

Pastor's updates

November 6, 2020



Things you may want to know this week

- 1. PARISH LIFE!** Happy Anniversary to our parish! Yesterday was our **62nd year as a parish**. In case you've forgotten our history, it was on November 5, 1958 that Archbishop John J. Mitty announced that St. Bruno's Parish would be divided into two, and the new Church and its school would be named St. Robert's Parish after St. Robert of the House of God. I salute the founders and pillars of this church. Thank you for building this amazing parish. Thank you also to all its supporters throughout the years. Congratulations!
- 2. PARISH LIFE!** The parish is getting old and so are our facilities. We face some wear and tear every now and then. One of the garage doors in the rectory stopped working over the weekend. We called a garage door technician and it was fixed by Monday. The carpet guy came last Thursday to put new carpet in the small room of our Convent that was badly damaged by the pipe leak. The work is done! But there will be more for sure and we will continue working.
- 3. PARISH LIFE!** Tomorrow, Saturday is a happy day as we welcome our children for their **First Communion**. Adhering to safety protocols, we are splitting our First Communion masses into three groups. We are scheduled for two tomorrow, one at 10AM and the next is at 12:30PM. The third group will receive their First Communion next Saturday, November 14th at 12:30PM. Congratulations!
- 4. PARISH LIFE!** Our parishioners, though not aware, have been living the Stewardship Way of Life sharing their time, talent and treasure.
Stewardship of Time: We had our First Friday Devotion today that included a Novena to the Sacred Heart and an hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Some members of our **Church Environment Ministry, Mena Guerrero, Joyce Klich, and Lilo Quintana**, offered some special prayers for our country after the mass on Election Day.
Stewardship of Talent: More volunteers from school are sharing their talents to do the screening before mass and the livestreaming as well. Greg Salih and Alan Koenig tirelessly worked on staining the church wall this week with Carl Wind and Patrick Uniacke lending a hand on taking down and putting away the scaffolding,
Stewardship of Treasure: Here are some amazing news! More parishioners are now using **Online donations (VANKO)**. Just for the month of October, we received **\$14,003**. This is quite an increase when compared to the pre-Covid time collection of around \$10,000. **Our Sunday collection** last weekend was **\$6,645**. This is again laudable considering the hard times brought by the pandemic. Here's more! The **Annual Festival** raised a net income of **\$74,304**. That's truly amazing! A bravissimo and loud thank you to **Marcee Wardell, Matt Butler, Eileen Grealish**, and the students and parents of St. Robert School for competing in the lottery. Despite everything we were able to pull through with amazing results.
- 5. PARISH LIFE!** Following the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) guidelines on proper ventilation and increased circulation of outdoor air, we are opening our church windows during our weekend masses. So kindly dress appropriately. The weather is getting colder these days. Winter is not too far away.

Fr. Arnold

FAZnotes
(Father Arnold Zamora)
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Little keys can open big locks; simple words can express great thoughts; and a sincere prayer everyday brings you GOD'S immeasurable blessings and grace.

A Blessed day with the Lord and your families.

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