

Pastor's updates

March 3, 2023



Things you may want to know this week

1. About 50 children from both St. Robert School and parish Religious Education programs will be receiving the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** at 10:30a.m. here in the church. Their **First Reconciliation** will lead to their First Communion sometime in May.

2. Two priests of the Archdiocese passed away this week.

a) **Fr. Mike Brillantes**, the former pastor of San Bruno Church, died just this Wednesday, March 1. His Funeral Vigil service is at 6 p.m. tonight at San Bruno Church, and his Funeral Mass will be on Saturday, at 10:00a.m. at Epiphany Church, where he served briefly as parochial vicar prior to his death.

b) **Fr. Dave Pettingill** passed away last Sunday, February 26. He was a priest in the Archdiocese for 61 years serving in different capacities prior to his retirement. His Funeral Vigil service will be on Sunday at 6:00p.m. at St. Emydius Church in San Francisco, his residence upon retirement. The Funeral Mass will be on Monday, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Mary

"Well done, good and faithful servants, come and share the Master's joy." Requiescat in pace!

3. We launched our **2023 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA)** last weekend. At all Masses this weekend, a Lay Presenter will give a brief talk about the importance of supporting the AAA. We thank the following parishioners: **Monica Castillo** (Saturday, 4:30p.m.), **Margot Giusti** (Sunday, 7:30a.m.), **Brent Villalobos**(9:30a.m.), and **Veronica Picazo** (11:30a.m.). I am still looking for a Lay presenter for the 5:00p.m. Mass.

4. Also this weekend, beautiful hand-made olive wood **religious articles** made by Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem will be on sale 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 <https://www.bethlehemartworks.com>

5. Our altar and ambo wax candles have now been replaced with **oil candles**. The good thing about oil candles is that we can maintain the same height for all candles, and there will be no more spilling of wax. They look the same, and it will be difficult to tell the difference.

6. This year, **St. Patrick's Day** (March 17) falls on a Friday, which is a day of abstinence. Given the importance of St. Patrick in the lives of our people, and since St. Patrick is a co-patron of our Archdiocese, the Archbishop has given a **dispensation** from abstaining from meat on that day. The intended abstinence for that Friday has been moved to the Wednesday before (March 15) or after (March 22).

7. Traditional St. Patrick's Day meal will be served at **our Men's Club** meeting this Monday, March 6, 2023. Doors open at 6 p.m. It is open to all men in the parish. If you have any questions, please e-mail Rico Medina at mricomedinasanbruno@yahoo.com

Our **Women's Guild** will likewise celebrate St. Patrick's Day on Monday, March 13, 2023, at Hennessy Hall. Doors open at 6:30p.m. See the poster below.

8. Last Monday, while Una Uniacke, Mike Meehan, our landscape contractor, and I were discussing how to proceed with our Grotto project, there was a sudden shower of **hail from the sky**. "**Hail Mary**," a great connection or perhaps our little miracle of that day. <https://www.facebook.com/reel/596354042033880>

FAZnotes

(Father Arnold Zamora)
March 3, 2023



Dear St. Robert's parishioners and friends,

Do you know the varieties of medicines which are not available in medical stores?

- Exercise is medicine.
- Morning - evening walk is medicine. –
- Fasting is medicine.
- Eating with family is medicine.
- Laughter and humor are also medicine.
- Deep Sleep is medicine.
- Getting along with - everyone is medicine.
- Deciding to be happy is medicine.
- Positivity in one's mind, is medicine.
- Wishing good for everyone is medicine.
- Praying for others is medicine.
- Sometimes, - Silence is medicine.
- Love is medicine. –
- Peace of mind is medicine.

Surprisingly, all these medicines are absolutely FREE.

OH, remember, every good - friend is a perfect medical store.

Take your medicine every day!

Blessings,

-Fr. Arnold