

Pastor's Updates

May 12, 2023



Things you may want to know this week

1. Celebrate Mother's Day with the **Inbetweeners** tonight. Doors open at 6:30p.m. Dinner starts at 7:15p.m.
2. Fifty-one (51) kids will be receiving their **First Communion** tomorrow at 10:30a.m. and at 1:00p.m. These are kids from St. Robert's school and students from public schools under our parish Religious Education Program. We thank the formators of these kids, e.g., Joanne Nolan, Edgar Ceja and Michele Evans, especially Leslie Fong and Joanne Bartolotti.
3. A **Golf Tournament** in memory of **Andrew Shik**, a former St. Robert's School student who passed away late last year, is taking place tomorrow at the Poplar Creek Golf Course. All the proceeds will go to the St. Robert's School Athletics Department.
4. **Mother's Day** is this Sunday! Our mothers will have a special treat at every Mass, courtesy of our Men's Club. We will be serving coffee and donuts after the 9:30a.m. Mass.
5. St. Robert's Women's Guild selected **Gina Portolan** as "**Woman of the Year- Present**" and **Mrs. Gurtiza** as "**Woman of the Year**" – **Past**. We thank these ladies for their amazing contributions to our school and parish community. Congratulations, ladies!
6. Our **Little Church** is starting next Sunday, May 21, at the 9:30a.m. Mass. Younger kids will be asked to go to the Little Church located at the left wing of the vestibule after the Opening Prayer for their own Children's Liturgy. They will rejoin the congregation during the Presentation of the Gifts. For further inquiries, please email Jeff Holden at jeffreykholden@gmail.com
7. Our St. Robert's School **Kidstocks** Shows will be this Wednesday, May 17. K-5th Grade will present at 1:30p.m., and Grades 6-8 will present at 5:30p.m. Watch and enjoy the show.
8. Thanks to **Joel Madera**, the altar has now been repositioned to where it ought to be. The delay was due to the much needed rewiring of the microphone. Thanks also to the strong men who moved the altar. This provides a larger space for kids' shows and other presentations in front of the altar, and better illumination of the altar, allowing the congregation to see the celebrant in a "better light." There is also the added advantage of proximity between the Tabernacle and the altar.

9. Last Saturday we had **three foreign visitors** wander into the 4:30p.m. Mass. Due to language barrier and their lack of understanding of Mass procedures, they were greatly misunderstood. Because of safety concerns, the ushers rightly called the San Bruno Police who responded peacefully without incident. As it turned out, they were refugees and in their native country, people were told that if they ever needed food or assistance in the United States, they should go to a Catholic Church. What a great lesson this taught us, and what a blessing that our Church was chosen by Providence. It gives us hope that the Catholic Church is still regarded in such a positive light! Aside from a brief prayer by Father Stewart there was no disruption to the Celebration of the Mass. Thanks to all who later reached out. We continue to pray for God's plan to work through us, and to guide us all.

FAZnotes

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Dear St. Robert's parishioners and friends,

We can never, never fathom the depth and height of a mother's love. Only God knows and understands the seasons and the reasons of a mother's heart.

A nervous sinner was surprised when Jesus met him at the gates of heaven and warmly welcomed Him. "You know me, Lord? I'm going in Lord?" asked the sinner. "Oh yes, I know you. I welcome you. My mother has been telling me all about you," said the Lord.

"But I don't even know much about your mother," protested the sinner.

"That's all right. Your mother has been telling my mother so many things about you," said the Lord with a smile.

A mother's prayer is powerful.

The Blessed Mother's prayer is very powerful.

Happy Mother's Day!

-Fr. Arnold