

Pastor's updates

February 10, 2023



Things you may want to know this week

1. Friday, I celebrated **my 31st birthday** for the second time. I thank God for the gift of life, and this life that I am now sharing with you. I also thank you for the love and support you have given me all this time. Our St. Robert School Student Council, with Dr. Sullivan, came to the rectory to surprise me with a cake and cards for each grade. Later, the school community serenaded me in the School Yard with a Happy Birthday song. I feel loved, I felt their love!

2. Saturday, February 11, is the **Feast of our Lady of Lourdes**. After the 4:30p.m. Mass, we will have a **groundbreaking ceremony** to construct the Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes beside the church on the school side. Our Lady of Lourdes has been known for the miraculous healing of the sick. Let us ask the intercession of our Mother Mary for the healing and recovery of our sick parishioners and friends, especially **Fr. Stewart Wilber**, who is having a medical procedure. That's why I will celebrate the 4:30p.m. Mass tomorrow and next Saturday too.

3. This Saturday is the Appreciation Dinner of the **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) 1% Club** in Hennessy Hall. Thank you, Betty Gonzalez, for coordinating this event with the assistance of our Men's Club, led by their president, Rico Medina, and the Women's Guild, led by their president, Samantha Dillavou. We thank all who have supported this appeal regardless of how much you gave. We will launch the AAA 2023 in the next few weeks, most likely on the last weekend of February.

4. This Sunday is **Superbowl Sunday**, with the Philadelphia Eagles facing the Kansas Chiefs. More importantly, we celebrate **World Marriage Day**. The church takes this opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. Let's pray for all the married couples in our parish that they will also be true to their vows, *"for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, till death do us part."*

5. The 9:30a.m. Mass will be a **School Family Mass** with the assistance of our 5th graders. Support the 5th graders' Donut sales after the Mass. The **Normington Family** is in charge of selling this Sunday.

6. The **Philippine Madrigal Singers** are coming back to Saint Robert's. They will have a concert in our church on Easter Sunday at 6:00p.m. The concert proceeds will go to the construction of our Mary's Grotto. Don't miss this world-renowned and multi-awarded choir!

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

Happy World Marriage Day this Sunday!

Someone said that

If you marry the right person, every day is Valentine's Day.

Marry the wrong person, every day is Martyrs Day.

Marry a lazy person, every day is Labor Day.

Marry a rich person every day is New Year's Day.

Marry an immature person, every day would seem like Children's Day.

Marry a cheater or liar, every day will become April Fool's Day.

And if you don't get married, every day is Independence Day!

Marriage is the only school where you get the Certificate before you start.

It is a school you have to attend every day. Be reminded that you are just a student not the principal. Your spouse is your classmate, and God is your principal.

If you find out something in your classmate (spouse) that you do not appreciate, remember, your classmate is also just a student, not a graduate.

God is not finished with him or her yet.

To be loved is a good thing, but to love is the greatest privilege of them all.

Marriage is a place of love, so love your spouse.

Advance Happy Valentines!

Fill the world with love!

-Fr. Arnold