

# Pastor's updates

November 26, 2021



## Things you may want to know this week

- 1. Happy New Year Church!** This Sunday is the **First Sunday of Advent**, the start of the new Liturgical Year of the Church. The theme of this Sunday is "Hope." Indeed, the hope of a better time is here. Starting this Sunday, we will bring back the ritual of presenting the bread and wine during the Offertory procession at mass. Holy Water in stoups will now be available at the entrances to the church.
- 2.** As we start the new year of the Church, we will also be **recommissioning our Liturgical Ministers** at each mass. Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, musicians, cantors, choir members, ushers, altar servers, church environment, altar ministers, will be asked to come forward after the last Announcement. We also thank them for their ministry to the church.
- 3.** We thank **Roonie and Terry Flaherty** for donating a beautiful picture frame image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We now have something to display during our First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart. Join us next Friday for that devotion and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Next Saturday also is our First Saturday Devotion with a Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- 4.** Our monthly **Grief Support Meeting** will be held on Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, in the Convent. The meeting is open to all who are grieving the loss of a loved one. GP Eleria, our music director, will be playing some Christmas songs at this meeting. For more information, please email: Judy Kerrigan - [srconsolationmin@att.net](mailto:srconsolationmin@att.net).
- 5.** Look for the **Adopt-A-Family Tree** outside of masses this weekend 11/27-28 and next 12/4-5. If you can't get by, you can email Rob Aveson at: [robaveson@gmail.com](mailto:robaveson@gmail.com) or call at 650-207-1994. Thank you!
- 6.** Our main parking lot tonight was packed with school families, parishioners and friends for the opening our Christmas Tree Lot and the lighting of our Christmas Tree. It started with the Blessing of the Christmas Tree followed by 6<sup>th</sup> grader **Benjamin Sabater** singing some Christmas songs accompanied by GP on the piano. Some of our school kids later sung Christmas carols on top of their voices. Santa arrived on schedule at 5:30PM by a fire truck. He did the countdown for the Christmas Tree lighting. Grinch was spotted by the Christmas Tree Lot trying to steal a tree. Some kids made sure Grinch could not get away as San Bruno police arrested the cynical grump. Thanks to the ladies who are running the Christmas Tree Lot especially **Michelle Schaukowitz, Jill Penna and Julie Cress**. We also thank the other group of school parents headed by **Brooke Nizuk** who organized the Christmas Tree lighting and decorated the church frontage with Christmas lights. Now, "it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas."
- 7.** By the way, the Christmas Tree Lot will be accepting donations during the sale this weekend to help pay for trees donated to needy SVDP families. Or you can simply sponsor a Christmas Tree for a needy family.

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

**Nothing makes a new day more promising than having a loving heart, a good spirit, a clear mind and an incredible strength that comes from GOD.**

**May you have all the love, all the goodness, all the purity and all the energy today.**

**Every struggle in your life has shaped you into the person you are today.**

**Be thankful for the hard times; they have made you stronger.**

*Have a peaceful and enjoyable weekend.*

*Fr. Arnold*