

# Pastor's updates

March 12, 2021



## Things you may want to know this week

1. Thank you for all your warm expressions of welcome and support on the occasion of my installation as pastor of St. Robert's last Sunday. The whole celebration was beautiful. Our school faculty and staff came in full force with their attendance at mass. The Archbishop stayed longer for lunch means he was enjoying himself. The day after I was formally installed as pastor was my scheduled day-off. But since I have been assigned to St. Robert's I have not spent my day-off away from home. I was glad to receive a basket of assorted goodies from the president of our Women's Guild, **Jessica Tellez-Chavez** and her daughter **Adriana** in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Coincidentally, that Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> was International Women's Day. Salute to all the women in the world!
2. Since 1987, the United States has formally recognized the month of March as **National Women's History Month**. We have so many women in the parish volunteering their time, sharing their expertise and resources. They serve us Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, church environment, streamers, etc. We are so grateful for these women. There are also women working for the church but not in the church. They are the "Counting Ladies" and the "Sorting and Mailing Ladies." The "Counting Ladies" are those counting our Church collection and offertory gifts and they are **Barbara Rudometkin, Gloria Alchera, Marilyn Dachauer, Teresita Yumang and Lilo Quintana**. "The Sorting and Mailing Ladies" are those stuffing the letters for mailing to parishioners like the Christmas and Easter communications and the AAA and they are: **Barbara Rudometkin, Mary Nunnery, Sandy Mangold, Judy DeMartini and Lilo Quintana**. There are other ladies who are part of these groups but inactive due Covid restriction but they will rejoin the group when things improve.
3. **Two pianos** have been tuned this week, the church "new" piano and Hennessy Hall piano that used to be the church old piano. We also have added a little monitor speaker close to the church sanctuary so the priest presider or those in the sanctuary can hear the sound from the ambo or the cantor better.
4. Birthday greetings to **Deacon Rusty Duffey** who celebrated his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday last Wednesday, March 10. When a clergy, that is, a bishop, priest or deacon, reaches the age of 75, he has to submit a Letter of Resignation or in simple term, a Retirement Letter. However, it does not mean he will stop functioning as a clergy. He just doesn't have an official assignment or responsibility. As one retired pastor said: "I don't have to deal with the leak in the church." Deacon Rusty although retired will continue to help us in the office. Thank you Deacon Rusty for your years of service at St. Roberts and for your continued support to the parish.
5. Don't forget Sunday, is **Daylight Savings Time**. Turn your clock an hour earlier before going to bed. You don't have to do that if you have the modern day clocks and watches that automatically change to the correct time but you might also want to change your body clock.

*Fr. Arnold*

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

The importance of loved ones and good friends is like the importance of our heartbeat. They are not visible but they silently support our life. When our arms can't reach those people who are close to our heart, we can always hug them with our prayers. Prayers for those who are away this week.

A Blessed Lent to all!

*Fr. Arnold*