

Pastor's Updates

November 24, 2023



Things you may want to know this week

1. This Sunday, we celebrate the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King**. It marks the end of the Liturgical Year (A). The following Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent the beginning of the new Liturgical Year (B).
2. At this Sunday's 9:30 AM mass, we will have the **Children's Liturgy**. Children ages 3-7 are invited to go to the Little Church in our Church vestibule for their own celebration of the Liturgy of the Word. We've noticed that there are more and more children participating, so we increased the copies of materials for this Sunday's activity. **Christina Piquette and Vanessa Merlano Sittauer**, will lead this Sunday's Children's Liturgy. Watch for the Giving Tree Program sponsored by our Little Church Ministry.
3. The little Christmas tree with ornaments for our "**Adopt-A-Family**" program will be displayed starting this weekend. You may sign up for a particular family to "adopt" this Christmas. Contact Rob Aveson for more info.
4. Forty-eight (48) students joined our **Youth Ministry** meeting last Saturday by doing a Community Service. They were able to make and bag over 300 sandwiches and meals. The food packs were delivered by **Tavis Wingate** (Youth Coordinator), **Bridget and Greg Collaco, Cecile and Ben Sabater** to the Catholic Workers House in San Bruno parish, Life Moves in San Mateo, a family shelter and the Samaritan House in South San Francisco.
5. Our monthly **Grief Support Meeting** will be held on December 7, 2023 at 9:15 am. The meeting is open to all who are grieving the loss of a loved one. For more information please don't hesitate to contact Judy Kerrigan@srconsolationmin@att.net
6. This year marks the 30th year of a local pilgrimage in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. **The Cruzada Gudalupana** will take place on Saturday, December 9th; it will depart at 6:00 am from All Souls Church in South San Francisco, make its way to Holy Cross Cemetery, and then continue to the Cathedral in San Francisco. Archbishop Cordileone will celebrate Mass at 2:00 pm, followed by a reception. There will be shuttles back to All Souls after the Mass and reception. Religious items will be blessed, the rosary will be prayed along the way, and there will be reenactments of Our Lady's apparitions. All are welcome!
7. **Simbang Gabi** novena of Advent Masses is a longstanding Filipino tradition. St. Robert's parish is privileged to be celebrating this devotion for over 13 years, starting from December 15th through the 23rd. Mass intentions for each of these Masses are still available. On the last night, we will have a festive reception at Hennessy Hall after Mass. Potluck dishes are most welcome. Please contact Edith Cruz (408-835-2292) or Terry Yumang (650-438-3485).

8. “St. Robert's will start working with The Archdiocese of San Francisco on The **Gabriel Project** in Jan 2024 to help pregnant women in need in our area. If you would like to lend a hand and become a Gabriel Project angel volunteer or have questions about volunteering, please contact our new Gabriel Project coordinator, Caroline at 650-521-1541.”

9. This Fall’s **40 Days for Life Worldwide Campaign** resulted in the saving of 501 babies, three Planned Parenthood employees leaving their job, and two of their facilities closed. Through the power of prayer and the dedication of hundreds of volunteers praying at Planned Parenthood facilities throughout the world, these results became a reality. Praise the Lord.

FAZnotes

(Father Arnold Zamora)

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Dear St. Robert’s parishioners and friends,

I hope you had a wonderful and meaningful Thanksgiving.

“Even though the world needs so much more, there’s so much to be thankful for.”

Be THANKFUL
if you can't have everything...
it teaches you to be CONTENTED;

Be THANKFUL
for difficult times...
They make you GROW in grace;

Be THANKFUL
for limitations...
they CHALLENGE you to PERSEVERE;
and

Be THANKFUL
for your troubles...
they are BLESSINGS in God's eyes!

May God's grace be ours today & forever!

Gratefully,

Fr. Arnold