

Pastor's updates

August 28, 2020



Things you may want to know this week

- 1. GRADE UP - UPGRADED mass!** We had our first School Mass this morning assisted by the school student council and attended virtually by the whole St. Robert's school community. As an upgrade from last year, we will be having a school mass every Friday. Although due to pandemic restrictions, no students are assisting yet or attending mass-in-person.
- 2. UPGRADED computer!** You might have noticed that our livestreaming inside the church both in Facebook and YouTube has a better picture quality. It is because we have upgraded our computer to a newly-built desktop with a separate graphic card. Before we were just using my old laptop that we are now using for streaming our outdoor masses.
- 3. UPGRADE utilities!** New Washer and dryer have been installed in our Convent and a new internet service is now in place in anticipation of The Culture Project's arrival next Friday. The Archdiocese has paid for all these upgrades including the cleaning service.
- 4. UPGRADED Security!** Be careful of scammers! They are like devils "prowling like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." They are targeting most especially the elderly. Not that I am elderly but I was a target of email phishing. They used my name and created a bogus email address and asking our parishioners for donation of money and gift cards. Please be alert of this form of scam. I may ask you to continue supporting our church by dropping your envelopes in the rectory or in the collection boxes placed strategically at our outdoor masses or may remind you our contribution to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA), but I will NEVER ask for a personal donation.
- 5. UPGRADED Cameras!** Aware of these "devils" and the literal "thief of the night", we have installed some cameras in our rectory and inside the church. Our school also upgraded their security system by purchasing four additional security cameras. Our school has these amazing "OWL Cameras" that our teachers use in their remote instructions. This intelligent camera follows the voice of the teacher and wherever the teacher goes around the room.
- 6. UPGRADED Order:** Saturday, August 29, 2020, at 10:30AM is the ordination to the Transitional Diaconate of Mr. Nicholas Case, a seminarian at St. Patrick's Seminary and University. The ordination will be held at St. Raphael Church, in San Rafael. Transitional deacons are meant to be ordained as priests and thus their diaconate is just a transition to a bigger role. We have permanent deacons who can be married, pursue a job career and serve the Church as an ordained minister.
- 7. UPGRADED TY:** We had an audio problem prior to the mass this morning. Thanks to **Andy Cress** who came to resolve the issue. Andy and his friend John evaluated our audio system and are looking at some equipment upgrades. We hope this upgrade will save us from future audio failure. Thanks to **Patrick McHale** for re-cabling our internet connection from the rectory to the church with a cable for outdoor use. Now we don't have to worry when it rains or during extreme heat. Thanks to our livestreamers: **Brent Villalobos, Patrick Ryan and Rob Aveson**. They take turns in streaming our masses. Thanks to **Rob Aveson** for picking up the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary donated by **Presentation Sisters Antonio and Patricia**. Greater thank you to these two sisters not just for donating the statue but for their service to St. Roberts for so many years.

8. Think about this: "It is your heart that makes you the best of who you are.
You are wonderful for what you are, not for what you have.
Be a donor of love not a beggar of it.
Scatter the seeds of love with kind words and gentle ways.
Pride makes us artificial but humility makes us real.
Be GOD's light for others"

Fr. Arnold

