

Pastor's updates

September 18, 2020



Things you may want to know this week

- 1. HEAR YE! HEAR YEAH!** (*Hear this and I hear you* -- taking care of our Parish home)
Hear This: The convent exterior wall has been an eyesore to some and an upkeep issue to the parish.
Hear Yeah: Three or four painting companies came last Monday to see the convent and will present their respective bids for the project.
Hear This: Fr. Greene left me with an assignment to look into our church heating system.
Hear Yeah: Steve Bowers, from the Archdiocese Building and Facility, together with some heating system experts came last Thursday to provide us with solutions and they will soon be ready with their proposals.
Hear This: The alcove lights of the 4 shrines inside the church were not functioning well, either some bulbs were busted or the dimmer switch was defective.
Hear Yeah: I called a parishioner and he came right away to fix the problem, although we are waiting for a parts replacement.
Hear This: The lighting around the crucifix and the altar is too dark during the Mass.
Hear Yeah: We are looking into that but we hear yeah!
- 2. HEAR YE! HEAR YEAH!** "*Blessed are they who hear the cry of the poor.*"
Thank you for hearing the appeal of the Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) for food supplies for the poor. These kind-hearted members of SVdP deliver food and groceries to 25 families in San Bruno. They are still in need of these items: CANNED GOODS (Vegetable, Soup, Beans, Meat, Chicken), Pasta, Rice, Cereal (Low Sugar), Pasta Sauce, Cake mixes and Peanut butter.
- 3. HEAR YE! HEAR YEAH!** Hearing the questions of our SR School First Graders yesterday, "zooming" with them in their empty classroom, was a delight. I was asked "how and why I became a priest," "how long have I been a priest," "what is my favorite food" and even questions like, "How was God born?" Thank you to all our school students who made some greeting cards and notes for me for the passing of my mother. So sweet, so kind, so comforting and full of love! One handwritten card scribbled this way: TOFAT HER Arnold. For a second, I thought my mom or I was being greeted as "fat" but this was cute! Glad the student did not syllabicate my name, as to appear ARN OLD... Though there's nothing wrong with being DArn OLD. I HEAR YEAH thank you!.
- 4. HEAR YE! HEAR YEAH!** Tomorrow, Saturday at 1PM, will be the First Reconciliation of our Religious Education (CCD) students. We will be hearing their confession and they will hear God's forgiveness. Our CCD directors, Leslie Fong and Joanne Bartolotti, decided to have this first sacrament be done in two batches so as to assure safety protocols during this time. Thank you for their hard work in teaching our kids. The second group will make their First Reconciliation next Saturday, September 26 at 10AM.

5. **HEAR YE! HEAR YEAH!** Hundreds are expected to join our Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone in a Eucharistic procession this Sunday, September 20th, from the United Nations Plaza to the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption “as testament to the city that faith matters” and “to free the mass.” It’s a call to the city of San Francisco to lift tight restrictions on public worship particularly in celebrating the mass. There will also be a procession from three points: Star of the Sea Church (Geary, St. Patrick’s Church (3rd & Mission) and Saint Anthony de Paul (C. Chavez). These three groups will converge at UN Plaza at around 10AM and will proceed to the Cathedral for a multiple outdoor masses of 50 people at 11AM. I hope our voices will be heard! ([CLICK](#) for related news).

6. **HEAR YE! HEAR YEAH!** This Sunday, is the drawing of our Festival Raffle at 4:00PM in the Church. It will be livestreamed via our [Facebook Page](#) (www.facebook.com/saintrobertssanbruno) and [Saint Robert YouTube Channel](#). We will also hear from “The Father’s Children,” who will entertain us with a few songs as intermission in the raffle drawing. But more importantly, hear the call and win!

Fr. Arnold