

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



March 10, 2024



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

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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!*

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the school and church buildings*

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MONDAY—FRIDAY

9 AM—4 PM

SATURDAY

9 AM — 12 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



Imagine being hungry, but food did not exist; or being thirsty but water did not exist.

Thankfully, this is not the case. We have food to satisfy our hunger, and water to quench our thirst.

What about the spiritual life? What about the deeper hunger and thirst we have as human beings? This is often referred to as having a longing. This is the God-shaped hole in the heart every person has; whether they admit it or not.

We hunger and thirst for more because we were made for more.

“The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 27).

The struggle emerges when we try to fill the God-shaped hole with something or someone other than God. Our innate desire to worship gets taken off God and placed elsewhere. St. Thomas Aquinas summed up the four main categories of replacement: wealth, pleasure, power, and honor. We attempt to satisfy our hungry hearts with more wealth, more pleasure,

more power, and/or more honor (fame).

Guess what? It doesn't work. We soon find ourselves desiring more, and more, and more of a finite thing to satisfy our infinite longing. Only God can fill the God-shape hole. And yet, how many people today are trying to find love in all the wrong places?

God is love (1 John 4: 16). This is the Holy Trinity: God the Father, God the Son. God the Holy Spirit. This Triune God is the Source of all that exists.

“It is because God has created man through love, and through love continues to hold him in existence. He cannot live fully according to truth unless he freely acknowledges that love and entrusts himself to his Creator.” (Vatican II, Gaudium et Spes).

Have you entrusted yourself to God? Lent is a good time to surrender more of ourselves to the Lord. However, to truly surrender, we must trust in the Lord, and trust that God has given us everything we need for salvation and for our spiritual well-being in the Person of Jesus, the Christ; He who gives us the Church for care of souls. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

To believe means more than mere intellectual ascent (I believe God exists). To truly believe is a matter of heart, and it changes how we live our lives (I believe in God, and I now live my life for the greater glory of God).

People are starving today. Yes, the physically hungry throughout the world that we are called to feed.

People are also starving spiritually. Folks are thirsting for the authentic, aka the real thing. We desire to love and to be loved because we have been created FOR LOVE, and there are nefarious forces at work that seek to pull us away from the Source of love; using any means necessary to pull us away from God, from each other, and from our own self.

Jesus, my friends, when he is sincerely followed, becomes the One who brings us closer; closer to God, close to each other, and closer to our own self. God desires more than an occasional wink.

Gaze up on the Lord. Make time to share what's on your heart with the One who gave you your heart. Make time to listen to him. Avoid the urge to get up and go do something. Stay with Him. Let Him love you at your core so that your God-shaped hole becomes more and more filled with the things of God and less filled with “junk food.”

Quote -- “The hunger for love is more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread.” -- **Mother Teresa (St. Teresa of Calcutta).**





FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

Prayer since the time of the Apostles. We've already discussed the first aspect, Thanksgiving, in our look at the Preface and the second aspect, Acclamation, in our exploration of the *Sanctus*.

The third aspect is the Epiclesis, which is Greek for a calling down upon. You will see the priest remove the pall (the square that covers the chalice) and place both his hands over the bread and wine. He verbally invokes the Holy Spirit to come down in his power to bless, sanctify, and consecrate the gifts presented on the altar into the Body and Blood of Jesus. We can note that each one of the seven sacraments has an epicletic moment.

The fourth aspect is the actual Institution Narrative and Consecration. By repeating the words used by Christ at the Last Supper, the sacrifice is carried out. The priest tells of Jesus' actions, but then takes on the first person in speaking the words of Jesus in the offering his Body and Blood. He ends with the command to perpetuate this same mystery until the end of the world.

The fifth aspect is another Greek term, Anamnesis, which means a remembering. This points to the fact that we are not re-crucifying Jesus at every Mass, but are instead being transported back to Calvary.

Additionally, it is not just a remembrance of the crucifixion but the entire Paschal Mystery: "the blessed Passion, his glorious Resurrection, and his Ascension into heaven."

Offering is the sixth aspect. The priest states clearly that The Body and Blood of Christ is being offered to the

Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. Not only that, but the faithful offer themselves alongside the spotless Victim so as to be united with God and brought into the unity of the Body of Christ.

The seventh aspect is Intercession. We acknowledge that the Eucharist is being celebrated in communion with the entire Church, both in heaven and on earth, and not just for the living, but for those who have died in the hope of the resurrection. The priest uses the name of the pope and the bishop of whatever diocese he is in both as a prayer on behalf of them as well as a statement of communion.

Without this unity with his bishop, the priest has no power to celebrate Mass for the people of God. The Final Doxology is the eighth aspect, which I will discuss in a later article.

The Eucharistic Prayer is when our attention and participation should be at its highest. The priest is fulfilling his role of offering the gifts on behalf of his people (listen to all the times he says "we"). When we join with the offering of Christ and the words and actions he left us, we join his perfect praise and thanksgiving given to his Father.

Following the chanting of the *Sanctus*, the congregation kneels as the priest begins the Eucharistic Prayer. This is the point of the Mass in which heaven and earth are most closely linked.

Jesus reveals himself to be the *pontifex maximus*, or the Great Bridge-builder.

As a participant in his high priesthood, the priest stands in for Christ as the head to offer the bread and wine to the Father via the words of the Eucharistic Prayer.

There have been many forms of the Eucharistic Prayer over the history of the Church, though they all have the same elements. The one approved at the Council of Trent in the 1500s was used exclusively, in Latin, until the Second Vatican Council. At that time, the prayer was translated to the vernacular (for us at THM, English), and other forms of the prayer were dug up and written in response to Vatican II. The current missal has ten approved Eucharistic Prayers, though only four are commonly used. I will break down each of these four in the coming weeks.

Even though they use different wording, each prayer has eight essential aspects that have been present in the Eucharistic



For the week of:

March 9th—March 17th



Saturday March 9th

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

✠Loretta Pozniak (Pozniak Family) & PRO POPULO

Sunday March 10th

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

✠Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

✠Victor Narea (Vincent Narea)

God's Blessings for Lois Beyer (Grateful Parishioner)

✠Tomas Saucedo (Saucedo-Gonzalez Family)

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

✠Ernest Meng (Meng Family)

✠Virginia Lewandowski (Ramazinski Family)

✠Rose Marie Polites (Super Seniors Club)

✠Tom Cooney (Arlene Scaletta)

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

✠Rita Tomczak (Katie Sigafoose)

✠Paco Calderon (Nancy Calderon)

✠Thomas Comiso (Mike & Mary Trendle)

✠Patrick Murphy (Knights of Columbus)

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

✠Sandomierski Family (Granddaughter)

✠Michael Trendle (Karen & Tim Healy)

Monday March 11th

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

Birthday Blessings for Domingo Battung III (Rosario Battung)

All Souls in Purgatory

Gratitude to the Blessed Virgin Mary (Ann Robertson)

Health & God's Blessing for Rich Marcello (Markham Family)

Tuesday March 12th

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

✠William Bojarski (Barbara Rendak)

Birthday Blessings for Domingo Battung II (Rosario Battung)

✠Judith Siwek (Family)

Wednesday March 13th

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

✠Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

✠Frederick Maringer (Linda Dobias)

✠Michael Trendle (Barb Grzenia)

✠Ray Madej (Hungerford Family)

Thursday March 14th

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

✠Bill Rich (Barbara Rendak)

✠Elizabeth Pretkelis-Heaton (Barbara Rendak)

✠Maureen Feely-Balto (Barbara Rendak)

✠John LeCompte (Family)

Friday March 15th

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

Priest Vocations

Living & Deceased Members of the John & Janet Karlowich Families

(Mary Kolimas)

✠Raymond Madej (Teresa Theodore)

Saturday March 16th

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

✠Bud & Dolores Smagor (Pat Soltis)

✠Kieran Normoyle (Family)

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

✠Richard Merda & Phil Scaletta (Wife Arlene)

✠Thomas Comiso (Mike & Mary Trendle)

✠Maureen Feeley-Balto (Nancy Markham)

✠Rose Donato (Toni Ptak)

Sunday March 17th

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

PRO POPULO

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

✠Patrick Carmody (Kathleen Ross & Carmody Family)

✠Kimberly Argires (Arlene Scaletta)

✠Maryann O'Neill (Bea & Mike Byrne)

✠Richard Merda (Arlene Scaletta)

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

Birthday Blessings for Daniel Sarlitto

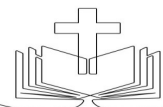
✠Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

✠Dawn Bodoki (Mom & Dad)

✠Ken Jaros (John & Gloria Bodoki)

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

✠Rose Gurgone (Michael & Nora Filetti)



Presiders are subject to change without notice.

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH | March 10, 2024



OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES

BURNING BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ARE OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF

MARCH

VINCE PORCELLI & MARIA PORCELLI

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

ALBINA STRZELEC, SOPHIE PLOSAJ, JOSEPH & LEOPOLD STASZEL

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

DECEASED MEMBERS OF CALCAGNO & BLUISS FAMILIES

For the repose of their souls, given by Kathy Calcagno.

FOR ALL BIRTHDAYS & SOULS IN PURGATORY

given by Battung 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 Almandarez | Rosemary Litwin | Shirley Tloczek |
| Maxine Carey | Joelee MacMaster | Fr. Norm Trela |
| Margaret Dalton | Rich Marcello | Judith Webber |
| Joanne Gallas | Cathy Mazeika | Beverly Zummerling |
| Mitch Gallas | Clarence Oleszkiewicz | |
| Karen Holmes | Ramon Perez | |
| Joan Juris | Ann Robertson | |
| Ron Kelly | Adan Sanchez | |
| Sharon Labiak | Katrina Sigafoose | |
| 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

- Roy Venegas
- Nancy Janda
- Janice Berlongieri



Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH OFFERTORY 3/03: \$10,613.00

Split the Pot Winning Envelope #: 60127: \$420.00

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



Parking Notice for Parishioners

Please refrain from parking on the north side of 63rd Place across from the St. Rene campus. The north curb is now Permit Parking Only. It's okay to park on the south side of 63rd Place, but you risk being ticketed by police if you park on the north curb if you do not have Permit #2417. Thank you!



TWO HOLY MARTYRS' KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Wishes to thank all parishioners who contributed to our annual MILITARY BOX PROGRAM!

With your help providing toiletries, snacks, games, postage etc., we were able to send a dozen "gift boxes" to soldiers deployed across the world... The Knights appreciate it - almost as much as the troops do!

GOD BLESS ALL



SUPER SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Welcome back, meeting will be on Wednesday March 13th. **Doors open at 11:30am**, meeting convenes at 12pm (noon) in the St. Rene Narthex.

SEE YOU THERE!!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN PARISH MISSION


† MONDAY MARCH 11
7 PM @ ST. RENE GOUPIL
TALK BY FR. RYAN BRADY
"KNOWING THE VOICE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD"

† TUESDAY MARCH 12
7 PM @ ST. SYMPHOROSA
PARISH HOLY HOUR
EXPOSITION, ROSARY, & REFLECTION BY FR. BOB

† WEDNESDAY MARCH 13
7 PM @ ST. RENE GOUPIL
LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE
OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

† THURSDAY MARCH 14
7 PM @ ST. SYMPHOROSA
TAIZE SERVICE LED BY THE THM CHOIR

† FRIDAY MARCH 15
7 PM @ ST. SYMPHOROSA
LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS
LED BY 7TH AND 8TH GRADE SCHOOL STUDENTS



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

AT OUR ST. SYMPHOROSA CHURCH

Please join us all Fridays in Lent | 7 p.m.

MARCH 15 | MARCH 22 | MARCH 29

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TWO HOLY MARTYRS GRAND RAFFLE

Get Ready...The Two Holy Martyrs 2024 Grand Raffle is coming... with some exciting changes! Big Money, Big Surprises!

Also, please contact the Parish Office if you would like to play a leadership role on the Parish Fundraising Committee!

IMPORTANT REMINDER

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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 them off 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!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Fish Fry Menu

FEBRUARY 16, MARCH 1,
MARCH 15
5PM-7PM
THE SHARP CENTER SOCIAL HALL
ON THE ST. SYMPHOROSA CAMPUS

Fish Specials

Fish Plate \$12.00
(2 pieces of fish, fries, Cole slaw,
bread)
Additional piece of fish \$3.00
Plate of fries \$2.00

Pierogi (4 per order)

Cheese \$4.00
Potato \$4.00
Kraut \$4.00
Fruit \$4.00

Additional Items

Potato Pancakes \$5.00
Cheese Quesadilla \$5.00
Soup \$5.00
Kids Meal (quesadilla, chips, juice
box & cookies on a frisbee) \$5.00
Pound Cake Slice \$2.00

Thirst Quenchers

Water \$2.00
Coke \$2.00
Diet Coke \$2.00
Sprite \$2.00
Juice Box \$1.00



Two Holy Martyrs Lenten

FISH FRY

at our St. Symphorosa Sharp Center Social Hall

5940 W. 62nd St.



March 15

5PM-7PM

Dine in & carryout available

twoholymartyrs.org

(773) 767-1523

Our Lenten Friday Night Fish Fry Dinners are back! Join us in the St. Symphorosa Social Hall for a fish dinner and lots of socializing! Don't like fish? We have several other dishes as well as a special plate for the kiddos! Come hungry and spend an evening with your parish family! Carry out is also available. After dinner, walk over to church for our weekly Stations of the Cross, starting at 7PM.



Our Two Holy Martyrs Transformation Committee is having their annual Lenten Fish Fry fundraiser. They are looking for student volunteers in need of service hours in Grammar School or High School. Students should come prepared to move items, serve meals to tables and clean up. Students can work a 2 hour shift and receive their service hours at the end of their shift. Please follow the link below to sign up your student.

THM Lenten Supper Volunteer Sign Up 2024

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EAF2EA1FDC70-47849237-thmlenten>

Also, family members can plan to have dinner with us and enjoy a meal served by your student!

FAITH FORMATION

Important!

Upcoming Events:

- 3/12:** Faith Formation Classes
St. Syms Campus. (Tues.)
- 3/16:** Faith Formation Classes
St. Syms Campus. (Sat.)
and
Reconciliation Service for
Confirmation Students.
- 3/19:** Faith Formation Classes
St. Syms Campus. (Tues.)
and
Reconciliation Service for
Confirmation Students.
- 3/24:** First Grade Family Masses.
Palm Sunday Processions,
9am & 10:30am.

Preparing for the Sacrament of First Communion. Another Bread Meeting Retreat held on Feb. 20, 2024.
Thank you God for the Gift of the Holy Eucharist!

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Palm Sunday Procession

We invite all our First-Grade school students and all our Level One Students in our Faith Formation Program 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 on March 24th at 9:00am at St. Symphorosa Church or the 10:30am Mass at St. Rene. Please have your child/children gather in the 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.) May God bless you as we continue our Lenten Journey.



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 2024 Confirmandi are invited to take part in assembling the Easter Baskets and earn service hours for their upcoming Confirmation.



RECONCILIATION BEFORE CONFIRMATION

As our Confirmation Candidates prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation they will first participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation with their classmates on Saturday, March 16th, and on Tuesday, March 19th during their regularly scheduled classes. These students continue to work hard on their journey toward the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation which will be celebrated on April 28th. We ask that you remember them, their sponsors, and parents in your prayers.



The First-Grade Family Mass will be held on, Sunday, March 24th at 9:00am at St. Symphorosa Church. We look forward to welcoming all our First Grade Families on March 24th.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS



ST. SYMPHOROSA
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
OF TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH



EASTER OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

6:30PM-8:00PM

ST. SYMPHOROSA SCHOOL A HALL
6125 S. AUSTIN AVE
CHICAGO, IL 60638

Current families welcome to attend! Referral bonus available!

Bring your Easter basket!

- PHOTOS WITH THE EASTER BUNNY
- EASTER EGG HUNT AROUND THE SCHOOL
- SCHOOL TOURS AVAILABLE
- REGISTER FOR 2024-2025




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







Easter Egg Hunt!

Saturday, March 23rd
10am

Location: St. Rene Goupil Field
6949 W.63rd Pl

Bunny Visit **Don't Forget Your Basket**



