

# Pastor's Updates

May 5, 2023



## Things you may want to know this week

### 1. Archdiocesan Eucharist Congress:

- The priests in the Archdiocese of San Francisco regularly have a week for Retreat each year for our continuing priestly formation. In addition, we typically spend a few days for Study Days such as these past couple of days held at St. Mary's Cathedral focusing on the Eucharist in preparation for the upcoming Archdiocesan Eucharistic Congress that will be held in June this year.
- Registration is now open for the June 10, 2023 **Archdiocesan Eucharist Congress** that will be held at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. The Congress begins at 9:00a.m. and concludes at 5:00 p.m. A Vigil Mass and Eucharistic Procession follows at 5:30p.m. for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Archbishop Cordileone will be the principal celebrant. Please see the poster for details.

To register: <https://www.sfarchdiocese.org/registration-eucharistic-congress>

2. Last Wednesday, the parents of the incoming Kindergarteners attended the **Kindergarten Orientation**. We are expecting 22 Kindergarteners who have enrolled siblings and 14 who are brand new to our school family. Our enrollment is full, and so are our hearts as we feel blessed and grateful.

3. We're starting a new group in the parish, called "**21st Century Social**". It's a social group for those whose children finished grammar school in '2000 or later, and might not be going to Men's Club or Women's Guild meetings anymore (and may not feel old enough to join the In-Betweeners). The next dinner is scheduled for Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, and you can email Rob Aveson at: [robaveson@gmail.com](mailto:robaveson@gmail.com) if you're interested in attending.

4. The **InBetweeners** are celebrating Mother's Day on May 12<sup>th</sup> with a dinner at the hall. Doors open at 6:30pm. Dinner will be served at around 7:15p.m. Please RSVP, if you are attending.

5. Last Sunday, the **Grownups luncheon** was attended by 40 or more people who came and enjoyed the delicious Chicken Cordon Blue with a white Chablis wine reduction sauce served with asparagus and potatoes au gratin, prepared by the Men's Club. What impressed me the most was that the Men's Club, who prepared and served the meal, felt most honored with this opportunity to show appreciation for the Grownups as they scribbled on the menu: "On behalf of the Men's Club, thanks for showing us the way!"

6. If you've never been to the **Holy Land** or would love to visit again, join the Pilgrimage with **Fr. Boie Espeleta**, our parochial vicar. It is also a fundraising event for our parish. For every pilgrim, a certain percentage is given to St. Robert's. If you join, it is also a service to our church.

7. **St. Roberts Fil-Am Group** is having a meeting to plan for our Flores de Mayo celebration coming up. We plan to commemorate Our Blessed Mother on the later part of May. The meeting is scheduled for 7:00p.m. at Hennessy Hall on May 10<sup>th</sup>. We invite all to attend, especially new St. Roberts parishioners.

8. Tomorrow, Saturday, May 6, 2023, at 10:30a.m. is our **Confirmation** presided by **Msgr. Stephen Howell**, the Vicar General of our Archdiocese. There are 60 candidates from both the school and parish Confirmation programs who will receive the Sacrament. We thank our Parish Religious Education Directors, **Joanne Bartolotti** and **Leslie Fong**, our school Religious Education Director **Edgar Ceja**, our catechists, **Ed Ramirez** and **Jeff Co**, and our youth minister, **Travis Wingate**, for preparing these kids for Confirmation. Congratulations!

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**FAZnotes**  
( Father Arnold Zamora )  
May 5, 2023



**Dear St. Robert's parishioners and friends,**

**Happy Cinco de Mayo!**

**Thank God for the rain!**

**Heavy rains remind us of challenges in life.**

**Never ask for a lighter rain, just pray to God for a better umbrella. - That is the attitude!**

**We are stronger because of hard times;  
wiser because of our mistakes; and  
happier because of life's tragedies.**

**Hear God saying to you these words from a song that I wrote:**

**"In your joy and in your pain, in the sunshine, in the rain,**

**all through the days and night,**

**until your life through,**

**I'll be with you."**

***Blessings to you and your family!***

***-Fr. Arnold***