

Pastor's updates

April 8, 2022



Things you may want to know this week

1. I would like to start with a happy note. We have now reached 60% of our **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal** target. I am so amazed and humbled by your generous response. It only took us five weeks compared to last year when we were close to the end of the year before achieving this number. Thank you again for your support.
2. Now on the sad note, **Trish Casey**, our head usher for the 9:30 a.m. Mass has moved to Sacramento. This is a big loss because she was so faithful in her service to our parish. We can never thank her enough for the many years she served our community. We wish her the best in her new journey, and assure her of our prayers. If you know someone who wants to be our new 9:30 a.m. Mass usher, please contact me.
3. We are saddened by the passing of **John Valdez**. John and his wife, Ruby, were members of the St. Robert's Saint Vincent de Paul Conference for 36 years, and served in the soup kitchen in South San Francisco. John was a Lector at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Our condolences to the family, especially to Ruby. May he rest in peace.
4. **Welcome to Holy Week**, the holiest week of the year! We have several activities planned to make your Lenten experience a spiritually uplifting preparation to welcome Easter.
 - a) We celebrate **Palm Sunday this** Sunday. We will start the celebration in front of the church with the blessing of the palms. We ask that you join the blessing and the procession to the church. This is the moment to recall Jesus' triumphant entrance to Jerusalem, and our own entrance that leads us to the glory of the cross.
 - b) Perhaps for the first time ever in the history of St. Robert's parish, we are having two beautiful and unique experiences for deep reflection this Holy Week.

First, is the Lenten Musical Reflection: "**Journey Into Light** " this Wednesday at 6P p.m. in the church. produced by our Music Director, GP Eleria and our school's Religious Director, Lawrence Kong-Ellison. Enjoy the show, hear beautiful music, and feel the spirit of Holy Week.

Second, on Good Friday at 2 p.m., seven of our parishioners will take turns in giving a reflection on the **Seven Last Words** of Jesus. See posters below for details.
5. The **rectory carpet** was deep cleaned today. **Our church vestibule** floor and sacristy floor will be waxed tomorrow morning. Also, tomorrow, **5 pine trees** between the school and the church that are nearing death will be cut down paving the way for a better location of our planned Mary's Grotto.

6. Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps parishes in the area to maintain Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve sacred Shrines. Please be generous.

7. Our Women's Guild is hosting an "**Easter Egg Hunt**" this Monday, April 11 at 6:30PM. Please see poster below. Likewise, our parish is hosting another Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 17, right after the 9:30AM mass at the rectory's garden, left-side of the church across the park.

8. Congratulations to our **Youth Ministry** for posting their first Flocknote Newsletter. With the direction and guidance of Maggie de Vera and Lawrence Kong-Ellison, they will also be leading us in our Good Friday Stations of the Cross scheduled at 1PM. Thank you for energizing our parish by your service and simply by your presence.

FAZnotes

(Father Arnold Zamora)

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Dear St. Robert's parishioners and friends,

Life is like a wheel, always turning and always evolving.

Sometimes you fall down, sometimes you deflate.

But always try to keep going, and to stay strong.

Some journeys are longer than others, some are bumpier than others.

But when GOD is by your side, the load of life is a lot easier to bear!

Have FAITH and TRUST GOD always.

Have a GRACE-FILLED HOLY WEEK!

Fr. Arnold