

Pastor's updates

December 10, 2021



Things you may want to know this week

1. This week three parish groups had their last meeting for the year. The **Men's Club** had theirs last Monday, the **Women's Guild** last Wednesday and the "**In-Betweeners**" had theirs tonight. We are glad that despite the many limitations brought about by COVID-19, these groups were still able to congregate and enjoy each other's company and share a meal. We thank and congratulate the organizers of both groups especially the president of each group:

Rico Medina- President of the Men's Club

Jessica Tellez- President of the Women's Guild

George Lynch- President of the In-Betweeners.

2. This Sunday is called **Gaudete or Rejoice Sunday**. Maybe we can call it "In-Betweeners" Sunday too, in as much as that in-between our advent preparation of waiting and repentance is that joy that we look forward to at the coming of the Lord. In between the purple candles of our Advent Wreath is a Pink Candle that symbolizes joy.

3. This Sunday, December 12, is traditionally the **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. But Sunday celebrations generally supersedes the Feast of a saint. So, we still celebrate the **Third Sunday of Advent**. But our newly formed youth group will honor our Lady of Guadalupe with its **Kick-Off Celebration** from 2-5PM at the Hennessy Hall followed by the mass at 5PM. All are invited. Please RSVP for the event at <https://www.saintrobertyouthministry.com/celebration-of-youth-event>.

4. This coming Monday, December 13, is our **School Christmas Show** at 6:15PM. The church doors open at 5:30 for seating. Unfortunately, seats are limited to two guests for each family. You can still watch the show via our St. Robert's Facebook account and YouTube channel.

5. Wednesday, December 15 is the start of the **Simbang Gabi**, the 9-day novena of masses before Christmas. See poster below for details. The presiding priest for this Wednesday's 7PM mass is our former pastor Fr. Obet Andrey who is now the pastor of St. Patrick's in San Francisco. Each day has a different presider and choir.

6. **Mary Nunnery**, the coordinator of Respect for Life in our parish, gave us the **40 Days for Life Worldwide Campaign Results**. The dedication and prayers from hundreds who participated in this past campaign have resulted in 850 babies being saved from abortion and six Planned Parenthood employees converted. Continue to pray for the efforts in Washington to abolish the Roe vs Wade law.

7. I just received an email from **Laura Bertone**, the Director of Worship of our Archdiocese of San Francisco, accepting my invitation to train and retrain our liturgical ministers, especially our **Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors**. It is going to be on **January 29, 2022 at 10AM in the Hennessy Hall**. We will also honor and thank our ministers with a lunch to end the day's workshop. Please **SAVE the DATE!**

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

Happy Gaudete Sunday!

GOD bless you with "Joy!"

Joy flows from a heart that knows how to care and share.

Joy flows from people who appreciate other people.

Joy flows and happens in the way we look at the simplest ordinary things, events, and persons.

Joy flows from opening our lives to GOD who journeys with us.

Let the JOY always be in your heart!

Fr. Arnold