

# Pastor's updates

October 15, 2021



## Things you may want to know this week

- 1. A Spiritual Formation focusing on the Stewardship Way of Life will be held tonight from 7PM to 8:30AM and tomorrow, from 10AM to 3PM. Jesuit priest and former Vicar for Administration of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Fr. John Piderit, SJ and Florian Romero, Director of Stewardship will be the speakers for this archdiocesan sponsored event. Expected to attend tonight are 15 from All Souls parish including their pastor, Fr. Kazimierz, 5 from St. Veronica, 4 from St. Andrew and 20 from St. Roberts.**
- 2. It's our School Family mass sponsored by our 4th graders this Sunday at 9:30AM. After the mass will be the Blessing of the new courtyard and statue of Mary next to the Kindergarten room. (See pictures below)**
- 3. Last Sunday, October 10, we had 39 candidates for Confirmation attend an all-day retreat led by Chris Mariano, Director of Youth of the Archdiocese and a team from the SF Archdiocese. Next Sunday, Oct. 24, our Confirmation Candidates will participate in a Reconciliation service followed by attending the 5:00pm mass. They will be confirmed by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone on Friday, November 5, 2021 at 6:30PM here at St. Robert's Church.**
- 4. At the last Ministry Leaders Meeting two weeks ago, all ministries or parish groups had leaders or coordinators except for the youth and young adults. More than ever we need this ministry to keep going and bring back our youth to the church. It must have been heaven-sent that I met someone who just moved into our area and registered as a new parishioner. She used to be the Director of Youth Ministry at St. Andrew's in Daly City and has an extensive experience with youth formation. She will be at the masses this weekend to invite our young people to the ministry. Being a licensed therapist and psychologist, she will also be working as our school therapist and counselor. Let us give a very warm welcome to Maggie de Vera. <http://maggiedevera.com>**
- 5. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the suspension of our masses, we have experienced a significant shortfall in our offertory collections over the last several weeks and months. To make up this shortfall, we are embarking on a fundraising effort called A Promise of Hope & Healing. You will receive more information in the mail about the program in the next few weeks. Please reflect on the information and consider how you can make a promise to help our parish community heal and thrive financially. You will receive weekly announcements about our program and will be sharing more information with you from the pulpit. Our efforts will culminate with IMPACT WEEKEND on October 30 & October 31. Our hope is to have every family participate in the program. Together we can IMPACT our current situation and get through this difficult time.**

6. In preparation for our special Remembrance Mass on November 2, 2021, at 7PM, to pray and honor our parishioners who have died November of last year to October this year, we are requesting the families to submit photos of their loved ones most preferably electronically to this email address: [pastorofstroberts@gmail.com](mailto:pastorofstroberts@gmail.com) or you can submit the physical copy to Judy Kerrigan or the parish office. Just make sure you put the name in the back of the picture.

7. We have split our Parish Councils into two: Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and Parish Finance Council. Chaired by Rob Aveson, the PPC is composed of Barbara Rudometkin (vice-chair), Thelma Tannis (secretary), John Lynch, Tony Reid, Patrick Sullivan (school principal) and new members Monica Castillo and Brent Villalobos. The members of the Finance Council are: Jim Shahbaziah, David Bui, Tony Clifford, Margot Guisti and Rob Aveson. If you are interested and committed to be a part of either council, let me know.

8. Florence de Bretagne, the muralist who will be supervising the painting of murals of the lower parking lot wall will give a project orientation this Monday, October 18, 2021 at 5PM in the Hennessy Hall. She is looking for volunteers both from school and church who can give at least three hours at once to help her prepare and paint the wall. The school will give volunteer hours to parents to support the creation of something special for our students. See her website and sample of her works: <https://www.flodebretagne.com>

9. St. Robert's annual Our Lady of Rosary Rally on the steps in front of the church will take place next Saturday, October 23 at noon. Please join us!  
Thank you Agnes Doherty for organizing this Rosary Rally.

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## FAZnotes

(Father Arnold Zamora)

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Dear parishioners and friends of St. Robert's,

Humor is a sweet part of our existence.

Laugh at our own mistakes, but learn from them.

Joke over our troubles but gather strength from them.

Make fun of our difficulties but overcome them.

Life may be tough and difficult, but the values we gain from trials make it all worth the journey.

Have a blessed great day!

*Fr. Arnold*