

Pastor's Updates

September 8, 2023



Things you may want to know this week

1. Today, we celebrate the **Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, our Mother. If we celebrate the birth of Christ, and call it Christmas, today we celebrate **Marymas**. Marymas is traditionally celebrated as a liturgical feast on September 8, nine months after the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, celebrated on December 8, according to the General Roman Calendar. For us Catholics, we hold this as a very special day because Mary is very special to our hearts. She is a very strong intercessor to our Lord Jesus. Happy Birthday Mama Mary!
2. St. Robert's School will open up this school year with a **"Spirit Mass"** this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Invoking the Holy Spirit to guide the students, teachers and administrators as they embark on a new school year, we pray that they may grow wiser, more prayerful and more joyful in the love of God and neighbor. After the Mass, the 8th graders will be having a Bake Sale for their Washington, D.C. trip. Please support their fundraiser!
3. In all Masses next weekend, we will have St. Robert's parishioners who are members of the **Next Generation Envisioning Team**, share the exciting progress we have made thus far. I ask for your continued prayers during this exciting time for our Church. This 4-year project is a time to rediscover who we are, what we are about, and how to build the Kingdom of God in the 21st Century.
4. St. Robert's will be hosting Archbishop Cordileone and the priests of the North San Mateo Deanery composed of St. Robert's, St. Veronica, St. Dunstan, Mater Dolorosa and San Bruno Church, this coming Monday, September 11. The gathering will start at 4 p.m. with a Holy Hour and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. We will move to the convent for a meeting at 5:15 p.m., followed by dinner. The fellowship will end with Evening Prayer (Vespers) or Night Prayer (Compline) before retiring for the night.
5. The **Filipino priests of the Archdiocese of San Francisco** will be having a Dinner-Fundraising event on September 23 at St. Augustine's Parish Hall in South San Francisco for their upcoming National Filipino Priests Assembly to be held in New Jersey this coming October. The Filipino priests will serve at table in imitation of Jesus. In addition, they will entertain the guests with songs and laughter.
6. Our **Parish Festival** is next week, September 15-17. We are back to the 3-day Festival with a slogan "Sweet home, St. Robert's." See the posters for ways to support the Festival, but your presence is the most important.
7. **Save the Dates:**
 - Friday, September 29, 2023 – InBetweener's Dinner (Hennessy Hall)
 - Monday, October 2, 2023 – Men's Club Meeting (Hennessy Hall)
 - Sunday, October 8, 2023 – Grown-Ups Luncheon (Hennessy Hall)
 - Friday, October 13, 2023 – Retired Priests Luncheon (at St. Mary's Cathedral)
 - Monday, October 16, 2023 – Women's Guild Cancer Awareness (Hennessy Hall)

FAZnotes
(Father Arnold Zamora)
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Dear St. Robert's parishioners and friends,

Happy Birthday, Mother Mary!

Thank God for the many teachers in this world.

Anything that annoys us is teaching us patience.

Anything that angers us is teaching us forgiveness and compassion.

Anything we hate is teaching us unconditional love.

Anything we fear is teaching us courage to overcome.

Anything we can't control is teaching us to let go and embrace GOD

Be blessed and be a blessing,

-Fr. Arnold