

Saint Robert's Church

December 27, 2020



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MASS TIMES

Vigil Mass 4:30 pm (Saturday) **Online**
Sundays: 9:30 am, 11:30 am **Outdoors**
Holy Day Masses: 8:30 am and 6:00 pm

**Weekdays: Masses are
Monday through Saturday at 8:30 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.

Dear Friends,

In this week's reading, Simeon, a righteous man who was devout was told by the Holy Spirit, that he will not die before he saw the Christ of the Lord. He had been praying for Israel.

When Mary and Joseph walked into the temple to present Jesus to the Lord, Simeon took Jesus in his arms and said to the Lord, "Now Master, you may let your servant go in peace, my eyes have seen the Salvation."

When I read these words, my heart is fill with joy, love, and hope, just imagining Simeon holding Jesus and knowing he was the one that would be there for Israel. The privilege that God had given him for being so devout and faithful. God had given him peace of mind. Simeon's prayers for peace and consolation (which means delight experienced when distress is alleviated and support and encouraged is given).

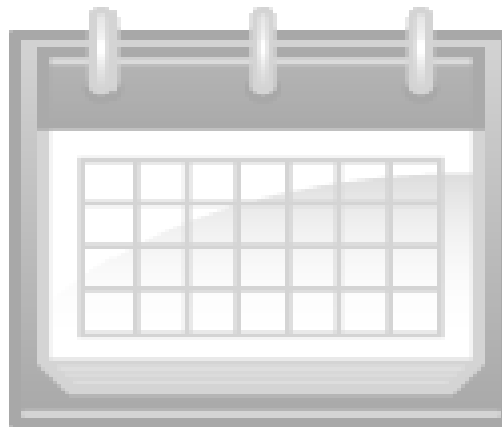
When Simeon saw Jesus, he knew that God, had put Jesus on earth to make things better. That Simeon's prayers had been heard.

As I read this I cannot help to reflect on my own faith and devotion. Do I pray enough, is my faith enough, do I pray selflessly for others and the well being of humanity? Is it enough? I do not think it is ever enough, but I think we need acknowledge and see and appreciate the things we do and know that God takes notice too. So how do we serve God.

In Saint Robert's Community, we are blessed to clearly see how people serve God. you can see it is done selflessly, with love, kindness. Take for example Saint Vincent de Paul. People make monetary donations (this is important) because this helps those in need and then there are the people who donate their time and labor to put the donations to help and serve God's people, then there are the donations for Adopt A Family and the Giving Tree. All those gifts are given out in the spirit of love, selflessly to serve God and his people. And yes, we too have been told that Jesus will come again to save us all. This fills my heart with Joy and hope for the New Year.

God is good..... all the time.

THE WEEK AHEAD



Monday-December 28th

Mass Intention 8:30 Richard Quintana †

Tuesday-December 29th

Mass Intention 8:30 Emanuel Vassallo †

Wednesday-December 30th

Mass Intention 8:30 Johnny McGrath †

Thursday-December 31st

Mass Intention 8:30 Leslie Linhares †

Friday-January 1st, 2021

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

Saturday-January 2nd

Mass Intention 8:30 People of St. Robert's
4:30 Marija Gregov †

2021
Happy New Year

The Pope's words at the Angelus prayer 2019

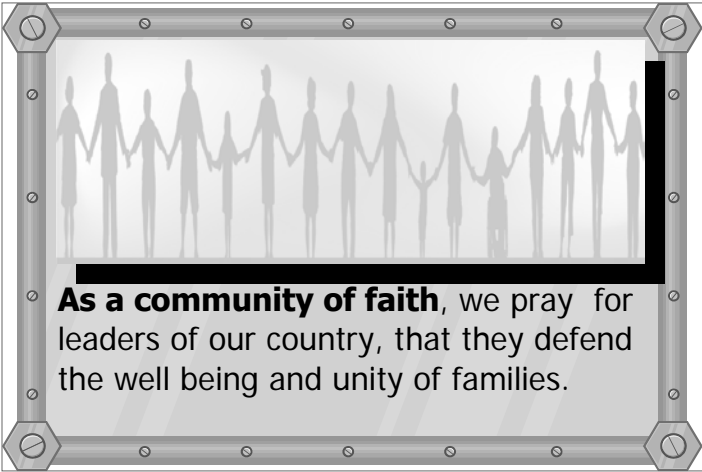
Today we celebrate the feast of Saint Stephen, the first martyr. The Book of the Acts of the Apostles tells us about him (cf. 6-7), and today's liturgy presents him to us in the final moments of his life, when he is captured and stoned (cf. 6: 12; 7: 54-60). In the joyful climate of Christmas, this memory of the first Christian killed for the faith could appear out of place. However, precisely from the perspective of faith, today's celebration is in tune with the true meaning of Christmas. In Stephen's martyrdom, in fact, violence is defeated by love, death by life: at the hour of supreme witness, he contemplates the open heavens and grants forgiveness to his persecutors (cf. v. 60).

This young servant of the Gospel, full of the Holy Spirit, knew how to narrate Jesus in words, and above all with his life. Looking to him, we see the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to His disciples: "When they deliver you over ... what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you" (cf. *Mt* 10: 19-20). In the school of Saint Stephen, who became similar to his Master both in life and in death, we too set our gaze on Jesus, a faithful witness of the Father. We learn that the glory of Heaven, the glory that lasts for eternal life, is not made up of wealth and power, but of love and self-giving.

Stephen was a deacon, one of the first seven deacons of the Church (cf. *Acts* 6: 1-6). He teaches us to proclaim Christ through gestures of fraternity and evangelical charity. His witness, culminating in martyrdom, is a source of inspiration for the renewal of our Christian communities. They are called to become increasingly missionary, all of them tending towards evangelization, determined to reach out to men and women in the existential and geographical peripheries, where there is a greater thirst for hope and salvation. Communities that do not follow the worldly logic, that do not put themselves, their own image, at the centre, but only the glory of God and the good of the people, especially the little ones and the poor.

The feast of this first martyr Stephen calls us to remember all the martyrs of yesterday and today – nowadays they are many! – to feel in communion with them, and to ask them for the grace to live and die with the name of Jesus in our hearts and on our lips. May Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, help us to live this Christmas time by fixing our gaze on Jesus, so that we may become more like Him every day.

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



As a community of faith, we pray for leaders of our country, that they defend the well being and unity of families.

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

Jose Antonio Perez
Francisca Perez
Rafael Flores
Maria Christina
Carol Mancia
Mrs. Soules

STEWARDSHIP

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

2020 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

As of 12/08/20

Archdiocese tax Due	\$ 119,462.00
Total Pledges	\$ 79,761.84
Total Donations to Date	\$ 79,586.84
STILL NEEDED	\$ 39,700.16

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.

LIVESTREAM MASSES
Shelter in His place!
Regular Mass Schedule
Weekdays at 8:30 AM Livestream
Saturday at 4:30 PM Livestream
Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Saint Robert Catholic School
KINDERGARTEN APPLICATIONS
2021-2022 School Year

Information and applications for Kindergarten are available now at the school office or at www.saintrobert-school.org. Applications will be accepted through January 11th - January 20th. When you drop off your application to the office, we will schedule a time for your child's readiness testing and visit with a prospective kindergarten group for Saturday, January 23 rd , 2021. If you have not had a chance to tour the school, please call the office and we will set up a tour for you. Additionally, if you have any questions, feel free to call the school office at (650) 583-5065.

Applicants must be 5 years of age by September 1, 2021. 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!

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 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 650-589-2861 or sheralmar@saintroberts.org. We are happy to have you with us!

MINISTER SCHEDULE JAN 2ND & 3RD

Saturday/4:30 P.M. Mass LIVESTREAM

Presider: Fr. Stewart

Eucharistic Ministers:

Lectors:

Sunday/9:30 A.M. Mass Outdoors

Presider: Fr. Zamora

Eucharistic Ministers:

Lectors:

Sunday/11:30 A.M. Mass Outdoors

Presider: Fr. Boi

Eucharistic Ministers:

Lectors:

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday-December 28th

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

Tuesday-December 29th

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

Wednesday, December 30th

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday-December 31st

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

Friday-January 1, 2021

Readings: Jn 6:22-27/Gal 4:4 -7/Lk 2:16-21

Saturday-January 2nd

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

Sunday-January 3rd

Redings: Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12