

Pastor's updates

January 21, 2022



Things you may want to know this week

1. CONGRATULATIONS! This week Dr. Sullivan announced the appointment of Mr. **Michael Garcia** as vice principal of St. Robert's school. Mr. Garcia carries with him a variety of experience as a science teacher, technology administrator, instructional designer, K-8 leadership team and administrator, and a cross country/track and field head coach. He has been at St. Robert's school for the past 7 years.

2. EXCITING! After professionally prepping the walls of our main parking lot, we can finally start **painting the murals** this Saturday. We might need a few weekends to finish the whole project. Also this Saturday, we will be interviewing the parents of the incoming Kindergarten class.

3. NOSTALGIA! Sister Sheral, our former pastoral associate, made a quick visit yesterday with Sister Maureen. We surely miss her presence. We value her service here, which was quite noticeable after she was gone. Meanwhile, the **Presentation Sisters** sent us their Christmas greetings, best wishes and prayers for our parish. These sisters have created a great impact on our community. They are surely missed.

4. SUCCESS! The response to the **A Promise of Hope and Healing** campaign was very overwhelming. We reached a pledge total of over **\$146,546** and over **\$142,573** has been received to date. This will surely help with the financial well-being of our spiritual home and I cannot thank you enough for your generosity. I am thanking God for the gift of you to our parish. Expect my thank you letter coming to your door with the great hope that it gets to your heart.

5. GENEROUS INDEED! God's immense generosity and perpetual providence is reflected in the hearts of our parishioners and friends. The **special collection** last Sunday for the victims of the super typhoon in the southern Philippines amounted to \$3,573.00. A friend of ours from another parish gave a personal contribution of \$2000. I also received a donation of \$1000 from the Catholic Community Foundation upon the recommendation of Edita Cruz. This foundation has been looking after us knowing that we share their vision in helping the poor and the afflicted. So, the total number donation is **\$6,573** and this will be turned over to assist the victims in three Dioceses in the Philippines: **Tagbilaran, Talibon and Surigao**. Thank you so much to all the donors. You are truly the image and likeness of God!

6. CONSOLING! Judy Kerrigan, the head of our Grief Consolation Ministry, wishes to announce that the monthly **Grief Support Meeting** will take place on **Thursday, February 3, 2022** after the 8:30 AM Mass, in the Convent. This meeting is open to all who are grieving the loss of a loved one. For more information, please email: **Judy Kerrigan** - srconsolationmin@att.net.

7. PHISHERS of MEN! A few parishioners informed me about getting an email from me asking for some gift cards and money. This is again **email phishing**, a fraudulent act pretending to be coming from me. **DO NOT RESPOND** to this email. Simply delete it and disregard it. But thank you for letting me know. I would say similar words that I received from a bank today: “If you receive a call or email asking you to provide any confidential information, do not engage. The bank will never ask to verify or divulge your personal information such as user account ID, password, account number, credit card number and CVV/CVC via email link, text message or phone call”

8. PRAYER! Tomorrow, January 22, 2022 is the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, **Roe vs. Wade (1973)**, ruling that the [Constitution of the United States](#) protects a pregnant woman's liberty to choose to have an abortion without excessive government restriction. All Dioceses of the United States shall observe a “**day of prayer** for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.”

FAZnotes

(Father Arnold Zamora)

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Dear St. Robert's parishioners and friends,

We learned that giving love is a pleasure of the heart,
and receiving it back is a treasure for the soul.

The reason why we always want to share a soft healing touch,
a kind smile, a soothing word, a listening heart,
an honest compliment and share laughter is...
because the smallest acts of caring are the little things
that make someone's life a wonderful journey!

Grateful for always,

Fr. Arnold