

Pastor's updates

January 15, 2021



Things you may want to know this week

1. Looks like we have a lot to pray for this weekend particularly for **peace**. We pray for a peaceful turnover of leadership in our country with the Presidential Inauguration coming up this Wednesday, January 20th. There is also that Impeachment case that might also trigger some reactions and threatens the peace in our land. Then there is Monday, Martin Luther King's day, when some demonstrators use this day as a way to voice their grievances against the government or any unjust system. So, keep in mind St. Francis Prayer for Peace.
2. Long time parishioner **Dolores Johnson** passed away and was buried today, Friday, at Holy Cross. If you recall, her husband Bob for 69 years, passed away a few months ago. They were committed members of St. Robert's for 65 years, never missing a weekend service and having all four children attend grammar school here. Both of them were part of St. Robert's "Grown-ups Group." Dolores also volunteered for the St. Robert's Altar Society. May she rest in peace!.
3. The **2020 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal** has been extended until the end of the month of January. Our parish still needs roughly around 30 thousand dollars to complete our goal. Considering the hard times, the Archdiocese has created a Task Force to evaluate the 2020 AAA parish goals and results in the next few weeks, making adjustments or deferrals if/where appropriate. We can only do our best to be generous in these times. The 2021 AAA will be delayed than the usual start and will formally begin on Monday, February 22nd.
4. We have installed a **handrail** by the steps outside the sacristy door. I am sure our parishioners and guests will be happy to have something to hold onto as they navigate the steps. Thanks to **John Lynch** for the work and making sure it is up to code.
5. Thanks to all those who helped put away our Christmas environment/decorations inside the church. Now we are back to **Ordinary Time**. Ordinary Time does not refer to some parts of the church year that are unimportant. It refers to the period of Church liturgical year that fall outside of the major seasons like Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" because the weeks are numbered. The Latin word "*ordinalis*," which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word "*ordo*." From which we get the English word "order." Thus, Ordinary Time is in fact the ordered life of the Church.

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FAZnotes

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We are back to the Ordinary Time in the Church Calendar but still we live in an unprecedented time and yet we can find the joy in knowing that we are not ordinary in the eyes of God. We are his beloved!

GOD bless you with "Joy!"

Joy flows from a heart that knows how to care and share.

Joy flows from people who appreciate other people.

Joy flows and happens in the way we look at the simplest ordinary things, events, and persons.

Joy flows from opening our lives to GOD who journeys with us.

The art of being happy lies in the power of finding joy in ordinary things.

God does not force us to be the best;

HE only asks to try our very best as we possibly can.

Let's continue giving our best to HIM, as HE continues to give HIS blessings to us at its best!

A blessed day to you and your family.

Fr. Arnold