

Pastor's updates

December 30, 2022



Things you may want to know this week

1. Today, we celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**, a movable feast that falls within the Christmas season of the Church. Normally, this is celebrated on a Sunday between Christmas and January 1st (the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God). Since these two feasts occur on Sundays this year, this feast is celebrated on December 30.

2. REMINDERS:

a. New Year's Masses, the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God are: Saturday, 4:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass), Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. There will be **NO 5 p.m.** Mass.

b. Starting **Monday, January 2, 2023**, the **new Daily Mass** time starts at **8:15AM**.

3. We all cherish the Convent as it has been a big part of St. Robert's history. After it has served our spiritual needs all this time, it is only appropriate to give it the honor it deserves. As soon as Christmas break started, the painting work of the Convent commenced. Even with just a power wash the walls already looked great! The students will get a big pleasant surprise when they return, and see a bright and restored wall of the convent.

4. Just before Christmas, I received wonderful news that St. Robert's has been awarded a scholarship to the **Next Generation Parish** program offered by the Archdiocese through the Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI). What is the goal of a Next Generation Parish, and what would it look like? St. Robert's parish, after this experience, hopes to grow as a vibrant community of faith who journey together, Sunday after Sunday, closer to Jesus. It will provide the community, with the pastor's leadership, the opportunity to assess our greatest strengths as well as areas of growth. Based on this assessment, we will develop a four-year plan designed to transform our parish into a faith-filled community that is equipped to move into the future with a deeper missionary spirit. The program will start early next year.

5. Last Wednesday, we had a Vatican envoy as a guest in our parish rectory. **Msgr. Renato Kucic**, originally from Croatia, is now working at the Apostolic Nunciature in Madrid, Spain. I gave him a classic San Francisco tour yesterday, despite the rain. It was his first visit to the US, and we are glad he chose the Bay Area as one of his destinations.

6. **Grief Support 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.

7. ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS

St. Robert's Conference was able to provide an abundance of gifts, gift cards, and groceries to the 23 families we serve in San Bruno due to the extreme generosity of the Adopt-A-Family Tree managed by Rob Aveson and the InBetweeners. The SVdP members are grateful for your support and financial giving which enables us to bring comfort, joy, and blessings to these families in need. Thank you.

8. THANK YOU MARTHAS

A group of dedicated "Marthas" are responsible for keeping the linens and Altar Server Albs laundered for use at our Eucharistic celebration. Normally, their praises are not sung because they prefer to work in a hidden way. Their time and commitment are very much appreciated, so I cannot but help sing their praises, at least once a year.

Thank you to: Lorena Aviles, Andrea Bin, Aileen Co, Sophia Chester, Margot Giusti, Betty Gonzalez, Kay Krause, Joyce Mallia, Sandra Mangold, Connie Montemayor, Jo Marie Moresco, Brenda Paton, Veronica Realuyo-Valle, Judy Scannell, Renee Schaukowitz, Shirley Sisneros, Marie Sorhouet, Una Uniacke, and Barbara Villalobos.

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FAZnotes

(Father Arnold Zamora)

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Dear St. Robert's parishioners and friends,

"When one door closes, another door opens."

When the year closes tomorrow, another year opens the next day.

Indeed, there is hope. There is always a new beginning.

Don't not worry about your problems, there is always a solution.

Our LORD will use our trials to transform us.

The process may not be easy or quick,

but the end result will be well worth all we have endured.

He brings beauty from ashes to bring life from death

and to turn what may seem like endings into new beginnings.

Happy New Year!

Fr. Arnold