

Pastor's Updates

October 13, 2023



Things you may want to know this week

1. The Archdiocese of San Francisco had its **13th Annual Priests Retirement Luncheon** today at St. Mary's Cathedral. Honorees were Fr. Anthony Maguire and Fr. Joe Bradley.

2. To celebrate October as the **month of the Holy Rosary**:

- We will have the **America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally** tomorrow, Saturday, at 12 noon in front of our church.
- On Tuesday at 6 p.m., we will have a special evening to pray the Rosary for the people of Israel. It coincides with the call of the Assembly of Catholic Ordinaries (Bishops) of the Holy Land as a day of fasting and prayer, especially praying the Rosary, "to deliver to God the Father our thirst for peace, justice, and reconciliation." Prior to the Rosary, parishioner **Brent Villalobos**, author of books about the Rosary, will speak to us about the numerous miracles in modern history attributed to the Holy Rosary and the power it has to prevail even in hopeless situations. The talk is entitled: "The Miraculous Victories of the Rosary." Please come, and let's pray together for peace!

3. **The Legion of Mary** will run a "Columban Drive" the weekend of October 21-22. A member will speak at all the Masses to pitch for membership. Membership is open to all **men and women** 18 years and over. Grow in profound devotion and service to the Blessed Virgin and the Church by joining the Legion of Mary. This is also one way to participate in the work of the New Evangelization in our parish. You are cordially invited to come and meet the legionaries before and after Masses in front of the church this weekend.

4. St. Robert's **Youth Ministry** will have its next Group Meeting this Sunday, October 15, at Hennessy Hall from 2 - 4 p.m. For students looking for service hours, be aware that all Youth Ministry events are eligible for hours. Any youth (6th - 12th grade) who is interested in ways to get involved and serve our parish may email our youth coordinator, **Travis Wingate** at youthministry.travis@gmail.com

5. Our **St. Robert's Saint Vincent de Paul Society** will have a **Thanksgiving Food Drive** to be delivered to the families its Conference serves in San Bruno. The Food Basket will be displayed at the ambo beginning this weekend. Items needed are canned fruit, carrots, mixed vegetables, canned sweet potatoes, cake mixes, frosting, peanut butter (28 oz. or smaller), and jam (17 oz.). Lucky Script is also welcome. Your generosity is much needed by families in need and will be greatly appreciated.

6. Our St. Robert's School 8th grade class will be hosting our **hospitality this Sunday**, October 15, after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Enjoy some refreshments and fellowship while also helping raise funds for the 8th-grade class Washington D.C. Trip. Thank you for your kind support of our school children. See poster below.

7. Our Women's Guild will be meeting next Monday, October 16, 2023.

8. This October, we will also celebrate **Heritage or Diversity Month** by acknowledging the richness and beauty of the different cultures in our parish. It will be celebrated at the 11:30 a.m. Mass, which will be celebrated in English. We hope we can expand this event next year.

- The Vietnamese choir will be singing in their language on October 22.
- The Filipino Choir will be singing on October 29.

9. The Archdiocese of San Francisco's Office of Worship will be offering training for new and experienced **Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers** over two consecutive Saturdays during the month of October at Our Lady of Mercy Church on October 21 and 28; Get certified!! See poster below for more detailed information.

10. The **FilAM Group** has scheduled a meeting this Wednesday, October 18th, at the Convent. It is a critical meeting to plan for the December Simbang Gabi Masses. There is so much to discuss and to plan for. Calling all members to attend.

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

BLESSED is the PERSON who does NOT show bitterness over what is LOST...
but instead, shows GRATITUDE over what is LEFT.

For even in the worst of times...
we will find GOD if we seek HIM by FAITH.

Never should our trials make us forget the ABUNDANT goodness of GOD's love.

GOD IS MORE THAN ENOUGH!

Prayers for Israel and world peace!

Be Blessed and be a blessing,

-Fr. Arnold