

# Pastor's updates

October 1, 2021



## Things you may want to know this week

1. Welcome to the new **month of October**, the month dedicated to the **Holy Rosary**, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7<sup>th</sup>). The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary. Our parishioner, lector and streamer, **Brent Villalobos** has written two books about the Holy Rosary to give us a better understanding and deeper meaning in praying the Rosary. The first book, entitled: "The Rosary for the Rest of Us," is a practical guide to our most powerful prayer. The other book, entitled "The Rosary Prayer Guide for the Rest of Us" offers us meditation ideas for the Holy Rosary. I hope you can get a copy of these books.
2. As announced last weekend, we will have the **Blessing of the Animals** tomorrow, October 2, at 9:15AM in the school yard. St. Francis of Assisi is the patron of animals and his feast is celebrated every October 4<sup>th</sup>.
3. The first Sunday of October (October 3<sup>rd</sup> this year) is observed as **Respect Life Sunday**. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from conception to its natural end. The praying of the Rosary at the Planned Parenthood in Redwood City still has openings to participate.
4. As we continue to transition to the normal way, starting this weekend, our **Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors** will now process from the back of the church at the start of the mass together with the priest and altar server. They will also process out.
5. Our **Grief Support and Consolation Ministry** will be meeting next Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021, after the 8:30AM Mass, in the convent. The meeting is open to all who are grieving the loss of a loved one. For more information, please email: Judy Kerrigan - [srconsolationmin@att.net](mailto:srconsolationmin@att.net)
6. My four-year term as the **Spiritual Moderator/Chaplain for the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women** ended this year. I recently got a call from the Vicar of Clergy that the Archbishop asked me to continue to serve in the same position. Similar to when I attend our St. Robert's Women's Guild meetings, I was and will be surrounded with a lot of women and thus I declare: "Blessed are you among women."
7. We are so blessed that the Archdiocese is offering a **spiritual formation** specifically for St. Robert's on October 15-16 at the Hennessy Hall. I am cordially inviting you to attend. Please see poster below for detail.

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

Every day is a new beginning! Take a deep breath and start again.

GOD guides us in everything we do.

He is our sunshine in our waking hours.

Focus our thoughts to our ever loving LORD.

He promised never to leave us to be our protector.

So he sends his angels to guard, guide and protect us.

Keep this prayer for all ages:

*“Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
To whom His love commits me here;  
Ever this day (or night)  
Be at my side.  
To light and guard,  
To rule and guide,  
Amen.*

Happy Feast of the Guardian Angels!

**Fr. Arnold**