

Hi,

My name is Arsenio! But I prefer to be called SENIC. It's been more than 2 months since I started serving as your New Pastor of St. Andrew Church. I'm thankful to Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone for the trust.

Yes, I served for 2 years and 8 months at Saint Bartholomew in San Mateo before St. Andrew.

I was born and grew up in Manila. I started to be active in church activities as a Boy Scout in 1974. I decided to enter the San Carlos Seminary in 1980 after high school. I stayed in San Carlos for my entire priestly formation. I was originally ordained and served as a priest of the Archdiocese of Manila and the Diocese of Novaliches for 17 years until 2006.

Later on, I applied to minister in the Archdiocese of San Francisco where I served in 7 parishes (All Souls Church, SSF, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Belmont, Sacred Heart Church, Olema, St. Gregory Church, San Mateo, St. Patrick Church, SF, and St. Timothy, San Mateo. I was incardinated in 2015. I have been actively involved in the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS) and the Boy Scout of America (BSA). I'm one of the adult leaders of BSA Troop 44-San Mateo at Elks Lodge (20th Ave.) I'm a registered Boy Scout Chaplain. I like mountain biking and backpacking.

I've been ordained for 34 years. Being a priest in parish ministry is a Faith-filled life. It's one wherein grace received from God makes for prudence, generosity, lots of patience, and the humility of realizing always that in the end, it is only God who could touch hearts and that we are mere instruments in the task of forming the Christian community.

It is my prayer that you find a spiritual home in our parish Community. We strive to be Christ-centered disciples empowered by the Holy Spirit to build up the Kingdom of God through worship, study, generosity, and evangelization. We desire to be a place of love and service, welcoming people, healing and hope, and discovering God's love. We work to be a people who seek God's guidance, discover gifts, and empower others. We strive to be united, share the Good News, and make a difference.

I hope to serve you, meet your needs, and provide you with every opportunity to use your gifts to serve the Lord and His people.

May you come to know the love of God in new and deeper ways through your involvement in our parish community.

Concerning plans that I have for Saint Andrew, I could only say that I only follow what the Church expects. I listen more to where God's Spirit leads me. I just want to meet the people first and discern with them as to what direction to take.

*"God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever." Philipians 4:19-20*

*Father Senic*