

Pastor's updates

February 25, 2022



Things you may want to know this week

- 1.** This Sunday is the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time which marks the last Sunday before Lent. The Lenten Season starts with **Ash Wednesday** - Wednesday, March 2. There will be two masses that day, 8:30AM and 7:00PM. With the easing of Covid restrictions, we will now go back to the customary practice of the imposition of ashes, i.e., tracing the sign of the cross on the forehead with the ashes while reciting the proper formula. Pope Francis announced that this year's Ash Wednesday will be a **“Day of Prayer and Fasting for Ukraine.”**
- 2. RESPECT for LIFE.** The 40 Days for Life Campaign will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2, and end on Palm Sunday, April 10. Sign up to pray the rosary for one hour at Planned Parenthood, 2907 El Camino Real, Redwood City. Contact mary.nunnery@hotmail.com to sign up. This campaign has saved thousands of babies, and your participation can save many more.
- 3.** St. Robert's School will undergo the **WASC Accreditation**. “Wasc is that?”(What is that?). WASC stands for Western Association of Schools and Colleges. A visiting committee, composed of educators from different schools, will spend three days starting Monday to provide an outside perspective on the quality of the curricular and instructional program provided to our students. This committee will review student performance data, observe the school in operation, and visit the different classes. Members will dialogue with Dr. Sullivan, our school principal, teachers, students, as well as with me. The committee will then prepare a report outlining its findings. Nothing to fear though, as our faculty and staff are quite prepared for this. Some recommendations are expected which will be good for the betterment of our school.
- 4.** The monthly **Grief Support Meeting** will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2022, after the 8:30 Mass, in the Convent. The meeting is open to all who are grieving the loss of a loved one. For more information, please email: Judy Kerrigan - srconsolationmin@att.net.
- 5.** We grieve the loss of three parishioners: **ANNA SCADUTO**, 99 (d.02/14), a longtime parishioner, **TRACEY MADDEN JONES**, 51 (d.2/13), one of our Eucharistic ministers, and **FRANCES ANN BENNETT**, 79 (d.2/21), a member of our InBetweeners. May their souls rest in peace!
- 6.** Next weekend, March 5-6, we will be launching our **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)**. I want to discontinue the practice of burdening you with a Second Collection every month for this campaign. Instead, I would like to encourage more participation. I will be very happy if at least 20% of you participate this year, regardless of the size of your pledge. Next week, you will receive a “love” letter from me, and I thank you in advance for your positive response.
- 7.** Next Friday is the First Friday of the month when we typically have our **First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart** followed by an hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Due to the on-going construction we will forgo the Adoration, and hopefully resume next month. We will still have the Novena to the Sacred Heart. At 6PM this Friday and all Fridays of Lent, we will have **Stations of the Cross** in the church at 6PM. Please pray with us! This is good Lenten practice. Remember that Lenten season is about prayer, fasting and alms giving!

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

We May this blessed and wonderful day create within you a quiet place where GOD speaks His PROMISES of PEACE and LOVE.

May God's love be a reminder that He prepared the BEST for you and your family today...

... and may you always have a nice walk with HIM, and be a blessing to others...

Let's pray with the Pope for Ukraine:

Holy Spirit, giver of peace

Wrap your loving graces around our sisters and brothers who are under duress in the Ukraine

Shelter them from the evolving hostilities, oppression, and chaos.

Through You, all things are possible

Bring peace, love, and kindness to this region so that all can live a life free from war and strife.

May peace prevail.

Amen

God is always with you,

Fr. Arnold