

Saint Robert's Church

December 22, 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

Sunday, January 5th

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

Surprise Present

When I was about ten, I found all my Christmas presents hidden in the upper part of a closet. Although they had been wrapped, I couldn't wait to open them—which I did. When I had finished tearing the Christmas wrapping off, I realized I hadn't gotten the one present I really wanted! Santa and my parents had let me down! Needless to say, I got in big trouble! Not only that, I expected Christmas to be a big let down!

On Christmas Day, I didn't expect anything but seeing the presents I had already unwrapped. After everyone had opened their presents, I sat grimly in my chair, suddenly my parents brought out a big box that they had hidden elsewhere and it had my name on it!

I unwrapped the present not knowing or expecting what was inside for me.

It was the one gift I really wanted - the new train set, that I had begged for. What a difference the "surprise" present made. Suddenly Christmas was exciting again.

As adults, we have been through so many Christmases, doing the same old routines and getting the same old presents that we don't look forward to the holiday. No surprise is left for us to discover, but we might miss the greatest present of all - Jesus Christ. He is someone that surprises us with the real gift of peace, forgiveness, love and hope. We thought we already had them but he surprised us each Christmas with these big gifts if we look forward to the gift we weren't expecting to find and enjoy.

Fr. John L. Greene

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Dear Friends,

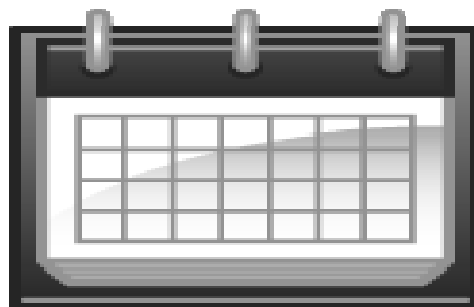
Glory to God in the Highest and Peace to His people on earth! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours.

We are grateful to have such a wonderful parish and such wonderful people in our parish family.

May God bless all of you at Christmas and Always.

Fr. John L. Greene
Fr. Boie Espeleta
Deacons John, Ben, and Rusty
Sister Sheral
And the Parish Office Staff

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-December 23rd

Mass Intention	8:30	Bob Tobener †
<i>Children's Choir</i>	10:00am	Church
<i>Simbang Gabi</i>	7:00pm	Church

Tuesday-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
<i>Legion of Mary</i>	6:30pm	Rectory

Wednesday-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

Thursday-December 26th

Mass Intention	8:30	Tim McGrew †
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Friday-December 27th

Mass Intention	8:30	James & Carmen Borg †
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Saturday-December 28th

Mass Intention	8:30	Richard Quintana †
	4:30	Rosa & Natalio Cadematori †
<i>AA Meeting</i>	10:00am	Mahoney Room

**The Parish Office will be closed
December 24th –26th
We will reopen on Monday the 30th**





As a community of faith, we pray for mothers awaiting the birth of their baby that they know the joy of a safe delivery and healthy child.

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 family of



Teresa Walsh
who died recently

STEWARDSHIP

Due to early bulletins during Christmas all donations will be posted on January's bulletins. Thank you for your support.

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.

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 (650) 238-4923.

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.

St. Roberts Men's Club Dinner / Meeting

Monday Jan 6th - Monthly Men's Club meeting dinner - Doors open at 6:00 PM all men of the parish are welcome.

If you have questions please contact Rico at 869-5009 or e-mail at ricomedinasanbruno@yahoo.com

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.

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"

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 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 with so much generosity.

Rob Aveson

**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!

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

MINISTER SCHEDULE/DEC 28TH & 29TH

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: Brian M. (C)

Katie B., Marie N., Mary N.

Lectors: Barbara R. and Christina C.

Sunday/7:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Greene

Eucharistic Ministers: Kevin M. (C)

Kathy H., Kevin T.M., Marcela S., Tricia P.

Lectors: Janet A.

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Boie

Eucharistic Liz C. (C)

Maryann S., Michael N., Roselle N.

Lectors: Janet T. and Jim S.

Children's Liturgy: Veronica (Combined)

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Boie

Eucharistic Ministers: Catalina M. (C)

Lina R., Marie S., Maureen H., Veronica R.

Lectors: Carmen P. and Mario B.

Sunday/5:00 P.M. Mass

Presider: Fr. Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers: Zulma T. (C)

Antonio N., Felipe O., Haydee M., Sheral M.

Lectors: Henry L. and Marie B.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 23rd

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

Tuesday-December 24th

Readings: 2 Sm 7:1-58b-12, 14a, 16
Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday, December 25th

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

Thursday-December 26th

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

Friday-December 27th

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

Saturday-December 28th

Readings: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18

Sunday-December 29th

Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21
Mt 2:13-15