fr. Greene**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Gus S. (C)**

Karen M., Sam M., Tracey J., Trish C.

**Lectors:** Chris M. and Sr. Sheral

**Altar Servers:** Michael C., Chad C. and Jordan M.

**Children's Liturgy:** Family Mass

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

**President: Fr. Greene**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Veronica R. (C)**

Joyce M., Marie S., Phia T., Thelma T.

**Lectors:** Carmen P.

**Altar Servers:**

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

**President: Fr. Tony**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Mike S. (C)**

Andy F., Antonio N., Donna F., Erica G., George L., Gus S.  
Gina P., Haydee M., Joanne B., Karen M., Laura D.,  
Maryann B.

**Lectors:** Sophia L. and Student

**Altar Servers:** Lucas E. and Emma B.

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

**President: Fr. Stewart**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Trish C. (C)**

Christina I., Jean W., Ken S., Mary N., Veronica R.,  
Zulma T., Sean Q.

**Lectors:** Heidi B. and Henry L.

**Altar Servers:** Cassidy R. and Ally K.

## **Saturday/Midnight Mass**

**President: Fr. Greene**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Rose V. (C)**

Pamela G., Sheral M., Thelma T.

**Lectors:** Thelma T. and Marie B.

**Altar Servers:**