

Pastor's updates

March 18, 2021



Things you may want to know this week

1. I am sending this update early because tomorrow we celebrate the **Solemnity of Saint Joseph**, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which falls on a Friday of Lent, a Day of Abstinence. The good news is that since it is a Solemnity, you can eat meat and you don't have to fast. After saying Happy St. Patrick's Day, I am greeting you Happy St. Joseph's Day!
2. **Rob Aveson**, our Parish Pastoral/Finance council chair, will speak about the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) at all the masses this weekend. After giving my personal contribution of 1% of the AAA parish goal (\$101,451), it returned to me with an increase. I received the stimulus package that was more than what I gave. That's just how God works! The more you give, the more you receive!
3. This Saturday, **March 20, is the First Day of Spring**. It is a season of new beginnings when daylight begins to overtake the darkness. As it is a season of hope, I hope it is symbolic of the light for our darkened world. As it is a season of beautifying, it also means Spring Cleaning. Our school parents will be doing both this Saturday. At least 40 people have signed up who will be sweeping, painting, pulling weed, cleaning and beautifying our school yard.
4. On the church corner yard facing the park, we have planted **new grass** to add more greenery reflective of spring. It is real grass. It took the whole weekend of last week to do the project including installing a new sprinkler system. Thanks again to the kind and generous sponsors who funded the whole project. Their names are written in the heavenly book but withheld from the earthly recognition, preferring to be anonymous.
5. We will be having the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** or Confessions for our Confirmation candidates this Sunday at 3PM in preparation for their Confirmation after Easter. The Archbishop has granted my request for the delegation to confirm our students this year.
6. With the County of San Mateo moving to **Orange Tier** and more and more people vaccinated, we will be reevaluating our Weekend mass times so we can transition to bringing back our regular Sunday schedule. Meanwhile, we are welcoming back our school students to worship in person every Monday, the scheduled school mass. This Monday, our Kindergarteners will be at the 8:30AM mass still observing health protocols.
7. You are a gift to our parish. You are God's blessings! Thank you!

Fr. Arnold

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

"Leaves fall from dryness, from rain, wind and other forces of nature.
But trees remain firm and resilient, standing best as they could.
Like trees, we are battered by the tests of time.
But by the grace of God, we continue to stand and remain determined,
waiting for new leaves of hope to grow.
Let us stand like a tree.
Let us root ourselves in the grace of God."

A Blessed Week to all!

Fr. Arnold