

# SAINT ROBERT'S CHURCH

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

### CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 AND 8:00PM AND MIDNIGHT

### CHRISTMAS DAY

7:30, 9:30 AND 11:30am

**THERE WILL BE NO 5:00pm MASS.**



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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 Days: Please consult weekly bulletin.

**Weekdays:** Masses are on Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 6:30 a.m. and Monday through Saturday at 8:30 a.m. *Communion Services* are held Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30 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.

**Schedules for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors & Altar Servers are also available on the web at [www.saintroberts.org](http://www.saintroberts.org).**

## Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is almost here. We light the last candle in our Advent Wreath. The Gospel starts with the words, "This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about". Now is the time to open our bibles and read to our children, grand children, families, friends, or just for ourselves the biblical story of the birth of Christ.

The birth of Jesus only appears in two Gospels. Luke chapter 1, verses 5-80 is where the Infancy Narrative begins. In chapter 2, verses 1-20 tell the story of the Birth of Jesus. And continuing in chapter 2, verses 21-52 tell of the Childhood of Jesus.

In Matthew's Gospel we have the birth of Jesus with the wise men beginning in chapter 1, verse 18, and continuing into chapter 2, verse 12. This is where this weekend's Gospel is found. Continuing in chapter 2, verses 13-23 is the Childhood of Jesus.

Both Gospels were told from different points of view and told to different groups of believers yet they give us the opportunity to combine the stories to have a better image for ourselves of the birth of our savior.

Sr. Macrina Scott, O.S.F. writes, "As Christmas draws near, our hearts are filled with sacred pictures: the Virgin Mother dressed in blue, St. Joseph with white beard and brown cloak, the Wise Men in velvet and crowns leading camels, white-robed angels flying above the stable. We believe that our Creator has become one of us. This mystery is far beyond our understanding, yet we believe it and rejoice with all our hearts. We celebrate it. To allow it to be real to us, we need to picture it somehow."

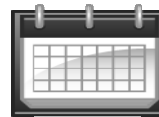
May the scripture readings, with the Holy Spirit guiding our imaginations, make this Birthday of Our Lord real for us. Blessings of Peace and Joy!

– Deacon Rusty Duffey

### Cookie Dough!!

**The St. Robert's Women's Guild** purchased extra boxes of pre-portioned cookie dough from our Fall Fundraiser. Flavors available are chocolate chip and oatmeal raisin. Please call Helen O'Brien at 415-699-1073 and indicate what flavor(s) you'd like. Just \$14.00/box for 4-dozen premade, pre-portioned, ready-to-bake cookies!! . First-come, first-served. Proceeds go towards St. Robert's School.

## THE WEEK AHEAD



### Monday-December 20th

Mass Intention 6:30 Maria Brown Carter †  
8:30 Jim Olmo †  
**Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church**

### Tuesday-December 21st

Mass Intention 6:30 Mary Ryan †  
8:30 The Burke Family †  
**Legion of Mary 6:30pm Library**  
**Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church**  
**Choir Practice 8:00pm Church**

### Wednesday-December 22nd

6:30 Communion Service  
Mass Intention 8:30 Fr. Joseph Healy †  
**Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church**

### Thursday-December 23rd

6:30 Communion Service  
Mass Intention 8:30 Manuel Falzon †  
**Children's Choir 10:00am Church**  
**Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church**  
**Fil/Am Christmas Party 8:00pm Hall**

### Friday-December 24th

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

Mass Intention 6:30 Louie Attard †  
8:30 Steven Hart †  
4:30 People of St. Robert's  
8pm People of St. Robert's  
12 Midnight People of St. Robert's

### Saturday-December 25th

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass Intention 7:30 People of St. Robert's  
9:30 People of St. Robert's  
11:30 People of St. Robert's

### Sunday-December 26th

Mass Intention 7:30 People of St. Robert's  
9:30 Andrea Wong †  
11:30 Maria Giordano †  
5:00 Steven Hart †

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, AND  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST.**



AS A PARISH COMMUNITY, WE PRAY FOR...EXPECTANT PARENTS, SINGLE PARENTS, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO FACE AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE



**WE CONGRATULATE**  
**THE NEWLY MARRIED**  
Daniel Nolan & Karen Lynch

Our sincere sympathy to the family of  
Darleen Steen  
who died recently.



### **CONSOLATION MINISTRY**

**Saint Robert's Grief Support Group's** next meeting will be on **Saturday January 8, 2011** in the Convent Chapel from 3:00 – 4:15. Anyone who is suffering from the loss, of a loved one – spouse, sibling, child, parent, friend or relative is invited to come together and pray, share, comfort and be comforted. No one is pressured to speak or contribute if your pain is too intense. May God bless and comfort you in your sorrow. If you have any questions, call:  
**Sister Patricia @ 589-0104.**

#### **WEEKLY READINGS**

Monday-December 20th

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

Tuesday-December 21st

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

Wednesday-December 22nd

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

Thursday-December 23rd

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

Friday-December 24th

Readings: Is 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17,22-25 Mt 1:1-25

Saturday-December 25th

Readings: Is 52:7-10 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

Sunday-December 26th

Readings: Sir 3:2-7,12-14 Col 3:12-21 Mt 2:13-15,19-23

### **SIMBANG GABI**

#### **Mass a Dawn or Misa de Gallo**

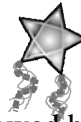
December 19th 7:00 pm

December 20th 7:00 pm

December 21st 7:00 pm

December 22nd 7:00 pm

December 23rd 7:00 pm



followed by a reception at Hennessy Hall. On the last night we will have our Christmas Party. Come, join and celebrate with us.

### ***Gift Wrapping Party!***

All are welcomed to our annual gift wrapping party for the Sick and Homebound on TUESDAY, December 21, after the 8:30a.m. Mass, in the Convent Dining Room on 349 Oak Ave. Bring your scissors (optional) and wrapping talents. Questions call Sister Patricia 589-0104.

**Thank You** and May God bless all who donated to this much appreciated Christmas Gift Giving project. So many of those elderly and sick people have no family or friends left to give them gifts at this holy time of year. Thanks again. Sister Patricia

### **Decorating for Christmas!**

The liturgy committee and I would be most grateful for any help you could offer on Wednesday, Dec. 22 after 9:30 am, to get the church ready for Christmas. The trees, graciously donated by Deb's Trees at Serramonte, will need their lights put on. We'll also be making our own sprays for the doors this year to cut down on expenses, so bow-makers would be especially welcomed! And before we do all this, we'll do some major twice a year cleaning like you do at home. So please wear your grubbies and bring gloves if you'd like. Service hours gladly given!

**S. Sheral**

### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

July 1st to Dec 12th (goal)	244,270.00
July 1st to Dec 12th (actual)	212,175.58
7/1/10-6/30/11 Weekly Goal Collection (actual 12/12)	10,490.00 7,828.45

Thank you for your generous donation of  
**\$3,993.62**  
to retirement life for religious.

### **ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

**As of 12/15/10**

**over 500 families have pledged**

**\$78,318.17**

**Our goal this year is \$96,000**

*Thank you in advance  
for your generous donation.*

# MINISTER SCHEDULE/DEC 25 & 26

## **Christmas Day/7:30 A.M.**

**Presider:** Fr. Ring  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Scannell (C)  
A. Doherty, C. Browne, A. Buelow, M. Elmore  
**Lectors:** P. Scannell and B. Rudometkin  
**Altar Servers:** L. Clifford

## **Christmas Day/9:30 A.M.**

**Presider:** Fr. Obet  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** R. Valdez (C)  
Deacon Rusty, L. Cesca, M. Noce, C. Noce  
**Lectors:** J. Valdez and Gigi Picazo  
**Altar Servers:** D. Arellano

## **Christmas Day/11:30 A.M.**

**Presider:** Fr. Paul  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** B. Chester (C)  
H. Madayag, C. Forsell, T. Estelita, V. Valle,  
D. Marty, N. Bamba  
**Lectors:** T. Tannis and M. Estelita  
**Altar Servers:** E. Estelita and N. Estelita

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

**Presider:** Fr. Paul  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** R. Vassallo (C)  
M. Nunnery, E. Ruggiero, C. Noce, M. Noce  
**Lectors:** A. Reyes and J. Thomson  
**Altar Servers:** S. Jensen and A. Cronin

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

**Presider:** Fr. Ring  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** J. Sexton (C)  
T. Casey, A. Romine, M.A. Saisi, R. Valdez, J. Valdez,  
J. Kelly  
**Lectors:** J. Shick and T. Tullius  
**Altar Servers:** A. Sciaqua, E. Steenvoorde and A. Tapia

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

**Presider:** Fr. Obet  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** B. Chester (C)  
H. Madayag, J. Yee, V. Valle, N. Bamba, C. Forsell,  
R. Benavente  
**Lectors:** H. Beck and G. Khoury  
**Altar Servers:** S. Stelmashenko and K. Ravelo

## **Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass**

**Presider:** Fr. Obet  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** M. Elmore (C)  
S. Mangold, G. Huddleston, C. Browne, M. Mahoney,  
M. Salvato, M. Dowden  
**Lector:** N. Buencamino and M. Innes  
**Altar Servers:** C. Osterlund and E. Gonzalez

# NEW YEAR'S DAY

Solemnity of Mary  
Mother of God

Saturday, January 1, 2011  
(not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Please note that there will also be a  
4:30 pm Mass**

## Year of Renewal in Worship and Prayer

**The Sign of the Cross & Greeting.** People are not like television sets, able to change from one channel to another. Everyone needs actions that assist them from passing from one time to the next. The same is true when we gather to pray. The Introductory Rites, Sign of the Cross, Greeting and Introduction are ways that we transition from being a people gathered to joining together as community, as the Body of Christ.

The Sign of the Cross is a traditional prelude to prayer. This is a self blessing that reminds us of our baptism when we were signed with the cross for the first time. As we gather, it reminds each of us that we are more than a worshipping community; we are first a baptismal community. The greeting and the introduction are more than the simple greetings that one may hear as they are walking down the street. The greeting "signifies the presence of the Lord to the community gathered there" (GIRM #50). It calls everyone to recognize and experience the presence and power of the Lord in the community that they form through prayer. Finally, the introduction offers a very brief explanation of the special character of the celebration.

### Question of the Week

- *How does your community help everyone to become united as "The Body of Christ" when we gather for liturgy?*



### SPOTLIGHT on \*GIRM

**"When the Entrance chant is concluded, the priest stands at the chair and, together with the whole gathering, makes the Sign of the Cross. Then he signifies the presence of the Lord to the community gathered there by means of the Greeting. By this Greeting and the people's response, the mystery of the Church gathered together is made manifest."**

\*General Instructions  
Of the Roman Missal, n. 50

Joseph, our Example

The gospel on this last Sunday of Advent gives us an opportunity to learn a bit about Joseph and why he is often described as "the Just One." Put yourself in his place: the woman whom you love, whom you trust with your heart is found to be with child and you know that the child is not yours. Betrothal at that time was equal to marriage, so faithfulness is a definite expectation. You know Mary, you know that she honors the Jewish law as you do and would never break God's law or her commitment to you. You do believe her explanation, as strange as it seems.

So what do you do? According to the law, she is to be stoned for adultery or denounced publicly with the testimony of two witnesses. If you "divorce her quietly," she will be disgraced since the whole village will soon know why, as her pregnancy becomes obvious. If you marry her and adopt the child as your own, your reputation will be sullied. According to Barbara Reid, OP, "Only when [Joseph] can make her the center of his attention...can he make the divinely directed choice that will uphold her honor at the price of his own." Joseph is being like God in this situation, laying down his life for Mary "just as the Holy One rectifies the broken relationship with humanity by becoming one with us." (Reid)

Joseph is a great example of obedience—listening to his heart and his trust in Mary and listening to God's messenger who comes to him in a dream. This is the truest sense of obedience from the Latin words, *ab audire* which literally mean "to listen to." And how well do we listen to our compassionate God speaking through the events of our lives? The boundless energy of our children, the frailty of our elders, the beauty of our surroundings, the faithfulness of friends? Can we take 5 minutes in the shower or at the end of the day to ask ourselves, "Where has God been present to me today?"

The feast we celebrate at the end of this week is the Feast of Emmanuel, God-with-Us. God still believes in us and dwells among us in so many people and places. May we be open to that divine presence this week and always! Peace to you and yours.

**S. Sheral**

## ADOPT A FAMILY

If you have means to help, look for the tree after Mass this weekend. All gifts must be turned in by 6:00 pm on Sunday, Dec. 19th.



Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have questions please call Rob & Cathy Aveson 583 4757, John & Eileen Grealish 589 6011 or John & Nancy Marty 588 4740.

## The Giving Tree



All gifts must be turned in by 6:00 pm on Sunday, Dec. 19th.

Thank you in advance for your continued spirit of generosity for our neighbors in need.

## AIDS LUNCH –Jan. 12th

The second Wednesday of the month is our donation day. If you can help by providing your favorite dish for up to 12 people that would be great. Please put in a on-returnable container and leave in the little church room in the vestibule of the Church by 9:30 am. Frozen items are acceptable.



*Thank you for your continued assistance.*

## HAPPY NEW YEAR SRWG MEMBERS

*Come be a part of the spirit and fun of the Women's Guild*

The St. Robert's Women's Guild will be hosting our first meeting and dinner of 2011!!! We are gearing up for the Dinner Dance. With that said, we will collect five dollars and a ten dollar gift card of your choice for dinner. The gift cards will be an essential building block for our auction. We hope to see you!!

Monday, January 10<sup>TH</sup> 6:30 p.m. Hennessy Hall

DINNER: \$5.00 (OPEN BAR) GIFT CARD: \$10.00 (ANY TYPE)

Dinner will be \$15.00 dollars w/o gift card

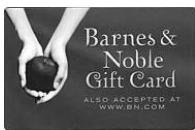
RSVP TO: [SRWOMENSGUILD@YAHOO.COM](mailto:SRWOMENSGUILD@YAHOO.COM)

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## The Perfect Gift

### St. Robert Parish Gift Card Fundraiser



Have a **birthday** coming up, **home repair** to do or Christmas gifts to buy or simply purchase groceries? Gift cards from various local retailers will be available to purchase after all Masses. No fees. Cash and checks accepted.

**Caroling! Caroling! Here we go!!!!!! Oh how fun it is to .....**



**YES! It's that time of the year. It's time for the annual caroling trip to Emmanuel Convalescent Hospital to give a little holiday cheer to those who may not get it any other way.**



We will meet on Sun. at 1:00 pm. Then Caravan to the hospital to sing . Please plan to be there till 4:00 pm. The time spent with the people in the hospital is important way of showing our faith at work. The smiles and tears from some of the elderly make this a moving experience . Come join us.

**Kevin Imbimbo**