

Pastor's Updates

December 29, 2023



Things you may want to know this week

1. A HAPPY WEEK! We received a very generous check for the **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)** that miraculously offset the shortfall in our assessment. I thought we would not make our goal this year. But I have learned to always expect miracles - at the homestretch, a "Hail Mary pass" was thrown by this kind hearted "quarterback" parishioner - and **touchdown!** Phew, you saved us! Thank you very much. Any contribution to the AAA is still welcome and would now be considered as income for the parish. Again, we can say our AAA was another huge success. Thank you for all your support!

2. STILL A HAPPY WEEK! The **Statue of St. Joseph** has been delivered. This Sunday, on the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we will bless and enshrine his statue at the St. Joseph Woods behind the church after the 11:30am Mass. You are all invited. This is a shoutout to all St. Joseph devotees! Make your presence known to this beloved saint.

3. THE LAST WEEK! This Sunday is the last day of the year. The 5:00pm Mass this Sunday is not a New Year's Eve Mass. It is still a Sunday Mass. Our **New Year's Mass** this Monday is at 9:30am. There will only be one Mass that day, and we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation but you are still welcome to attend Mass to start the year right.

4. Those who attended the last Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Lectors workshop with Deacon Sal may now claim their **Certificate of Attendance** at the Sacristy. Congratulations! You have been certified by the Archdiocese, and it means that you are eligible to serve in other parishes in the Archdiocese. But don't go anywhere just yet, serve St. Robert's first!

5. Next Thursday, January 4, the **Grief and Consolation Ministry** will be meeting at the convent at 9:15am. Later that day, the Next Generation Parish Implementation Team will be meeting with Lori Tedjedske from the Catholic Leadership Institute.

6. A BIG THANK YOU to all who made our Christmas celebrations in our church and the whole parish truly wonderful and memorable.

FAZnotes
(Father Arnold Zamora)
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Dear St. Robert's parishioners and friends,

It is true that a WISH is also a PRAYER.

**The only difference is:
a WISH is said with HOPE, while a PRAYER is said with FAITH.**

**I WISH and PRAY that GOD's blessings to you will include these:
a sound health;
a relaxed mind;
a peaceful soul;
a joyful spirit;
and a heart full of love and laughter.**

Enjoy His Blessings! Happy New Year!

Be blessed and be a blessing,

-Fr. Arnold