

Pastor's updates

July 23, 2021



Things you may want to know this week

1. FINALLY! Last Monday, **the St. Robert Men's Club** was able to meet for a night of food, drinks, conversation and baseball. It was a lively evening with over 45 men happy to see each other and welcoming new members such as fathers of the incoming Kindergarten class. There was no better way to end the evening than with the Giants beating the Dodgers!

2. FINALLY! We had our first of two introductions to **Altar Server's Ministry** meeting. Thank you to **Mr. Lawrence Kong-Ellison**, our new Altar Servers' coordinator, who organized and trained the youth of our parish at last Tuesday's meeting. We had a total of 20 kids from 4th grade to High School who participated, 13 new and 7 returning. The second Introduction to Altar Serving meeting for those who were not able to make it last Tuesday will take place in early September. Saturday and Sunday Masses will start having Altar Servers on Saturday, September 18 at the 8:30AM mass.

3. FINALLY! Next week there will be thirteen priests staying in our parish convent and rectory for a priests' reunion. The priests from the Province of Bohol in the Philippines (PB-USA), where Fr. Boie and I are from, serve many parishes and institutions in the United States and Canada. The PB-USA gathers annually to share their faith, fellowship, and friendship to better serve their respective communities. The **35th annual PB-USA reunion** (which was postponed last year due to the pandemic) will be held in San Francisco on July 26 - 30, 2021. St. Robert's is hosting the whole group on Wednesday, July 28th and Thursday morning on July 29th. Thank you to the **In-Betweeners** for feeding the group breakfast on both days and **the Fil-Am Group** for sponsoring the Wednesday luncheon.

4. FAMILY! The USCCB has designated July 25 - 31 as **Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week**. This year's theme is "To Have, To Hold, To Honor" because NFP allows married couples to speak "the language of the body" in truth. It allows them fully to have, to hold, and to honor each other by supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage. Our parishioner, Barbara Villalobos, has prepared a short informative Q&A handout that covers the basics of NFP and the Church's teachings with regards to NFP and married love.

FAZnotes
(Father Arnold Zamora)
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Dear parishioners and friends of St. Robert's,

Simple are the needs in life:

A mind peaceful enough to think & imagine;

A heart happy enough to love & care;

A body healthy enough to move & work.

Wealth that is enough to share;

Faith in Jesus that transform lives.

Have a blessed life!

Fr. Arnold