

## Things you may want to know this week

1. EXCITING!!! We are introducing and giving to you "FORMED" known as the Catholic Netflix for free. Catholic Faith On Demand! Get thousand of movies, programs, audio, and books instantly. All you have to do is [Sign Up](#). It's easy: enter your zip code or parish name, enter your name and email and that's it. You can use FORMED with Roku TV, Apple TV, Android and iOS devices. It's FREE so it should not be asking for your credit card information. When I say FREE, I mean for our parishioners and friends to use it. The Archdiocese is paying for the first year subscription. St. Roberts will be paying 33% on its second year, 66% on the third and on the fourth onward the parish will be responsible of paying the full subscription of \$2000. But that's about a dollar (or less) for every registered household in the parish per year (four years from now). So, signup now and enjoy the movies and videos and more, and make your faith grow.
2. EXCITING!!! Tomorrow, on the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, nine men from the three counties of the Archdiocese will be ordained permanent deacons having completed several years of study and discernment for this vocation in pastoral service. Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will be the principal celebrant and will ordain the men. The liturgy at St. Pius Church in Redwood City will be held outdoors and is not open to the public, but will be livestreamed at [piusrc.org/stream](http://piusrc.org/stream).
3. EXCITING!!! We are starting again our OUTDOOR MASSES this Sunday at 9:30AM and 11:30AM. We hope to livestream these masses as well. We will continue to livestream our Saturday, 4:30PM mass inside the church. Pray for Jerry Imboden who recently passed away. Jerry who lived across the school was always watching out for our school. Please pray also for those who are sick especially Gianna Giambruno (SR2009 alum) and Evelyn Calhoun (parishioner).
4. EXCITING!!! We are looking forward to the start of the new school year this Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Although this Tuesday is just books "Pick-Up and Return Day." First Full Day of class ONLINE is Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. According to Dr. Patrick Sullivan, our school principal, we have 317 students this year. I met our teachers several times and they are very enthusiastic to welcome our children despite the challenge of teaching online. Dr. Sullivan always uplifts the teachers' spirits to give their best. I am sure they will!
5. EXCITING!!! St. Robert's Parish and School Festival is on its way! #SRstrong website <https://sites.google.com/view/srstrong2020>. I am so impressed and proud of our Festival Committee led by Marcee Wardell that despite "against all odds" they are able to keep this tradition and still finding ways to do something good for both the parish and school. As saying goes, "the show must go on!" Please click the link and support our annual festival.
6. EXCITING!!! After over a month of commuting and sleeping at my old parish, I had my first night of sleep here at St. Roberts last Tuesday. We had some fixing done in my room like replacing the 27 year old carpet, repainting the walls and deep cleaning the bathroom. A close family of mine donated a new bed but unfortunately the last piece of the order which was the mattress just came in last Tuesday. But I am happy and excited to finally settle down. I'm all yours now!
7. Feel blessed, feel inspired, feel great, feel excited and feel everything good around you, for GOD is great in giving us everything. Do not feel discouraged when everything seems blurred. The haziness won't last. Soon, slowly and gradually, rays are coming along the way. Smile at your best, for smiling washes out what's blocking your way. Have a blessed day always!.