

# Pastor's Updates

July 5, 2024



## Things you may want to know this week

**1. 1. Belated Happy Birthday and a BIG Thank You to Fr. Boie!** Last Friday, June 28, Fr. Boie had his grandest birthday celebration yet which was highlighted by a special performance by the Boholano priests from the Philippines at the Hennessy Hall. It was a fitting finale to his remarkable stint as acting pastor! I want to express my personal thanks to Fr. Boie for doing a superb job of keeping the parish running smoothly while I was gone, Thank you also to our parish and ministry leaders for their support.

## 2. A Warm Welcome and Good News!!

a. **A beautiful picture** of mine with the caption "Welcome Back Fr. Arnold, You are missed" was displayed in the vestibule over the weekend. Thank you! However, a comedy of errors could have shocked the Archbishop when the florist who delivered the flowers for the scheduled funeral last Wednesday placed them beside my picture. Without the inscription "Welcome Back Fr. Arnold and the balloons, the caption "**You are missed**" could have sent shock waves to the entire parish.

b. The **school roofing project** has been completed. We are finishing the painting of the school side wall. The next project in line is the school boiler. Hopefully, we can include the convent boiler that has not been running for years.

c. The **St. Joseph Shrine** at our St. Joseph Woods behind the church looks beautiful, thanks to the devotees who take care of its upkeep every day. We are now in the process of adding concrete steps to replace the wooden steps for devotees' easier passage to the shrine. Another good news is that this project cost the parish nothing as all the expenses for the shrine construction were donated. It was completed in a relatively short period of time. Nothing beats "Fast and Free!"

d. We have a **new monstrance**, thurible or censer, and incense boat from Rome for our Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction, and special Mass celebrations. I also brought back colorful liturgical palls which are placed on top of the chalice, as well as a beautiful white vestment. Those items were blessed at the 9:30 a.m. Mass last Sunday.

**3.** Last Tuesday, our parish staff, including myself, attended a workshop on the **Workplace Violence Prevention Plan (WVPP)** at St. Bart's parish in San Mateo as mandated by the archdiocese. We are committed to creating a safe work environment while protecting God's people. The WVPP focuses on how to identify safety risks and potential threats, how to help prevent violence, and how to properly investigate incidents, followed by corrective measures within the parish worship spaces plus school spaces within the workplace.

**4.** Expect some familiar and unfamiliar faces saying mass or walking around. They are our **guest priests** from Bohol, Philippines, on their way to attend our Annual Boholano Priests Reunion held this year in Baltimore.

**5.** Welcome **Michael Smith** and his family to St. Robert. Michael is now in his final year of the Diaconate program of the Archdiocese. Michael and wife, Silvia, and their two children, were active members of St. Veronica in South San Francisco prior to their move to St. Robert's. Michael is a Mechanical Engineer working in the city of South San Francisco. Hopefully, when he is finally ordained as a Deacon next year, he will be assigned to St. Robert's.

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

**I'm back! Fully charged and re-energized!**

**It was so sweet to hear parishioners saying, "We miss you, we always think of you."**

**Likewise!**

**But always remember:**

**Every day God thinks of you.**

**Every hour God looks after you.**

**Every minute God cares for you.**

**Because every second, He loves you!**

**We are not alone in our journey.**

**God is always with us!\_\_**

**Be blessed and be a blessing!**

**-Fr. Arnold**