

Pastor's updates

November 5, 2021



Things you may want to know this week

1. Congratulations to the 37 students who received the **Sacrament of Confirmation** tonight officiated by none other than our Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone with Fr. Armando Gutierrez as the Master of Ceremonies. Congratulations to their parents and sponsors too. Thanks to Joanne Bartolotti and Leslie Fong, our co-directors of our Religious Ed for preparing our Confirmandi. Thanks to Benjamin Sabater for sharing his angelic voice as a cantor together with our Music Director GP.

2. Earlier today we celebrated a special **Memorial Mass** at Holy Cross for all the deceased priests in the Archdiocese. Archbishop Cordileone presided the mass attended by about 25 priests. After the mass, we had a procession to the gravesite of the deceased priests singing the Litany of the Saints and ending with Salve Regina.

3. **Daylight Savings Time (DST)** ends this Sunday. For those of you who don't have smart watches and clocks, make sure to turn your clocks an hour earlier before you go to bed.

4. This Sunday is **Vocation Awareness Sunday**. National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 7-13, 2021, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Your prayers are needed and if you feel you are called, answer it.

5. This Tuesday, November 9, St. Roberts is hosting the **Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW)** for their monthly meeting. The said meeting will be held at our Parish Convent Dining room from 1PM - 3PM. As their chaplain/ spiritual moderator, I have to take part in this meeting besides being the host.

6. A Note of Thanks from **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** through **Mary Nunnery**: Our SVdP Conference Members cannot thank you enough for the generous donations of food you have provided to us during the month of October. Your donations allowed us to deliver two grocery bags and a \$25 Lucky Script Card to each of our 28 families for Thanksgiving. Our conference is blessed to be part of the St. Robert's Community.

7. **Altar servers** met last Wednesday for a large group practice. **Mr. Ellison** showed them some of the new procedures and helped them understand different parts of the liturgy. They worked in small groups to help practice and review the procedures. There are 53 altar servers, ranging from fourth graders to high school. The servers also have new candles to carry during liturgy. Next week the altar serving schedule will go live through Google Docs, so servers may begin signing up on their own. Please continue to pray for them and their service.

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

This hit home for me.

When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away? Of course not. You change the batteries.

When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not? You help them change their batteries.

Some need AA.... Attention and affection, some need AAA... attention, affection, and acceptance; some need C... compassion; some need D... direction.

And if they still don't seem to shine... simply sit with them quietly and share your light.

In Christ,

Fr. Arnold