

Pastor's updates

June 25, 2021



Things you may want to know this week

1. News and updates on the reopening for public masses:

- The dispensation for attending Sunday mass has been dropped and Sunday mass obligation is restored. However, anyone who feels sick is dispensed from attending mass by canon law itself.
- Here are some modifications taken from the safety protocols in effect for the Archdiocese of San Francisco
 - + Social distancing is reduced to 3 feet between households;
 - + People are to wear masks for indoor masses at all times (except if they have a physical or personal difficulty with it or have a specific role to carry out in the liturgy)
 - + Sign of Peace to be exchanged by the people reverently by bowing to those near them.
 - + Everyone is encouraged to maintain hygienic protocols such social distancing, and washing or sanitizing of hands.
- * At St. Robert's, we have started restoring communion procession, that is, people receive communion by lining up in procession to the ministers and not anymore in their pews.
- * We will also restore putting of holy water in stoups at entrances of the church.
- * We will continue to livestream our masses except Sunday, 7:30am and 5:00pm masses.

2. RYAN QUOCK, our young parishioner who is serving as a Trust in the Vaccine Ambassador this Summer will be speaking at all masses this weekend to help educate the public about the benefits of the COVID-19 vaccine and encourage people to get vaccinated.

3. Father BOIE ESPELETA, our parochial vicar, is celebrating his *nth* birthday this Monday, June 28. Offer a prayer for him and wish him a Happy Birthday.

4. Don't forget our **First Friday Devotion** with a Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and our **First Saturday Devotion** with our Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8:30AM mass.

5. Facebook is sponsoring a virtual gathering of faith leadership at the first **Facebook Connect With Faith** on Tuesday, June 29 at 10AM -11:30AM. The session is based around how to better use social media, Facebook, Livestream, etc., for the congregation. It will feature speakers such as Facebook Chief Operating Office **Sheryl Sandberg** and **Bishop Robert Barron**, from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

This is a free event and details are below if you are interested in joining!

Event Sign up and Agenda Page <https://fbconnectwithfaith.com>

6. The Philippines mourns the death of its former president **BENIGNO “NOYNOY” AQUINO III** yesterday on the Solemnity of John the Baptist, June 24. Aquino, 61, served as the country’s 15th president from 2010 to 2016 and was succeeded in office by the incumbent, Rodrigo Duterte. I will be presiding a Memorial Mass for the late former president at the Philippine Consulate in San Francisco, this Monday, June 28 at 6PM.

Fr. Arnold

FAZnotes

(Father Arnold Zamora)

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Dear parishioners and friends of St. Robert’s,

It’s vacation time with lesser restrictions. We can see the world again.

The world can offer a lot, but even having them all may not ensure our contentment.

What we value defines our happiness.

What we keep spells our purpose.

What we do becomes our commitment.

In the end, our real treasures are the love in our hearts,

the true people we have and the loving God who sticks to us no matter what.

“True friends aren’t the ones who make your problems disappear. They are the ones who won’t disappear when you are facing problems. True friendship isn’t about only being there when it’s convenient. It’s about being there when it’s not.”

Be great for God is great!

Fr. Arnold