

Pastor's updates

June 11, 2021



Things you may want to know this week

- 1. CHANGES!** We are still looking for, inquiring and interviewing applicants for a **new music director** for our church. Meanwhile, we are getting some volunteers and paid musicians to help us at our weekend masses. I ask for your patience and understanding in this time of transition. Looks like I will be at every mass now either as a priest, streamer/slide projector operator or a musician. Let's hope and pray we will find the right person for the job.
- 2. CHANGES!** With the need of more classrooms, we have to move our **CCD-Religious Education Program office** to the Old Library located at the basement of our parish convent. The vacated CCD office inside the school is now undergoing construction and renovation to make it as a regular classroom. Moving to another location is never easy and so we thank our Religious Ed directors **Leslie Fong and Joanne Bartolotti** for their ability to make things happen and adjust to this transition.
- 3. CHANGES!** After many consultations and visits from different engineers, we received the final evaluation of what could be the best heating solution for our church. We are now at the stage of sending the proposed plan to different contractors or companies for them to put a bid. The Archdiocese requires at least 3 bidders. Let's hope and pray this project will be done before the next Winter.
- 4. CHANGES!** After June 15, a lot of things will change especially with the easing up of restrictions. As to our Liturgical celebrations, we are waiting for the archbishop to give us some guidelines and directions. I hope that in my next update I can share these guidelines prior to our weekend masses.
- 5. CHANGES!** The Corona virus had changed our world. The vaccine indeed has helped in fighting against this invisible enemy. Yet, many in our neighborhood have not yet been vaccinated. Our young parishioner, **RYAN QUOCK**, will serve as a Trust in the Vaccine Ambassador this Summer whose duty is to help educate the public about the benefits of the COVID-19 vaccine, trying to help us return to normalcy. Ryan is an incoming third-year Biochemistry Major in Saint Mary's College of California. His family is from San Bruno and has been attending mass at Saint Robert's for the last 11 years.
- 6. CHANGES!** My "Pastor's Updates" are also available in our parish website: www.saintroberts.org. Parish updates and announcements are also posted on our website and so is our weekly Bulletin. These constant changes would not happen without the expertise of two of our longtime parishioners: **GARY DeMARTINI and JOE YANKE**. Gary has been maintaining our website for the past many years and also has been our resident IT person troubleshooting and fixing our computers. Joe, on the other hand, uploads the weekly Bulletin to our website and he is our resident locksmith, the person we can rely on when we have problems with our keys and locks. With our greatest appreciation, we thank these two goodhearted parishioners for providing us with changes to make us current and updated.

Fr. Arnold

FAZnotes

(Father Arnold Zamora)

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Dear parishioners and friends of St. Robert's,

Our parishioners are still grieving over the loss of a loved one. Our lector Carmen Pisani lost her 90-year-old mom few weeks ago. Our parish council member and lector (and many more) Barbara Rudometkin lost her nephew Michael Rudometkin in that tragic shooting at the VTA in San Jose. Our Religious Education Director Leslie Font just lost her dad Ronald Everett few days ago. Our prayers go with them. So many heartaches. I feel their brokenness. Where can we find happiness?

Jane Marczewski, who goes by the stage name **Nightbirde**, is suffering from a multiple cancer and still performed at the America's Got Talent show few days ago and remarked: ***"You can't wait until life is not hard anymore before you decide to be happy."***

When you finally realize this world can't help you. You will cry out to the One who can. When life becomes too difficult for you to stand, KNEEL before God and pray. When the pain is deep, go deeper in prayer.

God is always in the "boat" with you!

Fr. Arnold