

Pastor's Updates

April 28, 2023



Things you may want to know this week

- 1. I'm back!** Right after Easter Sunday, I had to fly to the Philippines to officiate a wedding in Manila. I have known the bride since she was 2 years old. She and her husband are both nurses now working in New Zealand. Since my original flight got canceled, I was only able to spend 12 days of Easter (not 12 Days of Christmas) in the Philippines, packed with events and activities, including judging a songwriting competition in my home city a day before I flew back to the US.
- 2.** Just before Holy Week, **David Kerrigan** and company cleaned up the back of the church, which included clearing and cutting some tree branches. And right after Easter, **David** and his son, **Lucas**, were busy yet again! This time they worked on landscaping a portion of the backyard behind the church where we will eventually put the two steel tables that are just sitting idly behind the church. I am sure our school children will enjoy their snacks better while sitting on them during recess time. Thank you, David, et al!
- 3.** A **new railing** has been installed to the left of the steps going to the parish office. You can now go up more safely to our mailbox using the new railing for support.
- 4.** I have previously expressed my gratitude to all who have helped us celebrate the Holy Week and Easter. There are too many names to mention, so I would like to once again thank all of you collectively. The only name I could not reveal at the time was our Easter Bunny since it was supposed to be a surprise. So, thanks to **Brooke Nizuk** for volunteering to play that character.
- 5.** Tomorrow is Saint Robert's School Dance and Auction at the San Bruno Senior Center from 6-10 p.m. Italian Dinner will be served in keeping with the theme "Night in Italy. The event is being spearheaded by school parent and board member **Joshua DeVincenzi**, President of Little Italy San Jose.
- 6.** This Sunday is the **Fourth Sunday of Easter**, also known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**. This particular Sunday is also designated as the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, now celebrating its 60th year anniversary. Let's continue to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
- 7.** The **Grown-ups** are having their **Spring Luncheon** this Sunday, April 30th in the hall after the 11:30 AM mass. The cost is \$15 per person. The menu is Chicken Cordon Bleu.
- 8. Men's Club** - Dinner and Meeting will be held on Monday, May 1, 2023 at the Hennessy Hall. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. All men of the Parish are welcome. If you have any questions please email ricomedinasanbruno@yahoo.com
- 9.** The **Lenten 40 Days for Life Campaign** resulted in the saving of 672 babies, three closures of Planned Parenthood Health (PPH) facilities, and two PPH employees leaving their jobs. The power of prayer has once again proven how effective it is to deter the devil in his works.

10. Sr. Celeste Arbuckle, Director of Faith Formation in our Archdiocese, came to give some instructions to **Jeff Holden and Cristina Piquette** on how to restart our Children's Liturgy in our Little Church. Other than Jeff and Cristina, a few volunteers have shown interest in helping out, e.g., **Vanessa Crittenden, Christine Devlin, Vanessa Guiney, Sandra Holden, Veronica Mendoza, Krisitna Meyer, Katie Vinal and Kimberly Kimberly**. See posters for more info.

11. Bricks for Sale again. We will be needing some more commemorative bricks to fill up the other side of the planter box in front of the church. See details below.

12. Our **First Friday and First Saturday Devotions** are coming up next week. We will have our First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus which includes an Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction after the 8:15 a.m. Mass. The following day we will have our **First Saturday Devotion** consecrating our family and parish to the Immaculate Heart of Mary after the 8:15 a.m. Mass.

13. The Philippine Madrigal Singers not only brought joy to our parish but also helped us raise funds for the Grotto Construction project. Our concert committee has released an initial accounting of the event: Estimated Gross Receipt is \$35,580.00, Total Expenses are \$16,080.27, and **Estimated Net Proceeds are \$19, 499.73!** Thanks to all for your hard work and support.

14. Our parish office received a call yesterday pretending to be from PG&E telling us that our power will be cut off unless we pay \$8,000 which was later reduced to \$3,000. Fr. Boie was smart enough to suggest calling PG&E, where it was confirmed that it was indeed a SCAM. This could happen to you, too, so **Beware of Scammers!**

15. Our monthly **Grief Support Meeting** will be held on Thursday, May 4, 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 - srconsolationmin@att.net.

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FAZnotes
(**F**ather **A**rnold **Z**amora)
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Dear St. Robert's parishioners and friends,

**A day begins with hopes and ends with dreams.
Every day starts with some expectations but
surely ends with some experience.
That is life:
Every second is a fresh beginning;
Every night our dreams can bring hope for tomorrow, and,
Every day is what we choose to make it!
May God bless you every day!**

-Fr. Arnold