

Saint Robert's Church

December 30, 2018



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

Dear Parishioners,

On Dec. 12, the Church celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas. In 1531 after the conquering Spanish army had killed or oppressed nearly everyone in the area around present-day Mexico City, she appeared to a Christian Indian, Juan Diego now a saint himself. She came as a dark-skinned, pregnant woman and spoke to him in his native Nahuatl language, asking him to tell the bishop to construct a church on a nearby hill at Tepeyac. The bishop didn't believe him, so when she next appeared to him, she told him to gather roses (in December, of all seasons!) as a sign and return to the bishop. Seeing the roses and the miraculous imprint of the Lady's face on his *tilma* (poncho), this time the bishop consented to her request. The *tilma* hangs in Mexico City's cathedral and has been extensively examined: the cloth matches the type used at that time and contains traces of foliage from that era and the area around Tepeyac.

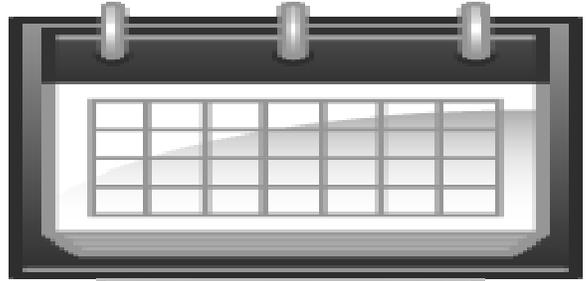
St. Oscar Romero of El Salvador reminds us "Mary appears in the Bible as the expression of poverty, of humility, of one who needs everything from God. When she comes to America, her intimate, motherly conversation is with an Indian, an outcast, a poor man." And who is more vulnerable than a pregnant woman? She comes bearing new life in her womb and new hope for a people desperate for a different future.

When people are moved by Jesus' preaching and ask John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He responds so practically: If you have two cloaks or enough food, share with someone who has none. Tax collectors, you need to quit lining your pockets demanding more than is owed. And soldiers, you must be honest, not take advantage of others and quit complaining.

What about us? What do we feel called to as we look back over this Advent/Christmas season? How has our celebration of the coming of the Savior changed us? May the peace of the Christmas season and the blessings of a new year renew us all!

Sr. Sheral

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-December 31st

Mass Intention 8:30 Olga Rocco †

Tuesday-January 1st

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

Wednesday-January 2nd

Mass Intention 8:30 Patty Harders †

Thursday-January 3rd

Mass Intention 8:30 Carol Bonner †

Friday-January 4th

Mass Intention 8:30 Sybil DeSantis †

Saturday-January 5th

Mass Intention 8:30 Anthony Patrick †
4:30 Michael David Yanke †

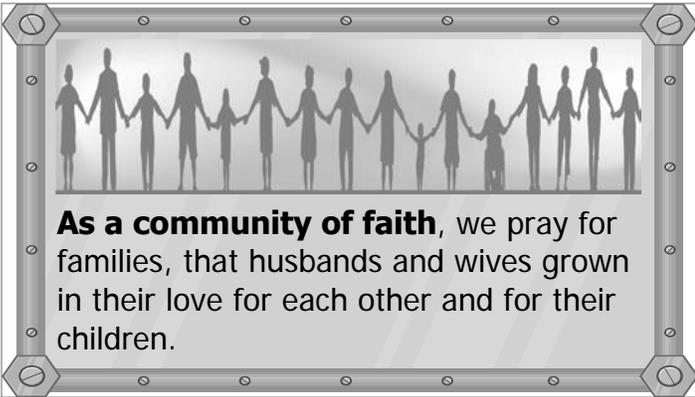
Needs of our Catholic Worker

Many thanks to all of you who continue to bring toiletries, small plastic containers with lids, coats, sweaters and sleeping bags for our neighbors sleeping in their cars, though the parents are working. Coffee mugs, coffee, and children's clothing are also needed. Please drop off large items at the rectory weekdays between 8:30 am and 4 pm; smaller items can be left in the vestibule under the table. Thanks very much!

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

Monday, January 1, 2019 at 9:30 am

The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day. We will reopen on Wednesday, January 2nd.



As a community of faith, we pray for families, that husbands and wives grown in their love for each other and for their children.

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



- Rafael Flores
- Francisca Perez
- Maria Rendon
- Chris Sigillo
- Lorraine Strong
- Mary Wells
- Elvira Weiler

Our sincere sympathy to the family of



Nancy Jean Wright
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.

2018 TAXES

If you would like a letter regarding your 2018 donations, please call the Rectory at (650) 589-2800.

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.

From Fr. Tony Vallecillo

"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." --Psalm 107:1

Thank you St. Robert's for helping me to grow and develop in my priesthood! I have been a priest now for 4 1/2 years and arrived at St. Robert's in June 2016. My time here has allowed me to "step" into the shoes of a priest and be a person of service as Jesus wants of all his priests.

I want to give a very special thanks to Father John Greene and his unconditional support during my time at St. Robert's.

St. Robert's will always have a place in my heart and I shall greatly miss this wonderful parish and school.

Very Grateful

I would like to thank everyone who made Christmas so wonderful at St. Robert's: Sister Sheral and all who cleaned and decorated the church; to all who donated for Christmas flowers; all our musicians; all of our ushers; lectors; Eucharistic ministers; and altar servers. I am so grateful to all of you. May God bless you all. Fr. John L. Greene

Thanks

Fr. Greene and Fr. Tony are very grateful to everyone who gave Christmas gifts to our priests and staff. We enjoyed all the Christmas goodies you made!

Giving Tree

Giving Tree Thanks to all in the parish who donated toys, and gift cards to our annual Giving Tree project. You should all be proud of the generosity of our community. Thanks to you we were able to brighten the Christmas mornings of hundreds of children and their families right here in San Mateo County. THANK YOU EVERYBODY!

"Adopt-A-Family Tree"

Adopt A Family Tree Thank You - Thank You for supporting the Adopt-AFamily Tree. Due to your generous support, we were able to make Christmas a little brighter for 70 families in our area. St. Vincent de Paul, Catholic Worker San Mateo Family Services and St. Anthony's of Padua are all very grateful. St. Roberts is blessed.

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.

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.

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE/JAN 5TH & 6TH

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary N.

Carolyn H., Katie B., Rob A.

Lectors: Cathy A. and Monica C.

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Tony

Eucharistic Ministers: Emil R.

Deacon, Cindy B., Kathleen H., Tom M.

Lectors: Janet A.

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Tony

Eucharistic Ministers: Jorge A.

Deacon, Gus S., Ruby V., Sam M.

Lectors: Christopher M. and Janet T.

Children's Liturgy: Beth & Sally and Rachel

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: Rose B.

Deacon, Lina R., Maureen H., Veronica R.

Lectors: Mario B. and Heidi B.

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers: Donna F.

Andy F., Ken S., Laura D., Lorena A.

Lectors: Katherine K. and Marie B.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 31st

Readings: 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday-January 1st

Readings: Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday-January 2nd

Readings: 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:19-28

Thursday-January 3rd

Readings: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34

Friday-January 4th

Readings: 1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42

Saturday-January 5th

Readings: 1 Jn 3:11-21 Jn 1:43-51

Sunday-January 6th

Readings: Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12