

# Pastor's updates

July 2, 2021



## Things you may want to know this week

- 1. It's another month** but it is also another fiscal year as I start the second year of my ministry here at St. Robert's. I am now a year old at St. Robert's. I know this year will be different and I am looking forward to it with great excitement and enthusiasm. Great things are on the way.
- 2. Starting this year, Lawrence King-Ellison**, the Religion Director for St. Robert School and the Eighth Grade homeroom teacher, will be overseeing the **Altar Servers** program for both school and parish. Our Altar Server's ministry will now start in Fourth Grade. The first Altar Servers meeting will take place on Thursday, July 22, 2021, from 1:00PM- 3:00 PM here at our church. Whether you have served before or would like to start serving, please attend this meeting. Looking forward to seeing you all!
- 3. Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!** We celebrate Independence Day this Sunday. Symbolic of our Independence, we will be releasing or taking down the ropes that separate the pews in our church. All the pews will now be available for seating but we will still continue to wear our face mask and observe a 3ft social distancing.

## 4. Updates from Sr. Sheral:

Dear Parishioners,

It will be wonderful to see many of you at the Masses this weekend.

I was away for 8 days at our annual Franciscan gathering during which we elected four sisters who will be our leadership team for the coming four years. We, like many communities, are much smaller and older than we used to be; our youngest member here in the states is 57 and it has been more than 25 years since someone entered. Our four sisters in Palenque, Mexico are in their 30s and 40s.

So we spent two days of prayerful retreat focusing on the qualities needed for our leaders in this constantly changing world and the qualities the rest of us need to be actively participating followers. We also looked at our statutes, the updated guidelines which focus on our following of Jesus and the gospel, according to the way of Francis and Clare of Assisi. The foundress of our particular Franciscan community was a poor Dutch woman whose constant reminder was, "God will provide." Her example of absolute trust in God is our guiding light as well.

Please pray for us and the Presentation Sisters who have done so much and meant so much for our parish as we try to pass on our spirit (sometimes referred to as our charism or gift) to the many lay men and women who will continue to serve the Lord and our Church.

Peace and many blessings to each of you!

Sister, Sheral

**FAZnotes**  
**(Father Arnold Zamora)**  
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Dear parishioners and friends of St. Robert's,

Another month...

Another day...

Another mountain to climb...

Another bridge to cross...

Another road to travel...

Another test to overcome...

But God's Word gives you the blessed assurance that you can do all...

May GOD be your ANCHOR in all the difficult days of your life!

Live with God! Live with Love!

*Fr. Arnold*