

# Pastor's updates

October 25, 2020



## Things you may want to know this week

1. **WELCOME!** Our Third and Fourth Graders at St. Robert's School are returning this Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, for in-person instruction. According to school principal Dr. Patrick Sullivan: "The third and fourth grade classrooms have been upgraded so that each student will have online capabilities for Spanish, Kidstock, music, and physical education. At home learners will still have all the above courses, ensuring that the school will provide a comprehensive educational experience for all learners." Welcome back!
2. **WELCOME!** The Second Graders of our school are attending mass in person next Friday in their (Halloween) costumes. Friday had been the designated day for our school mass but starting in November, it will be on Mondays, so expect some students to attend mass in person on All Souls Day. Hopefully, and especially if the current situation improves, we can have more students attending in person every Monday. Welcome once again!
3. **WELCOME!** Rob Aveson, our Parish Council chair, reported to me that we have enough volunteers to cover the screening process for the 4:30PM Saturday Mass. So, starting next Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, we will open the church to the public for in-person worship. As Rob says, it will be a Halloween Opening. Well, Halloween comes from two words, "Hallow meaning "Holy" and E'en, a contraction of "Eve or Evening" and so it literally means "Eve of the Holy or Saints." Welcome back to the 4:30PM Mass!
4. **WELCOME! Carlo Acutis**, from Milan, Italy, who died at 15 in 2006, was recently beatified or declared "blessed" by Pope Francis, in Assisi, Italy. This moves him one step closer to becoming the first millennial to be declared a Catholic saint. Since his death, Carlo has become known in some Catholic circles as the patron saint of the internet for his facility with computers and his early and enthusiastic embrace of the web, which he used as an expression of his Catholic faith. "Blessed Carlo, welcome to the greats of the church, to be counted among the blessed saints!"
5. **WELCOME!** I am happy to inform you that we have received the amount of \$ 69,237.84 towards our **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)** parish goal of \$119, 261. This is just \$6000 shy from last year at this time. To me, this is quite impressive given the Covid-19 pandemic and the numerous challenges we all are enduring as a result. The St. Robert family is once again demonstrating its giving, caring nature. You have always manifested your continued support despite everything we are going through. [Online donation is accepted!](#) We always welcome and thank your undying support and generosity.
6. **WELCOME!** A new Volunteers Ministry has been formed through the initiative of school parents **Lory Tan** and **Paola Caceres**. They will communicate and coordinate volunteer opportunities for volunteer service hours for the school and church. The response has been very positive and encouraging. Few parents have signified to share their Stewardship of Time and Talent, please see below for volunteer opportunities. Your help is always welcomed.

**Fr. Arnold**