

Pastor's Updates

November 17, 2023



Things you may want to know this week

1. Our school had a very wonderful celebration of **Grandparents and Special Persons Day** today with the Kindergarten and First graders welcoming our special guests with songs. The hall and church were packed with people wanting to be a part of the celebration. The school choir sang at mass and rendered a song "A Million Dreams," from the Musical "The Greatest Showman." With their great talents we can have our own Musical someday.

2. Congratulations to those who participated in sports. We had an awarding last Tuesday at the parish hall. Forgot to mention last week that besides the 8th Graders winning the Baseball Championship, our **5th Grade** North volleyball team won the **division championship** game and advanced to the PPSL League Championship. These girls truly deserved our praise and recognition. Hep-Hep Hooray!

3. Tomorrow, Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 1:00pm-3:00pm will be the **Liturgical Ministers Training** for our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors or Readers of the Word. It will be in the CHURCH (not at Hennessy Hall). Those who are not able to make it to the training can still serve at mass but are encouraged to watch the recorded video by Brent Villalobos or our streamed videos on our St. Robert's Facebook page and YouTube Channel.

4. Next Thursday, November 23, 2023, is **Thanksgiving Day**. We only have **one Mass that day at 9:00am**.

- We are doing our "Socks and Cents" program again this year. Please feel free to donate one or more brand-new pairs of socks and your loose coins to be presented during the offertory procession at our Thanksgiving Day Mass. Your donations will keep the homeless and the needy warm this winter.
- We thank **Mario and Rose Benavente** and family for hosting hospitality after the Mass.
- We also thank **Una Uniacke** and family for preparing the loaf of bread to be blessed and shared at Mass.

5. Here are some other ways to be **THANKFUL and GIVING**:

- a. Fulfill your obligation to the **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)**. If you have not done so, make your pledges or contribution to the appeal. We still need about \$20K to meet our goal. Join the 1% Club with Appreciation Dinner scheduled on January 5th.
- b. Participate in our **Giving Tree program**. **Vanessa Merlano Sittauer**, kindergarten mom, will be leading this year's Giving Tree. See ads below for more detail.
- c. Support our **Adopt-A-Family Program**. Starting next weekend through December 17, we will be putting out a small Christmas tree after mass with little ornaments telling you the profiles of families you can "adopt" and get Christmas gifts. More details to follow.
- d. Support a charitable or non-profit organization. Parishioner **Sean Quinn** and his wife had been sponsoring an orphanage located in Narok, Kenya called AIC Siyiapei Children's Home. Check out www.CherishNaroksChildren.com and consider helping this registered non-profit organization.

6. Thanks again to **Joel Madera** who install the backdoor video doorbell in our rectory or parish office. He also fixed the placement of the front door video doorbell. Now we can monitor both the front and back doors.

7. Our deep condolences and prayers to the family of **JOHN PSAILA** who passed away last Saturday, November 25, surrounded by family members. I was there to bless the dead body and I could feel how deeply he was loved. No Funeral arrangements available yet.

FAZnotes

(Father Arnold Zamora)

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Dear St. Robert's parishioners and friends,

The word of God says that Job was blessed when he prayed for his friends ...

Bless your friends and you will be blessed ...

Today is a day of blessing.

"I bless you."

"I bless your heart."

- Your life. - Your Health. - Your home. - Your family. - Your work. - Your spiritual life. -Your finances and your projects, through the intercession of St. Robert de Turlande, our patron saint.

Now choose whom you want to bless.

Be blessed and be a blessing,

-Fr. Arnold