

# Pastor's updates

September 16, 2022



## Things you may want to know this week

1. Finally, it's SHOWTIME! Our **Annual Parish and School Festival is back!** It will be my first time to experience this event in person, which had a two-year hiatus because of the Covid pandemic. I stand corrected when I said the main parking lot will not be available. Parking will still be available, although it might be limited because the Festival is going to be held at the middle school yard, not in the main parking lot.
2. Congratulations, parishioners! We made it! For the first time (maybe in the history of the parish), we reached our **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)** goal as early as this month. However, I still urge you, if you haven't yet, to join our success by participating with whatever amount you can afford. Any donation received now will benefit our parish directly because this will be over and above our assigned goal, and it will be returned to us for our own needs. I am hoping that we exceed our assigned goal by at least 20%. You can still be part of its success!
3. Finally! We have replaced our **old phone system** in our parish office and rectory. We now have a new system using VOIP or Voice Over Internet Protocol which simply means it's reliant on the internet. It also means having a lot of features such as the ability to take calls anywhere in the world, and best of all, lower cost since we will no longer have to pay for long-distance calls.
4. Finally! It's **"BER" months**. The last four months of the year end with "BER." Last Wednesday, we celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Formerly, the Wednesday, Friday and Saturday following the Feast of the Holy Cross were observed as **Ember Days**, a time to give thanks to God for the first Fruits of the harvest.
5. Share the Harvest too! Remember, every fourth Thursday of the month is the **Second Harvest Grocery Distribution** at Belle Air Elementary School on 3rd. Ave. The event provides over 20,000 lbs. of groceries to 225 families in need, and is staffed 100% by volunteers from our parish and members of the community. Volunteers are always needed, and should arrive around 1:30 pm. Try helping out! Please contact Jay Morena, our 11:30 usher for further details.  
Email [lucysdad10@aol.com](mailto:lucysdad10@aol.com)
6. This Sunday, September 18, 2022, the church celebrates Catechetical Sunday. This Sunday is not only for catechists and students enrolled in our Religious Program but a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handling on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. The theme this year is: *"This is my body give for you."* Let us bring the goodnews to all!
7. We are happy that parishioner and our lector **Mario Benavente** has stepped up to lead our volunteers to serve food to the indigent people through St. Anthony's Dining Room. Volunteers are needed to serve on Saturday, October 1, 2022, 9:00AM-1:30PM. Please contact Mario at (650) 589-0494 or [mxbddds@aol.com](mailto:mxbddds@aol.com)

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

Let's always pray to have eyes that SEE the best in people, a heart that FORGIVES the worst and a mind that FORGETS the bad.

May you have all the best today:

- warm smile to lighten your moments,
- fresh foods to nourish yourself,
- serenity to keep you focused,
- friends to cheer you up,
- God's unlimited blessings to secure you in His great love and care.

May you have a pleasant and stress-free day!

Enjoy and have fun this Festival weekend!

***GOD BLESS!***

***Fr. Arnold***