

Pastor's Updates

September 15, 2023



Things you may want to know this week

1. A week after the Feast of the Birth of Mary, today we celebrate the **Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows**. It commemorates the profound union of hearts that exists between the Mother of the Redeemer and the Savior, through which she experienced many interior sorrows as a consequence of His Mission. There are seven dolors or Sorrows of Mary: 1. Simeon's Prophecy; 2. The Flight to Egypt; 3. The Loss of the Child Jesus; 4. Mary meets Jesus Carrying the Cross; 5. The Crucifixion; 6. Jesus is taken down from the Cross, and 7: The Burial of Jesus.

2. The **Parish Festival** opens today. "*Sweet Home St. Roberts*" is our theme, and we are home again and back to the 3-day festival after being disrupted and interrupted by the pandemic. This Festival never fails to inspire me to see a community coming together, men and women building the stage and booths, and parents taking charge of the food, drinks, fun games, and rides. Inspired by what she saw and experienced, 8th grader mom, Cecile Sabater, quipped: "*How could you not work, when everybody is working?*" Tip my hat to **Brooke Nizuk**, chair of this year's festival. Indeed, St. Robert is Sweet Home!

3. Little improvements to our Sweet Home: After the palm tree inside the planter's box in front of the church died, we **replaced it with a similar tree** that the other planter had. Now, both planter boxes have matching trees, and they look much nicer. We also **planted some flowers** under the big tree in the corner of the church. We **replaced the busted lights** at the side of the rectory behind the church. Now the place is well-lit again. Another minor investment is a new speaker monitor for the choir area.

4. We treated the **Martha's Group**, ladies who wash the church linens we use for Mass, with a Breakfast/Brunch at Shari's last Tuesday, September 12. It is a way of thanking them for their work and service to the Church. **Mary Nunnery** is the coordinator of the group with members: **Brenda Paton, Lorena Aviles, Sophia Chester, Connie Montemayor, Sandra Mangold, Kay Krause, Renee Shaukowitz, Margot Giusti, Una Uniacke, Shirley Sisneros, Judy Scannel, Betty Gonzalez, Aileen Co, Andrea Bin, Joyce Mallia, Marie Sorhouet, Barbara Villalobos, Veronica Realuyo, and Jo Marie Moresco. Thank you, Ladies!**

5. **Mary's Widow** will have a Luncheon at Red Robin Restaurant on Wednesday, September 27. Then on Friday, September 29, is the **In-Betweeners Dinner** at Hennessy Hall. Save the date, Sunday, October 8, for the **Grown-ups Luncheon** at Hennessy Hall after the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

6. No school this Monday for St. Robert School for Clean-Up Day after the Festival. Kudos to all who worked hard to make our festival a success!

7. Join **The Lay Mission Project**, a one-of-a kind formation and education system for lay Catholics. Learn our Catholic faith from World-class experts and teachers on how to successfully share the Faith with friends, families, and co-workers. See the posters for more details, and please pick up some leaflets in the church vestibule.

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

**GOD always has something for you:
a key for every problem,
a light for every shadow,
a relief for every sorrow,
and a plan for every tomorrow.**

The symbol of love is not the heart, but the cross. For the heart stops beating, but the Man on the Cross never stops loving....

Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us!

**GOD is good all the time!
All the time, God is great!**

-Fr. Arnold