

Pastor's Updates

October 20, 2023



Things you may want to know this week

1. We have a very busy schedule this Sunday:

- First, it is **World Mission Sunday!** This Year's Theme is "*Hearts on Fire, Feet on the Move.*" The Holy Father invites us to set our hearts ablaze with faith, and put our faith into action - serving God's mission with joy, enthusiasm, and tireless dedication. Your fervent prayers and utmost generosity in the collection for the Society of the Propagation of Faith will bolster the missionary work in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and certain regions of Latin America and Europe. Let us come together to support them in their mission of love and service.
- We also have the "**Columban Drive**" of the **Legion of Mary**. A member will speak at all the Masses to recruit more members. Membership is open to all **men** and **women** 18 years and over.
- We will have **Children's Liturgy** at the 9:30am Mass for ages 3 - 7. We thank our volunteer facilitators for this week: **Kimberly Welch & Haydee Bowden**.
- A **Vietnamese Choir** will be singing at the 11:30 a.m. Mass in celebration of the Heritage-Diversity month of our parish. Hear the Vietnamese choir singing beautiful hymns in their own language. Thanks to **Tri Nguyen**, their group leader. The Mass will still be in English.
- At 1:30pm, we have Baptism for 2 infants, **Noah Victor Aguilar and Enzo Salvato Earl**. Welcome to our Christian family!

2. We send our deepest condolences and ardent prayers to the families and parishioners who recently lost their loved ones:

† **Peter "Pete" Beltrano**, 83, a longtime St. Robert's parishioner, died on the Feast of St. Francis, October 4, 2023, with his daughter, Katie Beltrano, an Extraordinary Minister, holding his hand. His Funeral Mass is scheduled for Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 1:30pm, here at St. Robert Church.

† **Suzanne Somers** (nee Mahoney), 76, actress and daughter of old-time parishioners Francis and Marion Mahoney passed away on October 15, 2023, a day before her 77th birthday. Our Mahoney Room, now used as our school Science Lab, is named after the family, and Suzanne was the special guest during its opening. Suzanne is best known as Chrissy Snow in the popular 70's sit-com, *Three's Company*, (my favorite Comedy show).

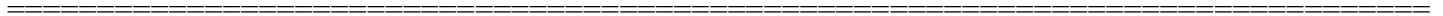
† **Dennis James English**, 72, who used to live across the convent, passed away on October 15, 2023. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 25, 2023 at 10:30am here in our church.

3. MARY'S WIDOWS LUNCHEON is next Wednesday, October 25th at 11:30am at Red Robin located at 1274 El Camino Real, San Bruno. While the **INBETWEENERS** will be having their next meeting on Friday, October 27, 2023, at Hennessy Hall. Enjoy a spectacular dinner for only \$15.

4. Almost 400 Filipino priests based in the US will attend the **4th National Association of Filipino Priests (NAFP)** Assembly next week from October 24 - 27 in the New York-New Jersey area. Twenty-one (21) Filipino priests are coming from the Archdiocese of San Francisco, including myself. It was my privilege to compose the Theme Song "One In Christ - Kaisa kay Kristo" together with internationally known Liturgical Composer and OCP artist Fr. Ricky Manalo.

5. In addition to the first three Inquirers, **Christina Bustos, Justin Gauthier, and Dora Lacayo**, who joined our OCIA program (formerly RCIA), we have 3 additional candidates: **Nate Riley, Julian Godin, and Melissa Acosta**. With great joy, we welcome you to the journey, and may Jesus be your strength.

6. Thank you for donating your old eyeglasses. In the church vestibule, you will find a box where you can drop eyeglasses you no longer use. You will be surprised that many out there are in need of eyeglasses and appreciative of your kindness." Thanks to **Mario Benavente** and the Lions Club for this initiative and for giving us the opportunity to be a part of Christ's mission of "giving sight to the blind."



FAZnotes
(Father Arnold Zamora)
October 20, 2023



Dear St. Robert's parishioners and friends,

"There are always good things that come out in the middle of wrong situations. GOD has never failed to make surprises when we think everything has turned out into a sorry mess. He has a sure way of painting colors out of ashes and a beautiful way of turning good sounds out of broken melodies."

Be filled with God's blessing and be a blessing to others!

-Fr. Arnold