

PALM SUNDAY

OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD



"HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID;
BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD;
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST."

MATTHEW 21:25-26

APRIL 2, 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

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FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG



"The Passion of Christ is the greatest and most stupendous work of Divine Love. The greatest and most overwhelming work of God's love."

These are the words of St. Paul of the Cross, and these words speak loudly to us as we begin Holy Week. We gather as a community to celebrate Palm Sunday. We are mindful of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. He goes there, however, not to live but to die.

And so begins the fulfillment of all prophecy. The long-awaited Messiah has come into this world so that he could become the sacrificial lamb for all of humanity. This is how far Love goes for the sake of the beloved. The Passion of Christ speaks to the depths of our hearts and moves us in a way that inspires us to live for Someone greater than ourselves.

Justice had to take place for humankind's disobedience toward God. A price had to be paid. But how could this justice be paid? God himself enters the human condition, although sinless, and God himself pays the debt. We could not have done this on our own. In the same breath, however, in which God delivers justice, He also gives us mercy. In the Cross of Jesus is the justice and mercy of God.

Far too often these days, the entirety of Christianity is limited to moral behavior. Jesus is relegated to being another human being who has given us a philosophy of life and wants us to be kind to one another. Well, Jesus is not a mere human philosopher. Jesus is the incarnate God. He is the Son of God and Son of man. He is fully divine and fully human. And this Son of God goes to the cross as expiation (making amends) for our sins.

This divine act of love should humble us and put things in perspective. Love is stronger than death, and Love is Who

went to the cross for you and for me. Death is not the victory. Light triumphs over darkness ... eternally.

The cheers and jeers of Holy Week should make us ponder human reactions to our Savior. We recall that as he entered the Holy City, the crowds shouted, "Hosanna! Hosanna!" How soon, however, did others soon yell for his death. "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

How are people reacting to Christ today? How are you reacting to Christ today? When we think about it, there really are only three reactions: hosanna, crucify him, or indifference, and the last one (indifference) is the most concerning. We cannot be indifferent. We cannot yawn in the presence of God.

There will always be those who choose to work against Jesus and those who choose to work for Jesus. It is in the land of indifference that we can work to help people discover their deepest hunger, and that their deepest hunger is really for the One who is the Creator.

Jesus' Passion is a love story. And guess what? We are part of this love story.

HOLY WEEK PRIORITIES

We all know how easy it is to get distracted. It doesn't take much these days.

The invitation for us this coming week is to do our best to minimize distractions and make time to enter the holiness of this week. This is not just another week among the other 51 weeks. This is the week we recall God's saving action in the Person of His Son, Jesus, the Christ.

Please consider setting aside business as usual, especially on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter. Attend a liturgy, read a good book about Jesus, pray the Rosary or Chaplet of Divine Mercy, watch The Passion of the Christ, go for a long walk but ponder God's merciful love, be attentive to someone in need.

The Enemy will attempt to create a distraction right before and during holy moments. We can expect this trick

during Holy Week. We know from recent history that Hollywood likes to release a demonic-type movie right around this time of year.

Also, the Illinois State's Attorney office is planning to release a long-anticipated report on the Catholic dioceses in the state of Illinois regarding how past child sex abuse cases were handled or not properly handled by the respective diocese. These will not be new cases but a closer look at old cases. We certainly agree with the role of justice in this manner, but the timing is, of course, interesting.

We are encouraged to center ourselves on Christ and to re-commit to being His disciples in the here and now. We do not let distractions pull us off Jesus. He is the Messiah. He is the way, and the truth, and the life. He is the resurrection and the life.

Please do your best to keep this week holy. Our parish office will be closed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday, and Easter Monday. As pastor, I want our employees at home with their respective families, and not working the hamster wheel of busy, busy, busy. We are the Church, and we keep the proper perspective during Holy Week.

FISCAL APPRECIATION

Thank you in advance to all those making an Easter financial contribution this year. Many folks dig a little deeper to help support Two Holy Martyrs Parish in the area of treasure. This additional giving at Easter helps us pay salaries and pay bills. The bricks and mortar of parish life help us worship God (our church buildings) and serve our neighbor (school building, social halls, etc.).

My promise as pastor is to always do our best to be fiscally responsible; wise stewards of all gifts. Please bring this to prayer (your Easter contribution). With your home budget in mind, please contribute as best you are able for the continued mission of this parish and the universal Church. God bless you and your loved ones.

"The heart is rich when it is content, and it is content when its desires are set upon God."

MIGUEL OF ECUADOR

LET US PRAY

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 1 - APRIL 7

Saturday, April 1st

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

- † Larry Piotrowski (Jeanie)
- † Louise Leahy (Family)
- † Richard Merda & Phil Scaletta (Arlene, wife)
- † James Inendino (Friend)

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

Pro Populo (for the People of the Parish)

Sunday, April 2nd

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

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Steve Chavos (Nancy Shotas)

† Vince Porcelli (Judy, wife)

† Al Beyer (Toni P)

† Mary Ciukaj (Family)

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

All Altar & Rosary Society Members, living & deceased (A&R Society)

† Virginia Blazeniak (Ruth Simon)

† Mary Ann Vaitkus (Arlene Scaletta)

† Luci Palumbo (Karen Walsh)

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

† Christian Furczon

† Jose Flores (Mary Trendle)

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

† Lucio & Guadalupe Gonzalez (Lucio Gonzalez, son)

† Thomas F. Schultz (Ann Robertson, sister)

† Therese Daukus-Fogell (Family)

Monday, April 3rd | 8 AM | St. Symphorosa Church

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Rev. Norm Trela (Mary Kolimas)

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Maria & Carlos Montes (Mary Kolimas)

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Bob Mikulecky (Mary Kolimas)

Weekend presider subject to change without notice.

Tuesday, April 4th | 8 AM | St. Symphorosa Church

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Rev. Matt Compton (Mary Kolimas)

† Vince Porcelli (Judy, wife)

† Kevin Meng (Marilyn Kloc)

† Albert J. Marks (Kathy, wife & Family)

Wednesday, April 5th | 8 AM | St. Symphorosa Church

Health & all the Lord's Blessings for Rev. Robert Regan (Mary Kolimas)

† Grace Doerk (Family & Friends)

† Kathy Arvetis (Husband)

† Dolly Renaud (Frank & Roxane Lozich)

TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY, April 6th | 7 PM | St. Symphorosa Church

Presider: Fr. Bob

Altar of Repose - 8 PM to Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7th | 3PM | St. René Goupil Church

Presider: Fr. Matt

Liturgy of the Word, includes the Passion of our Lord & Veneration of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH

Blessing of the Easter Baskets

12 PM | St. René Goupil Church

EASTER VIGIL | 8 PM | St. Symphorosa Church

Presider: Fr. Matt

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH [ALLELUIA!]

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

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

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

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

PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR THE SICK

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



In the past, I have mentioned that some verses or teachings from our Lord might surprise us and cause us to pause and wonder, "Did He really just say that?" A puzzling, even

unsettling part of Scripture, which we hear during Holy Week, is included twice in the readings for this Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. The specific selection, which I am referencing, is from Psalm 22, verse 2: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" We pray this verse in the Responsorial Psalm and then hear Jesus pray it during His crucifixion in the Gospel Reading. (Matthew 27:46)

On the surface, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" sounds as though Jesus, now at the hour of death, is questioning the Father's fidelity. After many of His disciples, including most of the Apostles, have fled during His trial and procession to the Cross, Jesus' citation of these particular words might convey the perception that even His heavenly Father has withdrawn from Him. "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" could even be interpreted as an indictment from the Son toward the Father or the Holy Spirit. Does the Holy Trinity fracture in this moment? Thankfully for us, no, the Holy Trinity remains unified through the Passion and Death of Christ the Son.

This one verse, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" is the beginning of a prayer in Psalm 22. For the most part, Psalm 22 is a lament. As our bishop explain, "A lament unusual in structure and in intensity of feeling. The

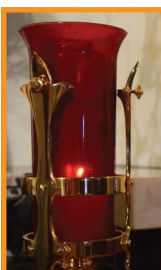
psalmist's present distress is contrasted with God's past mercy in Ps 22:2-12. In Ps 22:13-22 enemies surround the psalmist." (Accessed on 23 March 2023, <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/psalms/22>.) Jesus' praying of this psalm indicates that He really is in the throes of travail. Recalling that Jesus is fully God and fully man, He actually is suffering in His body, His flesh, as the two other criminals who are crucified with Him are suffering and as we would suffer if we ever experienced the brutality of death by crucifixion. Moreover, Jesus' suffering is exacerbated by His bearing of our sins, surpassing the burden any other person has experienced. That Jesus has skin and bones, blood and muscle, and pain receptors, as do each of us, means that His crucifixion is not some kind of illusion or pretended anguish. Neither the Father nor the Holy Spirit is protecting God the Son from suffering in His body; Jesus is offering Himself and freely enduring the effects of this sacrifice.

"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" is not a passive-aggressive challenge to the Father or the Holy Spirit but a cry of pain yet one rooted in faith. If we stopped at this early verse in Psalm 22, we could mistakenly begin to think that Jesus is accusing the Father or the Holy Spirit of separating themselves from Him. However, Jesus' praying of this one verse might have been an indication that He intended those who hear Him to think of the entire psalm. St. Matthew ("Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" (27:46)) and St. Mark ("Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (15:34)), who include the Hebrew or Aramaic version of "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" may have simply included this one verse, rather than all of Psalm 22, for the sake of brevity and with the understanding that those would later hear their Gospels would know to think of the psalm in its fullness.

Although the first two-thirds of Psalm 22 are a lament, a noticeable change, a positive shift, occurs in last third of this psalm: "Then I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the assembly I will praise you: 'You who fear the LORD, give praise! All descendants of Jacob, give honor; show reverence, all descendants of Israel! For he has not spurned or disdained the misery of this poor wretch, Did not turn away from me, but heard me when I cried out. I will offer praise in the great assembly; my vows I will fulfill before those who fear him. The poor will eat their fill; those who seek the LORD will offer praise. May your hearts enjoy life forever!' All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD; All the families of nations will bow low before him. For kingship belongs to the LORD, the ruler over the nations. All who sleep in the earth will bow low before God; All who have gone down into the dust will kneel in homage. And I will live for the LORD; my descendants will serve you. The generation to come will be told of the Lord, that they may proclaim to a people yet unborn the deliverance you have brought." (Psalm 22:23-31) If our Lord intends to reference all of this psalm, then not only is He confirming that He actually is experiencing and redeeming human suffering but He is also proclaiming that God remains attentive to us during this suffering and that eventually there will be reasons for rejoicing, the exact opposite of "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

What we believe and pray: Do we believe that Jesus really suffers for each one of us and still loves each one of us? What to stop doing, sins to avoid: Forgetting that Jesus died for others as well, including those who sin against us. What to do: Re-read the Passion Narratives and notice what Jesus says or does not say.

"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 APRIL

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!**



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 A CULTURE OF PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE** in the month of April:

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



Your donations make all the difference, thank you!

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

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Altar & Rosary Society is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4th at 12 PM at the St. René Goupil Narthex.



The next meeting of the Super Senior Club is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12th at 11:30 AM at the St. René Goupil Narthex.

ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL IS HIRING A STEM STUDIO FACILITATOR

If you believe a community of kindness, love, and support equals success, we need you! We are currently accepting resumes for a Part-Time Facilitator for our STEM Studio beginning in the 23-24 school year. The right candidate will have an interest in STEM, experience working with children, be organized and self-motivated. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter, highlighting experience and interest in the role, to kberry@stsymsschool.org no later than April 28th. This is a part-time, stipend-based, grant funded position.



ST. SYMPHOROSA CATHOLIC SCHOOL OF TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the Easter Holiday, the Parish Office will closed from **Thursday, April 6th thru Monday, April 10th.**

The Parish Office will re-open on Tuesday, April 11th at 9 AM.



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Split the Pot Collection:

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MONTHLY BINGO!

SUNDAY, APRIL 16TH
ST. RENE GOUPEL CAMPUS
(FLANNERY HALL)
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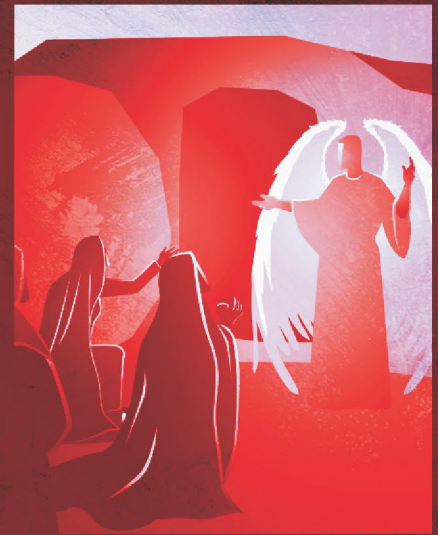
DOORS OPEN AT 11:30 AM
GAMES BEGIN AT 1 PM

ADMISSION TO PLAY: \$20 AT THE DOOR

ETERNAL REST FOR....
WALTER BRENDA, JR. **VITO PECORARO**

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT



PASCHAL TRIDUUM



HOLY THURSDAY

7 PM Mass

St. Symphorosa
Church

Altar of Repose

8 PM to Midnight

St. Symphorosa
Church

GOOD FRIDAY

3 PM Liturgy of
the Word

St. René Goupil
Church (includes

the reading of the
Lord's Passion &
Veneration of the
Cross)

HOLY SATURDAY

12 PM Blessing of
the Easter Baskets

St. René Goupil
Church

8 PM Easter Vigil

St. Symphorosa
Church

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Special
ANNOUNCEMENT

**FINAL STATIONS OF THE
CROSS AT ST. SYMPHOROSA**

Friday, April 7th at 7 PM

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS



ST. SYMPHOROSA
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
OF TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

TAKE A PEEK INSIDE OUR CLASSROOMS...



Kindergarten preparing their treasure boxes for the story of Jesus' life, in preparation for Easter.



Eighth Graders working on March Madness Brackets of new technology used in WWI



Fourth Grade reading and testing comprehension for "The Mouse and the Motorcycle."



Dissecting chicken wings in science class.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR!

CALL 773-585-6888 OR EMAIL MARKETING DIRECTOR RICHARD BANDEN AT RBANDEN@STSYMPHOROSASCHOOL.ORG TO SCHEDULE A TOUR OR TO REGISTER.

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FAITH FORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

4/2: 1st Grade Family Mass & Palm Sunday Procession

4/9: EASTER SUNDAY!

4/11: Faith Formation Classes @ René Campus (Tues.)

4/15: Faith Formation Classes @ St. Sym Campus (Sat.)

4/18: Communion Pictures

4/19: Confirmation Practice

4/23: CONFIRMATION DAY!

4/30: Communion Practice

5/6: COMMUNION DAY!

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PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

We invite all our First Grade (level one) students 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 at 9:00 am on April 2nd at our St. Symphorosa Church.

Please have your child/children gather in the church 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.)*

FAITH FORMATION OFFICE

Peg Siebenaler, Faith Formation Coordinator
(773) 767-1523 Ext. 226 | msiebenaler@archchicago.org

Thank you to those folks who donated to our Easter Baskets for needy children. Many of you responded to the request to help make a young child's Easter a little more special. Our Savior's dying and rising is the greatest gift ever, but when a young person receives a basket on Easter, the heart of the child is touched, and the heart of the giver is warmed by such charity.

Currently we are working hard on assembling the Baskets!

In times like this, we are always reminded of the two pillars of our faith: *Worship and Service*. We lift our hearts toward God when we pray and celebrate the Eucharist. We also turn our hearts to those in need as we heed to the call of our Lord to love our neighbor.

Thank you for being such a generous and caring parish!



CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, April 23rd our level Eight students in our Faith Formation Program and the Eighth Grade Students from our St. Symphorosa School will be Confirmed by the Most Reverend Jeffrey Grob, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago. The students have worked very hard at preparing for this special day and we ask that you remember them, their sponsors, and parents in your prayers.

Practice for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place at St. René Church on Wednesday, April 19th at 6:00 pm. The Confirmation Candidate and Sponsor need to attend. If, for some important reason, the Sponsor is unable to attend, the student must be accompanied by a parent.



FIRST EUCHARIST

On Saturday, May 6, the Level Two students in our Faith Formation Program and the Second Graders from our St. Symphorosa School will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. These young children have worked very hard preparing for this special day and we invite you to please remember them in your prayers.



All our First Communicants are invited to wear their Communion attire to whatever Mass they attend the weekend of May 7th and May 14th.



"Progress made" on our Easter Basket assembly!

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All proceeds benefit the parish school of Two Holy Martyrs and will help in the purchase of
STEM Studio equipment, security updates and scholarship assistance.