

Pastor's updates

March 18, 2022



Things you may want to know this week

1. This WEEKEND!

- a. We will have our **First Reconciliation** or Confession this Saturday morning at 10:30 AM for our St. Robert School and Parish Religious Education program students.
- b. As we do every third Sunday of the month, we will have our Family Mass at 9:30 a.m. This Sunday's Mass will be sponsored by the First and Third Graders.
- c. As it is the **Third Sunday of Lent**, the Rite of Sending for our RCIA candidates will take place at the 5 p.m. mass

2. Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) and Second Collection Updates:

- a. Last week, I found an AAA envelope that was dropped in our parish mailbox that went to the floor. Inside the unsealed and unmarked envelope was \$900 cash presumably for the AAA 1% club. I invite the generous donor to please call us for appropriate acknowledgment. If you wish to remain anonymous, we respect your wishes, and thank you so much for your kindness. God bless you for helping us reach over 20% of our goal in a span of two weeks. I encourage all who have not yet turned in their pledges to please do so in the next couple of weeks, or sooner, to allow us to focus on other pressing needs of the parish. Thanks to all who have already participated, especially to those who responded to the AAA 1% club invitation.
- b. I would like to personally apologize for the Second Collection taken up last weekend for the AAA, especially since I had told you that we are discontinuing this practice. Those were the last envelopes mailed months ago and I am sorry that this caused so much confusion.
- c. Next month, however, you will receive new envelopes as we have added three Second Collections for our Youth Ministry, Music Ministry and Building and Maintenance Fund.

3. Our **In-Betweeners** will have a meeting next Friday, March 25, that usually includes a sumptuous dinner and lively fellowship with a \$15 donation per attendees.

4. Our St. Robert's **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** is now preparing for their upcoming Easter distribution. Donations of food items are needed to fill the bags that will be delivered to the 25 families here in San Bruno. The following items are requested: pasta sauce, tuna, rice, canned fruit, cake mixes, peanut butter (28 oz. or smaller), jam (17 oz), cereals (regular size), and oatmeal. The Food Basket will be put out in front of the Ambo starting Saturday, March 19. Thanking you in advance for your generosity.

5. Hurray to St. Robert's Sports Teams and coaches.

- a. Congratulations to our **St. Robert's Cheerleaders** for winning first prize in the recently concluded Mercy High School Spirit Spectacular held at Serra High School last Tuesday, March 15. Our cheerleaders are composed of 21 girls, 11 7th graders and 10 8th graders with mascot Tamer Muhawieh and coach Gina Portolan.
- b. Congratulations also to our 8th graders Basketball team for winning the playoffs and will now be competing for the championship.

6. Our heating project is moving along. We hope to have the radiators installed next week, and with luck we will have heat rising along with Jesus by Easter. Due to the construction, we have not been able to resume the livestreaming of our Masses. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

7. You are all invited to an In-Person and Virtual (Via Zoom) Lenten Recollection entitled "**Lenten Healing**" with **Msgr. Michael Harriman** on March 23, 2022, 7:00-9:00PM. Register to attend: <https://bit.ly/LentenHealing2022>.

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

Life is full of "UPS" and "DOWNS".

The only WISDOM in facing them is to GLORIFY GOD during the "ups" and FULLY TRUST him during the "downs"!

Remember:

The best place in the world is to be in the ARMS OF GOD who will not only hold you at your "BEST" but will pick you up and hold you tighter at your "WEAKEST".

When you are going through something hard and wonder where GOD is, remember the teacher is always quiet during a test.

TRUST IN THE LORD.

Pray for Ukraine! Pray for Russia! Pray for Peace!

Fr. Arnold