

Pastor's updates

December 18, 2020



Things you may want to know this week

1. **Pope Francis** celebrated his **84th birthday yesterday**, December 17th, and it was his eighth birthday celebrated since he was elected pope. He spent a quiet and simple day in prayer, sharing his meals as he always does with other residents at the Casa Santa Maria. He later made a new appeal to the nations to guarantee access to the corona virus vaccinees "to the poorest." **Happy Birthday Papa Francesco!**
2. The rain did not pour down last Saturday, so **Santa and Grinch** were at the main parking area greeting the school children and their families for a "Drive-Thru" Christmas celebration. San Bruno Police Department was also cooperative in pretending to arrest the Grinch. Thank you **Santa Dan Murtagh**, a parishioner and **Grinch Christina Piquette**, a kindergarten mom. Both of them could be in Hollywood! The Drive-In Movie was also realized and was a tremendous success as many people are already asking if we'll be doing this again next year. This Holiday Community Event raised \$4600 for St. Robert School! Kudos to the event organizers.
3. "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!" **Fr. Boie and Lilo**, our housekeeper, put up our Christmas Tree in the house. Lilo was emotional to see the Christmas tree in the rectory again. Fr. Boie was the "boy" who put the star on top of the Christmas tree. Thanks to **Tony Tovar**, school parent, who decorated the front of our church with lights and a small lighted Christmas tree.
4. Tomorrow, **Saturday, December 19th is our Church Work Day** when we will be cleaning the church, putting up the Christmas Tree donated by the "Christmas Tree Lot" organizers and making it ready for Christmas. If you feel you are blessed, come and be a blessing!
5. Many, many thanks to all who supported the **Adopt-A-Family Tree** this year. We supplied 60 families with Gifts and Gift Cards to add a lot of light to this very different year. The generosity of St. Robert's Parishioners came through as always. You have given some hope to these families and gave them reason to celebrate this Christmas. Thanks to the team most especially to **Rob Aveson**, our Parish Council chair, who has always been generous with his time, talent and resources to make this noble effort a great success.
6. In our Parish Pastoral Council meeting last week, it was decided, following the new health (COVID) restriction that our **Christmas Masses** will be as follows: **December 24th, 4PM – Outdoor Mass and Livestream, 6PM and 9PM will be Livestream only. Christmas Day, December 25th, 9:30 AM and 11:30AM - Outdoor Masses and Livestream.**
7. With all our masses at St. Roberts being live-streamed, we are grateful to our **streamers: Cecile Giessner** (Monday), **Betty Gonzalez** (Tuesday), **Brooke Nizuk** (Wednesday), **Rob Aveson** (Thursday and Saturday afternoon), **George Lynch** (Friday), **Pat Ryan** (Saturday), **Jayjay Jose** and **Brent Villalobos** (Sunday, 9:30AM) and **Ed Ramirez** and **Jerry Burdick** (Sunday 11:30AM). Thanks to Brooke for the Christmas treat to all streamers.
8. "The parishioners of St. Robert's have once again shown their compassion and extreme generosity for the families our **St. Vincent de Paul Conference** serves in San Bruno. Twenty-seven families received a bag of groceries and a \$25 Lucky Script Card from the Conference. **Rob Aveson's "Adopt-A-Tree"** provided not only gifts for the families, but an abundance of various gift cards, and the InBetweeners followed right behind with gift cards galore. You are deeply appreciated in the Conference's effort to provide for these families. Thank you and wishes for a blessed Christmas."
9. We have scheduled **individual Confessions** tomorrow, **Saturday, December 19th, 3:00-4:15PM in the church**. If you are comfortable coming, Fr. Boie and I will be there hearing your confessions six-feet apart with mask on.

FAZnotes
(Father Arnold Zamora)
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Dear parishioners and friends of St. Roberts,

There are times in our lives that we say..

I'm Tired!

I'll Give up!

It's Over!

It's Enough!

I Can't Make it!

But you know what?

God said, "I will Bless the Person who Puts His Trust in ME"..

This is not the Time to Say I'll Quit, rather Keep on Dreaming and Never Stop Believing, for in HIM Nothing is Impossible.

A Blessed Beautiful day!

Fr. Arnold