

Pastor's Updates

June 16, 2023



Things you may want to know this week

1. Today is the **Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**. Yesterday, we received a Memo from Archbishop Cordileone indicating that Archbishop Timothy Broglio, President of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), has asked parishes to pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart today “as an act of reparation for the blasphemies against our Lord we see in our culture today.” In particular, let us pray in reparation for the act of “blasphemy” scheduled to take place at Dodgers Stadium today. Los Angeles Dodgers announced they would be honoring the “Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence,” an anti-Catholic drag show that mocks the faith, with a “Community Hero Award.” We had already planned to do it today, but this has given us even more fervor to pray the **Litany of the Sacred Heart**.
2. In celebration of **Father's Day** this Sunday, grab a **free hotdog** after the 9:30a.m. Mass at the parking lot. Thanks to **Cecile Sabater** and **Bridget Collado** (both incoming 8th graders' moms) for leading this hospitality effort, and celebrating and honoring the dads in our parish.
3. We celebrate “**Juneteenth**” this Monday. It has been celebrated annually on June 19 throughout the United States to commemorate the end of slavery. Two years ago, President Biden signed into law declaring Juneteenth (short for June 19th), as a federal holiday. Let us pray for the end of racism and discrimination.
4. Next week, on June 19 - 21, the second batch of our **clergy in** the Archdiocese will be having their annual retreat at the Vallambrosa Retreat Center, in Menlo Park. The speaker of the retreat is **Bishop Tom Daly**, a former priest in our Archdiocese who is now the Bishop of Spokane, Washington.
5. Our St. Robert's **Saint Vincent de Paul Society** had their meeting last Monday at the convent, followed by dinner to honor the outgoing officers. **Mary Nunnery**, president, has led the group humbly, skillfully, and effectively. Her careful planning and execution have benefited this group and clients. **Sandy Mangold**, secretary, has efficiently organized meeting agendas and effectively communicated with the group and other conferences. **Diane Puccinelli**, treasurer, has efficiently carried out the general financial duties, including reporting, banking, bookkeeping, and record keeping. We thank them for their dedicated service. Although not in leadership anymore, they continue to serve as members of the group. The new officers are **Cathy Aveson**, President; **Judy Scannell**, Secretary; and **Rob Aveson**, Treasurer. We wish the new officers the best in our prayers.
6. As part of the Archdiocese **Missionary Cooperative Plan**, **Reverend Thomas Basquel**, CSSP, will visit St. Robert next weekend, June 24-25, to speak about the missionary work of the Church and, in particular, that of the Spiritans (officially Congregation of the Holy Spirit.) Let's welcome Fr. Tom, who is a priest at our neighboring parish of St. Dunstan.
7. Tickets are now available for the **Young Voices of the Philippines** concert scheduled on July 16, 2023, at 7:00p.m. here in our church of St. Robert's. Hear the heavenly voices of angels here on Earth!

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

Knowing our Heavenly Father is not a question of opening a book and reading.

It is a question of opening our hearts and loving Him and our fellowmen.

A growing intimate relationship with God is the best way to stand firm when the storms of life and a flood of trials come.

May our Heavenly Father impart His wealthiest blessings to our earthly fathers as we celebrate Father's Day.

Fill them with love that keeps His presence near and faith that conquers all doubts and fears!

Happy Father's Day!

Markus Zusak once said: "Sometimes I think my papa is like an accordion. When he looks at me and smiles and breathes, I hear the notes."

Blessings,

-Fr. Arnold