

Pastor's updates

October 30, 2020



Things you may want to know this week

- 1. EXCITING!** A new month starts but Daylight Savings Time (DST) ends this Sunday, November 1st. We gain an hour but we wake up an hour early too. But no big deal besides it's the Solemnity of All Saints. The Solemnity starts with the Saturday, 4:30PM vigil mass now open to parishioners and friends of St. Roberts for in-person worship. That's exciting to me!
- 2. EXCITING!** Monday, November 2nd is the **Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed or All Souls Day!** Some of our school children will be attending the 8:30AM mass in person. We will also have a special mass at 7PM to remember our parishioners and friends who passed away from November of last year to October of this year. The intentions for all our weekday masses this week will be for our beloved departed.
- 3. EXCITING!** Tuesday, November 3rd is a big day for our country and for our city. It's **Election Day!** Excited, thrilled or scared? Regardless, let's pray for a clean, peaceful and honest election. A parishioner said that the city of San Bruno is run by St. Robert's parishioners. That's amazing! I hope and pray these leaders will also run the city in God's ways.
- 4. EXCITING!** San Mateo County is now in "Orange" Tier. That simply means we can now admit more parishioners for in-person worship since we are now allowed a 50% capacity of the church. According to a press release, widespread testing plays a key role in the state's criteria for loosening or tightening restrictions on certain activities and the economy. This Monday, November 2nd we will have another free COVID-19 testing. As of this writing, few spots are still available. In our last free COVID testing, 205 people were tested and the results were all negative.
- 5. EXCITING!** Pope Francis recently announced the creation of 13 new cardinals including Washington **Archbishop Wilton Gregory** who is the first African American to be elevated to the College of Cardinals. Included in the list of the new cardinals is **Archbishop Jose Fuerte Advincula** of Capiz, in the Philippines. Archbishop Advincula is a former classmate of **Fr. Eugene Tungol** and **Fr. Alex Legazpi**, pastors of Epiphany Church and Holy Angels, respectively, in the seminary where I also graduated from – the University of Santo Tomas, the pope's university in the Philippines. The consistory or the formal making of the new cardinals will be on November 28, the vigil of the First Sunday of Advent.
- 6. EXCITING!** This was another week of concretizing the "Stewardship of Time and Talent" as some parishioners responded to our call and volunteered to take down the remaining speakers and the wooden frame of the old organ in the left wing of the church. **Patrick Uniacke** started by putting up a scaffolding and removing the speakers. Then another crew led by **Alan Koenig** and his two friends **Carl Wind and Greg Salih**, all school parents, removed the wooden frame, patched the big hole as well as the smaller holes and painted or stained the wall to match the old. A big thank you to these incredible guys who did an amazing job. I am excited to have a bigger space for projecting our slides for mass. If you still see the scaffolding this weekend that means good men are still working. Another pair of good stewards also changed the busted lights in the choir area. Thanks be to them and thanks be to God for giving us these wonderful men to serve His church.

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No matter where the road of life takes us every day, we pray that we find a piece of heaven in every place we go and in everything we do.

Enjoy the piece of heaven we are in now and help create a piece of heaven on earth by works of charity and justice.

Be a channel of God's grace.

All the saints did that.

All our souls are meant for heaven.

A blessed hallow day!

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