

Pastor's updates

January 20, 2023



Things you may want to know this week

1. **The Knights of Columbus** will be honoring the priests in the Archdiocese tonight with a dinner at Holy Angels in Colma. The celebration will also be attended by Archbishop Cordileone. Kindly pray for all priests especially those who are sick and in need of special healing, particularly Fr. Mike Brillantes, San Bruno Church's former pastor.
2. Tomorrow is the **Annual Walk for Life West Coast**. It will start with a Holy Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral presided by Archbishop Cordileone. The rally starts at 12:30p.m. at the Civic Center Plaza, a short walk to Market Street (2 miles). The Walk ends at Embarcadero Plaza.
3. The **Kindergarten interviews and testing** will also occur tomorrow. We have an incredible abundance of families wanting to be a part of St. Robert's School - something to be proud of! In a related school news, Dr. Sullivan has appointed **Mr. Edgar Ceja**, the school's Religious Education Director to be the school's Vice-Principal. Congratulations Mr. Ceja!
4. This **Sunday, January 22, is Lunar New Year**, popularly known as Chinese New Year, ushering in the Year of the Rabbit. The celebration lasts for over two weeks in China but people mark the occasion similarly in other places like Vietnam, South Korea and other Asian countries.
5. **The Convent painting** has been completed. This project was one of the many priorities our parish leadership team put together when I first came to St. Robert's almost 3 years ago. It's finally done! Hallelujah!
6. Here are a few updates on some of our outstanding projects:
 - a. **"SR Bear Walk Bricks" project:** There remains a number of bricks to be installed on the other side of the planter box in front of the church which require good weather conditions (no cooler than 60°F) for best results. We are waiting for the perfect time and additional bricks to complete the whole square. We appreciate your patience and understanding.
 - b. **The Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes:** We are planning a groundbreaking ceremony on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11, 2023, after the 4:30p.m. Mass, weather permitting. We thank our initial donors. So far, we have collected \$11,217.51 of the \$50,000 needed to complete the whole project. We will have an Easter Sunday concert by the world-renowned Philippine Madrigal Singers here in our church at 7:00p.m. Proceeds will help fund the grotto construction.

7. Saint Robert's Women's Guild will have a Bingo Nite this Monday, January 23, 2023. Doors open at 6:30p.m. See poster below for more info.

8. Remember, every fourth Wednesday of the month is the **Second Harvest Grocery Distribution** at Belle Air Elementary School on 3rd Ave. The event provides over 20,000 lbs. of groceries to 225 families in need, and is 100% staffed by volunteers from our parish and members of the community. Volunteers are always needed, and should arrive around 1:3 p.m. Try helping out! Please contact Jay Morena, our 11:30a.m. Mass usher for further details. Email lucysdad10@aol.com

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Dear St. Robert's parishioners and friends,

A hand that wipes your tears in bad times is more appreciated than the countless hands that clap in your fame and success.

Value the people who are true and treasure the ones who remain loyal in times of trials... they are *GOD's* wonderful blessings to us.

God loves and cares for you...

Stay safe and healthy!

Gong Hei Fat Choy!

-Fr. Arnold