

Pastor's Updates

November 10, 2023



Things you may want to know this week

1. Thanks to **Gerry McDonagh**, the curse is broken! I am referring to the **window blinds** for the rectory's dining room. Two years ago, we started talking and dealing with some vendors and stores, all of which fell apart. We, then, decided to buy the blinds online. But for two months or so, they were just sitting in our rectory. Last week, they were finally installed! Thank you, Gerry.
2. After I posted that we were still short of the total amount of \$2,300 after some parishioners donated \$1,500 to fix the broken fingers and cracks of the **statues of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Blessed Mother Mary**, a parishioner came up with the difference! Indeed, God has blessed us with a lot of generous and kindhearted parishioners.
3. **Congratulations to our 8th graders** for winning the Baseball Championship Game last week. I was there to witness the 2 winning runs they scored in the same inning. The score was 2-1! We don't need big numbers to be victorious.
4. Next Friday, November 17, 2023, is our school **Grandparents and Special Persons Day**. Guests will be welcomed by a performance from our Kindergarten at 8:30 a.m. They will proceed to the church for a special Mass at 9:30 a.m. followed by a light reception and school tour. The event is hosted by the Women's Guild.
5. The **Focolare Movement** would like to invite you to an **Acoustic Concert, "ARISE,"** by Gen Verde. Admission is free! It will be held on Saturday, November 11th, at the Moriarty Hall of St. Anne of the Sunset on Judah Street in San Francisco. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert starts at 7:00pm.
6. Our 6th Graders will be assisting this Sunday at the 9:30am. School/Family Mass. After the Mass, the 8th graders will be selling pumpkin pies for only \$5 as part of their fundraising for next year's D.C. trip. Let's support our school!
7. We will have another **mandatory training** for both new and current **Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Lectors** next **Saturday, November 18, 2023, 1:00pm to 3:00pm**. Get certified by the Archdiocese by attending this workshop training to be given by **Deacon Sal Campagna**. The certification is valid for three years. That means you are officially a Liturgical minister having fulfilled the requirement and it means also that you can serve in the other parishes in the Archdiocese. Please spread the word!
8. St Robert's Youth Ministry will be having its **next Youth Group Meeting** this Sunday, November 12 at Hennessy Hall from 2-4pm. Youth Ministry events are an awesome place to expand our understanding of our faith, make new friends, and serve our awesome parish. If you happen to be free and want an opportunity to create fresh bonds with other youth in the parish community, come by Hennessy Hall on November 12 from 2-4pm!
9. **Save the Date for Breakfast with Santa** on Saturday, December 9, 2023, 8:30am to 10:30am, at the Hennessy Hall.

10. Don't Forget:

- **Women's Guild's** Bingo night this Monday, November 13, 2023.
- The **Grown-ups and Mary's Widows**
- Christmas Party on November 30, at 11:00 a.m. at the Basque Cultural Center. Call Bob Lockwood for a reservation before November 15

11. Once again we are bringing you "**MAGNIFICAT**", St. Robert's annual Advent Concert featuring our local (parishioners) artists, our newly formed school Liturgical and Festival choirs, and some guest. See poster below for detail.

FAZnotes (Father Arnold Zamora) November 10, 2023



Dear St. Robert's parishioners and friends,

The Wind is not always at our Back,
the Sky is not always Blue.

And dreams may not come true.

No one said that Life is easy because there are no Guarantees.
So trust the Lord continually on Calm or Stormy Seas.

The Challenges we Face today Prepare us for Tomorrow.
For Faith takes our Fears Away and Peace Replaces Sorrow.

But remember, God is always with you no matter where you go!

Go with God!

-Fr. Arnold