

Pastor's updates

January 28, 2022



Things you may want to know this week

1. NEW LIFE! The gift of eternal life has been granted to our former pastor **Father Vincent Ring** upon his return to our heavenly Father and to his eternal home last Wednesday, January 26. Father Ring was Saint Robert's pastor for 13 years from 1990-2003. His Funeral Mass will be on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 10:30AM. There will also be a Funeral Vigil on Tuesday, February 8, at 7PM with Visitation that starts after 6:00PM. Both services will be in our church. Two other priests from the Archdiocese passed away early this week: **Msgr. Floro Arcamo**, the former pastor of Star of the Sea in San Francisco and **Father John Sakowski**, the former pastor of St. Monica-St. Thomas the Apostle parishes. So, 3 priests in 3 days! "Well done, good and faithful servant! Come and share your master's joy!" (Matthew 25:24)

2. TRAINING DAY! **Laura Bertoni**, the Archdiocese Director of Worship will be doing a workshop tomorrow, January 29, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in Hennessy Hall to train and retrain our Eucharist Ministers, Lectors, and anyone involved in the Liturgical life of the church.

Don't miss this important opportunity to better understand our roles when we serve at church.

3. SPECIAL MASS! Our school will celebrate the opening of the **Catholic Schools Week** at the 9:30AM mass this Sunday. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service. The main celebrant and presider of the mass is **Archbishop Bernardito Auza**, the Papal Nuncio to Spain. Papal Nuncios are the church ambassadors and the pope's representative to a country. There is also a Book Fair in the Hennessy Hall before and after the mass.

4. NEW YEAR! It's **Chinese New Year**, also known as Lunar New Year, this Tuesday, February 1, 2022. As each year is associated with one of the 12 animals in the Chinese zodiac, this year is the Year of the Tiger. It is said that children born in the year ahead will be brave, competitive and strong. In Cantonese, the main language of southern China and Hong Kong, the New Year greeting is "Gong Hei Fat Choy" (恭喜發財), which means "wishing you prosperity." In Mandarin, people say "Xin Nian Kuai Le" (新年快乐), which simply means "Happy New Year".

5. CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK! In addition to the Family mass and Book Fair this Sunday, the school will continue to celebrate **Catholic Schools Week** through Monday, February 7. Room parents have beautifully decorated the classroom doors capturing the spirit of the school and the students enjoyed a Red & Gold free dress day on Friday to kick off events for the week. Go 49ers! Some of the activities include a Student Appreciation Day with an extended recess, popsicle treats, and no homework! The excitement continues through the week with celebrating our faculty & staff and a day to celebrate Vocations. More events include the school Fun Run on Friday, February 4 and our annual Speech Contest on Monday, February 7. Happy Catholic Schools Week!

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

The death of someone dear to us confronts us every now and then.
That's why we need to take time to make the most of each passing day.
You'll never know how long you will still live.

So find heaven here on earth.
Create a paradise now.
For eternity is what you decide here today.

Don't let a day pass without finding something good in it.
Walk, travel, and love as long as you can still do it.

Go savor its passing day.

Keep well!
Fr. Arnold