

Pastor's updates

July 1, 2022



Things you may want to know this week

1. It's a new month! Welcome to July! With this first day of the month, my updates will all be words of sincerest gratitude.

a. First of all, no words are enough to express my gratitude to **Fr. Stewart** for covering some of the Masses while Fr. Boie was away. I was deeply touched that he offered to celebrate the Monday morning Mass so I could do my "St. Joseph meditation"(sweet dreams) on my day off. After all, he is a retired priest who earned the right to longer sleep after his countless years of service. It must have been quite a sacrifice to wake up early, fight the morning commute from downtown San Francisco so that his brother priest, who is far from being retired, can enjoy a devotion to our lady of pillow (longer sleep). Much as Gracias, Fr. Stewart!

b. A big thanks to parishioner **Christine Devlin** who responded to my frantic call to provide the music for the 7:30a.m. and 9:30a.m. Masses last Sunday. Getting a musician is as difficult as getting a priest. With Fr. Boie being away, I had to say all 3 Sunday morning masses. And whenever GP, our music director, has an emergency and is not available, I have to either find somebody to play the piano, or a priest to celebrate the Mass so I could play the piano myself. Thankfully, Christine came to the rescue, and did it pro bono. With her big, kind and generous heart she exclaimed: "this is all for the glory of God." Bless your heart, Christine and thank you so much!

c. Thanks to my friend, **Joey Lopez**, for donating **Chaplet of the Divine Mercy** prayer cards in both English and Spanish. You may pick up copies at the back (vestibule) of the church, distribute them, and start praying for God's mercy for our sins and for the whole world.

d. Thank God for Freedom! We often take our freedom for granted. It is a gift from God. Let us not forget to pray for our brothers and sisters in other parts of the world who are still not truly free. The parish office will be closed this Monday in observance of Independence Day. Happy Independence Day!

2. ON RECESS!

a. There will be no Grief Support Group Meeting in July or August. Meetings will resume on September 1, 2022. However, if you are in need of support due to a past or present loss of a loved one, please don't hesitate to contact Judy Kerrigan - msrconsolationmin@att.net

b. There won't be a Youth Mass this Sunday, for July and August.

c. No Men's Club meeting this Monday due to the holiday.

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

You are strong.

Whatever this crazy thing called Life throws at you, you can get through it.

It may knock you down in ways but there's always a ladder of opportunity waiting for you to climb up higher than before.

Sometimes things have to get worse before they can get better.

Laura Story's song entitled "Blessings" says:

*'Cause what if your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
And what if the thousand sleepless nights
Are what it takes to know You're near?*

*What if my greatest disappointments
Or the aching of this life
Is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy
And what if trials of this life
The rain, the storms, the hardest nights
Are Your mercies in disguise?*

Never give up!

Fly high this July,

Fr. Arnold