

# Pastor's updates

November 27, 2020



## Things you may want to know this week

1. Today, November 27<sup>th</sup> is **Native American Heritage Day**. The whole month of November is actually a month to honor and recognize the Native Americans as the first people of this nation and to celebrate their cultural heritage and integral importance to our past, our present, and our future.
2. This Sunday marks the start of the new season of Advent. **The First Sunday of Advent** also marks the start of a new liturgical year of the church. So, let me say, “Happy New Year to all of you!” Our Church calendar or Liturgical Year starts on the First Sunday of Advent and ends on the Feast of Christ the King. It goes to a three-year Cycle A, B, and C. We are now on Year B. In Year A, we read primarily from the Gospel of Matthew. In Year B, we hear the gospels from Mark and in Year C, we listen to the Gospel of Luke. We listen to the Gospel of John every year during the seasons of Lent and Easter.
3. Our **Christmas Tree Lot** is now open. Purchase freshly cut Christmas Trees from Oregon. All proceeds go directly towards benefitting our St. Robert School. Thanks to **Julie Cress, Jill Penna and Michelle Schaukowitch** for initiating this first-time fundraising event in our parish and will become an annual thing. Indeed, “the Christmas trees remind us of a better time to come.”
4. We have started our annual **“Adopt-A-Family”** program last weekend and will continue till the weekend of December 12-13. This is our 28<sup>th</sup> year of having this program. The “ornaments” on the small Christmas tree are profiles of families that parishioners can “Adopt” and get Christmas gifts. For those who could not come to mass and pick up the ornaments, you can email Rob Aveson at [robaveson@gmail.com](mailto:robaveson@gmail.com) or call him at 650-207-1994. You can write a check to St. Roberts and put “Adopt-A Family” on the memo then drop it at the rectory or give it to Rob Aveson and we will take care of your gift to be given to the family.
5. On Thanksgiving Day, I received a surprise visit from **Paul Larson**, a parishioner who is a member of the **Young Men’s Institute (YMI)** Council #32 of South San Francisco. He handed to me a generous donation from the Brothers of YMI Council #32 to be used for the needs of the parish particularly for its day to day operation. His visit and the council’s donation are one of the many reasons I had to be thankful that day. Young Men’s Institute is a Catholic men’s fraternal organization founded in San Francisco in 1883. They operate across 30 Councils in three states and their membership is over 2200. They are in need of new members. Visit [www.ymiusa.org](http://www.ymiusa.org)!
6. **More thank yous!** Thank you to our Christmas Tree Lot organizers for donating five (5) trees for the church and another gorgeous big tree that we can either display in the church vestibule or the rectory’s dining room. Thank you to **Tony Tovar** who came to the rectory two days before Thanksgiving to fix our Video Doorbell. Thank you to **Una Uniacke and Sr. Sheral** who spent their Black Friday decorating the church in preparation for Advent Season.
7. We have created a Sign-Up for our Christmas masses (our parish website) to give us a better idea on what to expect and to make the necessary adjustments. In the event of an overflow, that is, if we exceed over 100, we will give the option to “attend mass” inside your car in the parking lot using your smart phone, iPad, tablet or computer and during Communion time, our Eucharistic Ministers will go out to give communion. Instructions will be given when you check in.

**Fr. Arnold**

# **FAZnotes**

**(Father Arnold Zamora)**

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**Dear parishioners and friends of St. Roberts,**

MORNING... is not only sunrise, but a BEAUTIFUL MIRACLE of GOD that defeats darkness and spreads the light with BLESSINGS.

May you wake up with a THANKFUL HEART for all the things happening in your LIFE; for all the TROUBLES GOD is seeing you through; and for all the STRENGTH the Lord always sends you to SURVIVE.

GOD IS GREAT!

**Every day is a THANKSGIVING DAY!**

*Fr. Arnold*