

Pastor's updates

June 17, 2022



Things you may want to know this week

- 1. Congratulations** to all Warriors fans! **WE WON!** Yes, I said "we" - we deserve a pat on the back since we were there for them, win or lose. Draymond Green calls his fellow players brothers - not teammates - making them family. We are all part of St. Robert's family, and when we treat each other as family, there will always be success. Now that you don't have to stress over a 7th game of the NBA Finals, you can actually enjoy listening to the special choir that GP, our music director, has put together for the 5 p.m. Mass this Sunday.
- 2.** This Sunday is the Solemnity of **Corpus Christi**. On this special day, we celebrate Christ' greatest miracle - the **Real Presence of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**. The bread and wine that are consecrated by the priest, by virtue of the sacrament of Holy Orders and acts in "persona Christi," become the Body and the Precious Blood of Christ. We will have a procession of the Blessed Sacrament inside the Church after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Since it is also Father's Day, our Women's Guild led by its newly installed president, Samantha Dillavou, will serve coffee and donuts after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.
- 3. Juneteenth** has been celebrated annually on June 19 to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved African Americans, and serves as an opportunity to celebrate African-American culture. Last year, President Biden signed the Juneteenth Nation Independence Day Act into law recognizing this day as a Federal Holiday. Since it falls on a Sunday this year, and is observed on the following day, our parish office will be closed this Monday, June 20.
- 4. Brent Villalobos**, a member of our Parish Pastoral Council and one of our lectors, has created a Sign-up Genius for our parish ministries. This will provide a coordinated schedule across all the ministries, and help make our parish logistics more efficient so that the people of Saint Roberts can get a more meaningful spiritual experience at Mass. Thank you Brent. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E48A9AE2AA6F85-saint1>. We do have an existing signup in the website for Lectors and Eucharistic ministers, you can still do that until further notice.
- 5.** Next Friday is the **Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**. We will have an Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Novena and Benediction after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The **Solemnity of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist** is celebrated every June 24. Since it falls on the same day as the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, its celebration is moved to Thursday, June 23.
- 6.** Children ages 6 - 11 are invited to a **Retreat/Summer Camp** that will take place at St. Veronica's church, South San Francisco, on July 5 - 8 from 8:30-12 noon. Two Dominican Sisters of Mary (the same order that teaches at Marin Catholic School) will conduct the camp/retreat with the theme "The Hidden Jesus." Fun and faith! Mass every day. Procession on the last day.
- 7.** This weekend's **Second Collection is for our Music Ministry**. Your generous donation will allow us to hire additional musicians for special occasions like Christmas, Easter and other big events in the parish. Wouldn't this provide our parish a beautiful liturgical experience? Our collection will also help defray operating expenses such as printing, music pieces, books and instruments. Also, twice a year, we tune and retune the piano and organ; and occasionally these instruments need some repairs. We need your support to have a robust music program in our parish.

FAZnotes

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

There is a story about a father and his young son who were walking through the mountains.

Suddenly, the son fell, hurting his leg on a rock.

He screamed, 'AAhhhh!'

To his surprise, he heard a voice repeating, 'AAhhhh!'

This made him even more curious.

So, he yelled, 'Who are you?' Back came the same answer, 'Who are you?'

Feeling a bit perturbed by this response, he yelled out, 'Coward!' Back came the same reply, 'Coward!'

He looked at his father and asked: 'What's going on?' His father smiled and said: 'Son, pay attention.'

Looking across the valley, his father yelled to the mountain, 'I admire you!'

The voice answered: 'I admire you!'

Again the man cried out: 'You are a champion!' The voice replied, 'You are a champion!'

The boy was amazed, but he was very confused. So, his father explained...

'You are only hearing an echo, the sound of our voices bouncing back from the mountains.

However, this really is how life works. It returns to you what you think, say and do!

Our lives are a reflection of our thoughts and actions.

If you want more love in your world, create more love in your heart.

If you want to be treated with kindness, treat others with kindness.

If you want more competence on your team, become more competent.

This relationship applies to everything, in all aspects of life.

Life will give to you, everything you give to it, only it will give you even more in return.

Your life is not ever a coincidence.

Each moment is a reflection of you!

The son listened and grew in understanding, and through the following years, he witnessed the truth of these words in his life!

Happy Father's Day!

Fr. Arnold