

# Pastor's updates

December 2, 2022



## Things you may want to know this week

1. Welcome to the last month of 2022! Twenty-three (23) days more to go before Christmas. But before that, don't miss our **Magnificat Concert** tonight at 7:30PM. Hear me sing a song for Mary. Our St. Robert's kids and adult choir will be singing too. **GP Eleria**, our music director, who arranged all the music, promised a wonderful evening with a string quartet and full band accompanying the singers. It's Free Admission.

2. Our St. Robert's school had their Advent Confession last Tuesday. Thanks **Una Uniacke** for cooking and serving lunch for the 7 priests who helped in the confessions.

3. This Wednesday, at 6:30PM is our school **Kidstock's Christmas presentation** of "The Grinch." The entire school student body will take part of the performance.

### 4. MEETINGS coming up!

- a. We have a **Men's Club Meeting** this Monday, December 5, 2022. Doors open at 6PM. For questions, please email Rico at [ricomedinasanbruno@yahoo.com](mailto:ricomedinasanbruno@yahoo.com)
- b. The **Women's Guild**, on the other hand, will have their meeting on Monday, December 12, 2022. For questions, please email Samantha Dillavou at [samjdillavou@gmail.com](mailto:samjdillavou@gmail.com)
- c. The **Inbetweeners** will have a Dinner meeting next Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the hall. The price of dinner will be an unwrapped gift valued at least \$15.00 (more is ok too). Gift cards to any store will be ok too. If you don't have time to get out and get something you can pay \$20 at the door. All proceeds and gifts will be given to our St Roberts St Vincent DePaul society for disbursement.

### 5. REST in PEACE!

- a. Another father has gone to the Father. **Fr. Piers Lahey**, passed away peacefully at home at Saint Andrew Church rectory at the age of 73 years. Fr. Lahey was Pastor of Saint Andrew Church and had been a priest for 39 years. Funeral Mass is scheduled on Wednesday, December 7, 1PM at Good Shepherd Church, Pacifica. Requiescat in Pace, Fr. Piers!
- b. **Andrew Shick**, 27, a St. Robert School alumnus, passed away a day after Thanksgiving. His Memorial Service is scheduled this Tuesday, December 6, at 4PM here in our church.
- c. **Brad Ingersoll**, 70, our Eucharistic Minister and school parent **Gina Portolan's** dad, died also on Nov 25, a day after Thanksgiving. His Funeral Vigil is scheduled on Tuesday, December 6 at 7PM at Garden's Chapel in South San Francisco and his Funeral Mass will be this Wednesday, December 7, at 10:30AM here in our church.
- d. We had a Funeral Mass last Wednesday for parishioner **Loraine Strong**, 82 yrs old. Loraine was one of our first online mass goers when we started streaming our masses. She was an avid quilt. One of her beautiful quilt creations was draped on the ambo at the funeral. We thank her family for donating the quilt. It looks so beautiful on the ambo and it fits the liturgical color of Advent.

6. Next Thursday is December 8<sup>th</sup>, the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception**, the Patronal Feast of the United States of America and it is a Day of Obligation. Our masses are 8:30AM and 7:00PM.

7. We have started our annual “**Adopt-A-Family**” program and will continue till the weekend of December 10-11. This is our 30<sup>th</sup> year of having this program. The “ornaments” on the small Christmas tree are profiles of families that parishioners can “Adopt” and get Christmas gifts. For those who could not come to mass and pick up the ornaments, you can email Rob Aveson at [robaveson@gmail.com](mailto:robaveson@gmail.com) or call him at 650-207-1994. You can write a check to St. Roberts and put “Adopt-A Family” on the memo then drop it at the rectory or give it to Rob Aveson and we will take care of your gift to be given to the family.

8. **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** is again thanking all of those who have donated food for our poor families. Food donation are NO longer needed at this time.

9. **Shrine and Wall of Remembrance.** Being that the month of November has ended, the Shrine and Wall of Remembrance has been taken down. We thank you for sharing your special "memories" of your loved ones and now invite you to take them and your certificates home and treasure them. Items will be available in the alcove of the Statue of Mary Dec. 1-9. Thank you, **Judy Kerrigan**, our Grief Support minister, for your hard work in making our deceased parishioners being remembered on the whole month of November.

10. **SOCKS & CENTS:** Our Thanksgiving “Socks & Cents” Event was very successful. We were able to provide Catholic Worker House with two full boxes of socks (knitted hats included), as well as \$165 in “cents”. Peter Stiehler, Director of Catholic Worker House, is using the money to buy building supplies. Thank you for your generosity. St. Robert’s is a parish built on caring for those in need.

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## FAZnotes

( Father Arnold Zamora )

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**Dear St. Robert’s parishioners and friends,**

Here’s my ADVENT Alphabet!

- A – Atonement.** At time to ask for forgiveness, a time to forgive. A time to be AT-ONE with one another after a broken relationship.
- D – Detachment.** Time to detach from whatever things or people that hinder us from being with the Lord. Do not cling to the past. Let go of the hurts and resentment.
- V – Vigilance!** Be alert, be prepared for you do not know when the thief of the night comes.
- E – Expectancy.** Be excited about the coming of the Lord. Expect the favor of the Lord! Expect good things to come to you.
- N – New Life!** Everything is new if Christ is with you. Always feel the presence of Christ and you will always feel new. A new and best life comes to you.
- T – Thanksgiving!** A time to thank the Lord for the precious and greatest gift of his Son, Jesus Christ. Find a reason to be thankful everyday. A grateful person is a happy person. Count your blessings!

*May Christ be with You!*  
*Fr. Arnold*