

Pastor's updates

March 4, 2022



Things you may want to know this week

1. Our **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)** launches this weekend. Most of you must have received my "love" letter. What is love after all but the giving of oneself for the beloved - just as Christ gave his life for us. Your support of His Church is a gesture of your love. Discover the many good things God has done for you. Share your blessings in return. I have every hope that all will respond to this year's theme - *"As I have done for you, you should do also."*
2. On this First Sunday of Lent, we will have the **Rite of Sending for our RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) candidates at the 9:30AM mass. **Nigel and Haley Staples** (Father and daughter) are preparing for baptism and full communion into the Catholic Church. **Jessica De Paz** is beginning her final preparation for the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. **Roberto Flores** is beginning his final preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. Jessica and Roberto are getting married this year. Let us keep them in our prayers. We will have our second **Youth Mass** at the **5PM** mass.
3. During this season of Lent, I invite you to celebrate the Mass meditatively. Start by gazing at the **Crucified Christ** as the **Cross** (crucifix) passes by you during the processional rite as we sing our Entrance song. Then listen attentively to the readings and homily. Reflect on how you can assimilate the lessons in your daily life.
4. **March** is **National Women's History Month**, a time to pay tribute to the generations of women who changed the face of society through courage and activism. Let us also honor and thank all the women who serve our parish by giving their time, talent and treasure to the church. Next Tuesday, March 14, St. Robert's **Women's Guild** is meeting with a lesson on mixology. Learn to mix your drinks! But remember to drink moderately. See posters below. The **Men's Club** is meeting this Monday, March 7. Attend the meeting and watch the Warriors crush the Nuggets.
5. Our Eighth Graders will be going to Caritas Creek next week for their **Confirmation Retreat**. Starting this year, the Confirmation for our Eight Graders at St. Robert's school will be done during their final year at school. Fr. Boie and I will be joining them next Wednesday afternoon for Confessions and Mass.

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

**Our life on earth is always a blessing no matter how difficult things turn out.
A blessing to our family, to our loved ones and friends.**

**No matter how difficult or challenging we may find life to be sometimes, it is still
better just to be here, living our life's purpose than not to have existed at all.**

**Worries and tensions are like the birds. You cannot stop them from flying near but
you can certainly prevent them from making a nest in your mind.**

**Let us live inspiring lives and continue to touch other people's lives by our
kindness, humility, compassion, forgiveness, love and prayers.**

Nothing is more important than being an instrument of God's caring for others!

A Blessed Day!

Fr. Arnold