

Pastor's Updates

December 1, 2023



Things you may want to know this week

1. This Sunday is the **First Sunday of Advent**. It marks the start of a new church Liturgical Year (B). A lot of things are going on this Sunday.
 - a. We have the **Blessing of the Advent Wreath**, and a family will light the first of the four advent candles that represents **Hope**.
 - b. We will have the **Commissioning of our Liturgical Ministers**: extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, sacristans, altar servers, choir members, ushers, altar and flower ministers.
 - c. At the 9:30am Mass, we will have Children's Liturgy to be led by **Jeffrey Holden** and **Vanessa Sittauer**.
 - d. At the 11:30am Mass, we will have the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming of our candidates for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), namely: **Melissa Acosta, Jason Barros, Justin Gauthier, Dora Lacayo, and Nate Riley**.
 - e. At the 5:00pm Mass, we will welcome our Confirmation candidates and their sponsors following their afternoon Recollection.
 - f. Pick up a flyer for the **Magnificat Concert** this weekend for a chance to win a free ticket to the concert on **December 7, 2023**, 7:00pm here in the church.
2. We have two Christmas trees displayed in front of the church to give you an opportunity to be extra generous this Season of Giving. You may pull a tag from our **Little Church Giving Tree** and bring joy to some poor children this Christmas. You can also sign up for a particular family from our "**Adopt-A-Family**" Christmas tree. Share your blessings, share your joys!
3. The Men's Club will meet this Monday, December 4, 2023. Doors open at 6:00pm. All men of the parish are welcome
If you have questions, call Rico at 650-554-8453 or email ricomedinasanbruno@yahoo.com
4. "**Mary's Widows at the Well**" will meet next Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 9:30am in the parish convent. Contact Bett Gonzalez at bgpfaeffle@icloud.com Likewise, the **Consolation and Grief Support Group** will meet in the parish convent next Thursday, December 7, 2023, at 9:15am. Contact Judy Kerrigan at msrconsolationmin@att.net
5. The priests in the Archdiocese of San Francisco will be having their annual **Advent Day of Recollection** this Tuesday, December 5, 2024, at the Vallambrosa Retreat Center in Menlo Park. This year, Reverend Felix, S.J., Ph.D., will lead the day of Recollection.

6. Our **Next Generation Parish** envisioning team will turn over their Mutually Shared Vision Plan to the implementation team this Thursday, December 7, 2023. Our implementation team will have several sessions of meetings to plan how to execute the shared vision in the best way possible.

7. Next Friday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. We have a Mass at 8:15am, with our school community in attendance, and another Mass at 7:00pm.

8. Let's look forward to two special events next Saturday, December 9, 2023:

- Breakfast with Santa in the morning, and
- MAGNIFICAT Concert at 7:00pm

FAZnotes

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November 24, 2023



Dear St. Robert's parishioners and friends,

Welcome to the new month, the last month of the year but to the beginning of a new Liturgical Year in the Church!

Let your smile change the world, but don't let the world change your smile.

So many roads,

so many detours,

so many choices

But only ONE WAY - JESUS!

From dark clouds we get precious water;

From dark mines we get valuable jewels.

And from our darkest trials come our best blessing from God!

Be blessed and be a blessing,

Fr. Arnold