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I KNOW MY SHEEP.

JOHN 10:27 -



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One of my earliest childhood memories was kneeling in church before Mass and looking over at my mom holding a beautiful rosary in her hands. At the time, her rosary seemed made of diamonds. Now I know those were not real diamonds, but her rosary was beautiful, nonetheless.

Mother Church dedicates the month of May to the Blessed Mother. We are mindful of Mary's role in salvation history; her "Yes!" to God's will. We do not worship her. We venerate her. She holds a special place as the God-bearer (Theotokos).

My dear mother, Rita, loved springtime. She loved May Crowning when we were in grade school. She loved the start of the baseball season (Cubs). She loved her dear birds – cardinals and their distinct whistle with the morning sun. She loved making sun tea for her iced tea. She loved her crossword puzzles and Jeopardy.

She didn't always care for those rare times her children were "stinkers." Our mom didn't yell but all you needed to hear from her mouth was the full version of your first name followed by your middle name. You knew she wasn't happy. Example: "Robert Douglas, come in here." Uh oh!

FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

On the day of my ordination to the Diaconate (ordained a deacon), our seminary rector (now bishop) Fr. Robert Barron called us up one at a time to present us to the archbishop (then Francis Cardinal George) for orders. We were called up by our full name. So, when I heard "Robert Douglas Regan," I had a mini flashback to childhood but quickly recovered to realize that, perhaps, my mom's prayers (ala St. Monica) had been answered. Her son, once lost, rediscovered his childhood calling to be a priest.

And on those challenging days of priesthood and parish life, when being a blackjack dealer in Vegas seems like a good idea, the voice of my dear mom returns with her famous, "This, too, shall pass." And it always passes ... as the joy of a new day awaits.

To ALL mothers, a very blessed Mother's Day. Thank you for giving birth to your child/children. Thank you for the sleepless nights, the worrying, the nurturing, the playing, the naps, the feeding, the birthdays, the sacrament days, the tears, the laughs, the heartache, and the prayers. Thank you for being, "mom."

Although my brothers and sisters cannot call our mom on the phone anymore or drive to her home to see her in person, we think of her often and miss her touches; her phone calls, her gifts (sometimes with a twenty stashed inside), and her well-written cards. But when we see or hear a cardinal, we think of her, and we take comfort that she is with the Lord.

Please know I realize that not everyone has/had a good

relationship with his/her mother. This always pains me, but it's a reality. Some mothers struggled to be a mom, perhaps for any number of reasons. For these folks, please know that Jesus gave us Mary as our mother; our spiritual mother. She knows the pain and suffering. She intercedes for us and protects us. Like a good mom, she waits up late until we are home safely; until we are Home in the loving, merciful arms of the Lord.

Mary's advice has been consistent through the centuries. She desires to lead us closer to her Son; He who is the Good Shepherd. Mary's words from the Wedding Feast at Cana ring true for us today when she says, "Do whatever He tells you."

Are we listening to Mother Mary? Are we listening to the voice of the Good Shepherd?

Happy Mother's Day!

Quote -- "The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." -- **St. Therese of Lisieux**



I want to share a final thought on the Nicene Creed. It's been recited during the Mass by the faithful for at least the last 1,000 years and even longer in some places. It's required to be recited at every Sunday Mass and solemnity. But why do we include a communal recitation of the creed at Mass at all? Faith and liturgy go hand-in-hand, as both inform and rely on each other. If we are doing liturgy well, we are deepening and continually forming our lives of faith.

There is an ancient saying in the Church in Latin, "Lex orandi, lex credendi". It means, that "the law of prayer is the law of belief". How we pray shapes how we believe, and conversely, our beliefs influence our prayer and worship. It's not like our faith can remain as just that; "faith alone" atrophies if it remains just that. It's more than just learning, but living it out in ways that lead us to worship God with our whole beings and by doing so, coming to know him.

FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

Originally, creeds were tied to baptism, and clear statements of faith were professed prior to the washing in its saving waters. The creed was an individual's way of saying their beliefs and their way of life fit together with the faith of the Church like two parts coming together to form a whole. This confirmed and preserved the identity of each Christian, the identity of a disciple of Jesus who embraced the fullness of faith passed on through the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. Only someone who believed what the Church believed could make such a profession.

The creed's placement in the Mass is important as well. It takes place right after the Gospel and homily as a part of the Liturgy of the Word. Would it be better to begin Mass with it to proclaim right away the faith we are about to celebrate? Or maybe at the end of Mass to remind us of the faith we are going to carry with us?

We mentioned this when we walked through the Mass, but reciting the creed is one of our ways to respond to what God has spoken to us so far in the liturgy. In liturgy, we participate in the great dialogue God is having with his people. In the scriptural readings, God tells us of his love and desires for us and how others in the past have responded.

This exchange reaches a climax in the proclamation of the Gospel in which Jesus is proclaimed as the Word of God

incarnate who now speaks to his body, the Church. Through the Word, we are being led more deeply into the Paschal Mystery we are called to live and the memorial of which we are about to celebrate in the Eucharist.

Thus, our Profession of Faith via the creed is a key opportunity as God's people to respond to the Lord's self-revelation and salvation. It shows that we are seeking to understand the word of God and are striving to accept it, even if it's hard; we don't want to become passive spectators rather than active listeners.

By saying this ancient creed as individuals and as a community, we are publicly declaring to God that we have heard him and we believe him. We acknowledge that his revelation continues to mature and grow through the Holy Spirit present in the Church.

We proclaim that we believe all this revelation, not just part of it, and that God offers it to us as an effective testament of his saving and redeeming love for us.

We are also uniting ourselves with the fathers of the Councils of Nicaea and Constantinople, as well as all the Christians who have declared it since then. We don't just say what we believe, but we live it out in our bodies as we join in ritual worship with the Body of Christ.





Saturday May 10th

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

⊕Maryann Whitehead & Conception Volanti (Family)

令Sandra Pawlak (Family)

♣Richard Ochal (Bernadine (Dina) Gnat)

All Members Living and Deceased of the Skraba Family

(Jeanie)

Sunday May 11th

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

骨Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

骨Joseph & Josephine Dyniakoski (Family)

中Esther Saucedo (Maria Gonzalez)

♣Irene Ochal (Daughter Bernadine (Dina) Gnat)

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

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

令Stephanie Adam on her anniversary (Barb Stoyak)

Health for Ann Robertson (Loving Daughter Katie Sigafoose)

⊕Mercedes Valentin & All Deceased Family (Family)

☆Sister Mary Jo De Marco (Family)

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

骨Nancy Janda (Husband Douglas)

⊕LaVerne Slowinski (Daughters & Families)

₱Rosemary Labno (Family & Friends)

Monday May 12th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

Happy 63rd Wedding Anniversary Blessings for

William Kountis (Wife Dolores)

令Stanley & Marilyn Polit (Karen & Alan Crosser)

Tuesday May 13th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

All Living & Deceased Members of the Carmody Family

(Kathleen Ross)

Birthday Blessings for Jennifer & Genevieve Battung

(Rosario Battung)

Wednesday May 14th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

骨Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

⊕Rich Jovanovich (Family)

Thursday May 15th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

骨Captain David Meyer (Arlene Scaletta)

For the week of: May 10th - May 18th

Friday May 16th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

& John Soltis on his 26th Anniversary (Mom)

Saturday May 17th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

☆Ronald Mroczka (Markham Family)

骨Tony Tomassini (Family)

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

⊕Bernadette Wodke (Nancy Markham)

⊕Edward Ochal (Bernadine (Dina) Gnat)

骨Timothy Heeb (P. Murray)

Sunday May 18th

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

⊕Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

骨Leonard Gnat (Wife Bernadine-Dina)

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

骨Claude Wiatrak (Wife Clara)

骨Focorro Duran & Rosario Flores (Family)

Birthday Blessings for Bernard & Alehandra Battung

(Rosario Battung)

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

PRO POPULO

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

†David Woulfe (Woulfe Family)

骨Ramiro Garza (Garcia Family)

骨Reyna Pozas Sandoval (Garcia Family)

Good Health & God's Blessings for Joanna Blaszynska (Family)

Presiders are subject to change without notice.



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Burning before the Blessed Sacrament are offered for the following intentions for the month of

MAY

VINCE PORCELLI & MARIA PORCELLI

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

TOM MARKHAM

For the repose of his soul, given by Family.

IN MEMORY OF JAMES SULLIVAN, SR., (101st BIRTHDAY & 44th ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH) For the repose of his soul, given by Family.

BIRTHDAY BLESSING FOR THE LIVING MEMBERS & REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BATTUNG FAMILY.

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

Arnold Adaska
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Christine Petry
Ann Robertson
Michael Roman
Adan Sanchez
Katrina Sigafoose
Karen Singer
Manuel Soto
Fr. Norm Trela
Christine

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





OUR MARIAN CANDLES

Lord God, with the lighting of this candle, through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His mother, please hear our intentions for the month of

MAY

IN MEMORY OF MARIA ALVAREZ, (85th BIRTHDAY & 23RD ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH) For the repose of her soul, given by Family.

BIRTHDAY & GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR CHALIDA, SETH & CHAYANT SVASTISALEE & CHRISTOPHER HART:

given by Svastisalee & Hart Family.

HELEN, VIRGINIA, & ALICE:

For the repose of their souls, given by Arlene Scaletta.

FOR ALL THE POOR SOULS & GOD'S BLESSING: given by Rosario Battung.

In the lighting of the Marian candles we ask for the Blessed Mother's intercession as we honor a loved one, living or deceased.



Sicratibily Thank you for your generosity!

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Split the Pot Winning Envelope #: 60031: \$362.00

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Senior Club News

You are welcome to join us for our next meetings on Wednesday, May 14th and May 28th 2025.

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







St. Rene Goupil 6340 S. New England Ave. Chicago, IL 60638

SUNDAY MAY 18TH, 2025

Doors open at 11:30am Games begin at 1:00pm

Refreshments & Food are available for purchase FREE COFFEE

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THANK YOU

The boys and girls of Cub Scout Pack 4439 and Scouting America Troops 1439 B and 1439 G would like to thank the parishioners of Two Holy Martyrs and the communities of Clearing and Garfield Ridge for their support of our annual Scouting For Food food drive.

Thanks to your generosity, we donated over 230 pounds of food and goods to the
St. Blase Food Pantry in Summit and the St. Turibius Parish Food Pantry in West Elsdon, Chicago.



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Congratulations,

to all the students that received their
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May the grace of this sacrament strengthen your faith and bring you closer to God each day.













Upcoming Events:

May 10: Faith Formation

Classes.

The Last Saturday Session for this School Year!

May 18:

Sixth Grade Family Mass.



We honor our blessed lady during the month of May.



The Sixth-Grade Family Mass will be held on Sunday, May 18th at 9:00am at St. Symphorosa Church. All the sixth-grade students and their families are invited to attend this Mass.

We look forward to welcoming you on May 18th at 9:00am at St. Symphorosa Church.

Faith Formation Classes have concluded for this School Year!

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Seas the Day at St. Symphorosa School

MRS. GASIOR'S LEMONADE STAND!

For the past 15 years, Mrs. Gasior's Kindergarten class has hosted a much-loved tradition: the annual Lemonade Stand! Each spring, the students prepare & serve lemonade and cookies to raise money to adopt an animal from Brookfield Zoo. Customers pay using dimes, nickels and pennies, giving the Kindergarteners a fun, hands-on way to practice counting money. Each student also takes on a special job to help make the day a success-from greeters and cashiers to servers and cleanup crew.

This year, after a class vote, the students chose to adopt Pistachio the Sea Turtle!















THOMAS MARKHAM
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Congratulations to our 8th
grade Vikings, Emma Jania &
Eddie Garcia on being
awarded the Thomas Markham
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were honored to have Nancy
Markham, along with her son,
Brian & granddaughter, Olivia,
join us at the 8th Grade
Athletics Award Night to
present this meaningful
scholarship.



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What SPRED means to me...

Thinking back to my days of organizing the Special Olympics Softball Throw competition at Northwestern University and my days of coaching Special Olympians. the most heartfelt memory I have is of how the Olympians treated each other and everyone they encountered. I remember the genuine gratitude and joy these individuals shared with each other, the volunteers, myself, and our world. It is this same gratitude and joy that I feel every time we welcome our SPRED Friends into our SPRED Center and our Parish Family. As a SPRED Catechist, a gift I waited a long time to receive, I am called to walk a journey of faith with our SPRED Friends and catechists. On this faith journey, our SPRED Friends have modeled and taught me what living in Christ's love looks like, and what unconditional love feels like. Yes, I am called to help our Friends feel the love of God, but most days, they are reminding me of His love for us. My faith and relationship with God have deepened since saying "yes" to joining the SPRED Community. About that gratitude and joy I mentioned earlier

... I walk out of every SPRED evening feeling more gratitude and joy than when I walked in. And, we have a lot of fun! Thank you all of our SPRED Friends and families for sharing this journey with me.

- Zoe

If you would like to learn more about SPRED in our parish, facilitate the placement of a loved one, or volunteer as a catechist, please contact Ann Smolucha at ann@smolucha.com or 773-914-1900.

₩Bundle *₩* Weekend

St. Vincent de Paul is having our Bundle Weekend at

St. Rene Goupil Church on Saturday, May 17th from 2pm-5pm and Sunday, May 18th from 7am-12pm.

We are collecting clothing, shoes, purses, etc., household linens, small kitchen appliances, home decor, household items, books, CDs & DVDs.

We cannot accept electronics or baby items (due to recalls). Please box or bag your donations (unusable clothing/linens can be sold for rags).

We thank you in advance for your donations, as well as your support of our St. Vincent de Paul Society, which enables us to assist the needy in our community.

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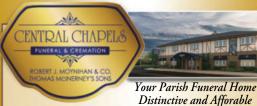
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