

Saint Robert's Church

December 15, 2019



ST. ROBERT'S PARISH CHRISTMAS 2019

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 21st

3:00 - 4:15 pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th

4:30 pm, 8:00 pm and Midnight

Christmas Day,

Wednesday, December 25th

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

No Evening Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

9:30 am

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 4th

4:30 pm

The Church celebrates today the traditional GAUDETE SUNDAY, the third Sunday of Advent as the entrance antiphon suggests: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.

It is not surprising then, as the spirit of anticipation grows that on this Sunday the celebrants are vested in a joyful rose-colored vestments.

The reason for rejoicing? St. Paul adds: "Indeed the Lord is near." Thus the reason of Christian joy is the personal encounter with Jesus Christ. In our sadness and misery because of sins, Christ's coming breaks the chains that tie us with our afflictions. It is difficult to celebrate Christmas with overflowing joy if there is hatred, injustice, envy, laziness, avarice, etc.

We are still ten days before Christmas. A lot of opportunities for preparing a joyful celebration. Not so much with the gold and silver trimmings nor the colorful lights around the Christmas tree, not even with the food and gifts we expect to share but the readiness of one's heart to welcome the child Jesus.

May the message of today's Gospel bring the Messianic fulfillment in each and every one of us.

Fr.Boie

SVdP THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

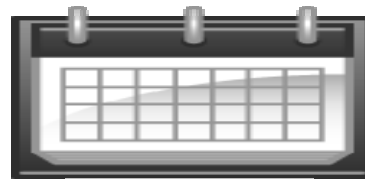
The St. Robert's SVdP Conference Members can't thank the parishioners and the In Betweener Group enough for the amazing amount of donations (both groceries and script) that were received for this year's holiday. We delivered two grocery bags to each of our 28 families along with a Lucky \$25 Script Card. The collection from Thanksgiving will also provide a head start for the deliveries we will make to our families at Christmas. Our conference is blessed to be part of the St. Robert's Community.

CHRISTMAS

IS THE SPIRIT OF GIVING WITHOUT A
THOUGHT OF GETTING.

THOMAS S. MONSON

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-December 16th

Mass Intention 8:30 Stephen Young †
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church

Tuesday-December 17th

Mass Intention 8:30 Alta Grasia Zelidon †
Rel Ed (Gr. 1-5) 3:30pm Hall & Church
Legion of Mary 6:30pm Rectory
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church

Wednesday-December 18th

Mass Intention 8:30 Rudometkin & Morena
Families †
RCIA 7:00pm Rectory
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church
Choir Practice 8:00pm Church

Thursday-December 19th

Mass Intention 8:30 Romeo Interior †
Children's Choir 3:00pm Hall
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church

Friday-December 20th

Mass Intention 8:30 Jim Olmo †
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church

Saturday-December 21st

Mass Intention 8:30 Annette Curz †
4:30 Frances Hughes †
AA Meeting 10:00am Mahoney Room
Simbang Gabi 7:00pm Church

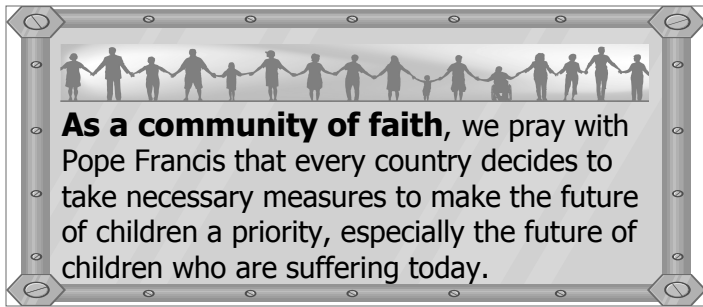
MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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 20th. Please make checks payable to St. Robert's.

My Gift in Memory of: _____

My Gift in Honor of: _____

Given by: _____



As a community of faith, we pray with Pope Francis that every country decides to take necessary measures to make the future of children a priority, especially the future of children who are suffering today.

We congratulate the newly baptized
Quinn Roosevelt Carey

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

- Don Bisagno
- Kevin Bohn
- Jose Antonio
- Bob Lockwood
- Barbara Massini
- Anna May May
- Joan Murphy
- Mario Nardi
- Bob O'Donnell
- Sister Patricia
- Francisca Perez
- Jennie Stewart
- K. Maafu Tuuhetoka



Our sincere sympathy to the families of



- Rosemarie Gemma
 - Charles John Meyer
 - Joseph Vella
- who died recently**

STEWARDSHIP

July 1st to December 8th (goal)	230,000.00
July 1st to December 8th (actual) (including E Contributions)	208,574.59
7/1/19—6/30/20 Weekly (Goal)	10,000.00
Weekly Collection (actual 12/08)	7,162.56
(E Cont for month of November)	8,131.50
Thank you for your generosity	

Thank you for your generous donation of **\$2,631.00** to Retirement for Religious.

2019 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 11/25/19

- Archdiocese tax Due \$ 119,261.00
- Total Pledges \$ 90,718.21
- Total Donations to Date \$ 90,023.21
- STILL NEEDED \$ 28,542.79**

Thank you for your generous donation.

GRIEF AND CONSOLATION

Our monthly Grief Support Meeting will be on Thursday, January 2, 2020, after the 8:30 Mass in the Reconciliation Room. The meeting is open to all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Getting the Church Ready for Christmas

Lots of us will be cleaning on Friday the 20th to get the church ready for the Christmas celebrations. If you're available from 9:30 am on, wear your old clothes and come by! After we clean, we'll be there decorating until we're finished. Service hours gladly given. Please let me know if you'll be joining us, so I can have enough items available for all of us to use. Thanks very much!

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: Albert Reyes (650) 238-4923.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank all the generous parishioners for the beautiful Christmas gifts donated for our "Sick and Homebound". They are greatly appreciated. THANK YOU!

"Adopt-A-Family Tree"

"Gifts will be collected after all Masses this weekend. Thanks for your help.

Rob Aveson

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.

**Saint Robert Catholic School
KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS
2020-2021 School Year**

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 by January 15th, 2020, between 8:00am - 3:00 pm. Applicants must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2020. 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 Sunday, January 26th, 2020, from 10:30am to 12:30pm, after the 9:30am Mass. All are welcome!

Non-Discrimination Policy

Saint Robert Catholic 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. Saint Robert's Catholic 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.

IF YOU ARE NEW TO ST. ROBERT'S

Welcome! We're a very diverse parish with people from many countries of origin – Registration forms are in the vestibule or you can register online at saintroberts.org. Fill out a registration form and drop it either in the collection basket, the mail, or at the parish office.

If you'd like to know more about what we have going on, please go to our website or contact Sr. Sheral at 650-589-2800 or sheralmar@saintroberts.org. We are happy to have you with us!

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/DEC 21ST & 22ND

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

President: Fr. Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers: Andy F. (C)

Carolyn H., Donna F., Jean W, Judy A.

Lectors: Monica C. and Paul S.

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

President: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: Ann B. (C)

Alonzo L., Marcela S., Tricia P.

Lectors: Veronica M., and Brijit L.

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

President: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Trish C. (C)

Gus S., Jorge A., Sam M., Tracey J.

Lectors: Chris M. and Jennifer C.

Children's Liturgy: Haydee and Cyndy

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

President: Fr. Boie

Eucharistic Ministers: Veronica R. (C)

Cynthia M., Joyce M., Margot G., Veronica P.

Lectors: Thelma T.

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

President: Fr. Boie

Eucharistic Ministers: Angelica N. (C)

April C., Dodi T., Mike S., Pia C.

Lectors: Robert N. and Bambi T.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 16th

Readings: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a

Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday-December 17th

Readings: Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday, December 18th

Readings: Jer 23:5-89 Mt 1:18-25

Thursday-December 19th

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

Friday-December 20th

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

Saturday-December 21st

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

Sunday-December 22nd

Readings: Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24