



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.” - Jn 15:16-17

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May 5, 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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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.

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FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

priesthood both fell on May 16. I was ordained in Holy Name Cathedral on May 16, 2015. How wonderfully connected are the Eucharist and the Priesthood.

My mom, Rita Regan, did her best to save memorabilia from the respective childhoods of each of her six children.

When we moved out of our Berwyn home, she made sure each of us had our box as we headed out the door.

In hindsight, we're grateful mom did this for us; saving those precious moments in life so we could revisit them as adults and take our walks down memory lane. We grow up so quickly. As my mom used to say, "The days go by slowly, but the years fly by."

One of the items in my box of memorabilia was the card my mom and dad gave me for my First Communion.

On the cover was a little guy who kind of looked like me receiving a host from the priest, whose face you could not see.

Only in the last few years did I find that card and take a closer look.

Inside the card, my mom's impeccable cursive handwriting shared an intimate message. But there was also the date – May 16, 1976.

Okay? So, what's so special about that date? It would be post-ordination that I realized my First Communion and my ordination to the

I would never have known this had my mom not saved our stuff from childhood. There's no coincidence to this story. And I'm certain mom had something to do with me returning to the faith in my thirties, rediscovering my childhood vocation to the priesthood, entering the seminary at age 40, and making it to the altar on May 16, 2015. Thank you, mom!

On Saturday, May 4, 2024, we celebrated First Holy Communion in our parish for 95 children. This is a combination of our parish school children and the children in our Faith Formation program. What a joyous day!

Last Sunday, April 28, we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation for 68 of our children. This also was a joyous day.

There is no way to predict the future of our children. We pray for them that the faith foundation they have received from their parents and our parish goes with them into adulthood. We want them to have a sense of God in their lives as they grow up surrounded by so much godlessness.

The sacraments are vital for our spiritual lives. They are NOT empty rituals. They are the visible way God communicates to us His invisible grace.

The sacraments are not magic, but they are a great mystery that help us have life in Christ.

Boston College professor Peter Kreeft writes, "Sacraments are like hoses.

They are the channel of the living water of God's grace. Our faith is like opening the faucet. We can open it a lot, a little, or not at all."

May our hearts be fully open to receiving God's grace, especially in the sacraments. Parents play such an important role in the early formation of their child. This formation begins in utero and continues at birth and into early childhood. Our children watch us.

Do they see us pray? Do they see us taking our faith seriously? Are there inconsistencies between what we say and what we do? Is participating weekly in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass a family priority?

We want our children to be more than good students getting good grades to get into a good college. We want them to be good people, good disciples, and good stewards of God's gifts. The Lord isn't going to check our GPA when we die. He's going to look into our hearts for love. Did we love God and love our neighbor in this life?

Revisit our second reading on the Sixth Sunday of Easter from 1 John.

Read it, pray with it, and live it. Love changes everything!

Quote -- "Perhaps the greatest insanity of life is that we never awaken to the reason we were born."
-- **Fr. Marc Foley**





FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

from God, it was the great love of God that sent the Son to hand himself over to become "the lasting sign of the covenant".

It also makes a point to mention that reconciliation with God brings about reconciliation with the entire Body of Christ. We pray: "Grant that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, as they partake of this one Bread and one Chalice, they may be gathered into one Body in Christ, who heals every division. Be pleased to keep us always in communion of mind and heart, together with our Pope and our Bishop."

My favorite line in this EP comes next: "Help us to work together for the coming of your Kingdom, until the hour when we stand before you, Saints among the Saints in the halls of heaven." It unites our work on earth with that of heaven, pointing to where we want to be while acknowledging we can experience a piece of it on earth.

And that's the dream; to be a saint, not just on our own, but to be counted and be in communion with all the saints who have come before and will come after.

The second EP for Reconciliation focuses more on the peace and harmony that can come only from Christ: "He himself is the Word that brings salvation, the hand you extend to sinners, the way by which your peace is offered to us."

The Last Supper and the sacrament that was established in it continually work to effect the reconciliation between God and man as well as man with each other.

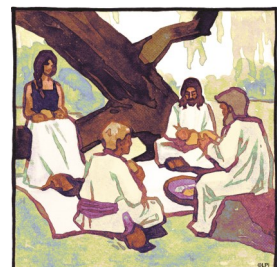
The prayer ends, "Bring us to share with them the unending banquet of unity in a new heaven and a new earth, where the fullness of your peace will shine forth in Christ Jesus our Lord." Again, heaven and earth are joined at each and every Mass in a very intimate way. Unity and communion are key aspects of existence in heaven, as opposed to the isolation and self-reliance of hell.

The remaining Eucharistic prayers for Various Needs are all very similar but have different focuses in what they intercede for. They have the following titles: The Church on the Path of Unity, God Guides His Church along the Way of Salvation, Jesus, the Way to the Father, and Jesus, Who Went About Doing Good. These have a great focus on the horizontal function of the Church in the serving of one's neighbor and the poor. These are the most rarely used of the eucharistic prayers and are usually employed at Masses for specific intentions, so it is unlikely they would be heard at a Sunday Mass.

As I mentioned, there are a total of ten eucharistic prayers that a presiding priest can select. We've covered the four main prayers that are used throughout the Church's liturgical year. I want to highlight those other options, because you will hear them on occasion, especially during Lent.

I'd like to especially look at the two eucharistic prayers for reconciliation. The missal directs that they can be used in Masses "in which the mystery of reconciliation is conveyed to the faithful in a special way ... as well as in Masses during Lent." They can be used with Prefaces that refer to penance and conversion even though they each have their own proper Preface.

The first EP for Reconciliation focuses on the restoration of man to his original holiness through the salvific work of Jesus on the cross. It begins, "You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and from the world's beginning are ceaselessly at work, so that the human race may become holy, just as you yourself are holy." Even though man chose to separate himself



For the week of:

May 4th - May 12th

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday May 4th

04:00 PM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Kevin
✠ Thomas Murray (Family)
✠ Cruz Almendarez (Almendarez Family)
✠ Dorothy Oczkowski & Deceased Members of Sokolowski Family (Family)
✠ Marie Greco (Friend)

Sunday May 5th

7:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob
PRO POPULO
9:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob
✠ Elizabeth Schramm (Mary Shilney)
✠ Bernadette Simpson (Arlene Scaletta)
✠ Virginia Pieczynski (Pat & Dennis Leahy)
✠ Rosemary Labno (Altar & Rosary Society)
All Members Living & Deceased from the Altar & Rosary Society
10:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Kevin
✠ Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
✠ Christian Furczon
✠ Ronald & Geraldine Wasik (Julie Tomalis)
✠ Barbara Cortez (Julie Tomalis)
12:00 PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin
✠ Joseph Corbett (Wife Ela)
✠ Rose Gurgone (Cathy & Pat Carone)
✠ Nancy Janda (Douglas Janda)

Monday May 6th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil
God's Blessings for Domingo & Rosario Battung on their 52nd Wedding Anniversary (Battung Family)
✠ Officer Luis Huesca (Arlene Scaletta)

Tuesday April 7th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil
✠ Tom Markham (Family)
✠ Richard Jovanovich
All Members Living & Deceased of the John & Janina Karlowicz Family (Mary Kolimas)

Wednesday May 8th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil
✠ Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
Happy 50th Jubilee to Reverend Marcel J. Pasciak (Lorraine DeLauriea)
All Members Living & Deceased of the John & Mary Kolimas Family (Mary Kolimas)

Thursday May 9th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil
✠ Susie Graziano (Barbara Rendak)
Health & God's Blessings for Fr. Norm (Mary Kolimas)

Friday May 10th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil
Peace for Daniel Sarlitto
Health & God's Blessings for Fr. Kevin (Mary Kolimas)

Saturday May 11th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil
✠ Robert Kloc (Kloc Family)
✠ Dominic Cordova (Rosario Battung)
✠ Marina Tagacay (Rosario Battung)
✠ All Souls in Purgatory (Rosario Battung)
04:00 PM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob
All Living & Deceased Members of the Skraba Family (Jeanie)
✠ Robert Compton (Wife Mary Ellen)
✠ Happy Heavenly Birthday Blessings for Katarzyna Silacz (Daughter & Family)
✠ Conception Volanti (Family)
✠ Gerald Sears (Gregory Jackson & Family)

Sunday May 12th

7:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob
✠ Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
✠ Rosemary Labno (Family & Friends)
9:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin
PRO POPULO
10:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Kevin
God's Blessings & Thank You to the Knights of Columbus Members
✠ Janis Marie (Ken & Michelle Hilliard)
12:00 PM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob
✠ Genevieve Nagle (Mary Ellen Bowers)
✠ LaVerne Slowinski (Daughters & Families)
✠ Ida Marie (Dolly) Renaud (Frank & Roxane)
✠ Angie Mateja (Ives Family)



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

MAY

JAMES SULLIVAN Sr. & MARIA ALVAREZ

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

BERT RENDAK

For the repose of his soul, given by wife Barbara, Jonathan Rendak and Family.

TOM MARKHAM

For the repose of his soul, given by Family.

VINCE PORCELLI & MARIA PORCELLI

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 | Natalie Lecompte | Karen Singer |
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| Sharon Arends | Rosemary Litwin | Shirley Tloczek |
| Fr. Ted Bojczuk | Joelee MacMaster | Fr. Norm Trela |
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| 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 Sigafoose | |

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

Angelina Escobar



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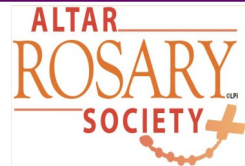
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Thank you.



We would like to invite you for Sunday Mass on May 5th at 9am at St. Symphorosa worship site.

You are also welcome to join us at our next meeting that will take place on Tuesday May 7th, 2024 at St. Rene narthex at 12pm. We will have the May Crowning, and Plastic, Paper Social.

SEE YOU THERE!!



SUPER SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Our next meetings will be on Wednesday May 15th and May 29th. **Doors open at 11:30am**, meeting convenes at 12pm(noon) in the St. Rene Narthex.

SEE YOU THERE!!

**MOTHER'S DAY ROSES
CELEBRATE MOM WITH ROSES
AT MASS ON MAY 11 & 12**



The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a Mother.

Roses will be available for purchase in the Narthex of each worship site.

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



ST. SYMPHOROSA CONSTRUCTION

Please be aware that the concrete stairway entrance leading into St. Symphorosa church will be **REPLACED!** The construction begins on **Tues. May 14th** and will take approx. 3 weeks. The church will remain open with each side door being utilized for entrance/exit.



Project Linus

Dear Fellow Parishioner:

Project Linus is a national organization that provides handmade blankets to children in crisis situations.

Inspired by the character, Linus, in Charles Schultz' "Charlie Brown" comic strip, the organization strives to ensure that children in local hospitals, shelters and in need of social service agencies are provided with a physical reminder that they are important and cared for when they receive a blanket.

I am the Chapter Coordinator of the Southwest Chicagoland Chapter and we will be hosting a "Make a Blanket Day" on Saturday, May 18th 2024 from 9:30am-12:30pm at St. Rene Goupil's Flannery Hall. We hope to create and collect over 500 blankets at this event to be distributed to the local children.

This is a huge task and in order to accomplish it, we need your help!

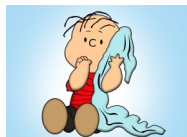
We are in need of monetary donations so we can supply fabric for our volunteers who wish to help, but are unable to supply their own and to help defray the costs of shipping blankets when national tragedies occur (hurricanes, tornadoes, and unfortunately, even school shootings).

Gift cards for our raffle, which helps raise money to run our chapter and to help us provide refreshments for our volunteers, are also greatly needed.

Please consider how you can help our Chapter in order to give children a sense of security when they are most vulnerable. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office.

With deepest appreciation,

Mary Mercado



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THM -St. Vincent de Paul is having "Bundle Weekend" at St. Rene Goupil Church - 64th & New England Ave, on **Sat. May 18th at 1-5pm and Sun. May 19th at 7am-12pm.** We are collecting: clothing, shoes, purses, etc. small kitchen appliances, utensils, bed, bath, kitchen linens, home décor, household items, books, CDs & DVDs.

We **cannot accept** electronics or baby items (strollers, car seats due to recalls).

Please box or bag your donations unusable clothing can be sold for rags.

We thank you in advance for your donations, as well as your continued support of our St. Vincent de Paul Society, which enables us to help those in need in our community.



TWO HOLY MARTYRS TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH 2024 (Presented by the Knights of Columbus)

We join the parishioners and neighbors giving our thanks to you who provide a Catholic education how important this is to keeping our families strong...

Our mission at the Knights includes supporting the handicapped, hungry and poor, military and first responders. The Church and School are a priority also. Your success underlines our basic goal-strength and unity!

We also want to provide a healthy "club" for Parish men who want to grow - with their families - thru activities of charitable works. For more info on that call Jerry at 773.485.0146...

So enjoy your lunch and savor the summer!

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

Two Holy Martyrs
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