

Pastor's updates

December 16, 2022



Things you may want to know this week

1. Last night was the first night of this year's **Simbang Gabi** here at St. Robert. Fr. Obet Andrey, our former pastor, now pastor of St. Patrick Church in San Francisco presided. Rico Medina, San Bruno Mayor and St. Robert's Men's Club president, lit the Advent candles while the Yumang Family offered the bread and wine. The guest choir was the Couples for Christ of St. Patrick. In the spirit of mutual cooperation among the parishes in the archdiocese, I will be presiding at tonight's Simbang Gabi Mass at All Soul's in South San Francisco while Fr. O'Dell, our former parochial vicar, will celebrate the Mass at 7:00a.m. here at St. Robert's, .

2. More **Breaking Bread** books are now available in the pew. This new version contains the daily Mass Entrance and Communion antiphons, and the Responsorial Psalm. It also contains the Order of Mass and additional prayers. When the slide projections are not available, these books will become handy as you can then easily follow the Penitential Act, the Confiteor (I Confess), the Gloria and the Creed which are found in the inside cover. Feel free to use one when you are at church to aid you in your prayer, but be sure to leave it for the next parishioner.

3. Today is the **last day of School** for our St. Robert's students before they take the Christmas break. They are coming back on January 9, 2023.

4. Our Youth Ministry is hosting a Christmas party tomorrow, Saturday, December 17, from Noon thru 3:00p.m. at the Hennessy Hall for all the young people in the parish, including the Altar Servers, Youth and Children choirs. Parents and relatives are also invited.

5. Last Wednesday, I attended our Clergy Advent Recollection at Vallambrosa Retreat Center, in Menlo Park, facilitated by the Most Rev. Michael Barber, S.J., bishop of Oakland. At lunch, I sat next to another priest who told me how St. Robert's parish got its name. You will find his story very interesting! As you know, the school was established first before the parish, and it was called San Bruno School because it was part of San Bruno parish. When the Archdiocese decided to form another parish, Fr. Robert Hennessy, the administrator and soon to be its first pastor naturally wanted to honor his namesake and patron saint, Saint Robert Bellarmine, a Jesuit. However, Archbishop Mitty did not like the Jesuits (we are all human, after all). So, although St. Robert Bellarmine, was a better known saint, it was decided that the parish be named after St. Robert de Turlande (also known as St. Robert of the House of God), a French nobleman who became a Benedictine monk.

6. **Bravo**, to St. Robert's parishioners! We are now at 106% of our **Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)** goal. You can still be a part of its success. For those who are part of the 1% (one percent) club who gave \$900 or more to the AAA, please SAVE February 11, 2023 for our Appreciation Dinner. Again, thank you to all your support.

7. Pray for our Holy Father, **Pope Francis**. Tomorrow, December 17th is his 86th birthday.

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

No one will manufacture a lock without a key,
Similarly God won't give problems without solutions.

Every successful person has a painful story,
Every painful story has a successful ending.

As St. Augustine says: "There is no saint without a past
and no sinner without a future."

There is Hope!
Fr. Arnold