

# Pastor's updates

March 10, 2023



## Things you may want to know this week

**1. HE is the MAN!** Our parishioner, **PATRICK UNIACKE**, is the Grand Marshall of the 2023 San Francisco St Patrick's Day parade that will take place Saturday, March 11, in downtown Market Street, San Francisco. It is not often that the great saint is honored by his namesake as grand marshall. Congratulations! We are proud of you!

By the way, he also created a functional storage room for the Old St. Mary's chapel where we now store church environment materials. Thanks to Patrick, that area looks presentable once more.

**2. Don't forget: Daylight Savings Time** starts this Sunday. Spring must be around the corner since we return to **Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)**. For those who are not using smart watches or clocks, be sure to move your time manually an hour forward before going to bed on Saturday. Remember the rule: "Spring Forward – Fall Back"

**3. This Sunday**, our St. Robert School's **Third Graders** are going to lead us at the 9:30a.m. Family Mass. We will celebrate the **First Scrutiny** of our RCIA Candidates **Juliana Leon, Maria Santellan, Joseph Gutierrez and Joshua Warit** at the 11:30a.m. Mass. Later in the afternoon, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for our Confirmation candidates.

**4. Join our Parish Mission - Lenten Recollection** this Monday and Tuesday at 7:00p.m. here at the church. Fr. Bong Guerrero, a charismatic priest, will lead us in reflecting on Stewardship. He will be preaching at all the masses this Sunday. God has entrusted to us many gifts and resources, including our earth, environment, facilities, and finances. Stewardship is giving an account to God on how well we managed these gifts and resources during our lifetime.

**5. Recently, a new group** in our parish was formed for the purpose of meeting at regular intervals to share a meal, and enjoy nostalgic and uplifting conversation. It was initiated by **Rob Aveson**. About 30 people came for the first meeting. The group has not yet decided on a name.

**6. Jeff Holden**, one of our parish council members, has graciously volunteered to help revive the Children's Liturgy at the 9:30a.m. Mass. We plan to restart it after Easter. We still need some volunteers so that we can have the Children's Liturgy every Sunday. Please contact Jeff at: [jeffreykholden@gmail.com](mailto:jeffreykholden@gmail.com)

**7. Next Friday, March 17, is St. Patrick's Day.** All adults are invited to partake in a traditional St. Patrick's Day dinner of Corned Beef, Cabbage, Carrots, and potatoes at the Hennessy Hall at a cost \$20 per person. As earlier announced, the Archbishop has given a dispensation for this particular day from the obligation to abstain from eating meat with the understanding that you move your abstinence to Wednesday before or after March 17. Please contact George Lynch for reservations, as no walk-ins are welcome.

**8. The Mary's Widow** will have their Luncheon at Shari's restaurant on Thursday, March 23, at 11:30a.m. Please contact Virginia Yanke.

9. The **Grownups** will have a **Casino Trip** to Graton on Thursday, March 30, 2023. See the poster below for details.

10. **Congratulations to our St. Robert's School Fourth Grade** Basketball Team for winning the 2023 PPSL 4th Grade Boy's North Division Championship. Our **Seventh Graders likewise won the playoffs**, and will play for the championship next week. Go Bears!

11. We need **12 volunteers** to stand as "12 apostles" for the **Washing of Feet** on Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. Please sign up if you are willing and able. A signup sheet will be available in the vestibule after each mass this weekend.

12. Buy your tickets now for the **Philippine Madrigal Singers Concert** which will be held on Easter Sunday. See poster below!

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## FAZnotes

( Father Arnold Zamora )

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Dear St. Robert's parishioners and friends,

The importance of things can be measured by how much time we are willing to invest in them.

The more time you give to something, the more you reveal its importance and value to you.

Time is your most precious gift because you only have a set amount of it.

When you give someone your time, you are giving them a portion of your life that you'll never get back.

Your time is your life.

That's why the greatest gift you can give someone is your time.

It's Daylight Savings Time, make use of your time!

Have a wonderful and meaningful time!

*-Fr. Arnold*