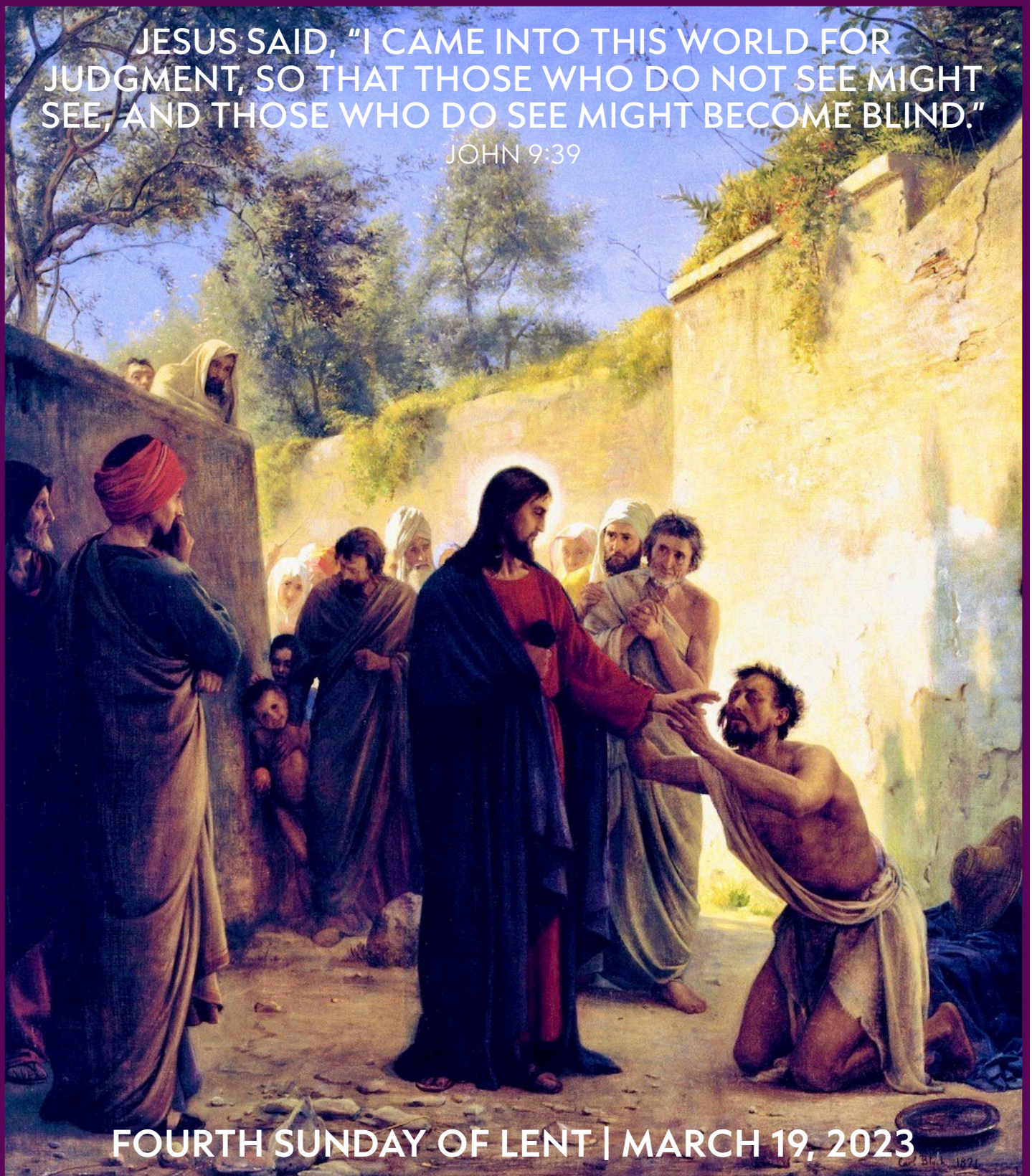


JESUS SAID, "I CAME INTO THIS WORLD FOR
JUDGMENT, SO THAT THOSE WHO DO NOT SEE MIGHT
SEE, AND THOSE WHO DO SEE MIGHT BECOME BLIND."

JOHN 9:39



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT | MARCH 19, 2023



TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

ST. SYMPHOROSA + ST. RENE GOUPIL

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MASS TIMES

ST. SYMPHOROSA

6135 S. Austin Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60638

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil

5:30 PM

Sunday

9 AM

12 PM

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Saturday | 8 AM at
alternating church sites in the
following months:

Feb. | Apr. | June | Aug.

Oct. | Dec.

RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays | 6 PM to 7 PM

ST. RENE GOUPILE

6949 West 63rd Place
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WEEKEND MASS

Saturday Vigil

4 PM

Sunday

7:30 AM

10:30 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday - Saturday | 8 AM at
alternating church sites in the
following months:

Jan. | Mar. | May | July

Sept. | Nov.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays | 3 PM to 3:45 PM

*Join us after every daily mass (Mon. - Sat.) in praying the Rosary.
Everyone is welcome! Come meditate on Christ with us!*

Two Holy Martyrs Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday | 9 AM to 4 PM

Saturday | 9 AM to 12 PM

773.767.1523 | info@twoholymartyrs.org

St. Symphorosa School Office Hours

Monday - Friday | 9 AM to 3 PM

6125 S. Austin Avenue | Chicago, Illinois 60638

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FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG



We are now four weeks into our Lenten Journey.

Amazing Grace has been our soft theme as we prepare for Holy

Week and

the celebration of Easter. Our gospel reading this week presents us with Jesus healing the blind man.

The Lord is a healer. He heals physically but he also heals spiritually. We marvel at the physical healing of the blind man. Jesus, however, came to heal the fracture between heaven and earth. Christ, by his suffering, death, resurrection and ascension, restores what had been broken. He reconciles divinity and humanity.

This is God's amazing grace at work in this world. We need God's grace. He gives it, but we must cooperate with God's grace. We do so with our prayer life, our reception of the sacraments, our hearing of sacred scripture, and our living out the corporeal and spiritual works of mercy.

We cannot limit Jesus to being a mere moral teacher; a wise guru who was just another human being. He is the Son of God and Son of man. He is the Second Person of the Trinity. He became incarnate so that his coming into our humanity could lift us into his divinity. This is AMAZING GRACE!

Pope Francis said, "We are all sinners, but God heals us with an abundance of grace, mercy and tenderness."

When we are physically sick, we call the doctor. Sometimes our stubbornness or pride prevents us from picking up the phone to call our doctor. "Maybe it will just go away on its own."

In the spiritual life, we call the Divine

Physician. He who is our healing balm. Prayer is picking up the phone. Making use of the sacrament of reconciliation is picking up the phone. Participating in Holy Mass is picking up the phone. Jesus says, "Show me where it hurts."

PARISH MISSION WEEK

Our Two Holy Martyrs Parish mission week begins this Monday.

The mission kicks-off **Monday, March 20**, as we welcome Fr. Mike Knotek, a long-time priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago, who is currently one of the two Vicar for Priests. Fr. Mike's topic for the evening talk is "Hope for Today; Hope for Tomorrow."

Fr. Mike brings to us a lifetime of wisdom and stories that center on the hope we find in the Person of Christ. We all need hope, and we thank Fr. Mike for joining us to remember that we need not live lives of discouragement and despair. We have the truth of the Son of God and Son of man.

Ordained to the priesthood in 1996, Fr. Mike has been an associate pastor at three parishes, a hospital chaplain, and a pastor of two parishes (St. John de la Salle and St. Columbanus). He also served at the executive secretary for the Priest Placement Board and is a certified spiritual director. He enjoys nature, reading, movies, and cooking.

Monday evening's talk with Mr. Mike begins at 7 PM in our St. René Goupil church.

On **Tuesday, March 21**, we offer a Reconciliation Service as we prepare to celebrate Easter. Fr. Mike will join us again and he will offer a 15-20 minute reflection as part of the overall service.

Individual confession will be available. We will have six priests present for the sacrament of reconciliation. The Tuesday service will start at 7 PM in our St. Symphorosa church.

On **Wednesday, March 22** and on

Thursday, March 23, we offer a Taize Service with our parish choir.

What is a Taize service? It's a worship service that involves sung prayer and chanted prayer, meditation, periods of silence, liturgical readings, etc.

This is an excellent way to step out of the busy-ness and noise of the culture and get re-focused on the Lord as we near Holy Week.

The Wednesday service will start at 7 PM in our St. René church, while the Thursday repeat service will start at 7 PM in our St. Symphorosa church. No need to participate in both, but you are more than welcome to come to both.

Our mission week concludes on **Friday, March 24**, will our Living Stations of the Cross. This liturgy begins at 7 PM in our St. Symphorosa church. The Living Stations of the Cross are led by our parish school 7th and 8th graders as they guide us to and through each station with reflections along the way. Come pray along the via dolorosa with Jesus and Mary.

FRIDAY FISH FRY THANKS

Thank you to our very dedicated group of parishioners who make our parish Friday Fish Fry during Lent a reality.

Nothing just happens by wishing it to happen. Events like the Friday Fish Fry take commitment. The hands and feet of the people on "Transformation" make the Fish Fry available during this penitential season for those seeking to abstain from eating meat on Friday.

The kitchen is hopping on the designated Fridays so that hungry stomachs can be filled with a tasty choice. Folks can decide to dine-in, or they can opt to take the food to-go.

We have one more Friday Fish Fry this Lent (March 24). Be sure to say thanks to the helping hands who feed us.

"Love, to be real, must empty us of self." **MOTHER TERESA**

LET US PRAY



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 18 - MARCH 24

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Saturday, March 18th

4:00 PM | St. René Goupil Church | Presider: Fr. Matt

- † Sophie Simbick & Joseph Nizidlek (Almendarez Family)
- † Raymond Mancuso (Giuseppa Mancuso)
- † Al Beyer (Cieslewski Family)
- † Louise Leahy (Family)

5:30 PM | St. Symphorosa Church | Presider: Fr. Norm

Health and intentions of the Pozniak Family

Sunday, March 19th

7:30 AM | St. René Goupil Church | Presider: Fr. Bob

- † Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
- † Al Beyer (Love Family)
- † Joseph Slowinski (Daughters & Families)

9:00 AM | St. Symphorosa Church | Presider: Fr. Matt

- † Richard Sarge (Barbara Rendak)
 - † Marvin Simpson (Barbara Rendak)
 - † George Kouba (Theresa Feddor)
 - † Virginia Blazeniak (Kathy Hynes)
- Health & intentions of Stella Kostynowicz (Walter Frank)

10:30 AM | St. René Goupil Church | Presider: Fr. Bob

For the living & deceased members of the Oczkowski Family (Fox Family)

- † Joseph Loduca (Nancy & Rebecca)
- † Dawn Bodoki (Mom & Dad)
- † Patti Biniewicz (Walter Frank)

12:00 PM | St. Symphorosa Church | Presider: Fr. Matt

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

Monday, March 20th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

Health & all the Lord's blessings for Stella Kostynowicz (Barb Andreano)

- † Ann Tuszynski (Friend)
- † Geraldine Sandrik (Lock Family)

Tuesday, March 21st | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Irene Perconti - Birthday

- Health & intentions of the Saladino Family
- † Walter Szumowski (Wes & Debbie Szumowski)
- † Phil Scaletta - 14th Annv. of Death (Wife Arlene)
- † George Schramm (Mary Shilney)

Wednesday, March 22nd | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

- † Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
- † Edward Podgorny (Family)
- † Robert Zeutschel (Wife Dolores)

† Ofc. Andres Vasquez Lasso (Arlene Scaletta)

Thursday, March 23rd | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

- † Josephine Regnier (Barbara Rendak)
- † Bill Mateja (Barbara Rendak)
- † Richard Merda - Annv. of Death (Wife Arlene)

Friday, March 24th | 8 AM | St. René Goupil Church

- Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Stella Kostynowicz (Barb Andreano)
- † Vince Procelli (Wife Judy)
- † Victor Gomez (Lopez Family)

Saturday, March 25th

8:00 AM | St. René Goupil Church

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Sarah Muhamed - Birthday (Mary Sarlitto)

- † Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
- † Patricia Biniewicz (Isabel Savage)

4:00 PM | St. René Goupil Church | Presider: Fr. Bob

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

5:30 PM | St. Symphorosa Church | Presider: Fr. Matt

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Jazlin Perez - 15th Birthday (Family)

- † Wood Eugene Hunter, Sr. (Gallagher Family)

Sunday, March 26th

7:30 AM | St. René Goupil Church | Presider: Fr. Bob

- † Al Beyer (Toni P.)
- † Mary Ciukaj (Family)

9:00 AM | St. Symphorosa Church | Presider: Fr. Norm

- † Michael & Patrick Byrne (Mom & Dad)
- † Virginia Blazeniak (Theresa Feddor)
- † Russ Gonsowski (Arlene Scaletta)
- † Luci Palumbo (Arlene Scaletta)

10:30 AM | St. René Goupil Church | Presider: Fr. Matt

- † Keith Fox (Fox Family & Friends)
- † Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
- † Michael Liberto (Donna Topps)
- † Jack Orsi (Family)

12:00 PM | St. Symphorosa Church | Presider: Fr. Bob

In gratitude for graces given & prayers answered for the Lopez Family. (Anonymous)

Weekend presider subject to change without notice.

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THE SICK

Arnold Adaska	Shawn Hughes	Juan B. Perez
Guadalupe Almendarez	Denise M. Jandura	Maria P. Perez
Raeann Arends	Rich S. Jandura	Juan Perez
Ignatius Battiato	Rick Jutton	Maria Paz Perez
Domingo Battung III	Joan Juris	Stanley Polit
Hichelle Battung	John Kappel, Jr.	Leticia Reyes
Dominic Battung	Ron Kelly	Graciela Rivas
Hannah Battung	Stella Kostynowicz	Ann Robertson
Jean Bell	Robert Kroll	Fr. John Rudnik
Mary Bieser	Claudia Kwilosz	Joseph Rudnik
Fr. Ted Bojczuk	Sharon Labiak	Jack Ruggiero
Maxine Carey	Flavia Langan	Mary Shortall
Judy Carranza	James Lapsansky	Pat Soltis
Giovanni Carrigan	Maryann Larson	Brian Styka
Rita Cernick	Natalie LeCompte	Sr. Christine Styka
Michael Clifford	Domenico Lepore	Terry Styka
Marilyn Crites	Rose Ann Lindsay	Michael Sutkowski
Margaret Dalton	Maria Lopez	Joanne Tishka
Leon Detlaf	Diane Malarick	Shirley Tloczek
Debbie Flint	Cathy Mazieka	Adele Vacchiano
Maria Flores	Lori McCarthy	Buddy Valela
Ken Fonte	Maria Montiel	Stephanie Walsh
Mia Forbes	Edward Moriarty	Judith Webber
Nia Forbes	Cecilia Nieves	Becky Williams
Geri Gestaut	Bob Pac	JoAnn Wolniak
Karen Holmes	Eleanor Pastorek	Beverly Zimmerling
Heather Hradek	Jesus Perez	Michelle

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

FR. MATT'S REFLECTION



"More of the same," is one of those descriptions, which can bare a positive or negative connotation. As we look back on the history of our faith, we can hear of our ancestors'

experiences, which seem eerily similar, "more of the same," to those of our own day, despite hundreds or even thousands of years of separation. The readings for this Laetare, "Rejoice," Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, exemplify "more of the same," both examples for us to follow and examples to reject.

In the lengthy Gospel Reading, we quickly hear an example of a prevailing perspective of the Apostolic time: "As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.'" (John 9:1-3) The disciples' question about who sinned leading to the man's blindness seems to have its source in Old Testament, specifically, God's giving of the Law to the Israelites during their Exodus from Egypt: "For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their ancestors' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but showing love down to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments." (Exodus 20:5-6) At first hearing, this warning might sound excessive in that God almighty and just seems to be punishing the innocent, people not

yet born, for the sins of their parents. However, as our bishops explain, God likely intends a contrast between His punishment and His mercy: "Inflicting punishment...the third and fourth generation: the intended emphasis is on God's mercy by the contrast between punishment and mercy ('to the thousandth generation'—v. 6). Other Old Testament texts repudiate the idea of punishment devolving on later generations (cf. Dt 24:16; Jer 31:29-30; Ez 18:2-4). Yet it is known that later generations may suffer the punishing effects of sins of earlier generations, but not the guilt." (Accessed on 14 March 2023, <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/exodus/20?5=#02020005>.)

An additional reason for God's sternness might be as a preventative measure. How often do we hear of bad choices by parents or family members negatively impacting children or other family members, even cascading down through several generations. For example, addictions and abuse among spouses can distort the nurturing of children, leading them to think that such habits or relations are normal and thus to be repeated. God's admonishment in Exodus might also have served as a caution to parents to realize that their sins would not only affect themselves but their progeny as well. The divine prescription to the Israelites, at least in part, might have been to prevent destructive repetitions, to stop "more of the same" from happening to succeeding generations.

Jesus' disciples, interpreting God's instruction in Exodus literally, therefore conclude either the man or his parents must have sinned for him to incur blindness from birth. The Lord is quick to correct this erroneous understanding, denying that sin is not the cause of the blindness. Even to

today, there is a tendency toward more of the same thought, to determine that suffering and disappointment must be the direct effect of sin. "I must have done something wrong, that is why God is punishing me," might sound familiar. Jesus teaches us, via His disciples, not to be hasty in determining a cause-effect relationship for why we experience suffering.

Another example of "more of the same" comes among the Pharisees. St. John reports, "Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, 'He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.' So some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a sinful man do such signs?' And there was a division among them." (John 9:14-16) Jesus is a divisive figure to the Pharisees following His curing of the man. These divisions will continue among the Pharisees during the course of Jesus' public life. In our modern world, it is more of the same: Jesus remains a divisive person to humanity. How often is He invoked yet with different, even opposing portrayals of who He is and what the proper ways are to follow Him.

What we believe and pray: The Holy See designates this Sunday as Laetare, "Rejoice," Sunday, what is one reason for you to rejoice in God?

What to stop doing, sins to avoid: Being quick to conclude that God is punishing you when something goes wrong.

What to do: If there are some bad examples, which you have shown to others, apologize for them to prevent more of the same from continuing, and work with God to create new and good examples of following Christ.

"And behold, I [Jesus] am with you always, until the end of the age." - MATTHEW 28:20



OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES, BURNING BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, ARE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

For the repose of the souls of Vince Porcelli & his daughter Maria Porcelli given by Family.

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' presence in the Tabernacle help welcome our prayers into His eternal presence.

EMBRACE THE GRACE

The Weekly E-Newsletter of Two Holy Martyrs Parish



Are you signed up to receive Father Bob's Embrace the Grace Weekly Reflection?

Register your email by scanning the QR Code, calling the office, or visiting our website!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

New Parishioners and Updating Information:

Please visit the parish office or our website (www.twoholymartyrs.org) to register. If you have changed your phone number, email address, or have moved, please visit our website to update your information or call the parish office.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls:

Please contact our parish office to make arrangements. If calling after business hours please call (773) 242-7525.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Celebrated the second and fourth Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM in Church. A Parent Preparation Session is required. Please contact Maggie (ext. 248) for more information.

Marriages:

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to the proposed date of the wedding. Please do not schedule a wedding date until you have contacted the parish office. Please contact Maggie (ext. 248) for assistance.

Mass Intentions:

A stipend of \$10 is suggested for any mass intention. Advance notice is required to ensure publication in the bulletin. Mass intentions are limited to 4 per mass & are entered on a first come, first served bases. **The 2024 Mass Intention Book opens in the fall.**

Bulletin Deadlines:

Any parish organization, community group, or ministry that would like to have their group's information published in the bulletin must have it submitted to Hugo Lopez by 10 AM on the Monday before the proceeding weekend liturgy. **No exception!**



MARCH 12, 2023

Split the Pot Collection:

\$207.50

Winning Envelope:

60399

Reminder: A minimum of \$5.00 is required to participate.



TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH OFFERING

For the weekend of Sunday, March 12, 2023

\$8,118.80

Thank you for your generosity!

Split the Pot Rules & Requirements:

- Open to registered parishioners (StP envelopes are mailed along with offertory envelopes. Blank envelopes can be found in the narthex).
- Participants must give a regular Sunday contribution along with their Split the Pot envelope to participate.
- Minimum donation to play is \$5 for that week.
- Any donation of \$10 or more in a week will only receive a maximum of two (2) chances for that week's amount (anything over will be added to the pot).



Your donations make all the difference, thank you!

In need of help? Call St. Vincent de Paul at (773) 682-3342.



Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request in praying **FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE** in the month of March:

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



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.

Sanctuary candle intentions are available for \$40. Each sanctuary candle intention is for one month. We limit 4 intentions per month for both church locations.

Two Holy Martyrs Lenten

FISH FRY

at our St. Symphorosa Sharp Center Social Hall

5940 W. 62nd St.



February 24, March 10, March 24

5PM-7PM

Dine in & carryout available

[twoholymartyrs.org](http://www.twoholymartyrs.org)

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BETHLEHEM ARTS

This weekend: MARCH 18TH AND 19TH

Our Parish will be hosting representatives of the Catholic Christian Community from Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the Holy Land this weekend, March 18th and 19th after all Masses. They will be displaying handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles.

Due to political conflict and the COVID-19 pandemic, tourism has been reduced in the Holy Land and the Catholic Community has come to depend more on the sale of these articles abroad to survive. The woodcarvings are beautiful and reflect faith and love for the Lord.

Please consider purchasing a gift that will be remembered and cherished for yourself or someone dear to you.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT



LENTEN MISSION WEEK

MONDAY, MARCH 20
Hope for Today;
Hope for Tomorrow
Speaker: Fr. Mike Knotek
(Vicar for Priests for the
Archdiocese of Chicago)
7 PM - St. René Goupil
Church

TUESDAY, MARCH 21
Reconciliation service
(No Holy Hour)
Speaker: Fr. Mike Knotek
7 PM - St. Symphorosa
Church

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22
Taizé Service
7 PM - St. Symphorosa
Church

THURSDAY, MARCH 23
Taizé Service (repeat)
7 PM - St. René Goupil
Church

FRIDAY, MARCH 24
Living Stations of the Cross
7 PM - St. Symphorosa
Church

Join us and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in YOU this Lent!

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About the Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross depict 14 events in the Passion of Jesus Christ, beginning with Jesus being condemned to death and ending with His body being laid in a tomb. The pious practice of praying the Stations of the Cross originated in medieval Europe when pilgrims were unable to visit the Holy Land, so instead "visited" these Holy places through prayer.

Today, Stations of the Cross are prayed on Lenten Fridays. Join us every Friday at our St. Symphorosa Church at 7 PM.

***"Because, by Your holy cross,
You have redeemed the world."***

Stations of the Cross

On the road to Calvary with Jesus

Stations of the Cross every
Friday during Lent at 7 PM in
our St. Symphorosa church.

So they took Jesus, and carrying the
cross himself he went out to what is
called the Place of the Skull, in
Hebrew, Golgotha.

John 19:17



PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

(GRADES PK-3RD)



Ms. Baisa's class made Love Monsters for their family project



Our Pre-K loves celebrating Valentine's Day!



Kindergarten looking a bit older since they started school 100 days ago



First Graders after Ash Wednesday Mass



Second grade has been working hard on illustrating themselves on the map by analyzing components like states, continents and cities!



Third graders created a family tree project

STAY TUNED NEXT WEEK FOR HIGHLIGHTS FROM GRADES 4TH-8TH!

FAITH FORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

3/25: Faith Formation Classes @ St. Syms Campus (Sat.) & Reconciliation for Confirmation Students

3/26: 7th Grade Family Mass & Jesus Project Display

3/28: Faith Formation Classes @ René Campus (Tues.) & Reconciliation for Confirmation Students



PRAYER REMINDER

Our Eighth-Grade students from St. Symphorosa School along with all our level eight students in our Faith Formation Program will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on April 23. Also, our St. Symphorosa Second-Grade students and all our level two Faith Formation Students will receive Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time on May 6. We invite you to please prayerfully remember all of these young people, that they will remain faithful disciples of Jesus.



Jesus Project

This year, our Faith Formation Students in levels Seven and Eight have focused on the person of Jesus in the Gospels.

These students used a variety of creative art forms to depict a Jesus story of their choice. The projects will be on display in the narthex for viewing by our parish community beginning March 25th.

Please take the opportunity to view these wonderful works created by our Faith Formation Students.

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. God be with you and your dear families as we journey through this Holy Season of Lent. Our 2023 Confirmandi will take part in assembling the Easter Baskets and earn service hours for their upcoming Confirmation.



FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Peg Siebenaler, Faith Formation Coordinator
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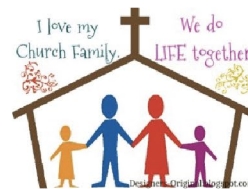
RECONCILIATION BEFORE CONFIRMATION

As the Eighth Grade Confirmation Candidates prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation they will first participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation with their classmates on Saturday, March 25th, and on Tuesday, March 28th during their regularly scheduled classes.

These students continue to work hard on their journey toward the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation on April 23rd. We ask that you remember them, their sponsors, and parents in your prayers.



8th Grade Saint Projects



The Seventh-Grade Family Mass will be held on Sunday, March 26th at 9:00 am at our St. Symphorosa church. All seventh-grade students and their families are invited to attend this Mass.

We will feature the Jesus Project Display in the Narthex. We look forward to welcoming all our Seventh-Grade families on March 26th at 9:00am at our St. Symphorosa church.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH
ST. SYMPHOROSA + ST. RENE GOUPIL

MONTHLY BINGO!

SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH
ST. RENE GOUPIL CAMPUS
(FLANNERY HALL)
6340 SOUTH NEW ENGLAND AVE.

DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM
GAMES BEGIN AT 1 PM

ADMISSION TO PLAY: \$20 AT THE DOOR

Want to receive our Sunday Bulletin before everyone else? Sign up for our Embrace the Grace Email Newsletter and receive our Sunday Bulletin up to two days in advance!



Special ANNOUNCEMENT

ECHO RETREATS

June 23 – 25, 2023 | Casa Iskali
Our Lady of Guadalupe Campus
9430 West Golf Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016

ECHO is a dynamic and immersive Catholic retreat experience of St. John Paul II's landmark teaching called the Theology of the Body. This year, ECHO Chicago is geared towards young adults. ECHO is not just an intellectual exercise, but a journey into the heart where we discover the "distant echo" of God's plan for life and love from the very beginning.

Focused on identity, prayer, vocation, relationships and the Catholic Church's teachings on human sexuality, participants are invited into a new level of freedom to be the gift that God has called them to be. ECHO Chicago will be an overnight retreat that begins on Friday evening, June 23 and concludes on Sunday evening, June 25.

Young adults must be at least 18 years of age and one year out of high school to qualify for the ECHO Chicago 2023. The weekend retreat has limited space so please register early to ensure your spot.

The cost for the retreat is \$350. This includes dorm room accommodations, meals for the weekend and all the fun sessions.

For more information, please visit our website at respectlifechicago.org and tap on our events tab. If you have further questions, please contact Dawn Fitzpatrick at dfitzpatrick@archchicago.org.



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For 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



CASINO Fundraising Night

SATURDAY - APRIL 29, 2023
6:00PM - 11:00PM

ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL I-HALL
6148 S MASON AVE CHICAGO, IL 60638

ENJOY A NIGHT OF GAMING, MUSIC, LIVE DJ, RAFFLES, 50/50, FOOD & DRINKS! GAMES AVAILABLE WILL BE BLACKJACK, POKER, CRAPS & ROULETTE. PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT STEM LAB EQUIPMENT, SECURITY UPDATES AND SCHOLARSHIPS. ALL GAMING IS TO WIN PRIZES. NO CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AT THIS EVENT. 100% OF THE EVENT PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL

TICKET COST: \$30

TICKETS INCLUDE: 25 DOLLARS IN CASINO PLAYING CHIPS, FIVE RAFFLE TICKETS AND TWO COMPLIMENTARY BEVERAGES (BEER, WINE OR SODA) FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE AT THE RECTORY

OR

SCAN THE QR* CODE BELOW

*CONVENIENCE FEE APPLIES - \$1.25 PER TICKET



The graduating class of 1973 from Five Holy Martyrs Church (Pope John Paul II School) will celebrate a 50 year reunion on June 24th at Zach's Grill in Palos Heights. If you are from this class and are interested in joining us, please reach out to Cindy Joyce at cindyjoyc@comcast.net. If you know someone from Five Holy Martyrs class of 1973 please share this with them!