

Pastor's updates

March 17, 2023



Things you may want to know this week

- 1. Happy St. Patrick's Day!** St. Patrick is the principal co-patron saint of our Archdiocese of San Francisco. Our Inbetweeners, led by George Lynch, will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day tonight at the Hennessy Hall with a traditional St. Patrick's dinner of corned beef, cabbage, carrots, and potatoes. All are invited to come, and join the fun. The cost is \$20 per person.
- 2. Spring is Here!** Monday, March 20, 2023, is the first day of Spring. We will be hosting a dinner for the priests in our Deanery of Northern San Mateo that evening at the parish convent. Our Deanery consists of the parishes of San Bruno, St. Veronica, St. Dunstan, Mater Dolorosa, and St. Robert.
- 3.** Next Wednesday, March 22, is the **Second Harvest Grocery Distribution** at Belle Air Elementary School on 3rd Ave. The families we are serving have increased from 215 to 230. The event is 100% staffed by volunteers from our parish and members of the community. Volunteers are always needed, and should arrive around 1:30p.m. Try helping out! Please contact Jay Morena, our 11:30a.m. Mass usher for further details. Email lucysdad10@aol.com
- 4.** Thank you to the parishioners who provided an abundance of groceries to fill the bags for our Easter deliveries to 23 needy families. Your generosity was overwhelming! **St. Robert's SVdP Conference** is blessed by your outpouring of charity. No further donations are needed at this time. Our "cup runneth over"
- 5.** A big thank you to the anonymous person who dropped off a **\$1000 cash donation** for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA). *"Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."* (Matthew 6:6) Of course, thank you to those who have already given their pledge or donation. I would like to appeal to those who have not yet participated to please respond, so we can reach our goal right away. *"Never put off for tomorrow, what you can do today."* - Thomas Jefferson
- 6.** Congratulations to our **St. Robert School 7th Grade Girls** who won the Championship Basketball Game last Wednesday evening. The 7th Grade Boys took second place after the final game. Go Bears!
- 7.** We are still in need of more volunteers for the **Washing of Feet** on Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper. Step forward, and imagine yourself as one of Jesus' apostles. You will be glad you did!
- 8.** The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called "**Laetare Sunday**" or **Rejoice Sunday**, reminding us that there is joy and glory that await us at Easter. You may see priests wearing pink or rose vestments, symbolizing a time of joy amid a period of penance and prayer. The Feast of St. Joseph, the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also falls on this Sunday, March 19. Since it is an important Solemnity of the Church, the observance has been moved to Monday, March 20, 2023.

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

Spring is coming!

Flowers grow beautifully in the garden.

Cactus grow amazingly in the desert.

Water Lilies grow gracefully in the pond.

Orchids grow wonderfully on trees.

Trees grow mightily in the forest.

Like them, GOD placed us where we grow best and HE gave us nice beautiful people to GROW up with.

Be blessed and be a blessing,

-Fr. Arnold