

Pastor's updates

February 12, 2021



Things you may want to know this week

- 1. Gung Hay Fat Choy!** It's Lunar/Chinese New Year today and it's the "Year of the Ox." Gung Hay Fat Choy actually means "Best wishes and congratulations. Have a prosperous and good year." The Chinese Ministry of our Archdiocese of San Francisco will celebrate the New Year next Saturday, February 20th at St. Anne of the Sunset with a drive-in Eucharistic Celebration and Ancestors Veneration Mass at the church spacious parking lot. The event that will start at 12:00 PM will be livestreamed as well.
- 2.** We are back to **indoor worship** this weekend. So, the Saturday, 4:30PM, Sunday, 9:30AM and 11:30AM masses will be inside the church. Again, just a gentle reminder that those who are sick should not attend Mass, even if it's "just a cold" and they feel well enough to attend, and that the dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation remains in place for now. The elderly and others at high risk from COVID, as well as those who care for them, may choose in good conscience to remain at home.
- 3.** It's **Valentine's Day** this Sunday! Give love on Christmas Day, give love on Valentine's Day, give love every day. Our St. Robert School students from each Grade made personalized birthday cards for me and some cards included Valentines greetings. Thanks to all the wonderful and sweet students and their teachers too.
- 4. February 17th is Ash Wednesday.** Masses will be at 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has also issued a memo, intended as a mandate for all Latin Rite churches, on the manner in which to impose ashes on the faithful this year. The letter calls for ashes to be given according to the ancient custom of **sprinkling the ashes** on the crown of the head rather than using a thumb or other instrument to trace a cross on individual's foreheads. The practice of sprinkling, rather than tracing a cross, is quite common in Europe, even though we may not have had much exposure to it in the US. The Congregation acknowledged that "While Ash Wednesday is not a holyday of obligation and while there is no requirement for the clergy and faithful to receive the imposition of ashes, it is rightly observed as a celebration of high importance, and many will surely wish to participate even amid the current difficulties."

Fr. Arnold

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Roberts,

It is your heart that makes you the best of who you are.

You are wonderful for what you are, not for what you have.

Be a donor of love, not a beggar of it.

Scatter the seeds of love with kind words and gentle ways.

Pride makes us artificial, but humility makes us real.

Be real and give love on Valentine's Day!!

Fr. Arnold