

# Pastor's updates

October 9, 2020



## Things you may want to know this week

- 1. A LIGHT THAT SHINES!** New LED lights have been installed in our school classrooms and Hennessy Hall this week. School principal Dr. Patrick Sullivan said that the LED lights will reduce energy consumption and decrease electric bill by 50-55%. One of the most important benefits of installing LED lights in classrooms is the improved academic performance of students. Several studies have found that LED lights can be tuned to imitate natural light, known to improve concentration and boost a student's learning ability. In addition to the lights, a water fountain with bottle fillers has also been installed this week. What a nice way to welcome our Kindergarteners, First and Second Graders as they go back to school for an in-person instruction starting this Tuesday, October 13, 2020.
- 2. A LIGHT THAT SHINES!** The lights at the four shrines inside the church are illuminating again after the damaged dimmer switch has been replaced. Just so you know: The first shrine is dedicated to the Blessed Mother and that's why you see the statue of Mary holding the baby Jesus. Opposite to it, on the other side, is the shrine dedicated to St. Joseph. The third shrine is the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Opposite to that is a statue of a saint that people often wonder who it could be. It is St. Anthony de Padua. Sr. Sheral said St. Anthony was a good preacher who always brought Jesus to life. That is why the statue that we have has St. Anthony holding the baby Jesus too.
- 3. A LIGHT THAT SHINES!** This is not quite an update but just another "light moment." The four shrines remind me of a geometry test during this modular instruction at home when the students were asked to name at least four types of triangles. This is what one student answered: 1. Equilateral Triangle (✓), 2. Isosceles Triangle (✓) 3. Obtuse Triangle ((✓), 4. Love Triangle (✗)
- 4. A LIGHT THAT SHINES!** The lights up in the church sanctuary have been reangled to a better position and now we can better see the tabernacle and Jesus on the cross. Thanks to Alonso Lopez for courageously taking the "stairway to heaven" to do the job and to Dennis Gunther for his assistance. The repositioning of the lights has also helped our live streams. You can now see the face of the presider better. When I told a friend that I looked too dark in the livestreaming because of the lights, he said: "Well, you are tall, dark and NEVERMIND!".
- 5. A LIGHT THAT SHINES!** There will be another light coming out from a new Projector that we will be using at church for our masses and other church activities. This will certainly be of great help to project our prayers and song lyrics since we are not allowed to use books and printed materials inside the church at this time. A friend of mine from another parish donated money to cover the expense of the purchase of this new Projector that has a wireless capability. Let's see how it works this weekend.
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- 7. A LIGHT THAT SHINES!** The great light of the week is the release of Pope Francis' new encyclical entitled: "**Fratelli Tutti**" – On Fraternity and Social Friendship. The name of the letter, Fratelli Tutti, means "All brothers," and is a direct quotation from the Admonitions of St. Francis. The theological heart of the letter is a meditation on the parable of the Good Samaritan as the pope urges us "to be Good Samaritans who bear the pain of other people's troubles rather than fomenting greater hatred and resentment." Read the encyclical by [CLICKING THIS LINK](#).

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