

Things you may want to know this week

1. Until we have a decision to have outdoor Sunday masses again, our masses this weekend will be livestreamed at 4:30PM on Saturday, and 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM on Sunday. Go to: [FACEBOOK LIVE](#) or [YOUTUBE LIVE](#).
2. A friend of mine donated a complete set of BINDERS for Liturgical Use especially for our celebration of the Holy Mass. Complete set means covering all the liturgical colors of White (Feast and Solemnities), Green (Ordinary Time), Purple (Lent and Advent), Red (Pentecost, Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Feast of Martyrs or Apostles), Gray (for Funeral) and Blue (Penitential Service).
3. We had a Parish Finance Council meeting last Wednesday with the observation that our Offertory Collections, just like any other parish, are down and yet we are quite optimistic that we can get through this year without having to furlough or lay-off any employee. Meanwhile, we are looking at how we can bring down some expenses. Father Boie and I decided to give up our cable TV since we rarely use it anyway. It is not much but every little thing helps. We will also cut or modify outside services that are not needed at this time.
4. Our St. Robert's [FLOCKNOTE](#) community is growing. Please sign up by clicking the link. If you are not involved in any ministry, you can join one or simply be a part of the "From the Pastor's Desk." Thanks to Erica Garcia for bringing people in and accepting the invitation to be a super administrator.
5. Our parish convent has now four newly installed toilet bowls replacing the old and broken ones. The pipe leak in one of the rooms has also been fixed. Now we are looking at purchasing a new washing machine and a dryer. But don't worry, the Archdiocese is paying everything as they are bringing in the Culture Project once again to the Archdiocese and will be staying at our convent from October 2020-May 2021. "The Culture Project is an initiative of young people set out to restore culture through the experience of virtue. We proclaim the dignity of the human person and the richness of living sexual integrity, inviting our culture to become fully alive" (from their website). We are expecting five young adults staying in the convent and I am sure they will be helping out the parish as they serve the young people in the archdiocese.
6. Giving thanks with a grateful heart: Thanks to Patrick McHale for setting up a new router for our church internet wifi connection that is needed for our livestreaming. Thanks also to Brent Villalobos for manning the livestreaming especially when I am saying the mass. Now, I don't need to bring my phone to the altar to control the camera. Thanks to Mary Nunnery for faithfully opening the church each day and preparing things for the mass. Thanks to our church environment people who continue to arrange the flowers for the altar. Thanks to School principal Dr. Patrick Sullivan and vice principal Mrs. Brijit Lopez for personally handing out St. Robert's School Sweaters to Fr. Boie and me. We will wear it with great pride!
7. I am starting to love the place and the people. Here, I can feel the rising and the setting of the sun and the warmth of people welcoming has become my sunshine. I look forward to every sunrise to be able to serve, to pray and to love.

Sunrise is a beautiful sign of hope created by God to let us know that life doesn't end after the sunset. That in every problem, there's a solution and, In every labor, there's a fruit. We just have to believe in Him... with Whom everything is possible...

God is Good All the Time! Have a fruitful day!

Fr. Arnold