

Pastor's updates

December 23, 2022



1. Christmas is here! Well, technically, it's not until tomorrow night when we celebrate Christmas vigil, but love and generosity are definitely in the air! With the church all decked out, and the last day of "Simbang Gabi" being celebrated tonight, Christmas is truly upon us! A fellowship and dinner reception will follow tonight's 9th day of "Simbang Gabi" at the Hennessy Hall. The Fil-AM Ministry thanks those who have, in one way or another, contributed their time, talent and treasure during these 9 days of novena Masses.

2. Our beautiful **Church Christmas decoration** was done timely and with passion by dedicated parishioners who responded to the call. Last Monday **Rob Aveson, Alonzo Lopez, Jay Morena, Noreen Flynn, Mary McDonogh, Michelle Blumenthal, Betty Gonzalez and Rynn Flynn** spent their valuable time to make it happen. **Two Confirmandi, Mateo Avila and Chloe Weng**, also came. We were blessed to have the whole **Arquero Family** roll their sleeves to put the finishing touches: Karen, an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister, her husband Gerry and two children Claudia and Sage. The following Wednesday another group came to help: **Noreen Flynn** who took care of the flowers, **Marie Sorhouet** who polished brass, and more Confirmation candidates: **Sonia Lopez, Leo Rea, Seamus Reid, Natalie Padilla, Ian Vu and Sophia Vu**. On behalf of Una Uniacke and the whole parish, I wish to thank all of you!

3. A show of love and brawn were manifested when the "Paul Bunyans" of the parish cut and trimmed the trees at the back of the church. The parish saved thousands of dollars because of the generous donation of their time. They are not looking for any credit but I just have to mention their names out of the overflowing gratitude in my heart. So, thank you so much **John Lynch, Mike Lynch, Ken Lehr, Dave Kerrigan, Nick Pisani, Steve Barron, Andy Pojarksi and the usual "suspects" Bart Murphy, Rico Medina, Matt Scakowitz and Jim Brown**. If I missed anybody, I apologize, but you know you should be on the list.

4. Grief Consolation Ministry: Our monthly Grief Support Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2023, after the 8:15 a.m. Mass, at the Convent. The meeting is open to all who are grieving the loss of a loved one. For more information, please email: Judy Kerrigan - srconsolationmin@att.net.

5. Here again are our **Christmas Masses:** Saturday, Christmas Eve, 4, 6 & 9 p.m.; Sunday, Christmas Day, 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. There will be no Masses in the afternoon. Merry Christmas to one and all!

FAZnotes
(Father Arnold Zamora)
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Dear St. Robert's parishioners and friends,
Are you going on a trip this Christmas time?

DRIVE LIFE AT ITS SAFEST WAY
Observe signs of **HOPE...**
do not **OVERSPEED** with **DESTINY.**
Bring **EXTRA TIRE** of **COURAGE.**
Full enough **GASOLINE** of **FAITH.**

There may be dead ends, but there are always **DETOURS** & even **WAY OUTS.**
Drive well thru the **RIGHT PATH** of **LIFE** for the world needs people who are **BRAVE**
enough and whose **ANCHOR** is **GOD.**

"May God who hears each little prayer...
Keep you safely in His care...
And make the world around you bright...
As you walk daily in His light,

A MERRIEST CHRISTMAS to ALL!
Fr. Arnold