

Pastor's updates

February 5, 2021



Things you may want to know this week

- 1. February is Black History Month** as designated by President Gerard Ford in 1976. In doing so, he called on all Americans to “seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history.” We also recognized their contributions in our church. Last November, the Archbishop Wilton Gregory of Washington was elevated to the rank of cardinal making him the first African-American cardinal. We also honor and thank the many priests from Africa now serving in our Archdiocese of San Francisco. There is a new book, “Black Catholics on the Road,” by Michael R. Heinleins, about the lives of six extraordinary men and women who persevered in the Catholic faith despite prejudice within and without the Catholic Church. These six Black Catholics from the United States are being considered for canonization. Let us not forget, the great black saint of the church, Josephine Bakhita, a Canossian sister and the first Sudanese saint, whose feast we are celebrating this Monday, February 8th.
- 2. Our parish convent** which is older than our church has experienced some deterioration of galvanized pipes that caused the constant leaking and clogging of water from multiple sinks. Since the place had been vacated for many years with no one residing, rust had built up and the metal particles blocked the pipes. Russ Christiansen, our plumber, came several times this week and yesterday he and his son used a “snake” 25”-30” long to clear the blockage even cutting some pipes to resolve the problem. All is good for now!
- 3. Longtime parishioner Tony Sisneros** was laid to rest last Wednesday, February 3rd at Holy Cross after a Funeral Mass here at St. Robert. Tony’s wife, Shirley, was one of our collection ladies. They had been married for 61 years. **Ellen Donnelly**, another longtime parishioner (for 54 years), passed away and will be cremated this Sunday. This Tuesday, I will be having back-to-back Funeral services, one at 10AM at St. Paul Church for **Elaine Jordan**, a longtime Holy Name parishioner and another at 12:30PM here at St. Robert, for **Timothy Kearnes** of St. Brendan. May they rest in peace!
- 4. February 5th was the 100th day of school** at St. Robert School! 8th Grader Jordan Jose served as the school principal and his brother Julian, 7th grade, served as the school's vice-principal for the day. They supervised recess, set up safety equipment, extended lunch recess, brought breakfast treats to the faculty and staff, enjoyed a power lunch, and treated the student body to ice cream! Mrs. Clifford, science and math teacher, coordinated the annual Speech Contest, with a large number of students participating. Congratulations to Ella Reese Bautista for her first place speech! Catholic Education is strong and visible at Saint Robert School!

Fr. Arnold

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(Father Arnold Zamora)
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Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Roberts,

Even the little things we give away in love and kindness,
will eventually return to us as blessings in some other forms.
The love of God we freely share will surely reap rewards beyond measure.
Let's never get tired of serving others for God's greater glory.

“Never stop doing little things for others.
Sometimes those little things occupy the biggest part of their hearts.”

May God bless your week!

Fr. Arnold