

Pastor's updates

January 29, 2021



Things you may want to know this week

1. This Sunday is a big day for all the Catholic Schools in our country as we celebrate the **National Catholic Schools Week** from January 31- February 6. The CSW 2021- 2024 theme is "*Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.*" Catholic schools have a specific purpose to form students to be good citizens of the world, to love God and neighbor, and enrich society with the leaven of the gospel and by example of faith. Our **9:30 A.M. OUTDOOR Mass** this Sunday will include students and their families, as well as teachers and staff of our school. We honor them for the invaluable contributions they make in educating our children. We also express appreciation for the parents, who support the school consistently, making the Saint Robert School Community a very special one to be part of.
2. Tomorrow, **Pablo, our gardener**, will be working on the two planter boxes in front of the church. He will do a little makeover by planting new plants and flowers putting much needed colors in that area. His next job will be working on the church frontage, the corner spot with the signage. Much of the expense will be shared by our wonderful parishioners and we thank them for their generosity.
3. **Wednesday, February 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blaise** where we traditionally have the Blessing of the Throat of worshippers with candles around the throat. Given the concerns for health and safety, and per Archdiocesan guidelines, we will use the communal blessing option this year and not offer blessings individually.
4. This coming Friday, we will have our **First Friday devotion** and novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus right after the 8:30AM mass followed by an hour of Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ending with a Benediction. Likewise, we will have our First Saturday devotion this Saturday by praying the Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary right after the 8:30AM mass. Join us in prayer!
5. We already received the assessment for our **2021 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal** in the amount of **\$101,451**, lesser compared to last year's \$119,000. The assessment goal is a percentage of the ordinary income of the previous year. As in the past, any amount raised above the goal will be returned to the parish. The assessment goal percentage for all parishes is set to 20%. We are still awaiting the Task Force decision on what to do with many parishes that have not completed their 2020 assessment.
6. **January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month** which began in January and will end on Monday, February 8 (the feast of St. Josephine Bakhita). Show your support on February 8 by wearing blue. If interested in listening to a recorded webinar discussing HT in the US and worldwide log on to: globalsistersreport.org/witnessandgraceconversations.

Fr. Arnold

FAZnotes
(Father Arnold Zamora)
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Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Roberts,

"Raindrops keep falling on our head" these days. Thank God for this blessing.

A raindrop maybe tiny but somewhere a thirsty flower awaits its fall.

Likewise, a text message may seem too short but it whispers that a HEART remembers a LOVED ONE, a FRIEND, or anyone who's close to anybody.

I may never have the opportunity to do great things for you,
but I'll always find a chance to do small things in a great way...
through PRAYERS.

May your day be filled with humility, wisdom and love and may God's blessings like rain keep falling in your life!

Fr. Arnold