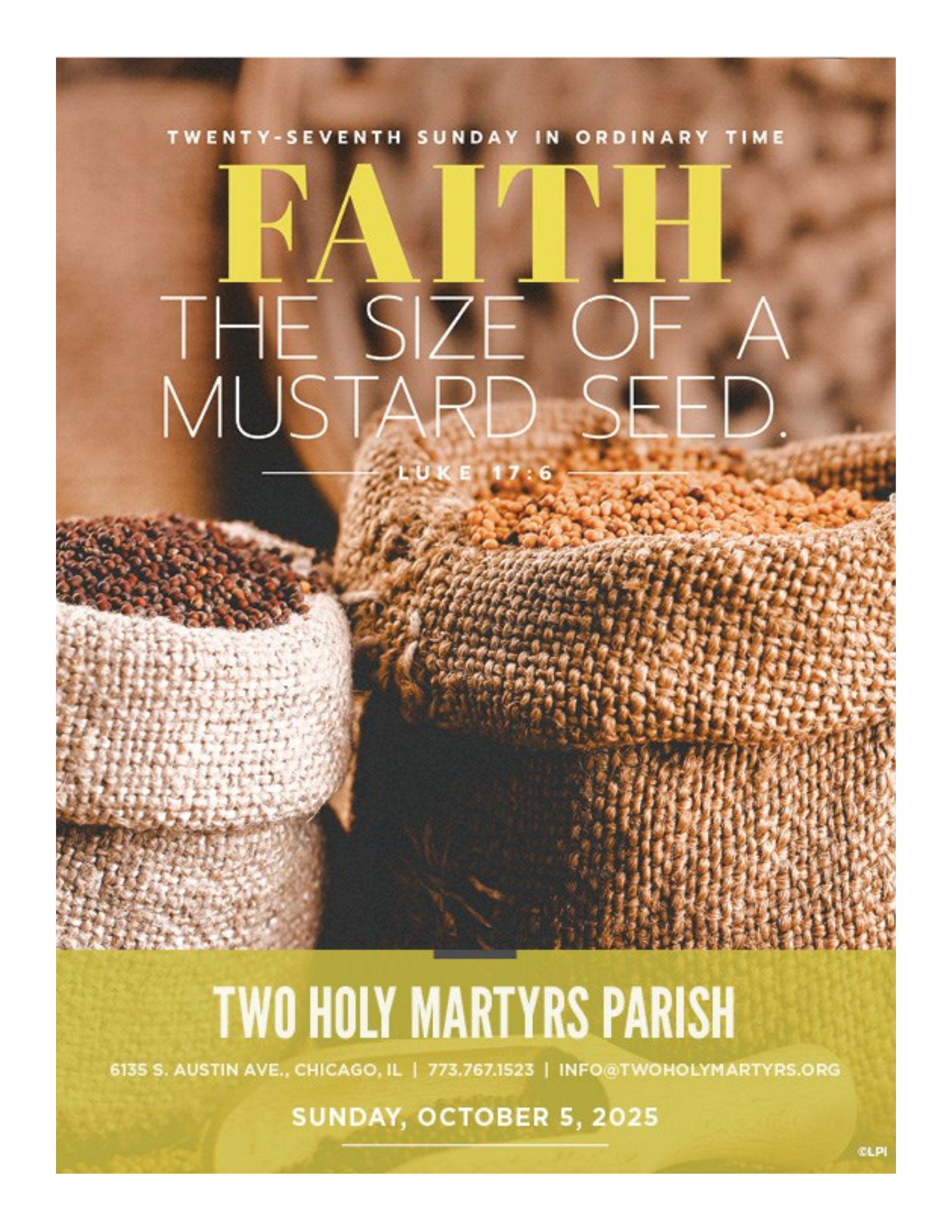




TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH

THE SIZE OF A MUSTARD SEED.

— LUKE 17:6 —

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February | April | June
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4 PM

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\$9,237.00

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FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

We bare the spark of the divine. We are not products of random chance. We are not cosmic accidents. We have been loved into existence by the One who is Love (God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit).

When does human life become sacred? The moment of conception. Yes, this is one of our culture's hot button issues, but Mother Church remains strong in her teaching, which is also supported by those who claim human life begins at conception from a more biological approach instead of from a faith perspective. Human life remains sacred all through life until natural death. We are called to see one another through a sacred lens, but when we discard the sacred lens, we become capable of dehumanizing blindness.

Novelist Aldous Huxley, author of *Brave New World*, wrote, "The propagandist's purpose is to make one set of people forget that certain other sets of people are human."

Well, the propagandists are doing an effective job today in our culture of getting us to see one another as less than human. But there is only one primary Propagandist who, unfortunately, has plenty of our fellow human beings cooperating with his hatred of God, hatred of humanity, hatred of children, and hatred of creation. Jesus refers to this Propagandist as a liar and murderer. Jesus also references the "thief" who comes only to steal, kill, and destroy. The Lord says, "I came that they might have life and have it abundantly."

God is a life giver. God is the Author of life. Thanks be to Jesus Christ, life is more than mere biological life. In Greek there is more than one word for life. Two of the Greek words are *bios* and *zoe*. *Bios* means material life/physical life. *Zoe*, however, means divine life; eternal life. This is the life of grace made available to us by Jesus, and the Lord uses his Church as the sacrament of salvation. Woe to us when we think life is only biology and that when someone's life becomes inconvenient for us, we think we

are justified in murder. We even come up with euphemisms for the word murder so as to soften the reality of what we're actually doing.

Respect for life begins close to home by simply showing respect for your own life. Leo the Great said, "Christian, remember your dignity." We far too often think violence as only being other directed, but for some folks violence can be self directed. People do violence to themselves. They find themselves hating themselves and this we must see as a lie and the work of the Enemy. There are various reasons a person might hate themselves and do violence to themselves, but ultimately we see the "fingerprints" of the liar and murderer. Someone who would never hurt an ant or a fly ends up hurting themselves in some dysfunctional way.

In contrast, a person who does violence to others can be found compensating for their guilty conscience by wanting to appear virtuous in some other area of life. An example would be a husband who physical abuses his wife and children but he also sits on the local school board and helps occasionally at a soup kitchen for the homeless. Another example is someone who openly celebrates abortion but is a staunch advocate speaking out against animal abuse. We can recognize the cognitive dissonance of a guilty conscience. We find ways to justify our violence.

Jesus desires we have life and have it in abundance. This calls us to deepen our relationship with the Lord and to live in a state of sanctifying grace. Imagine a culture of human beings who desire to live a life of grace. One thing is certain, there'd be a respect for God, for one another, or for our own self.

Mary, Queen of Sorrows, pray for us.

Quote - "Saying there are too many children is like saying there are too many flowers." -- **Mother Teresa**

How easily today we can echo the voice of the prophet Habakkuk.

He writes, "How long I cry for help but you do not listen. I cry out to you, 'Violence!' but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me. There is strife and clamorous discord."

Although the prophet Habakkuk wrote in the period of 605-597 BC, his words resonate in the year 2025. The text of Habakkuk moves from complaint about injustice to a vision of God's judgment on the wicked and finally to a revelation of the glory of God. The book moves from a certain doubt about evil around us to a vision of how God will deal with it and finally to a basic trust in God no matter how bad things may appear to be.

Although we trust God, it's still difficult in our own day and age to witness violence and to be victims of the violence. We, too, cry out, "Violence!" We recognize things are not as they should be. And yet? We're surrounded by violence; not only actual violence in our homes and streets, but also in our "entertainment." I used to regularly watch television shows like *Criminal Minds* and *Law & Order SVU*, but I remember a specific episode that simulated the crime scene of a school shooting and I reacted by saying, "I can't watch this kind of stuff anymore." Even though it was fake, I was still taking in the ugliness of violence and its dehumanizing effects.

During October, the Church celebrates Respect Life month. We believe human life is sacred and that every human being has an inherent dignity because we are made in the image and likeness of God.



FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

One of the first things that the council fathers wanted to do in *Lumen Gentium* was to remind both the faithful and the world that the Church was not an accident. Due to the involvement of the Church in world history for the past 2,000 years, one could fall into the belief that she is just another institution amidst all the governments and organizations of the world. While she has certainly played a pivotal role in the growth of civilization, especially in the West, regarding the Church as man-made and devoid of divine influence is to see her only on the surface.

The opening section of *Lumen Gentium* is a masterclass in a presentation of what we call the kerygma. You may have heard Fr. Bob or I use this term before – it has been more popular as the Church in the United States has emphasized the need for evangelization. In Greek, it means “proclamation”. Specifically, it refers to the essential proclamation of salvation that is presented by the gospels.

“The eternal Father, by a free and hidden plan of His own wisdom and goodness, created the whole world. His plan was to raise men to a participation of the divine life. Fallen in Adam, God the Father did not leave men to themselves, but ceaselessly offered helps to salvation, in view of Christ, the Redeemer” (LG2). This is the heart of the Catholic kerygma: A

loving God creates man, man turns against God, God sends his Son to live among us and save us through the cross, and the Son ascends into heaven so as to bring humanity into union with that Creator God.

It's important that the proclamation is made, because without it, the Church really is just another organization. However, because she has her source in the saving work of Jesus Christ, she becomes the means by which grace is poured into the world. The fathers continue: “To carry out the will of the Father, Christ inaugurated the Kingdom of heaven on earth and revealed to us the mystery of that kingdom. By His obedience He brought about redemption. The Church, or, in other words, the kingdom of Christ now present in mystery, grows visibly through the power of God in the world.”

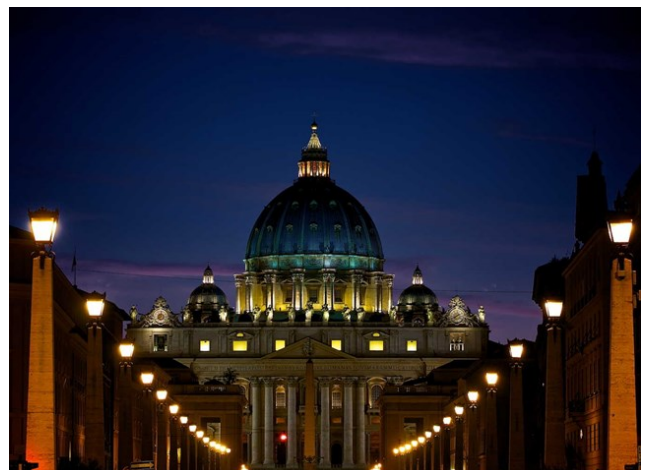
It really can be tempting to reduce the Church to a charitable yet flawed association of believers. Doing so reduces her to something that can be controlled, manipulated, or ignored. The Church, though, never acts alone, but in concert with and from the Trinitarian Godhead. “The Church has been seen as a people made one with the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit” (LG4).

The council fathers are also careful to state that the Church founded by Jesus Christ is one that flows from the covenants and promises of the Old Testament. From the beginning, God “planned to assemble in the holy Church all those who would believe in Christ. Already from the beginning of the world the foreshadowing of the

Church took place. It was prepared in a remarkable way throughout the history of the people of Israel and by means of the Old Covenant.” This isn't a replacement of a religion, but a fulfillment.

We can take a lesson from how the bishops laid out *Lumen Gentium* by centering it around the kerygma. In a world that is losing belief and a basic knowledge of sin, right worship, and the transcendent, it's essential that we remind both ourselves and those we meet of the whole purpose of Jesus and his Church. Before teaching doctrine, giving sacraments, or moral instruction, Catholics must share the good news that God saves us in Christ. Otherwise, we risk reducing the faith to rules, culture, or routine instead of living from the heart of the Gospel and joyfully sharing freedom in Christ.

While the Catholic Church does have visible, institutional dimensions, such as the pope, bishops, canon law, and parishes, its deepest reality is a mystery of grace, communion, and mission. Next time, we'll look at some of the analogies and metaphors that we (thanks to both the Church and the council fathers) can compare the Church in order to gain a greater understand of her true identity.





For the week of:

October 4th - October 12th

Presiders are subject to change without notice.

Saturday October 4th

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

- ✠ Thomas Murray (Family)
 - ✠ Robert Compton & Kim Boll (Wife & Mother)
 - ✠ David Casper (Judy Porcelli)
- Praying for the Antonangeli Family

Sunday October 5th

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

- ✠ Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
- ✠ Joseph & Josephine Dyniakoski (Family)
- ✠ John Gaca (Wife)
- ✠ Donna Kozlowski (Marge Tulik)

9:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Kevin (CHOIR)

All Members Living & Deceased of the Altar & Rosary Society (Altar & Rosary)

- ✠ John (Jack) Gaca (Wife)
- ✠ Rick Ricordati (Nancy Markham)
- ✠ Loretta Pozniak (Pozniak Family)

50th Wedding Anniversary for Diane & Rich Shatkus

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

PRO POPULO

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

- ✠ Nancy Janda (Husband Douglas)
 - ✠ Wanda Stanek (Roxane & Frank Lozich)
- Lord's Blessings for Theresa Albertini (C. Moran)
- ✠ Bruna Almazan (George & Sue Devereux)
 - ✠ Eileen Woulfe (Woulfe Family)

Monday October 6th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa

- ✠ Januario Gonzalez (Maria Gonzalez)
- Birthday & Good Health Blessings for Elmer Battung (Rosario Battung)
- Praying for all the Colucci Family

Tuesday October 7th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa

All Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday October 8th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa

- ✠ Helena Turek (Janina)
 - ✠ Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
 - ✠ Ann Calcagno (Kathy Calcagno)
 - ✠ Marie O'Brien (Family)
- Birthday & Good Health Blessings for Hanah Battung (Rosario Battung)

Thursday October 9th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa

- ✠ In loving memory of Lucio Gonzalez on his anniversary (Family)
- ✠ Rosemary Labno (Family & Friends)
- ✠ Lauren Vitrano (Dawn Vitrano & Amanda Gebert)

Friday October 10th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa

- ✠ Claude Wiatrak (Wife Clara)
- Peace for Daniel Sarlitto
- ✠ Elizabeth Sarlitto (Mary Sarlitto)
- In loving memory of Patrick Carmody on his birthday (Kathleen Ross)

Saturday October 11th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa

- Priest Vocations
- ✠ Keith Spencer (Giron Family)

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

- ✠ Sandy Bartusiak (Jeanie)
 - ✠ Walter & Frances Szumowski (Wes & Debbie Szumowski)
 - ✠ Lupe & Anthony Mendez (Almendarez Family)
- Birthday Blessings for Maeve Walsh (Murphy Family)

Sunday October 12th

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

- ✠ Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)
 - ✠ Joseph & Josephine Dyniakoski (Family)
 - ✠ Theodore & Stella Szydlowski (Family)
- In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother

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

- ✠ Paz Cordova and All Poor Souls in Purgatory (Rosario Battung)
- ✠ Ken Moran (C. Moran)
- ✠ Eileen Woulfe (Woulfe Family)
- ✠ Theresa Sinkowski (Ramazinski Family)
- ✠ Helen Hermanowicz (George & Nancy Groszek)

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

- ✠ Mercedes Valentin & Deceased Family (Family)
 - ✠ Graciela Perez (Sal & Nancy Perez)
 - ✠ Christian Furczon
- Praying for Living & Deceased Members of the McKean Family (John & Gloria Bodoki)

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

PRO POPULO



WEDDING BANNES:

I & II - David Mazzacano & Gabriella Cannella
I - Mark Leahy & Patrycia Puskarski



OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES

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

OCTOBER

IN LOVING MEMORY OF VINCE & MARIA PORCELLI

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF HELEN, VIRGIE, & ALICE

For the repose of their souls, given by sister Arlene

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOHN (JACK) GACA

For the repose of his soul, given by wife.

PRAYING FOR ALL LIVING & 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	Margaret Dalton	Jacqueline Olsen
Guadalupe Almendarez	Theresa Feddor	Fay Pac
Nancy Alvarez	Karen Holmes	Nancy Pekala
Marlene Annerino	Larry Holmes	Ramon Perez
Walter Annerino	Joan Juris	Christine Petry
Sharon Arends	Christine Keys	Fred Ritchie
Mary Bieser	Irene Kozioł	Ann Robertson
Fr. Ted Bojczuk	Sharon Labiak	Michael Roman
Glenn Boyle	Elena LeCompte	Adan Sanchez
Marcia Bufka	Natalie LeCompte	Mary Shilney
Steven Campos	Debbie Lipien	Katrina Sigafosse
Maria Candelas	Mary Liszka	Karen Singer
Maxine Carey	Rosemary Litwin	Pat Soltis
Pat Carone	Joelee MacMaster	Manuel Soto
John Clementi	Rich Marcello	Fr. Norm Trela
MaryEllen Compton	Cathy Mazeika	Salvador Villagron
Patricia Cuchetto	Clarence Oleszkiewicz	

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

OCTOBER

IN LOVING MEMORY OF TERESA GUERRERO

For the repose of her soul, given by Guerrero-Arteaga Family.

PRAYING FOR ALL LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE SULLIVAN, PRENDERGAST, ALVAREZ FAMILIES

given by Family.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF BRUNA ALMAZAN

For the repose of her soul, given by Lucy, Alex, Lourdes & Angie Almazan.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOHN (JACK) GACA

For the repose of his soul, given by wife.

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



Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH OFFERTORY:
09/28/25: \$9,006.37

Split the Pot Winning Envelope #:
63580: \$420.00

To our registered parishioners, please remember a minimum of \$5.00 is required to participate.

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH | October 5, 2025

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



The September Deck was SOLD OUT and...

The 52+ Card Pick-Up for September is...

The 4 of Hearts ♥

The Winner will receive a 1st Prize of \$2,500 as all of the 54 cards were sold!

The Runner Up prize of \$200 is...

The 10 of Hearts ♥

Congratulations to our 2 September Winners!

A New deck of cards is already on sale for the month of October.... YOU could be the next BIG Winner!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME TO CELEBRATE!

Our parish retired priest, Fr. Norm Trela, will be celebrating his 85th birthday this October. Father is currently doing quite well and living at Franciscan Village in Lemont.

As a Two Holy Martyrs family in faith, we want to take the opportunity this milestone birthday presents to honor and celebrate Fr. Norm –
a priest who has served the people of this community for many years
with the love of Jesus Christ and dedication to His mission.

We are inviting members of Two Holy Martyrs, both past and current, to celebrate Fr. Norm, his 85th birthday, and his years of ministry with us in the following three ways:

1 – Participate in a SHOWER OF BIRTHDAY CARDS AND GOOD WISHES. Everyone is encouraged to put together a birthday card for Fr. Norm containing greetings, words of thanks, fond memories, and good wishes. There will be collection boxes for the birthday cards in the narthex of each church beginning the weekend of October 11/12 and continuing through October 18/19. You may also bring your birthday card to the Parish Office or send the card via mail to the attention of Fr. Norm. We ask that you refrain from enclosing gifts within the birthday cards. Your birthday greetings and words of thanks are the gift that will touch his heart.

2 – Have a BIRTHDAY PARTY PHOTO taken in the narthex of each worship site on the weekend of OCTOBER 18/19. An 85th birthday deserves a party! On this weekend, our photographer will be available before and after every Mass at each worship site to take photos of parishioners celebrating Fr. Norm. Birthday party props will be made available to add a festive note to your photo. The completed photos will be placed on a Birthday Board which will be presented to Fr. Norm. That way, Father Norm can see all our smiling faces as we celebrate his birthday and thank him for his years of ministry.

3 – Make a birthday gift donation to THE FR NORM TRELA TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND. If you are inclined to give a gift to Fr. Norm, may we humbly suggest making a donation to our school tuition assistance fund that bears his name. Contributions help ensure access to Catholic education for families in need. Fr. Norm has been a strong advocate of Catholic education. Making a donation in his name to the tuition assistance fund both honors his legacy and continues the mission to which he dedicated much of his priestly ministry.

We will present Fr. Norm with a list of all those who contribute to the fund from October 11/12 through October 18/19 in honor of his 85th birthday.

Envelopes are available in your packets or
may be found in the narthex of each church.

Fr. Norm is truly a beloved member of our Two Holy Martyrs parish family.
Please consider participating in the above opportunities and
help make this his best birthday celebration ever!!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



SUPER BINGO

St. Rene Goupil
6340 S. New England Ave.
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



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Saturday, October 4th, 2025
Sunday, October 5th, 2025

Both Worship Sites at the end of each Mass



It's Popcorn Time!

Cub Scout Pack 4439 will be selling popcorn after Masses on **Saturday, October 4** and **Sunday, October 5**. We will have a variety of flavors for sale in person or via online order at prices ranging from **\$15 to \$50**. We will also be accepting donations to provide popcorn to members of our armed services, their families, and to veterans. Your support funds our Scouts' advancement and activities throughout the year, including camping trips, hikes, and service project.

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Senior Club News

You are welcome to join us for our next meetings on **Wednesday, October 15th** and **October 29th 2025**.

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

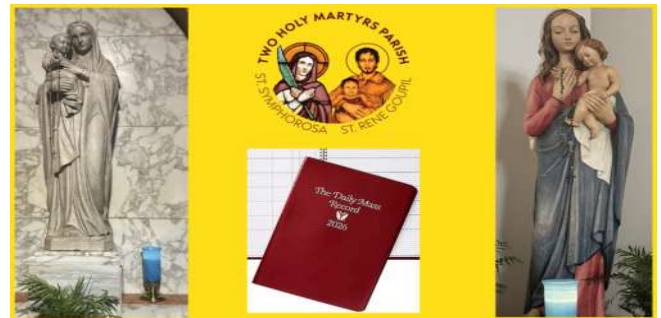


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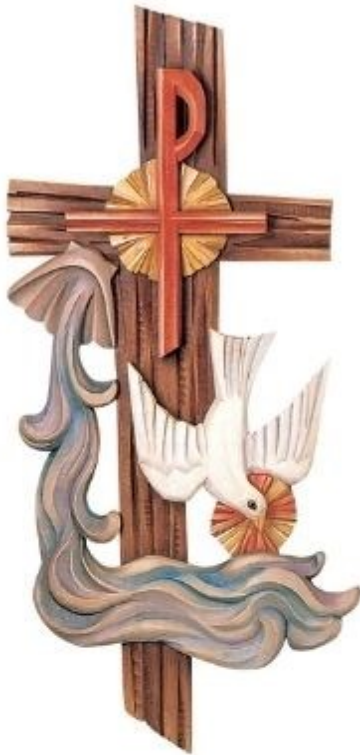
BLESSING OF THE PETS
IN HONOR OF ST. FRANCIS

SUNDAY OCTOBER 5TH
1:30 PM - 2 PM

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Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

(O.C.I.A.)

Never Been Baptized?

Baptized in another Christian tradition?

**Been baptized but never received your First Communion or
Confirmation?**

Two Holy Martyrs Parish would like to invite all individuals who are seeking to further their faith and grow closer to God by joining us for our first Order of Christian Initiation of Adults meeting. With the help of the parish community, individuals interested in joining our Christian community have an opportunity through O.C.I.A. to explore and deepen their relationship with Christ and grow in their knowledge of the truths of the Catholic faith.

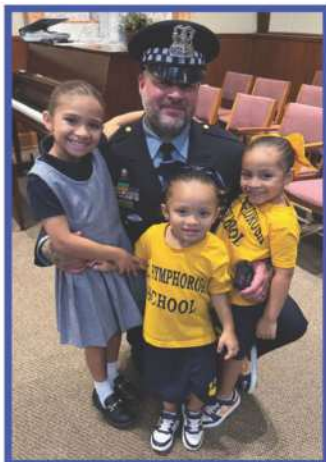
The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults ministry is always looking for fully initiated Catholic individuals willing to volunteer as sponsors and faith companions for those seeking their sacraments as adults. We all know nurturing our faith in this day and age can be hard for everyone but with God and the right support system we can help faith flourish and grow within the hearts of those who are ready. For those who are interested please contact the parish office at 773.767.1523 or join us at any of our scheduled meetings.

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, October 18th beginning at 9:30am. We will meet in the parish school, St. Symphorosa, located at 6125 S. Austin Ave. Please contact the parish office and ask to speak with someone in regards to O.C.I.A. if you have any questions and need more assistance.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS



Teachers, students & families gathered to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Michael the Archangel. We were blessed to have First Responders from our St. Symphorosa School family join us at Mass, where they were honored for their service and received a blessing. We are truly grateful for their courage & dedication. We pray for their continued protection.



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PARISH FAITH FORMATION

Upcoming Events:

- 10/07:** Faith Formation Classes
Syms Campus. (Tues.)
- 10/09:** Confirmation Parent/Student
/Sponsor Meeting 6pm
@ St. Syms.
- 10/11:** Faith Formation Classes
Syms Campus. (Sat.)
- 10/14:** Reconciliation Parent
Meeting. 6pm @ St. Rene.
- 10/19:** Sixth Grade Family Mass.
9am @ St. Syms.
- 10/21:** Faith Formation Classes
Syms Campus. (Tues.)
- 10/25:** Faith Formation Classes
Syms Campus. (Sat.)
- 10/28:** Confirmation Parent/Student
/Sponsor Meeting. 6pm
@ St. Rene.



FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

On **October 4th & October 14th**,
parents will gather for a meeting in preparation for their child's celebration of
First Reconciliation which takes place in December.

We initially prepare our children for this sacrament as we teach them about right and wrong. And way before they understand what sin is, we teach them to say "I'm sorry" when they have done wrong or have hurt someone. Once again, we emphasize that parents are the first and primary catechists of their children, using "teachable moments" to help their children grow in faith.

The focus of these parent gatherings will be to honor your role as parents and assist you in that role. *(parents need only attend one meeting.)*



Confirmation Parent/Student/Sponsor Meeting

We will welcome our Confirmandi, their parents and sponsors
to a Confirmation Preparation meeting.

Our own Pastor, Fr. Robert Regan will be the presenter.

We happily anticipate his time with us because we know he will encourage our Confirmation candidates to share the good news of Jesus by their witness to Gospel values and their care for those in need. Please remember to include the Confirmation candidates, their parents and sponsors in your prayers.

(The meetings are scheduled for Oct. 9 and Oct. 28)



OCTOBER IS THE
MONTH OF THE
HOLY ROSARY.



Students in first
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The Sixth-Grade Family Mass will be held on Sunday,
October 19th at 9:00am at St. Symphorosa Church.

All the sixth-grade students and their families are invited to attend this Mass.
Families are invited to donate a non-perishable food item for the needy....

A Donation basket will be located in the Narthex.

Thank You!

We look forward to welcoming you on
October 19th at 9:00am at St. Symphorosa Church.

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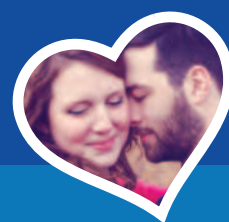
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