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WELCOME TO TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

MASS SCHEDULES

ST. SYMPHOROSA

6135 S. Austin Avenue Chicago, IL 60638

SUNDAY MASS

9 AM | 12 PM

MONDAY — SATURDAY MASS

8 AM mass is held during:

February | April | June August | October | December

RECONCILIATION

TUESDAYS | 6 PM-7 PM

ST. RENE GOUPIL

6949 W. 63rd Place Chicago, IL 60638

SUNDAY MASS

7:30 AM | 10:30 AM

MONDAY — SATURDAY MASS

8 AM mass is held during:

January | March | May
July | September | November

SATURDAY VIGIL

4 PM

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS | 3 PM-3:45 PM

All are welcome to join in praying the Rosary after 8 AM mass Monday through Saturday! Come meditate on Christ with us!

PARISH OFFICE

6135 S. Austin Avenue Chicago, IL 60638

Located on Austin between the school and church buildings

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MONDAY—FRIDAY
9 AM—4 PM

SATURDAY 9 AM – 12 PM

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MONDAY—FRIDAY
9 AM—3 PM

PARKING AND SAFETY REMINDER

The safety of our parish community is important and must be taken into consideration at each gathering. Should serious medical or facility issues arise unexpectedly we must be prepared. We ask that you observe parking regulations on both campus locations, churches, loading zones, etc.

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PARKING IN THE FIRE LANES



During a quiet, still moment last week, I found myself pondering who inspires me these days?

An inspiring person is someone who can lift you up, elevate your spirit and give you hope. They are not pie -in-the-sky Utopians.

Instead, they are down-to-earth authentic, but they don't wallow in despair or misery. On a cloudy day, they know the sun still exists.

Using more spiritual terms, an inspiring person knows Good Friday is not the end of the story. Easter reigns.

Jesus is the most inspiring Person we can turn to in any age. He didn't disappear when He ascended into heaven. He lives now by the power of the Holy Spirit in and through His Church on earth. The sins of Judas do not negate the Paschal Mystery of Christ; not 2,000 years ago and not today. The Church is our Ark that guides us Home.

Let's face it, other human beings will let us down from time to time; this includes parents, siblings, cousins, friends, co-workers, bosses, elected officials, bishops, priests, deacons, religious brothers and sisters, bosses, neighbors, teachers, students, and so many others with human skin.

You get the picture. We are an imperfect lot, but we expect perfection in others.

And yet, so many others inspire us. We tend to dwell on the negative all the while losing sight of so many around us who are sincerely doing their best to live a good life in service to God and in service to others. We tend to forget Mother Teresa as we watch another TV show about Adolph Hitler. The

FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

movie Barbie gets uber promoted while the recently released film Cabrini gets lost in the big-screen shuffle.

We need inspiration. We need our leaders to remember we are human beings; and that includes world leaders, corporate leaders, school leaders, and religious leaders. We are not mere cogs in the production and consumption economic leader.

We bear the spark of the divine; the Imago Dei.

We are made in the image and likeness of God. When leaders lose sight of this, the people suffer. And sadly, today, throughout the world, too many leaders have lost sight of our human dignity because they've lost sight of God; or they wink at God during the election season.

We forget the message of the prophets in search of more and more profit.

People become commodities, statistics, and social security numbers. God, however, knows us by name, and our Savior has a name – Jesus, which means "God saves."

He is our hope, and He gives us the Holy Spirit so that we might live INSPIRED lives. We live inspired because we know for a fact that Love is stronger than death. We live for the greater glory of God; no matter if we're in debt, living paycheck to paycheck, or have six figures in savings. We live FOR GOD, the One who sees us as beloved children, not merely as a vote or a dollar sign.

Gandhi offers food for thought. He wrote, "The world has enough for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's greed."

Jesus offers us food for thought in today's Gospel. He said, "Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."

Looking for inspiration? Look to Jesus; the way, and the truth, and the life. Put not your trust in princes.

No Parking Notice

Friends, please *DO NOT PARK* on the **north side of 63rd Place** across from the St. Rene campus property. The residents on the block have secured "Permit Parking" for the entire length of the street's north side.

This Permit Parking is 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This means if you come for Holy Mass or for any other function held on the St. Rene campus, you must find parking in one of our parking lots, on New England Avenue, on Sayre Avenue or on 64th Street.

If you do happen to park at the north curb of 63rd Place, there is a good chance you will receive a parking ticket.

A person was ticketed on Sunday, March 10 for parking on the north side of 63rd Street during our monthly parish Bingo in Flannery Hall.

Please share with friends. We don't want people receiving a parking ticket because they wanted to come to Mass or some parish function.

We hope there will be plenty of parking in heaven.

In addition, a CPD officer recently warned our parish about cars blocking alleyways or driveways, and cars parking in clearly yellowstriped fire zones. A Chicago Fire Department truck, engine or paramedic unit needs to have entrance and exit access.

Please do not block driveways and alleyways. Much appreciated!

Quote -- "They paved paradise and put up a parking lot." **Joni Mitchell**





As I mentioned last time, there are four commonly used options for the Eucharistic prayer. Three of these were added due to the reforms of the Second Vatican Council. and the fourth was the prayer approved by the Council of Trent, but translated to the vernacular (common language of the parish). You may hear these prayers called "anaphoras", which is a Greek word meaning a "carrying up" or "offering". I'm not going to start with Eucharistic Prayer I, but rather EP II because it is the shortest.

At Vatican II. there was a movement called "ressourcement", which is a French term that means going back to the fount and the sources of the faith. There was interest in going back to the early Church and the Church Fathers, who in some ways had been overlooked by the theologians of the 18th and 19th centuries. In this return to the fount, the Church discovered a Eucharistic prayer written in the third century in The Apostolic Tradition that was credited to St. Hippolytus of Rome.

St. Hippolytus was actually an anti-pope, meaning that he was in schism with the Church due to a heresy and was invalidly elected pope by schismatic bishops. Eventually,

FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

he recanted and reunited with the Church, and was eventually martyred along with the true pope, St. Pontian.

It's not clear how wide-spread the use of his liturgy was, but we do know that it is ancient.

History lesson aside, EP II was formed partly by a translation of St. Hippolytus' liturgy and partly to match the form that was already in use, the Roman Canon (this is EP I, which we'll cover later). EP II can be used with any preface, though there is a proper one that is suggested in the missal. Since it is the shortest, it's typically reserved for daily Mass, though you may hear it from time to time on Sundays.

Your key to determining which Eucharistic prayer the priest is using is in the first line or two.

EP II begins: "You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness." It then moves quickly into the epiclesis: "Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall...". We then proceed right into the Institution Narrative: "At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion..."

Because it is so short on words, EP II doesn't include the deep or rich language of the other eucharistic prayers. It does, of course, hit all the aspects that we learned about last week.

Again, due to its brevity, it offers a simple clarity on what is being accomplished in the prayer.

There is nothing in the tradition of the Church that states "longer = holier", so anyone who would say that EP

II is insufficient because it's short is not quite right.

The phrase in the epiclesis of sending the Holy Spirit "like the dewfall" evokes powerful imagery of the manna coming down from heaven. We hear in Exodus that it appeared like dew upon the ground: "In the morning dew lay around the camp. And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flakelike thing, fine as frost on the ground ... Moses said to them, It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat" (Ex 16:13-15). The manna in the desert was a precursor to the true Bread from Heaven that Jesus speaks about in the gospels as his Body that gives eternal life.

EP II also speaks of us being "coheirs of eternal life" with the all the saints who have gone before us, especially Mary, Joseph, and the apostles. EP II specifically asks God that he gift us this honor of being coheirs through his great mercy. Being a coheir allows us to "praise and glorify [the Father] through ... Jesus Christ". It's due to our baptism that we first become coheirs, which is nourished and sustained through our reception of the Body of Christ.



For the week of:

March 16th—March 24th

Saturday March 16th

04:00 PM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Kevin

⊕Richard Merda & Phil Scaletta (Wife Arlene)

骨Thomas Comiso (Mike & Mary Trendle)

⊕Maureen Feeley-Balto (Nancy Markham)

骨Rose Donato (Toni Ptak)

Sunday March 17th

7:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil| Presider: Fr. Kevin

PRO POPULO

9:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob

⊕Patrick Carmody (Kathleen Ross & Carmody Family)

骨Kimberly Argires (Arlene Scaletta)

☆Richard Merda (Arlene Scaletta)

10:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Kevin

Birthday Blessings for Daniel Sarlitto

⊕Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

骨Dawn Bodoki (Mom & Dad)

12PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob

♣Rose Gurgone (Michael & Nora Filetti)

Monday March 18th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

骨Margo Lullo (Kathy Calcagno)

Health and God's Blessings for Rich Marcello (Irene Perconti)

Tuesday March 19th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Kevin

骨Al Beyer (Love You)

骨Richard Sarge (Barbara Rendak)

⊕Marvin Simpson (Barbara Rendak)

引oseph Loduca (Nancy & Rebecca)

Wednesday March 20th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil| Presider: Fr. Bob

令Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

Health and God's Blessings for Sr. Gira (Mary Kolimas)



Thursday March 21st

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

☆Michael Trendle (Barbara Rendak)

骨Philip Scaletta (Arlene Scaletta)

⊕Happy Heavenly Birthday to Frances & Walter Szumowski

(Wes & Debbie Szumowski)

Friday March 22nd

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

Peace for Daniel Sarlitto

 Patrick Begley (Tom Begley)

Saturday March 23rd

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

☆Michael Trendle (Parish Office)

中Bernadette Simpson (Barbara Rendak)

04:00 PM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

⊕Larry Piotrowski (Jeanie)

⊕Sophie Simbick & Joseph Niziolek (Almendarez Family)

⊕Mike Trendle(Nancy Markham)

⊕Gerald Sears (Gregory Jackson & Family)

Sunday March 24th

7:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

骨Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

骨Al Beyer (Toni P)

骨Mary Combs

骨Yolanda Varela Kazmierczak (Gagnon Family)

9:00 AM | St. Symphorosa| Presider: Fr. Kevin

PRO POPULO

10:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

⊕Jack Orsi (Family)

骨Patrick Murphy (SVDP Family)

⊕Maureen Feeley Balto (Capparelli Family)

12PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin

Health & God's Blessings for Fr. Norm

中Bill Haas (Gita Hass)

令Walter Kunkes (Tony & Debbie Luzzi)

引uanita Valdez (daughter Norma)



Presiders are subject to change without notice.



OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES

BURNING BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ARE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF

MARCH

VINCE PORCELLI & MARIA PORCELLI

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

ALBINA STRZELEC, SOPHIE PLOSAJ, JOSEPH & LEOPOLD STASZEL

For the repose of their souls, given by Bas Rendak.

DECEASED MEMBERS OF CALCAGNO & BLUISS

For the repose of their souls, given by Kathy Calcagno.

FOR ALL BIRTHDAYS & SOULS IN PURGATORY

given by Battung Family.

In the lighting of candles, we remember and truly live the words of Our Lord: "I am the Light of the World." In the lighting of the sanctuary candles we honor a loved one, living or deceased.

Please Join Us in Praying for the Sick

Arnold Adaska Debbie Lipien Rosemary Litwin Guadalupe Almendarez Maxine Carey Joelee MacMaster Rich Marcello Margaret Dalton Joanne Gallas Cathy Mazeika Clarence Oleszkiewicz Mitch Gallas Karen Holmes Ramon Perez Joan Juris Ann Robertson Ron Kelly Adan Sanchez Sharon Labiak Katrina Sigafoose Natalie Lecompte Karen Singer

Manuel Soto Shirley Tloczek Fr. Norm Trela Judith Webber **Beverly Zummerling**



Due to privacy laws, names may only be added by immediate family members. Please call the parish office to add or remove a name.



If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. - Romans 14:8

Eternal Rest

Bibiana Ortiz William Finn Mary Ann DeRango Gerald Burns Rosemary Labno



Parking Notice for Parishioners

Please refrain from parking on the north side of 63rd Place across from the St. Rene campus. The north curb is now Permit Parking Only. It's okay to park on the south side of 63rd Place, but you risk being ticketed by police if you park on the north curb if you do not have Permit #2417. Thank vou!



ATTENTION MEN OF TWO HOLY MARTYRS

IT'S TIME TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS!

WE ARE A CATHOLIC MEN'S ORGANIZATION THAT **BENEFITS:**

- HANDICAPPED CHILDREN AND ADULTS
- DEPLOYED SOLDIERS ACROSS THE GLOBE (AND LOCAL VETS)
- YOUR CHURCH AND SCHOOL
- **LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES**

OUR GROUP MEETS THE FIRST TUESDAY NIGHT OF EACH MONTH - USUALLY DOING SOMETHING WORTHWHILE.

WE'VE BEEN KNOWN TO GO OUT FOR "REFRESHMENTS" POST MEETING. CHECK US OUT....

CONTACT: 773.485.0146 **JERRY**

DARRIN 773.418.3060

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Triduum Schedule 2024

Holy Thursday

7pm Mass at St. Rene Altar of Repose until midnight in St. Rene Chapel

Good Friday

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3pm at St. Symphorosa Stations of the Cross 7pm at St. Symphorosa

Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter Baskets Noon at St. Rene Easter Vigil Mass 7pm at St, Symphorosa

Easter Sunday Masses

7:30am at St. Rene 9am as St. Symphorosa 10:30am at St. Rene Noon at St. Symphorosa



SUPER SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday March 27th. **Doors open** g convenes at 12pm(noon) in the St.

at 11:30am, meeting convenes at 12pm(noon) in the St. Rene Narthex.

SEE YOU THERE!!



ONLINE/ELECTRONIC DONATIONS

\$7,823.00

February 1, 2024 to February 29, 2024

Total number of transactions:





Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH OFFERTORY 3/10: \$8,192.93

Split the Pot Winning Envelope #: 63874: \$375.00

To our registered parishioners, please remember a minimum of \$5 is required to participate.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO HOLY MARTYRS

Get Ready...The Two Holy Martyrs 2024 Grand Raffle is coming... with some exciting changes! Big Money, Big Surprises!

Also, please contact the Parish Office if you would like to play a leadership role on the Parish Fundraising Committee!

Two Holy Martyrs Parish St. Rene Goupil Campus 6340 S. New England Ave



Super Bingo

Sunday April 14, 2024

Doors Open 11:30AM - Games Begin 1:00PM

Refreshments & Food are Available for Purchase FREE COFFEE Admission \$20 at the Door

For More Information Call 773-767-1523



Fundraising Night

SATURDAY - APRIL 20, 2024
6:30PM - 11:00PM
TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH SHARP CENTER
LOCATED ON THE ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL CAMPUS
5940 W 62ND STREET | CHICAGO, IL 60638

ENJOY A NIGHT OF GAMING, MUSIC, LIVE DJ, 50/50 RAFFLES, FOOD & DRINKS!
GAMES AVAILABLE WILL BE BLACKJACK, CRAPS & ROULETTE.
ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL STUDENTS AND NEEDS.
ALL GAMING IS TO WIN PRIZES.
NO CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AT THIS EVENT.

TICKET COST: \$40

TICKET INCLUDES: \$100 CASINO PLAYING CHIPS, FIVE RAFFLE TICKETS AND ONE COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGE (BEER, WINE OR SODA) ADDITIONAL DRINKS & FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THE RECTORY

SCAN THE QR* CODE BELOW







IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you have any items you would like to donate, vou can do the following:

- Hold for May 18 & 19 for St. Vincent de Paul drive.
- If you can not wait until May 18 & 19, please drop them off at your nearest Salvation Army or Goodwill.
- There is a Salvation Army on 63rd St. and Nagle Ave.
- **DO NOT DROP OFF ANY ITEMS AT THE PARISH OFFICE** Unfortunately, the Parish Office does not have the resources to manage unplanned drop offs.

Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION

Importanti

Upcoming Events:

3/19: Faith Formation Classes

St. Syms Campus. (Tues.)

and

Reconciliation Service for Confirmation Students.

3/24: First Grade Family Masses.

Palm Sunday Processions, 9am & 10:30am.

3/31: HAPPY EASTER

EASTER BREAK

Classes Resume:

4/6: Faith Formation Classes St. Syms Campus. (Sat.)

4/9: Faith Formation Classes St. Syms Campus. (Tues.)



LENTEN OUTREACH

Our Faith Formation students invite all of our parishioners to participate in our Lenten Outreach project. All levels will be donating Children's Easter Basket items for the local shelters and agencies we service. Donations can be brought to our Faith Formation classes, to the Main Parish Office on Austin Ave. or dropped off in the narthex when attending Mass.

Please note, we can always use empty Easter Baskets and the cellophane bags to wrap the baskets, after we fill them. For more information, feel free to call the Faith Formation Office.

the Faith Formation Office. God be with you and your dear families as we journey through this holy season of Lent.

Our 2024 Confirmandi are invited to take part in assembling the Easter Baskets and earn service hours for their upcoming Confirmation.



JESUS PROJECTS

This year, our students in level Seven are focusing on the person of Jesus in the Gospels. These students will be using some creative art form to depict a Jesus story of their choice. The projects will be on display in the Narthex, for viewing by our parish community during the month of April.



Palm Sunday Procession

We invite all our First-Grade school students and all our Level One Students in our Faith Formation Program to a special grade level family Mass on Palm Sunday. The children are being asked to carry palms and participate in the Palm Sunday Procession on March 24th at 9:00am at St. Symphorosa Church or the 10:30am Mass at St. Rene. Please have your child/children gather in the narthex 10 minutes before Mass begins. The children will form a line for the procession and after the procession will sit with their families during the liturgy. (It's important that the children know where you are sitting.) May God bless you as we continue our Lenten Journey.



RECONCILIATION BEFORE CONFIRMATION

As our Confirmation Candidates prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation they will first participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation with their classmates on Saturday, March 16th, and on Tuesday, March 19th during their regularly scheduled classes. These students continue to work hard on their journey toward the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation which will be celebrated on April 28th.

We ask that you remember them, their sponsors, and parents in your prayers.



The First-Grade Family Mass will be held on, Sunday, March 24th at 9:00am at St.
Symphorosa Church. We look forward to welcoming all our First Grade Families on March 24th.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

(GRADES PK-3RD)



Pre-K celebrating 100 days of school



Hopping for joy on Leap Day in First Grade



Our second graders have come far and have vet to go a great journey ahead of them this special vear.



Celebrating Valentine's Day in Kindergarten



Second Grade touring St. Symphorosa Church with



A happily surprised third grade class couldn't wait to pose for the photo-op with this special visitor from St. Lawrence!



6:30PM-8:00PM ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL A HALL

6125 S. AUSTIN AVE **CHICAGO, IL 60638**

- **Bring your** Easter basket!
- PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY • EASTER EGG HUNT AROUND THE SCHOO
 • SCHOOL TOURS AVAILABLE



CALL 773.585.6888 OR EMAIL RBANDEN@STSYMPHOROSASCHOOL.ORG TO SCHEDULE A TOUR!





