

# Pastor's Updates

January 5, 2024



## Things you may want to know this week

1. This Sunday, we celebrate the **Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord**. Although popularly known as "Three Kings Sunday," the Bible makes no mention of kings or how many but, rather, it refers to magi or wisemen who came to adore the newborn King. In some traditions, this day marks the end of Christmas. However, the liturgical season of Christmas ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which is celebrated on Monday, January 7th, this year. Next Tuesday starts the Ordinary Time of our Church calendar!
2. We welcome back our **Saint Robert School** family from a three-week Christmas break. It's back to school this Monday!
3. The **Women at the Well** will be meeting this Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 9:30am at the convent.  
For more information about this group, contact **Betty Gonzalez** at [bgpfaeffle@aol.com](mailto:bgpfaeffle@aol.com)
4. Thank you for supporting the Second Collection last Sunday for Saint Vincent de Paul Society. Yesterday, as they usually do every First Thursday of the month, they were able to distribute groceries to some needy families in our community.
5. I agree with one parishioner who said, "I won't say goodbye to 2023 because of the many beautiful memories." So, instead, I will say, "Thank You 2023!" I will not say goodbye either, as I leave Sunday afternoon for my Sabbatical. Instead, I will say, "God bless you!" I will keep you all in my prayers as I continue my philosophical and religious studies in Rome, as well as during my R&R in the Philippines. Thank you for all your best wishes. See you in July! **SIGNING OFF** for now!

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

Welcoming you to this New Year 2024, I also extend my best wishes and fervent prayers for you.

May the blessing of GOD surround you to keep you safe always...

May the words of FRIENDS reassure you in kindness as they speak...

May you always find GOD's favor in every path you trek in life...

May God give you STRENGTH, COURAGE, and WISDOM to overcome all challenges.

May LOVE, JOY, and LAUGHTER be yours every single day of this school year...

May the good LORD always bless you and keep you!

May HE make HIS face shine upon you and be gracious unto YOU!

I leave you behind those words of blessings. I will be away for six months for my Sabbatical. I will in Rome, known as the Eternal City. I will be back in July energized and more motivated to serve you.

You'll always be in my heart and in my prayers,

**-Fr. Arnold**