

Pastor's Updates

May 26, 2023



Things you may want to know this week

1. It's **Pentecost Sunday**, known as the birthday of the Church. From a historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the Church was born 50 days after the Resurrection. Pentecost comes from the Greek word *Pentekostos* which means "fifty." From a spiritual point of view, this was when Christ who, as the Head of the Body, **poured out His Spirit among His members** to nourish, heal and enliven it. Before then, there were followers of Jesus, but there was no movement that could be meaningfully called "the Church." So, Happy birthday to us, the Church! St. Peter wasted no time on this birthday of the Church in **giving a moving homily, and thereafter baptized 3,000 new believers!**
2. At the 11:30am Mass this Sunday, we will celebrate "**Flores de Mayo**," a traditional Filipino devotion to Mary hosted by the Fil-Am (Filipino-American) Ministry in our parish. You are all invited to offer flowers to the Blessed Mother during the entrance procession. Part of the ceremony is our May Crowning. Our school family also had their May Crowning this week in the upper middle yard, where the statue of the Blessed Mother is mounted.
3. Our school recently had an election of officers to the **Student Council**. Elected were **Lorea Melander** (President), **Molly Tresmontan** (Vice President), **Ben Sebater** (Religious Affair), **Lucy Krol** (Treasurer), **Sophie McGraw** (Secretary), **Madison Barlesi** (Publicity and Spirit), and **Isla Dasho** (Ecology and School Service). Congratulations, Student Council Team 2023-2024!
4. We celebrate **Memorial Day** this Monday, May 28, 2023. The school and the parish office will be closed. Say a prayer to honor our fallen heroes and our living heroes as well.
5. It's **Graduation Time!** We will have a Baccalaureate Mass this Friday, June 2, 2023 at 9:30am. Awards will be given after the mass. The Graduation ceremony for our 8th graders, Class of 2023, will be at 5:00pm in the church. Congratulations to all the graduates! Due to the Baccalaureate Mass, we will forgo the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, but we will still have our First Friday novena to the Sacred Heart right after the 8:15am Mass.
6. A close relative of Graduation is **Retirement**. Our bookkeeper/receptionist **Judy DeMartini** is retiring by the end of June. We are now in the process of finding a new person to fill in the vacant position, knowing full well that Judy is irreplaceable. I wish we could clone her. In any case, we thank her for the many years of service to our parish. Her welcoming and sweet personality, her kindness and thoughtfulness, and the absence of evil in her bones are qualities that will surely be missed.

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

Today, clouds may block the brightness of the sun,
but they can never suppress its light.

In life, problems may dim the light of your day,
but they can never stop the promised brightness of tomorrow
and the generosity of GOD's overflowing blessing for you from the floodgate in heaven.

Enjoy GOD'S blessings under the canopy of GOD's caring Love...

-Fr. Arnold