

**April 7, 2024**

**TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH**

ST. SYMPHOROSA + ST. RENE GOUPEL



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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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✉ [info@twoholymartyrs.org](mailto:info@twoholymartyrs.org)

### MONDAY—FRIDAY

9 AM—4 PM

### SATURDAY

9 AM — 12 PM

## SCHOOL OFFICE

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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



# FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

In last week's bulletin for Easter Sunday, the theme here was grace and gratitude. Let's continue this theme into the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

We're mindful that Easter in the Church is not one day. Easter is a season that concludes on Pentecost (May 19). We do not quickly move on to the next thing. We spend weeks rejoicing and pondering the significance of Jesus' suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension and how we each play our part in the story of salvation. We must cooperate with God's grace.

Allow me this week to express my gratitude. Thank you!

In a special way, I want to thank the folks who helped decorate our two beautiful churches. The church doesn't decorate itself. We have parishioners who give the time and talent to get our churches ready for our various seasons.

I also want to highlight our choir under the direction of David Boyle.

The choir practices regularly. They are 100 percent volunteers. They love to lead us in song. They were present on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and the 9 AM Mass on Easter morning. Thank you!

During Lent, we also had a committed group of parishioners who did the hard work of offering the Friday Fish Fry every other week. These folks do the setup, execution, and clean up for this fundraiser that also helps people abstain from meat on Fridays during Lent.

Please allow me to also thank our parish staff. The staff does the daily X's and O's that too often go

unseen. The staff includes our maintenance crew who have a long checklist of tasks to tackle each day on two campuses with eight buildings.

Finally, thank YOU! Thank you for participating in our liturgies. We had a lot of people present for Palm Sunday, the Triduum, and our Easter Masses.

The parish is here for a reason and the primary reason we're here is to make God's grace concretely available in both word and sacrament.

Thank you to everyone who contributed financially. Our Christmas and Easter collection is vital to our parish's sustainability.

So many of you are exceptionally generous with your pocketbook. We all have various economic challenges and budget constraints.

The parish is no exception.

Please know that I recognize the sacrifice you continue to make to support this parish.

We have so much to be grateful for, but the greatest of our thanks is for the Lord and what He has done for us. May we not take one moment for granted in this world as we make our pilgrim way Home.

## Usher, Usher, Usher

In the coming weeks and months, we want to get our parish usher/hospitality ministry more formalized. Our years of COVID protocol caused us to have to adapt some things here and there.

We've also seen some folks step away from ministry.

We've had a group of loyal folks keep us going over the past few years to ensure our collection baskets get around and people make their way forward for communion in an orderly fashion.

These folks also make sure to assist anyone who enters our church who has a need.

Ideally, we'd love to have a generous number of volunteers at each of our five (5) parish Masses.

We especially need help right now with our Noon Mass.

The goal is to get enough volunteers at each Mass so that the same people don't have to be an usher every Sunday.

If this is something you feel called to, please bring it to prayer, and then call the parish office and offer your name and contact info. Tell one of the office staff members that you want to be put on the usher volunteer list, and let the staff member know what Mass you'd be willing to help be an usher. A hospitality/usher captain will reach out to you.

## Divine Mercy Sunday

This is Divine Mercy Sunday, the Second Sunday of the Easter season.

After the Noon Mass, Fr. Kevin Gregus, our associate pastor, will lead the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

This is a powerful devotion, and we want to offer the chaplet on this day. Please consider joining us in prayer.

We can expect the Chaplet of Divine Mercy to begin no later than 1:15 PM in our St. Symphorosa church.

We need to let the Noon Mass conclude and allow folks to depart after Mass before the chaplet begins. Thank you!

**Quote** -- "When one has a grateful heart, life is so beautiful." -- **Roy T. Bennett**





# FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

Finally, it calls upon our mother, the Church, to rejoice and for our very church gathered to “shake with joy, filled with the mighty voices of the peoples.”

We then dive into salvation history, getting a taste of what we will hear in all the Easter Vigil readings from the Old Testament. The Triduum we celebrate is intimately linked to the creation and fall of Adam and Eve, the Passover, the Exodus, and the prophets. In our remembrance, we are brought back to those moments of God saving his people through real and material ways.

The pillar of fire in the desert now becomes the Paschal Candle that brings the light of Christ.

“This is the night that even now, throughout the world, sets Christian believers apart from worldly vices and from the gloom of sin, leading them to grace and joining them to his holy ones.” The Church joins as one as we celebrate what differentiates us from the rest of the world – belief in a savior who has died for us and rose victoriously.

There is one line that gives me chills every time due to its stark truth and deep beauty: “O truly necessary sin of Adam, destroyed completely by the Death of Christ! O happy fault that earned so great, so glorious a Redeemer!” Isn't that incredible? We are actually thanking God for the fall of man because it was the means by which God the Son would come to earth to live among us as one of us, to talk our talk, walk our walk, and die our death so as to rise triumphantly over sin and death.

The praises sung of the candle itself speak of the harmony between man and the rest of creation that was thrown out of whack by the fall. “On this, your night of grace, O holy Father, accept this candle, a solemn offering, the work of bees and of your servants' hands, an evening sacrifice of praise, this gift from your most holy Church.” God ordained bees to create wax that can give light when taken and fashioned into candles. This wax feeds the flame so that the fire can remain and be spread.

Every Mass, but especially the Triduum and Easter, are the closest heaven and earth get. “O truly blessed night, when things of heaven are wed to those of earth, and divine to the human.” This is done perfectly in Christ, which he extends through his Church, her sacraments, her liturgies, and through the communal celebration of the Body of Christ.



As we end this octave of Easter, I want to go back to the Easter Vigil Mass. As I mentioned, part of that liturgy is the Exultet, or the Easter Proclamation. It is chanted after the lit Paschal Candle is brought into the church and placed in its stand in the sanctuary. All the faithful hold candles that have been lit by the flame of the Paschal Candle.

The Exultet is probably my favorite prayer in all of the Church's liturgies.

Let me explain why.

It is proclaimed just after the singular light of the Paschal Candle is brought into the dark church, as our risen Lord enters among his people after his burial and the harrowing of hell. Just the sight of that light amidst the darkness spurs all who see it to the hope that can only be provided by our savior Jesus Christ.

The chant begins by calling up the angels and armies of heaven to exult and rejoice at the Lord's great triumph. It calls upon all the earth to be glad as the light of Christ extends to every part of the world.



# For the week of:

April 6th - April 14th

## Saturday April 6th

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

- ✠Michael Trendle (Ray & Mary Lou Kolasinski)
- ✠Kathleen Denwood (Capparelli Family)
- ✠Ida Marie (DOLLY) Renaud (Frank & Roxane)
- Health & God's Blessings for Bernice Cieslewski (Toni P)
- Health & God's Blessings for Linda Martinez (Donna Topp)

## Sunday April 7th

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

- ✠Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
- ✠Christian Furczon
- ✠Mini Esposito (Three Sons Restaurant)
- ✠Lorraine O'Connor (Sister & Family)

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

All Members of the Altar & Rosary Society Living & Deceased (A&R Society)

- ✠John Schramm (Mary Shilney)
- All Members of the O'Leary & Byrne Families (Mike & Bea)
- ✠Michael Trendle (Arlene Scaletta)

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

PRO POPULO

12:00 PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin

- ✠Nancy & Richard Kukulski (Sons)
- ✠Rose Gurgone (Jordyn & Dan Goon)
- ✠Nancy Janda (Douglas Janda)

## Monday April 8th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa

- ✠Carol Wagner (Linda Dobias)
- Birthday Blessings for David Sarlitto (Mary Sarlitto)
- Health and God's Blessings for Tito Zayas (Tio Carlos & Tia Toto)

## Tuesday April 9th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa

- ✠Rose Gurgone (Sunny & Cindy Conte)

## Wednesday April 10th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa

- ✠Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
- ✠Michael Trendle (Barb Grzenia)

## Thursday April 11th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa

- ✠Bill Rich (Barbara Rendak)
- ✠Michael Trendle (Barbara Rendak)

## Friday April 12th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa

- ✠Kathy Calcagno (Lullo Family)
- Peace for Daniel Sarlitto (Mary Sarlitto)
- Health and God's Blessings for Deana Picchi (Michael Normoyle)

## Saturday April 13th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin

- ✠Mary Ann Larson (Marie, Sharon, Josie & Cynthia)
- Birthday Blessings and Health for Jacquelyn O'Brien (O'Brien Family)
- Health and God's Blessings for Deana Picchi (Michael Normoyle)

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

- ✠Larry Piotrowski (Jeannie)
- ✠Robert Compton (Wife Ellen)
- ✠Thomas Murray (Family)
- ✠Gerald Sears (Gregory Jackson & Family)
- ✠Charles Volanti (Family)

## Sunday April 14th

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

- ✠Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
- ✠Rose Gurgone (Sunny & Cindy Conte)
- ✠James O'Brien (O'Brien-Kenney Family)
- ✠Rosemary Labno (Donna Holmes & Rita Silva)

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

- All Deceased Members of the Shilney Family (Mary Shilney)
- ✠Rafael Alvarez (Family)
- ✠Maureen Feeley-Balto (Arlene Scaletta)
- ✠Virginia Pieczynski (Pat & Dennis Leahy)

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

- ✠Ken Jaros (John & Gloria Bodoki)
- ✠Rita Tomczak (Katie Sigafoose)
- ✠Ben P & Estelle Shafer (Ben & Judy Shafer)
- ✠Andros Villes (Villes Family)

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

PRO POPULO

*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

**APRIL**

**VINCE PORCELLI & MARIA PORCELLI**

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

**GREG GASIOR**

For the repose of his soul, given by Susan Gasior.

**RICH & MILLIE NEWTOFF**

For the repose of their souls, given by 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**

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|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Arnold Adaska        | Debbie Lipien         | Manuel Soto        |
| Guadalupe Almendarez | Rosemary Litwin       | Shirley Tloczek    |
| Fr. Ted Bojczuk      | Joelee MacMaster      | Fr. Norm Trela     |
| Maxine Carey         | Rich Marcello         | Judith Webber      |
| Margaret Dalton      | Cathy Mazeika         | Beverly Zimmerling |
| Joanne Gallas        | Clarence Oleszkiewicz |                    |
| Mitch Gallas         | Ramon Perez           |                    |
| Karen Holmes         | Ann Robertson         |                    |
| Joan Juris           | Michael Roman         |                    |
| Ron Kelly            | Adan Sanchez          |                    |
| Sharon Labiak        | Katrina Sigafosse     |                    |
| Natalie Lecompte     | Karen Singer          |                    |

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**

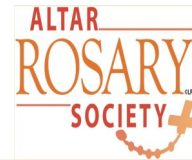
- Stella Szydowski
- Joseph Paoletti
- Michael Clifford



Please join us in praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy led by Fr. Kevin Gregus  
**When:** Sunday, April 7, 2024  
**Where:** St. Symphorosa worship site  
**Time:** After the Noon Mass



Holy Hour and Confession will resume this **Tuesday April 9, 2024** at **St. Symphorosa** worship site.



Our next meeting will take place on **Tuesday April 9th at the St. Rene narthex at 12pm (noon)**. Come join us for **CRAZY BUNCO**  
 Also, we will have our **Bake Sale** on **April 13th and 14th** after each Mass.  
**SEE YOU THERE!!**



**SUPER SENIOR CLUB NEWS**

Our next meetings will be on **Wednesday April 10th and 24th. Doors open at 11:30am**, meeting convenes at 12pm(noon) in the St. Rene Narthex.  
**SEE YOU THERE!!**



**Thank you for your generosity!**  
 PARISH OFFERTORY 3/31: \$9,874.00  
 Split the Pot Winning Envelope #: 60421: \$380.00  
*To our registered parishioners, please remember a minimum of \$5 is required to participate.*

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWO HOLY MARTYRS

## GRAND RAFFLE

**DO NOT WAIT  
TO BUY YOUR TICKETS!**

**Early Bird Drawings begin next month!**

**\$20 Each or 6 Tickets for \$100**

**Pick them up in the back of the church  
or in the Parish Office**

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you have any items you would like to donate, you 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 off items at the drop box at the St. Rene Campus (**blue box**) or 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!



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SVDP Bundle Weekend is approaching Saturday, May 18th & Sunday, May 19th, 2024. If you have a donation or just want to drop off SVDP **Blue Drop Box** is located next to the St. Rene Rectory on 63rd Place, 24 hrs. If you are clearing out a house or apartment it's best to call SVDP Store for a pick-up @ 708-263-0834, need to schedule.

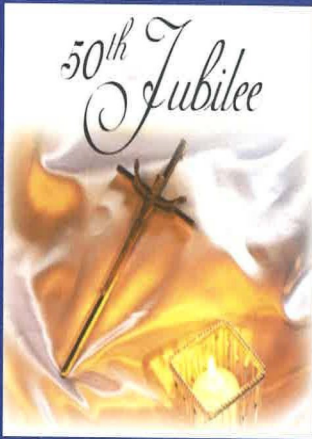
# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



The Cub Scouts of Pack 4439 will be collecting food for our annual Scouting for Food community service project. Donations will help the Northern Illinois Food Bank gather food for neighbors in need. We are calling on our neighbors to make this service project a success. Please consider donating non-perishable food items in one of these three locations.

- St. Symphorosa Parking Lot on Saturday, April 13 9:00am to 11:30am
- Donation boxes in Church after all Masses April 13 & 14
- Donation boxes in Church after all Masses April 20 & 21

Thank you for your generous support!



*50th Jubilee*

*You are cordially invited to celebrate with*


**Rev. Marcel J. Pasciak**

*Sunday, April 21, 2024  
Fiftieth Jubilee Mass at 3:00 pm  
Dinner will follow in the church hall*







St. Patricia Church  
9050 S 86th Avenue, Hickory Hills IL 60457

*50th Anniversary of Priesthood*

*Ordained May 8, 1974*



Please scan the QR code to RSVP by April 1st. Or email your RSVP at Ksoup24@aol.com. Thank you!

**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**



## CASINO 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**

OR

**SCAN THE QR\* CODE BELOW**

\*CONVENIENCE FEE APPLIES - \$1.25 PER TICKET





# PARISH FAITH FORMATION

## Important!

### Upcoming Events:

- 4/6: Faith Formation Classes  
St. Syms Campus. (Sat.)
- 4/9: Faith Formation Classes  
St. Syms Campus. (Tues.)
- 4/16: First Communion Pictures.
- 4/20: Faith Formation Classes  
St. Syms Campus. (Sat.)
- 4/21: Third Grade Family Mass.
- 4/23: Faith Formation Classes  
St. Syms Campus. (Tues.)
- 4/24: Confirmation Practice.
- 4/27: First Communion Practice.
- 4/28: CONFIRMATION DAY!
- 5/4: COMMUNION DAY!



### 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.



The Third-Grade Family Mass will be held on, Sunday, April 21st at 9:00am at St. Symphorosa church. Please look for our Jesus Project display in the Narthex. We look forward to welcoming All our Third Grade Families on April 21st.



Our students preparing for Confirmation made a total of 105 Easter Baskets!  
Thank You All for your Generosity!!

# PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

## ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL ★ KINDERGARTEN



In Kindergarten, we create a community of learners so that each child feels accepted, respected and confident in what they do.

- Our curriculum includes Religion, Reading, Math, Language Arts, Science Social Studies, Art, Spanish, Music, Gym, Computers, and STEM.
- We provide students with fine and gross motor practice as well as social and emotional development.
- Faith based education where the mind, body, and soul are nurtured and developed.
- Supportive environment where your child is known and loved.

Register today for 2024-2025!

773-585-6888



ST. SYMPHOROSA  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
OF TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH



### Help Wanted-Marketing Director

We are seeking a Marketing Director for St. Symphorosa School. The position is part-time, 20 hours per week and includes work on campus and in the field. We are seeking a self-motivated, strong advocate of the school that will grow enrollment.

Training will begin in May, with a June 10 start. Qualified and interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to Dr. Kathy Berry no later than April 15th. [kberry@stsymsschool.org](mailto:kberry@stsymsschool.org)

A detailed job description is available by emailing [office@stsymphorosaschool.org](mailto:office@stsymphorosaschool.org)