Pastor's updates

November 19, 2021



Things you may want to know this week

- 1. This Sunday, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, commonly referred to as the Feast of <u>Christ the King</u> or simply Christ the King Sunday. It serves as the final Sunday in Ordinary Time and marks the end of the Church Liturgical Year (Year B). Our Church calendar has a three-year cycle, Year A, B and C. Next Sunday starts Year C, a new year for the church, celebrating the First Sunday of Advent.
- 2. Our seventh graders are sponsoring our School Family Mass this Sunday at 9:30 A.M. At the 11:30 A.M. Mass, we will have the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome for our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). The Inquirers who will then be called Catechumens after this Sunday are the father-daughter tandem **Nigel and Haley Staples**. They will be joined by **Rodolfo Flores** and his girlfriend **Jessica de Paz** who are planning to get married next year and want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation prior to their wedding.
- **3.** Our school parents led by **Brooke Nizuk, Jill Penna** and **Julie Cress** have started decorating our school and church with Christmas lights. All those lights will be simultaneously turned on at our First Christmas Tree Lighting celebration next Friday at 6:00 P.M. It will also coincide with the opening of our Christmas Tree Lot in the main parking lot.
- **4.** Next Thursday is **Thanksgiving Day**, and our only Mass that day will be at **9:30 A.M.** Even though our world is still struggling to heal, there is still so much to be thankful for. For our Saint Vincent de Paul Society, it will be a Giving Day; it will distribute two bags of groceries, a fresh chicken, and a \$25.00 Lucky Script Card to 26 families. We are very grateful for your donation.
- **5.** Thanks to **Dennis Gunther** and **Rob Aveson** for moving some desks, chairs, unwanted and outdated electronic equipment and other junk out of the proposed room for our youth at the Convent. They also discarded the recyclable bottles and emptied the garbage that had been sitting for months behind the Convent.
- 6. Our Youth Core Group had a meeting last Tuesday in the Convent living room. I was amazed at the members' enthusiasm to serve our community and to be an example to our youth. The youth leaders who attended the meeting were: Tamer Muhawieh, Brandon Collins, James Bourdet, Matthew Laupati, Annabel Fuell, Isabel Padia, Selena Hishmeh, and Presley Rohatch. Ms. Maggie de Vera, our Director for Youth Ministry and I facilitated the meeting along with Mr. Michael Garcia who is an administrator at St. Robert School.
- **7. BEWARE** and be **AWARE of SCAMMERS!** They have expanded their bait from email phishing to text messaging. On several occasions, they have used my name to ask for gift cards or any favors through email and through text messages. Don't take the bait!

FAZnotes

(Father Arnold Zamora)

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Dear parishioners and friends of St. Robert's,

A new day like TODAY is not just GOD's gift to us. We are GOD's gift to one another. With the LOVE we can share and the SERVICE we can give to others multiply GOD's BLESSINGS.

the secret of CLOSENESS is Concern; the secret of LOVE is Sacrifice; the secret of HAPPINESS is Giving; and, the secret of LIFE is GOD.

Have a sacred and beautiful day!

Fr. Arnold