

Saint Robert's Church

December 23, 2018



CHRISTMAS 2018

CHRISTMAS MASSES Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24th

4:30 pm, 8:00 pm and Midnight

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th

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

No Evening Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

9:30 am

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY Saturday, January 5th

4:30 pm

Sunday, January 6th

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you. We are truly proud and grateful to all of you for being part of our parish family.

Shepherds and wise men came to the stable to adore the newborn child. Let us too, come to welcome the child, the Prince of Peace, into our hearts and our lives.

As an old poem says, "If I were a shepherd, I would bring him a lamb; if I were a wise man, I would do my part; but poor as I am, I give him my heart.

May God bless all of you.

Fr. John L. Greene
Fr. Tony Vallecillo
Deacons John, Kyle, and Rusty
Sister Sheral
And the Parish Office Staff

MEMORIES AND DREAMS

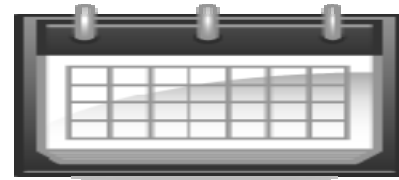
Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

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THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-December 24th

Mass Intention	8:30	Manuel Falzon †
	4:30	People of St. Robert's
	8pm	People of St. Robert's
	12 Midnight	People of St. Robert's

Tuesday-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

Wednesday-December 26th

Mass Intention	8:30	Graham Patterson †
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Thursday-December 27th

Mass Intention	8:30	Thomas Daly, Jr. †
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Friday-December 28th

Mass Intention	8:30	Timothy McGrew †
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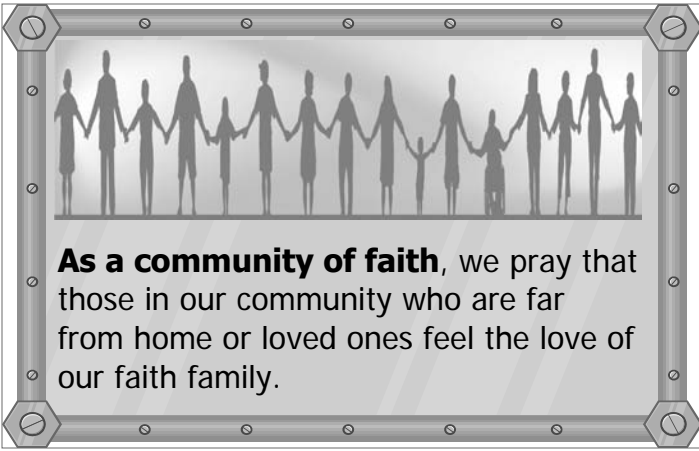
Saturday-December 29th

Mass Intention	8:30	Luz Doroliat †
	4:30	Ed Sturges †

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 Parish Office will be closed
December 24th –26th
We will reopen on Thursday the 27th**



As a community of faith, we pray that those in our community who are far from home or loved ones feel the love of our faith family.

We congratulate the newly baptized

Joseph Andrew Ciraulo
Charlotte Olivia Sona Lam
Noelle Emerson Schmid Ong
Hana Marie Regnart



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



Peter Hwee
who died recently

STEWARDSHIP

2018 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 12/12/18

Total Pledge to Date	\$ 100,137.26
Total Cash Donations to Date	\$ 100,137.26
Archdiocese tax Due	\$121,212.00

Thank you in advance for your generous donation.

Please remember Saint Robert's Church when making a will or trust.

December 23, 2018

Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
— Luke 1:42



Fr. Tony Farewell

A special farewell reception will take place today, Sunday, December 30th after the 11:30 a.m. All are invited to attend!

We are so grateful for the 2 1/2 years Fr. Tony spent at Saint Robert's. He was a wonderful gift to our parish and school and was a great help to Fr. Greene.

We are all so sorry to see him go and wish him all God's blessings in his new assignment.

SVdP RECEIVES GRANT

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference recently received a \$3,561 from the SVdP's Friends of the Poor® Grant Program. The money will be used to purchase the gift cards for our Back-To-School Program in July at JC Penney. Grant applications were submitted from 50 conferences in the US and St. Robert's was among the 27 conferences awarded a grant.

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 and click on the link to sign up.

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.

Saint Robert Catholic School KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS 2019-2020

Information and applications for Kindergarten are available now at the school office or at www.saintrobert-school.org.

Please personally bring completed Kindergarten applications to the school office, January 7th through January 25th between 8:00am - 3:00 pm. Applicants must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2018. 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, January 31, 2019, from 7:00 to 8:00p.m. All are Welcome!

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY St. Robert School, mindful of its mission to be witness to the love of Christ for all, admits students of any race, color and national and/or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at this school. St. Robert School does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color and national and/or ethnic origin in administration of education policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school administered programs.

MINISTER SCHEDULE/DEC 29TH & 30TH

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

President: Fr. Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers: Christina I.

Albert C., Barbara R., Marie N., Veronica M.

Lectors: Marilyn D. and Christina C.

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

President: Fr. Tony

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin M.

Ann B., Kevin TM, Marcela S., Tricia P.

Lectors:

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

President: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: Trish C.

Amparo S., Liz C., Maryann S., Tracey J.

Lectors: JayJay J. and Jim S.

Children's Liturgy: Haydee (Combined)

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

President: Fr. Tony

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce M.

Margot G., Marie S.

Lectors: Carmen P. and Thelma T.

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

President: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: Dodi T.

Geroge L., Joan S., Sheral M., Zulma T.

Lectors: Henry L. and Bambi T.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 24th

Readings: 2 SM 7:1-5, 8b-12-16 Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday-December 25th

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

Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday-December 26th

Readings: Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22

Thursday-December 27th

Readings: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday-December 28th

Readings: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Mt 2:13-18

Saturday-December 29th

Readings: 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35

Sunday-December 30th

Readings: Sir 3:2-, 12-14 Col 3:12-21

Lk 2:41-52