

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

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WELCOME TO TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

CHURCH 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

SATURDAY VIGIL

5:30 PM

RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY | 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!

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MONDAY—FRIDAY

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SATURDAY

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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



Let's begin with the inspiring words of Fr. Pedro Arrupe.

He wrote, "Nothing is more practical than finding God, i.e., than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything.

"It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, who you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything."

Perhaps cut these words out and keep them close by for those moments when we lose sight of the One who is Love (God).

St. Thomas Aquinas helps us define love. He wrote, "Love is willing the good of the other, as other." Love desires what is best for the other with no manipulation, no strings attached.

This definition of love finds expression on the cross. The Son of God and Son of man dies so that we might have life. He lays down his life willingly. When

FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

you look at the crucifix, we see Jesus saying, "I love you this much."

We are inspired to live our lives from this love. We must receive it, nourish it, and share it. If we expect to love on our own power, we will soon realize we are not capable. We need a love outside of us to take up residence inside of us. We are then able to love as God loves.

The culture we live in today limits love to pure emotion or warm fuzzies. Authentic love is much more than a feeling or a warm fuzzy. Love is a choice. Love is an act of the will. We can choose at any moment to love or not to love.

In our Gospel this Sunday, Jesus sums things up quite nicely when He gives us the two great commandments. The first is to LOVE GOD. The second is to LOVE NEIGHBOR, the two go together. We cannot (or should not) separate the two commands of the Lord.

We become what we worship. Think about that. We become what we worship. So, the question is, who or what do you ultimately worship? Is God the primary? Or has something or someone taken God's place on the altar of worship? This is called idolatry.

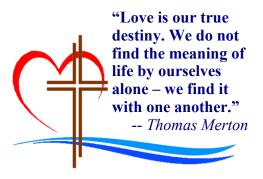
As the old saying goes, love makes the world go around. Well, when we ponder it, Love created the world. Love has loved all things into existence, including you and I. Love sustains us in our being each and every day, and Love is summoning us deeper into the life that is the Holy Trinity.

So many of the issues that plague our culture can be traced back to a human heart that has a significant love wound. Pain that is not transformed is transmitted. We then seek to "heal" ourselves by wounding other people. St. Ambrose of Milan counters with, "No one heals himself by wounding another."

We are challenged to bring our wounded hearts to the Divine Healer. He knows what we need, provided we let Him in.

It helps us be present to each day by keeping the end in mind. What is the end? The end is the Beatific Vision. Face to face with God forever. Eternal life with the Holy Trinity, which is the divine relationship of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Keep the end in mind (Love) as we cooperate with God's grace to love God and love one another today.

Fall in love. Stay in love.



Praise and worship of God the Father, offered with the devotion and sacrifice of God the Son and in the power of God the Holy Spirit, is a central, if not the central, aspect of every Mass we celebrate. Many of the songs, prayers, words, and actions are pointed toward the honor and worship due God because he is our creator and redeemer.

Of course, this praise is not given to God because he needs it, but because it orients us in a way to recognize our dependence on God and our desire to be untied with him. As St. Augustine wrote, "God wants us to exercise our desire through our prayers, so that we may be able to receive what he is preparing to give us. His gift is very great indeed, but our capacity is too small and limited to receive it."

One way we do this at every Mass comes directly after we have asked for God's mercy in the penitential rite. In song, we join together to sing "Gloria in excelsis" (Glory to God in the highest). The hymn of praise harkens back to the angels in Luke 2:14, who announced the birth of Jesus Christ with these same words to the shepherds in the field near Bethlehem. I've included a picture here of part of those fields which I visited in

FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

January 2022. I'll note that we did make the same walk as the shepherds did from their fields to the cave Jesus was born in – it was all uphill, so props to those shepherds.

The full Gloria dates back to the sixth century and it was used at only the most solemn Masses, like Christmas or Easter, and only with the bishops present. By the twelfth century, it found its way to the way we use it at Masses today:
Sundays, solemnities, and feast days, and led by the priest and the choir. During Advent and Lent, the Gloria is not sung to reflection the penitential and preparatory nature of those liturgical seasons.

It's only proper that we borrow the words of the angels to sing praises about God's glory. After all, their primary job is to offer this praise in heaven along. Every word of the hymn is dripping with joy and delight at what God has done for us as his people. We exclaim with the many titles of God ("Lord", "heavenly King", "almighty Father",

"holy One", "most high") and the many ways we approach him (in praise, adoration, glorification, and gratitude).

Like the Sign of the Cross, the Gloria is Trinitarian, as we address all three persons in the godhead. It expresses the "current" status of God, as the Son came to earth to forgive our sins and now is in heaven with the Father to intercede and mediate for us.

The Gloria directs us toward God at the beginning of Mass as his creatures, ones who give thanks to their creator and remain dependent on him. The joy and thanksgiving we express during the Gloria should spill out into the rest of the Mass to keep us in the spirit of praise, adoration, and worship of God. It also reminds us that it is not just our parish, but the whole Church with the angels and saints that constantly sing praise to God's infinite glory.



Shepherd fields visited by Fr. Kevin in January 2022 with subsequent walk to the cave Jesus was born in.



MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 29th - NOVEMBER 5th

Saturday October 28th

04:00 PM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

05:30 PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin

⊕Magdalena Valerio (Arlene Scaletta)

骨Frank & Berenice Borzecki (Anna)

Sunday October 29th

07:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Norm

骨Victor & Zeneida Narea (Vincent Narea)

09:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin

☆Rita Mae Sullivan (Patti & Kelli)

骨Thomas Herman (Patti Grzenia)

骨John Coleman (Rita Lane & Elsie Wagner)

令William Marx (Arlene Scaletta)

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

⊕Vince Porcelli (Judy Porcelli)

⊕Jack Orsi (Family)

Birthday Blessings for Joan Orsi (Mary Wallace)

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

☆Krystyna Lukasik (Stanley Lukasik)

令Alexa Divenere Kosak (Carolyn Sheehan)

Monday October 30th

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

Birthday Blessings for Katherine & Emily Sarlitto (Mary Sarlitto)
♣Nick Alderfer (Pat Soltis)

\$\Parallel{P}Lagrimas Cordova & all the souls in purgatory (Rosario Battung)

Birthday Blessings for Fr. Norm Trela

Tuesday October 31st

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

骨Kathy Arvetis (Husband)

骨Regina Kraujalis (Kevin & Denise)

Wednesday November 1st - ALL SAINTS DAY

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

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

07:00 PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin

骨Ramiro Garza (Garza Family)

Thursday November 2nd - ALL SOULS' DAY

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

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

07:00 PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

Friday November 3rd

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

骨Patrick Carmody (Kathleen Ross)

∜Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

Antonageli Family

骨Macaria Battung (Rosario Battung)

Saturday November 4th

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

All souls in purgatory (Diana Schmidt)

Birthday Blessings for Jacob Petrosky (Rosario Battung)

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

骨Petra & Miguel Parra (Almendarez Family)

骨Thomas Murray (Family)

†Raymond Mancuso (wife Giuseppa Mancuso)

05:30 PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Norm

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

Sunday November 5th

07:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob

∜Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

⊕Mary Joyce (Family)

骨Al Beyer (Toni P.)

☆Elmer Fugman (Larry Holmes)

09:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob

骨Michael Patrick Byrnes (Mom & Dad)

All Altar & Rosary members, living & deceased (Altar & Rosary Society)

令Walter Flores (Gracce Pachowicz, daughter)

骨Karol Marzec (Ilona Szkodon)

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

Christian Furczon

骨John Chavez (Maria Chavez)

⊕Jack Orsi (Family)

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

骨Chester Mateja (Jordan & Dan Goon)

⊕Bishop Kevin Birmingham

& Carol D. Prestidge (Dawn & Amanda Vitrano)

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

OCTOBER

VINCE PORCELLI & MARIA PORCELLI

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

ELIZABETH, WILLIAM, & TONY BOJARSKI

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

JOHN GACA

Arnold Adaska

For the repose of the soul, given by wife Eleanor.

FOR ALL BIRTHDAYS AND ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY given by Rosario Battung.

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

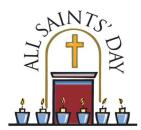
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Guadalupe	Joan Juris
Almendarez	John Kappel, Jr.
Raeann Arends	Ron Kelly
Mary Bieser	Claudia Kwilosz
Fr. Ted Bojczuk	Sharon Labiak
Sara Bragiel	Flavia Langan
Maxine Carey	James Lapsansky
Judy Carranza	Maryann Larson
Giovanni Carrigan	Natalie LeCompte
Rita Cernick	Domenico Lepore
Michael Clifford	Rose Ann Lindsay
Marilyn Crites	Rosemary Litwin
Margie Dolton	Maria Lopez
Leon Detlaf	Diane Malarick
Debbie Flint	Cathy Mazieka
Maria Flores	Lori McCarthy
Ken Fonte	Maria Montiel
Mia Forbes	Edward Moriarty
Nia Forbes	Clarence Oleszkiewicz
Sue G.	Bob Pac
Joanne Galla	Eleanor Pastorek
Mitch Galla	Jesus Perez
John Garcia	Juan B. Perez
Geri Gestaut	Maria P. Perez
Florence Goluch	Maria Paz Perez
Karen Holmes	Stanley Polit
Heather Hradek	Leticia Reyes
Shawn Hughes	Graciela Rivas

Ann Robertson Fr. John Rudnik Jack Ruggiero Mary Shortall Karen Singer Pat Soltis Brian Stvka Sr. Christine Styka Terry Styka Joanne Tishka Shirley Tloczek Adele Vacchiano Buddy Valela Dan Volanti Judith Webber Becky Williams JoAnn Wolniak 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.



All Saints Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 and is a Holy Day of obligation.

Masses will be celebrated as follows:

8 AM—St. Rene Goupil Church

7 PM—St. Symphorosa Church



The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) this year is on Thursday, November 2nd. Mass will be celebrated as follows:

8 AM—St. Rene Goupil Church 7 PM—St. Symphorosa Church

The Parish office is now collecting **FRAMED PHOTOS** of deceased loved ones from parishioners who would like them included in our Remembrance Altar.

Please bring the photos to the Parish Office . On the back of the frame/photo, please include your name and phone number (so that we can return it), and also designate which church site you'd like the photo displayed.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

10/28 - Saturday

St. Symphorosa School Student Council Trunk or Treat | St. Symphorosa at 1PM

10/29-Sunday

Girls varsity volleyball grade 8 Team | St. Symphorosa at 6:30PM

10/30 - Monday

- Junior varsity girls volleyball | St. Symphorosa at 5PM BSA Troop Meeting 1439 | St. Symphorosa at 7PM

Girls varsity volleyball grade 8 Team | St. Symphorosa at 6:30PM

11/1-Wednesday

- School Mass | St. Symphorosa at 11AM
- Junior varsity girls volleyball | St. Symphorosa at 5PM
- Choir Practice at the Church | St. Symphorosa at
- St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting | St. Symphorosa at 6:30PM



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

Frances P. Hernandez Elio Albertini



The A&R Society is having a Salad Luncheon on Tuesday November 7th from 12pm-2pm at St. Rene Goupil Narthex. In lieu of a \$7 charge, members are asked to bring a salad. Games and fellowship to follow the regular order of business.

Reminder: Altar & Rosary Mass on Sunday November 5th at 9am

Information on the upcoming A&R and Senior Christmas Party to follow!

11/2-Thursday

- Cub Scout Pack 4439 Mtg | St. Symphorosa at 6:30PM
- Weekly Gospel Reflections | St. Rene Goupil at 6:30PM
- Parent Association Meeting | St. Symphorosa at 7PM

11/3-Friday

- Girl Scouts Mtg | St. Symphorosa at 5:30PM
- Girls Varsity Volleyball Team 7gr | St. Symphorosa at 7PM

11/4—Saturday

- Faith Formation Classes | St. Symphorosa at 9AM
- St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Weekend | St. Symphorosa

11/5-Sunday

- St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Weekend | St. Symphorosa
- Girls varsity volleyball grade 8 Team | St. Symphorosa at 6:30PM

KINDLY NOTIFY THE PARISH OFFICE IF DATES FOR THESE EVENTS HAVE CHANGED.



Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH OFFERTORY 10/29: \$7,902.02

Split the Pot Winning Envelope # 63095 -\$395.00

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



Two Holy Martyrs Parish is seeking a Saturday Receptionist

We are currently accepting resumes for part time Saturday morning receptionist/data entry position. Interested candidates should be at least 16 years of age and need to send a resume to khilliard@archchicago.org and mkoziar@archchicago.org

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



WE INVITE ALL MEMBERS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH THANKFUL TREE. PLEASE VISIT THE TABLES IN OUR GATHERING SPACES THE WEEKENDS OF NOVEMBER 4/5 & 11/12 TO WRITE ONE THING YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS THANKSGIVING ON THE COLORFUL AUTUMN LEAVES NEXT TO OUR TREES.

ALL OUR WORDS OF THANKS WILL
BE INCORPORATED IN OUR
WORSHIP SPACE FOR THE
THANKSGIVING WEEKEND. THESE
WORDS OF THANKS WILL COME
FORM OUR PARISHIONERS, SCHOOL
CHILDREN AND RE CHILDREN.
OUR TREES ARE A VISIBLE SYMBOL
AS A REMINDER OF ALL THAT GOD





The St. Vincent De Paul Society of Two Holy Martyrs Parish is having their <u>BUNDLE WEEK-END</u> at St Symphorosa Church at 62nd & Austin on Sat. Nov.4, 2pm to 5pm & Sun. Nov. 5, 9am to noon.

We are accepting any clothing items; coats, shoes, purses etc., small kitchen appliances & utensils, linens for bedroom, bath & kitchen, home decorations, household items, books, CDs, DVDs.

We cannot accept any computer electronics or infant car seats, strollers, swings, etc. due to recalls.

We appreciate your support and thank you in advance for all your help.



You are invited to serve people in need in our Two Holy Martyr's Parish area by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Helping us provide people in our Parish area needing food, clothes, rent assistance, utility assistance and other types of support will be a rewarding experience. Is it time for you to live your religious convictions and give something back for all you have received? If you are interested, please contact SVDP client phone @ 312-316-3725.







Two Holy Martyrs Parish invites you to attend our 9th annual

Holiday Extravaganza luncheon, craft & vendor fair Hosted by the THM Parish Transformation Team

Sunday, November 12, 2023 10:30am-2:30pm Sharp Center 5940 W. 62nd Street, Chgo. IL, 60638

No entry fee for patrons





Attendess are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for our Thanksgiving food drive to benefit the St. Blase food pantry in Summit IL.

Each donation receives a complimentary raffle ticket (limit 5 tickets).

FAITH FORMATION



Important!



October is the month of the Holy Rosary.

Upcoming Events:

11/04: Faith Formation Classes Saturday, St. Sym's Campus.

11/07: Faith Formation Classes Tuesday, St. Sym's Campus.

11/14: Faith Formation Classes Tuesday, St. Sym's Campus.

11/18: Faith Formation Classes Saturday, St. Sym's Campus.

11/19: Fourth Grade Family Mass.



CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

During the month of November, all our Faith Formation students will be celebrating the saints. Our level eight students, preparing for Confirmation will soon be assigned their "Saint Project" (a requirement for Confirmation). The Students will select their saints to research and will be presenting their findings. Many times our Confirmandi choose the saint whose name they take as their confirmation name. The Saint Projects will be placed on display for viewing this February. This is a Great way to commemorate the saints!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

As we approach the season of Giving Thanks, the Two Holy Martyrs Faith Formation Program will be remembering the less fortunate. This year, we will join with our fellow parishioners in once again fulfilling one of the Corporal Works of Mercy ...

Feed the Hungry.

When our students attend mass or when they come to Faith Formation classes, we are asking them to bring in non-perishable food items. We are thankful for your participation in the Thanksgiving Food Drive.





Thank-you to all of our Seventh-Grade students from St. Symphorosa School and our Faith Formation Program who participated in some way for the Family Mass on Sunday, October 15th at 9am.

Thank you also, for assisting our local food pantry and our needy parishioners with your consistent donations of non-perishable food items. May you be blessed for your great generosity!

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS



ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL NEWS





STEM CONTINUES TO HAVE A STRONG IMPACT FOR OUR YOUNGER STUDENTS!

SINCE FALL 2022, OUR STEM STUDIO HAS PROVIDED UNIQUE AND ENRICHING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS.

OUR KINDERGARTENERS (PICTURED ABOVE) HAD A WONDERFUL TIME THIS WEEK COLLABORATING ON FUN PROJECTS RELATED TO SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH

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



What is the Tax Credit Scholarship Program?

Your voice can help a student afford a quality education

For years, the Invest in Kids Act has helped to provide low-income children and working families with equal access to academic success and future opportunities. Thousands of families currently benefit through the Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program.

Unfortunately, if the Illinois legislature fails to take action in 2023, more than 9,500 students will lose their scholarships, forcing kids to leave the schools where they have cultivated meaningful relationships, found new interests, studied hard and flourished.

Equally important, the dreams of 26,000+ more students on the waitlist for a scholarship will evaporate. The Illinois legislature's failure to act will primarily harm Black and Brown students from low-income families – some of the most vulnerable kids across Illinois.

We need your help to keep these life-changing opportunities alive. We've included some information about how to contact your legislators.

Lend your voice by contacting your lawmaker to be a champion for kids and extend the Tax Credit Scholarship Program!

Visit www.savemyscholarship.org

From there you can contact your representatives directly



