

Pastor's updates

May 27, 2022



Things you may want to know this week

1. Thirty-Five St. Robert's School students graduated today at the **Graduation Ceremony** held in the church at 5:00p.m. A Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated at 9:30a.m. this morning where several awards were given. Last night, they had a Graduation celebration at Pinstripes Bistro in Hillsdale sponsored by the Seventh grade parents. Congratulations to all the graduates and their parents!
2. Traditionally, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been celebrated, and is still celebrated in many parts of the world, 40 days after Easter. This is following the church tradition as narrated in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1:3): "He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God". But 40 days after Easter will always be a Thursday, a work day for many Catholics. For pastoral reasons, the USCCB (US Confraternity of Catholic Bishops) moved this great feast to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. So, our parish will joyfully celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension, which marks the completion of Christ's work of redemption, this coming Sunday.
3. This Sunday at the 11:30a.m. Mass, St. Robert's and the Fil-Am Group will be celebrating the annual **Flores de Mayo**. Children will be offering flowers, and placing a floral crown on our Blessed Mother. We encourage all the children of our parish to take part in this devotion, and come to the vestibule of the church before the Mass to honor our Blessed Mother. At this mass, two of our parishioners will be installed or commissioned as Eucharistic Ministers: **Carol Pacas and Ali Gaines**. Thank you for your service to our church.
4. The **Legion of Mary**, a lay association of the Catholic Church, is now celebrating the Centenary Anniversary of its foundation having been founded by Servant of God Frank Duff in Dublin, Ireland, on September 7, 1921. Pope Francis, through the Sacred Penitentiary has granted a PLENARY INDULGENCE properly fulfilled under the usual conditions – performance of prescribed act, Sacramental Confession within several days (about 20) before or after the indulgenced act, Holy Communion, prayer for the intention of the Holy Pontiff, a firm amendment of a contrite heart and detachment from sin during the Centenary Anniversary of the Legion of Mary from September 7, 2021- September 7, 2022. The plenary indulgence can be applied for the souls in Purgatory, if the faithful visits any church of the said Association, or at least recite the Lord's Prayer and the Creed devoutly, with added pious appeals to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

For more details, or if you want to join or know more about the Legion of Mary, please contact **Jun Abellana**, our parish Legion of Mary coordinator: abellana7@yahoo.com.

5. We are in the process of upgrading our **phone system** in the office. If you want to leave a voicemail message, please speak clearly and SLOWLY; also, be sure to repeat your call back number. Otherwise, we may not be able to respond to your message. Thank you.

6. The Archdiocese of San Francisco joyfully announces the ordination of **David Arms, James DeWan, Ricardo Escobar, Thomas Kramer, Christopher Major, Chris Mariano, Guillermo Quant, Mark Scafidi, Iwan Soegiharto, and Russ Wertenberg** called to serve the people of God as Permanent Deacons. The ordination will be held this Saturday at 10:00a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral.

7. The **School and parish office** will be closed this Monday in observance of Memorial Day. As we pray and honor the men and women who died to bring peace to our country, let us also pray for the victims of the latest shooting in Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas.

8. **Happy Memorial Day!**

FAZnotes

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Dear St. Robert's parishioners and friends,

Congratulations to our dear graduates!

**The road to success is not straight.
There is a curve called Failure,
a loop called Confusion,
speed bumps called Friends,
red lights called Enemies,
caution lights called Family.
You will have flat tires called Jobs.
But you have spare wheel called Determination,
an engine called Perseverance,
insurance called Faith,
a driver called Jesus,
you will make it to a place called SUCCESS.**

GOD bless you Abundantly....!!

Fr. Arnold