

Pastor's Updates

September 22, 2023



Things you may want to know this week

1. GOODNEWS 1: St. Robert's Church received a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Award for \$80,247!!! This grant will help with the security and emergency preparedness projects of our parish which will include the installation or replacement of doors, locks, gates, lights, security cameras, etc.. The grant money will address some, but not all, of our needs. So, if you are aware of available grants, please let me know.

2. GOODNEWS 2: We have finally hired a new receptionist and office assistant for our parish office after the position has been left open for more than two months. **LIZA (PASERO) GONZALEZ** is a **St. Robert's School** mom with 3 kids currently enrolled: Sofia (4th Grade), twin Gianna & Giovanni (6th Grade). Liza has been involved in many school fundraising activities, coaching sports, and was a lunch administrator for a year. Welcome to the family!

3. GOODNEWS 3: We have started putting a new sound system in the Hennessy Hall. We are just waiting for some parts to arrive to be able to complete the whole installation. But it is already sounding great. With just a little help from me, our friend **JOEL MADERA** has been single-handedly putting the pieces together, which takes a lot of skill and planning. So, a big thank you, Joel!

4. GOODNEWS 4: We had a very successful Parish Festival. Kudos to the chairperson **Brooke Nizuk**. Read her message below.

5. GOODNEWS 5: Three candidates want to be received into full communion with our Catholic Church: **CHRISTINA BUSTOS, JUSTIN GAUTHIER, and DORA LACAYO**, who at this point are called **INQUIRERS**. The first session of the RCIA, now called OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), started last Wednesday led by a team composed of **Mary Hile-Nepfel I**(Director), **Kimberly Welch** (Assistant Director), **Jeanie Munich, Roberto Flores, Doug Henry** and myself. Welcome to the fold, brother and sisters!

6. THIS SUNDAY!

- We will have Children's Liturgy this Sunday at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Just as a reminder, this Children's Liturgy, we call "**Little Church**" in our parish, is intended only for ages 3-7 or preschool to second grade.
- At the 11:30a.m. Mass, we will honor and celebrate the **Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz**, the first Filipino saint. His actual feast is September 28.
- **Our Youth Ministry** will also be meeting this Sunday from 2:00 – 4:00p.m. at the Hennessy Hall.

7. FUN EVENTS:

- a. Wednesday, September 27 – Mary Widows’ Luncheon at Red Robin**
- b. Friday, September 29, 2023 – In-betweener’s Dinner (Hennessy Hall)**
- c. Sunday, October 8, 2023 – Grown-ups Luncheon (Hennessy Hall)**
- d. Monday, October 2, 2023 – Men’s Club Meeting (Hennessy Hall)**
- e. Wednesday, October 11, 2023– In-betweeners Magic- Illusionist Show**

8. This Fall's **40 Days for Life** Campaign will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 27, and conclude on Sunday, Nov 5. If you are able to spend an hour to pray the rosary at the Planned Parenthood in Redwood City, please log on to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/redwoodcity> . Your prayers and presence could save a life.

FAZnotes
(**F**ather **A**rnold **Z**amora)
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Dear St. Robert’s parishioners and friends,

The best gifts of goodness are shared in silence...

It flows from a good heart...

A heart that needs no recognition...

A heart that sacrifices...

A heart that joyfully shares what is hardest to share...

Our very selves..

God bless your days

Be safe and keep smiling!

-Fr. Arnold