

Saint Robert's Church

December 9, 2018



Prepare the Way To The Lord!

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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 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, this I do. The wreath is our reminder: "Wait for the Lord --- for the Lord is coming!" Today my 86th 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.

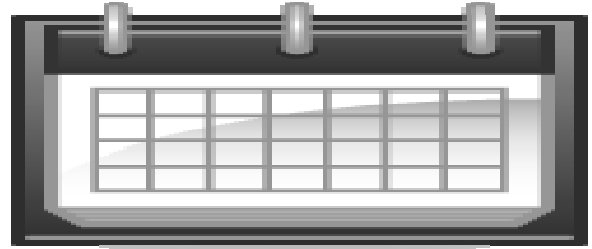
The days of Advent help us to renew our loyalty to Jesus. We gather together all our hopes and give them to Jesus. In Him, we place our trust. We are asked to prepare for surprises and sudden changes and to believe in hidden treasures within ourselves and within others. We remain united in God's love 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, Emanuel!

Anna May

IF YOU ARE NEW TO ST. ROBERT'S, fill out a registration form and drop it either in the collection basket, the mail, or at the parish office.

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-December 10th

Mass Intention 8:30 Rosa Miriam Calles †
Women's Guild 6:30pm **Hall**
St. Vincent de Paul 7:00pm **Mahoney Room**

Tuesday-December 11th

Mass Intention 8:30 Charles & Rita Agius †
Adult Education 9:15am **Rectory**
Rel Ed (Gr 1 thru 5) 3:30pm **Hall & Church**
Advent Retreat 6:00pm **Church**
Legion of Mary 6:30pm **Rectory**
Confirmation/Yr 1 7:00pm **Hall & Church**

Wednesday-December 12th

Mass Intention 8:30 Jim Galvin †
RCIA 7:00pm **Rectory**
Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm **Church**

Thursday-December 13th

Mass Intention 8:30 Joey Indresano †
Children's Choir 3:15pm **Church**

Friday-December 14th

Mass Intention 8:30 Savina Waldvogel †
Inbetweeners 6:30pm **Hall**

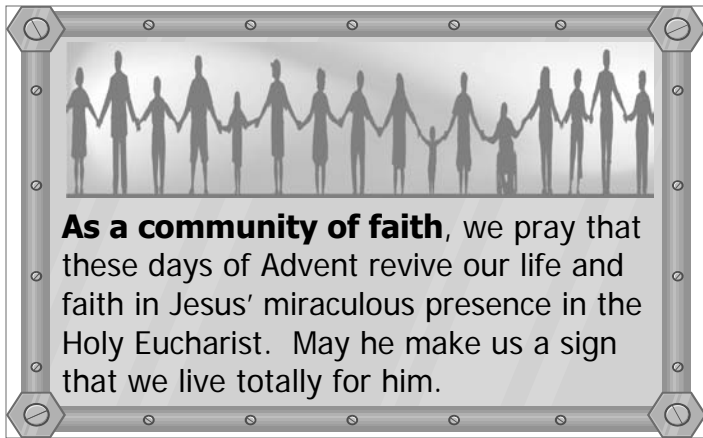
Saturday-December 15th

Mass Intention 8:30 Tom Gardiner †
4:30 Eleanor Terry Murry †
AA Meeting 10:00am **Mahoney Room**
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm **Church**

Grown Ups Holiday Luncheon

Please join us for the luncheon on **Wednesday, December 19th** at the Basque Cultural Center. Social hour is 11 am lunch at noon.

The cost is \$32.50 per person. Reservations due on December 12th. For more information call Helen Mantler at 650 589-2497.



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

We congratulate the newly baptized

Ivy Frances Sato



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

- Francisca Perez
- Chris Sigillo
- Loraine Strong
- Elvira Weiler

Our sincere sympathy to the family of



Michael D. Kirk
who died recently

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to Dec 2nd (goal)	230,000.00
July 1st to Dec 2nd (actual) (including E Contributions)	214,089.73
7/1/18—6/30/19 Weekly (Goal)	10,000.00
Weekly Collection (actual 12/02)	8,579.62
(E Cont for month of November)	7,450.50
Thank you for your generosity	

Thank you for your generous donation of **\$1,202.01** our School, CCD and Confirmation Programs.

2018 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 11/30/18

Total Pledge to Date	\$ 96,564.26
Total Cash Donations to Date	\$ 96,314.26
Archdiocese tax Due	\$121,212.00

Thank you in advance for your generous donation.

SPAM/FRAUD ALERT

A few of our parishioners (those who volunteer and have their emails on our website) have received an email from Fr. John Greene, asking for contributions to buy gift cards for cancer patients. These emails are not from Fr. Greene and he is not asking for money or donations. Please do not open these emails or send any contributions.

Although we know these are going to a limited number of people (we were not hacked, no parishioners information was obtained) . We want to reassure you they are fake and that no one in our staff will ever email you requesting money or gift cards as donations.

Please use caution since fraud is so rampant, especially during the Holiday Season.

**ADVENT REFLECTION ON TUESDAY,
DEC 11, 7-8:30PM**

Father Tony and Christine Watkins will be offering an Advent reflection "Stories of Encounters with Jesus and Mary, and Living in the Presence of God." Father Tony will share his personal testimonial of his call to the priesthood. The evening will end with an opportunity to receive an Advent blessing.

Giving Tree

The Children's Liturgy annual Giving Tree ornaments are all up! Purchased item should be returned unwrapped along with the gift tags to the rectory by December 20th. These gifts will be distributed to families in San Mateo County. Thank you for your generosity.

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 21st. Please make checks payable to St. Robert's.

My Gift in Memory of: _____

My Gift in Honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Women's Guild

Please join the Women's Guild at their Holiday Social on December 10, 2018 at 6:30pm in Hennessey Hall. Bring a wrapped gift (no more than \$20) to participate in a gift exchange.

"Adopt-A-Family Tree"

Gifts will be collected on the weekends of December 8-9 & 15-16 . Thanks for your help. Rob Aveson.

"The Sick and Homebound"

This advent, as is traditional at St. Robert's, we will be collecting gifts to distributed to the Sick and Homebound of our parish and neighborhood. Gifts, for both ladies and men, such as Afghans, Lap-rugs, gloves, scarves, socks etc., etc. are needed. Please, place your donated gifts in the BASKET in the Sanctuary. Thank you. Any questions e-mail Sister Patricia posullivan3@juno.com or call (650)-763-8822

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: Albert Reyes 238-4923.

Kindergarten Tours

If you are thinking about sending your child to Saint Robert Catholic School, now is the perfect time to schedule a Wednesday tour. Come take a walk around the school with the Principal, Dr. Bruce Colville, and learn about the many wonderful curriculum choices and activities at your Parish School. Please call 650-583-5065 to schedule a tour. Your child must be five by September 1, 2019 in order to apply for Kindergarten. Thank you.

MINISTER SCHEDULE/DEC 15TH & 16TH

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers: Carolyn H.

Albert C., Christina I., Mary N., Rob A.

Lectors: Barbara R. and Cathy A.

Altar Servers: Owen D.

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann B.

Alonzo L., Emil R., Marcela S., Tricia P.

Lectors: Veronica M. and Brijit L.

Altar Servers: Lucas Z. and Bobby H.

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Tony

Eucharistic Ministers: Gus S.

Jorge A., Karen M., Maryann S., Tracey J.

Lectors: Christopher M. and Cydney S.

Altar Servers: Jordan M., Michael C and Kevin C.

Children's Liturgy: Christine and Cindy

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: Marie S.

Lina R., Margot G., Veronica R.

Lectors: Heidi B. and Thelma T.

Altar Servers: Jason V. and Caden K.

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Tony

Eucharistic Ministers: Antonio N.

Dodi T., Haydee M., Roisin U., Una U.

Lectors: Bambi T. and Katherine K.

Altar Servers: Gabriel C. and Jusiah V.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 10th

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

Tuesday-December 11th

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

Wednesday-December 12th

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

Thursday-December 13th

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

Friday-December 14th

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

Saturday-December 15th

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

Sunday-December 16th

Readings: Zep 3:14-18a Phil 4:4-7
Lk 3:10-18