

# Pastor's updates

August 20, 2021



## Things you may want to know this week

1. This Sunday, August 22, we celebrate the **21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** in our church liturgical calendar. We will have our First School Family Mass at 9:30AM. Ordinarily, when August 22<sup>nd</sup> does not fall on a Sunday, we celebrate the Queenship of Mary. With the school's acquisition of Mary's statue, Mary's Queenship will be celebrated and honored at school. The statue will be mounted on the hill behind the play structure so that Mary will be looking at our children while they play at the school yard and as they go to school. Certainly, our school will also be doing a May Crowning next year.
2. As to the **grotto of our Lady** in front of the church, it is still in progress. We are looking at the best way to proceed. So is the **heating project** at the church. We already received two bids with more questions to ask before we finally decide. As parishioner **Pat Ryan** always reminds me: PNP- Progress Not Perfection. I had to remind myself through St. Theresa of Avila's words: PWE- Patience Wins Everything.
3. I will have another back-to-back Funeral/Memorial Masses tomorrow for two of our parishioners: Christopher Adan, whose 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday falls tomorrow and Zuzana Larios, (more info expected)
4. SF Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone sent a Memo to all priests in the Archdiocese regarding the **request for religious exemption** from vaccine mandates of their employers on the grounds of their moral objections to the vaccines. The archbishop has asked us not to give such letters of exemption and to, however, refer them to his office. On the other hand, Pope Francis and some cardinals released a video encouraging people to get the vaccine (see video below). Parishioner and our young vaccine ambassador, Ryan Quock, has put up another video, featuring our own parishioners expressing their reasons why the vaccine is important. So, better get your vaccine now!
5. The email phishing has continued. Our parish secretaries have received a separate email supposedly from me with a bogus email add: [revpastor12@clergy.com](mailto:revpastor12@clergy.com), informing them that I changed my bank and to change my direct deposit details. Please be extra careful with this kind of fraudulent email. Do not easily bite their bait, call the parish office for anything suspicious.

**6. The Office of Worship** will be offering training for new and experienced Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion as well as for Readers over two consecutive Saturdays during the months of September, October & November.

**San Mateo County: 11/6 & 11/13 | Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

San Francisco County: 9-11-21 & 9-18-21 | St. Elizabeth Church

Marin County: 10-16-21 & 10-23-21 | St. Sebastian Church

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This training fulfills the requirement of the Archdiocese to be certified every three years for these ministries. Fee: \$20.00 pre-registered; \$25.00 for same-day registrants.

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## **FAZnotes**

**(Father Arnold Zamora)**

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**Dear parishioners and friends of St. Robert's,**

**Welcome to the new school year and welcome to our “family of families!”**

**As this school begins, I pray that GOD’s power be your courage,  
His promises be your comfort and  
His presence be your guide and strength.**

**A prayer to bless your work,  
A cheer to lighten your moments...  
and a wish that GOD will always grant you a perfect day!”**

**“God weaves HIS wonders beyond our plans.  
As we pray and ask for what we want, something even better comes..  
More than what we expected.”**

**God’s blessing be upon you!**

***Fr. Arnold***