

Pastor's Updates

August 18, 2023



Things you may want to know this week

1. School is back, and so am I. St. Robert School's first day of school was last Tuesday, August 15, and I arrived that same day at 1 a.m. There are 304 students enrolled this year. By now, everybody knows that Dr. Sullivan is not coming back for health reasons, and **Mr. Edgar Ceja**, the former vice principal, is now the interim principal.

2. Meetings are back too. Last Thursday was the Next Generation Parish Envisioning Team meeting with Lori Tedjeske. This Monday, August 21, is the Men's Club meeting at 6:00p.m. at Hennessy Hall. The Parish Finance Council will meet next Tuesday, August 22. It's "Bac-to-School" night next Thursday, and the Parish Pastoral Council will also meet that evening at 7:00p.m. at the convent.

3. As you are aware, Archbishop Cordileone has announced that the Archdiocese of San Francisco will likely file for **Chapter 11 protection or Bankruptcy**. The Archbishop believes this may be the best course to manage and equitably resolve the more than 500 civil lawsuits filed against the Archdiocese due to the 2019 "open window" period in California.

- Any filing and related legal proceedings will not have a direct impact on the day-to-day operations of the Archdiocese. Parish, ministry, and school support will continue to be fully dedicated to funding all operations and programs.
- Any gifts restricted for specific purposes, such as contributions to your parish offertory, the Priests Retirement Fund, the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, etc., are held in trust by the Archdiocese and can only be used for their intended purpose. They cannot be used to settle sexual abuse lawsuits in bankruptcy.
- In short, business as usual! Please read the Archbishop's Letter.

4. Congratulations to **Mary Nunnery and Sandy Mangold**. They are the recipient of this year's Vincentian Zeal Award for members of Saint Vincent de Paul Society who practice the Vincentian spirit demonstrating the ardor of charity and keeping the love of God burning brightly for their Conference and our neighbors in need. The awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 30th at 10:00a.m. at St. Patrick Seminary.

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

"Back to Reality" is what we say after coming from vacation.

We are back to regular times and probably back also to the normal busyness of life.

But remember:

Don't ever let yourself get so busy that you miss those little but important extras in life.

The beauty of a day,

the smile of a friend,

the serenity of a quiet moment alone.

For it is often life's smallest pleasures and gentlest joys that make the biggest and most lasting difference!

GOD bless you and your family always!

-Fr. Arnold