

Pastor's updates

February 24, 2023



Things you may want to know this week

1. This weekend is the launching of our **2023 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)**. The theme of our AAA this year is: *"Your Word is a Lamp for my Feet, a Light for my Path."* Our parish assessment this year or the goal set for us by the Archdiocese is \$103,208, higher than last year's \$92,145. I hope and pray that we can replicate the success of last year's appeal where we exceeded the goal, and the surplus allotted for our Grotto project. With your support, yes, we can!
2. Great things are happening this Sunday. At the 9:30 a.m. Mass, we will have **the Rite of Sending** for our RCIA candidates, those who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation on Easter Vigil. Later in the afternoon, they will go to St. Mary's Cathedral for the Rite of Election presided by our Archbishop Cordileone. Our Confirmation candidates from our parish Religious Education Program will also be having a Retreat in the afternoon which will conclude with the 5 p.m. Mass.
3. The annual **Religious Education Congress** (LAREC), sponsored by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Religious Education, is one of the nation's largest annual gatherings of Roman Catholics! It started with Youth Day, yesterday, and will end this Sunday. With 40,000 in attendance over the four days, the Congress offers nearly 200 speakers presenting 300 sessions, e.g., personal growth and other spiritual topics. The event will also showcase hundreds of exhibitors – such as religious art, music, publishing houses and educational institutions. We sent a few delegates: **Vice Principal Edgar Ceja**, representing the school, **Cecile Sabater**, representing our parish and **Jayden Sabater**, representing our youth. When they get back they will have a lot of experiences and knowledge to share with us.
4. **Bishop Ignatius Wang**, auxiliary bishop emeritus of San Francisco is turning 90 this coming Monday. He will be celebrating his birthday with a concelebrated Mass at St. Anne of the Sunset, tomorrow, February 25, at 11:00 a.m. Bishop Wang was in residence at Holy Name for more than 20 years, and we spent 11 years together when I was pastor there. Happy Birthday Bishop Wang!
5. A **new gas meter** was installed in our rectory to accommodate the new church heating system load. With the new gas meter, the heating system will have better efficiency thereby avoiding possible overload.
6. Let's grow deeper in our spirituality by participating in our spiritual exercises this Lent.
 - a. Join us for **Stations of the Cross** every Friday at 6:00 p.m. Tonight, it will be led by our Saint Vincent de Paul Society.
 - b. On March 13-14, we will have a **Parish Mission**, a kind of mini-Retreat, from 7:00-8:30 a.m. **Fr. Bong Guerrero**, a charismatic priest from the Philippines, is going to lead us in a reflection on the accountability of serving. Please invite your friends!
 - c. Beautiful hand-made olive wood **religious articles** made by Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem will be on sale on the first weekend of March (3/4-3/5), after all the Masses. Bethlehem Artworks is an organization that provides assistance to over 100 plus suffering families each week. For more information, please visit www.bethlehemartworks.com
 - d. Pick up a free copy of the booklet **"Make Room for Lent"** available at the church vestibule. The book contains daily meditation, actions, and prayers.

7. **Our Men's Club** will have its monthly meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Traditional St. Patrick's Day meal will be served. It is open to all men in the parish.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Rico Medina at ricomedinasanbruno@yhao.com

8. Our monthly **Grief Support Meeting** will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 9:15 a.m., in the Convent. The meeting is open to all who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

For more information, please email: Judy Kerrigan at msrconsolationmin@att.net

9. Longtime active parishioner **William "Bill" Larsen** passed away last February 18, 2023 at the age of 90. Bill was a well-respected basketball coach for St. Roberts School in the Peninsula Parochial School League. His Funeral Vigil is scheduled on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Chapel of the Highlands in Millbrae, with viewing starting at 4:00 p.m. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. here at our church.

FAZnotes

(Father Arnold Zamora)

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Dear St. Robert's parishioners and friends,

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver. **"Always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting.**

"Giving does not only precede receiving; it is the reason for it.

"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."
(Robert Sharma)

Let us thank God for each new day. God has added one More day in your life not necessarily because You need it. But because Someone else might need "U"

Be blessed and be a blessing!

-Fr. Arnold