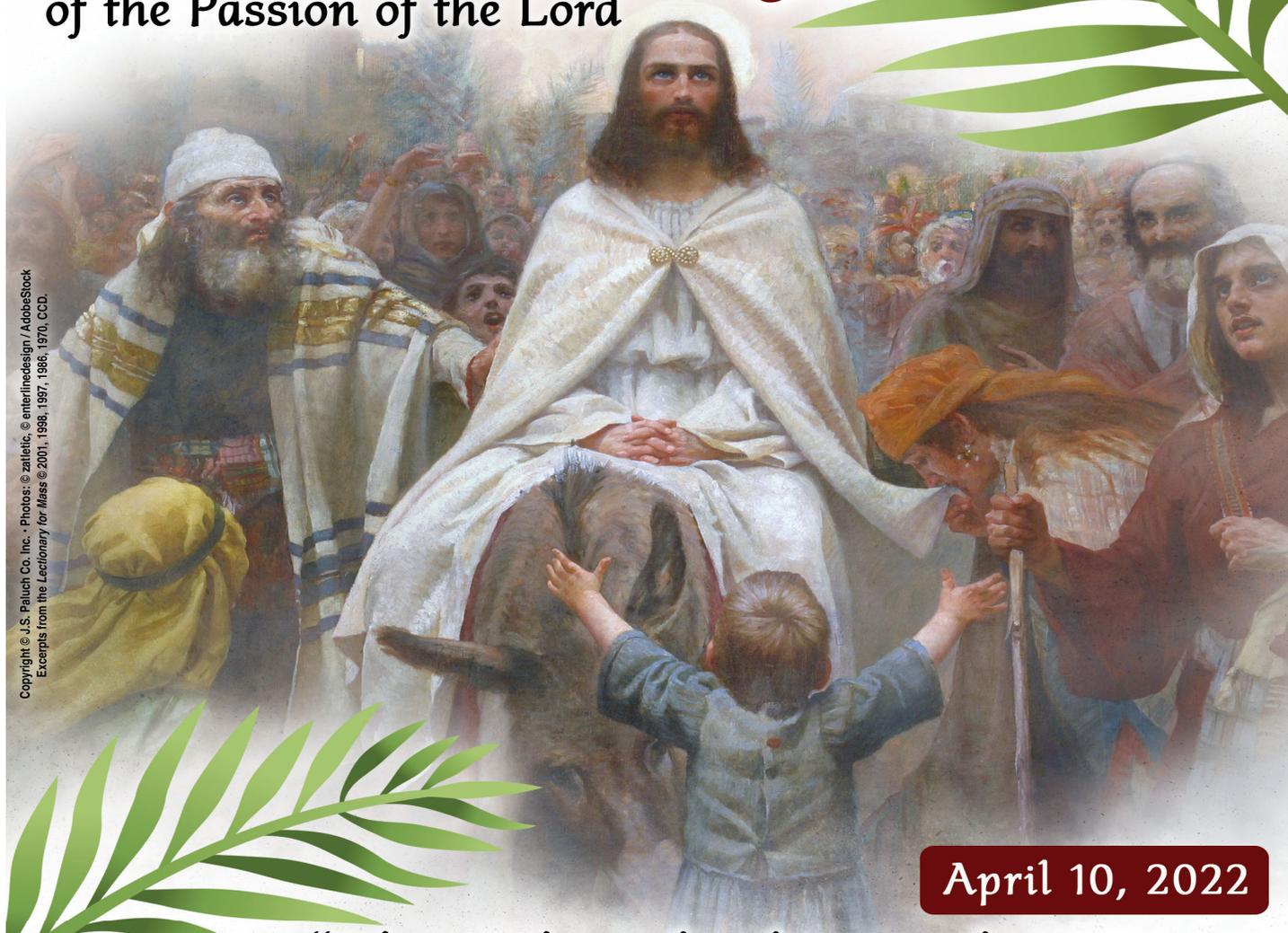


Palm Sunday

of the Passion of the Lord



April 10, 2022

“Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.”

Luke 19:38

TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

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Fr. Bob's Weekly Blog

Welcome to Two Holy Martyrs Parish!!

St. Symphorosa & St. Rene Goupil

This weekend we hear the moving Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, as we celebrate Palm Sunday. We enter Holy Week as we prepare for the glory of Easter.

Before Easter, however, comes the cross. Whether we like the notion of the cross or not, it is part of the Paschal Mystery and so part of the story of salvation. Justice and mercy meet on Calvary.

My encouragement as you listen to the Passion proclaimed on Palm Sunday is that we truly enter into the story. Do your best not to be passive but place yourself as a witness to what is taking place. After all, we are part of this amazing love story.

As a little guy, I can remember going to Mass on Palm Sunday and hearing family members and others say, "Gonna be extra innings today" or "This is the Mass with the really long reading." While true in some respects, that mindset fails to appreciate what we are recalling as we give our ears to the Passion story. Jesus came to die so that we might have life. When we grasp this grace-filled gift, it can change how we see our lives and how we see the world.

This is also a good time of year to watch the movie *The Passion of the Christ*. Not a viewing goes by when I am not frequently moved to tears. This is a powerful, and at times violent, movie that recounts the Lord's Passion. Why the violence? Good question. We'd have to ask those who took part in the actual mocking, spitting, whipping and nailing of Jesus. We could ask the same question today, however, as we look at our culture and the way Christians are persecuted today. Why the violence?

Russian author Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn gives us something to ponder. He wrote, "If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only

to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being. And who is willing to destroy a piece of his own heart."

The Roman soldiers provided the nails to crucify Jesus, but we provided the sins. Thankfully, we have a God who followed the justice due (debt owed) with His loving mercy (debt paid). Jesus is expiation for our sins. What does expiation mean? The act of making amends or reparation for guilt or wrongdoing; atonement. Thank you, Lord!

Lift High the Cross

Occasionally I share the story of my return to participating in Holy Mass after a lengthy hiatus. During college I grew indifferent to my faith; other things became more important. The only time I went to Mass during a 15-year span was for my oldest brother's funeral.

However, after sensing an emptiness in my life, I found my way to St. Mary Parish in DeKalb, Illinois, and quickly sat in the back pew. I had no idea what time of year it was in the Church's liturgical calendar. It was Palm Sunday. Soon the pipe organ began playing the hymn Lift High the Cross. My eyes watered. I felt home.

There may be people at Holy Mass this weekend (and next weekend) who haven't been with us in a while. We do well to be like the father in the Prodigal Son parable; welcoming them back with elation. People are hungry for something authentic today, and we have Jesus to share. He is the way, and the truth, and the life. Be mindful when you are at Mass that someone might be returning to the faith after a long time. We want them to feel they've come home.

Stop Signs and Lights

Allow me to echo the words of Sgt.

Phil Esterhaus (actor Michael Conrad) from the 1980s television series *Hill Street Blues*. As roll call concluded, he'd say to the officers, "Hey, let's be careful out there."

We need to hear the same thing today as we navigate the streets of Chicago. We are seeing an increase in total disregard by some drivers for stop signs and red lights. I personally see it every single day. Some drivers are quite bold and do not care how selfish driving affects others on the road. At the intersection of 63rd and Oak Park Avenue the other day, my light was green for a good two to three seconds when a pickup truck ran the red light at a high rate of speed -- his destination apparently more important than anyone else's destination that day.

Add to the list the impatient honking of car horns for drivers who just aren't fast enough to accelerate when the light turns green. This is revealing human hearts that are disturbed and impatient (gently honking for the person glued to their cell phone is an exception).

This might all seem like I'm becoming my dad, but these are micro symptoms of a much larger dis-ease in our culture. Rules and etiquette don't matter; not the rules and etiquette of the Church, and certainly not the rules and etiquette of the road. Some folks believe an "anything goes" mentality is the correct way forward. Deep in our hearts, we know this is not true. A healthy society has boundaries and guard rails to protect us. As the late George Halas used to say, "Behind every good rule is a good reason."

Please, be careful out there.



Quote of the Week

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself; but thinking of yourself less."

~C.S. Lewis

Holy Week & Easter Sunday Worship Schedule

Holy Thursday

7pm Mass at St. Rene Church
Altar of Repose open to midnight in the chapel
at St. Rene church

Good Friday

3pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion at
St. Symphorosa Church
7pm - Stations of the Cross at
St. Symphorosa Church

Holy Saturday

12pm - Basket Blessing at St. Rene Church
8pm - Easter Vigil Mass at St. Rene Church

Easter Sunday

7:30am & 10:30am at St. Rene Church
9am & 12pm (Noon) at St. Symphorosa Church



Mercy Awaits

*Have mercy on me, God,
have mercy on me.
In you I seek refuge.
In the shadow of your wings I seek refuge
till harm pass by.
I call to God Most High,
to God who provides for me.*
Ps 57:2-3

No matter how busy or crazy life gets, take a moment regularly to ask for God's mercy. Come in for confession to feel God's mercy. Join us for Sunday and daily Mass - to experience God's mercy as a faith community. Take time for silent prayer and listen to where God's mercy may be directing you.

Join Us For...



When: Sunday, April 24, 2022
Where: St. Rene Goupil (Flannery Hall)
6949 W 63rd Place
Time: Doors open at 12:30pm
Games begin at 1:30pm
Cost: \$20 at the door

Please call the parish office for more information at 773.767.1523

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow, caused our Savior to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Our Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of April is offered for the following intentions:

**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.



**“And behold, I [Jesus] am with you always,
until the end of the age.”**

(Matthew 28:20)

For the Fourth Sunday of Lent, I proposed that apart from the account of Jesus being tempted by Satan, the Gospel Reading for the First Sunday of Lent, that the Parable of the Prodigal Son probably is the other Gospel Reading most associated with Lent. Although a person might not recall all of the details in either of these readings, the main points, Jesus being tempted but refuting Satan and the younger son leaving but later returning to his father, probably will be remembered. What can be overlooked are the First Reading, the Responsorial Psalm and the Second Reading, on these Sundays. Today, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (the full title of this Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week), the palm branches and St. Luke’s account of Jesus’ Passion and Death are likely the most prominent features yet they do not stand alone. We do not simply receive the blessed palm branches, listen to the lengthy Gospel Reading and then leave; no, these unique liturgical actions are elements of a full Mass, which impress upon us the sharp contrast, which Jesus experiences and which humanity demonstrates, moving from enthusiasm, joy and fervor at the beginning of the Mass to somberness, bewilderment and silence by the end of the Mass.

When considering our own experiences and what we witness or read reported about the world, we might wonder if any other time has been like ours, with its suffering and evil. Our awareness and perceptions can allow us to understand and possibly relate with our ancestors in faith, those who lived through the time of Jesus’ Passion and Death. Understanding and relating with these events in salvation history, if only in limited capacity, then allows us to understand and respond faithfully in this, our time. To do so, to be a generation of continued Catholic faith, receiving the other readings for this Mass might assist us in comprehending our Lord, His Passion and Death and how they touch us.

From the First Reading, we again hear from the Prophet Isaiah, “The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back.” (Isaiah 50:4-5) These words apply to St. Isaiah himself and later to Jesus as well. How often in the Gospels does Jesus preach and capture the attention of those around Him, whether the small band of Apostles or crowds of thousands. Jesus regularly prays and is in union with the Father and the Holy Spirit, then goes forth to fulfill the Father’s will among the people and for the redemption of humanity. Even from the Cross, Jesus intercedes, as we hear in the Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 22, this Sunday, and later petitions the Father, “Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” (Luke 23:34) When threatened with arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus, like St. Isaiah, does not rebel, does not turn back.

In the second half of the First Reading, the Prophet Isaiah discloses what he has endured as well as his confidence in God: “I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.” (Isaiah 50:6-7) Here too, what the prophet describes of himself will also apply to our Lord as He endures the swift trial after being arrested. Though the religious leaders, the civil authorities, the crowd and we, by our sins, treat our Lord shamefully; ultimately, He is not disgraced. In the words of the centurion after Jesus dies, ““This man was innocent beyond doubt.”” (Luke 23:47)

Initially, Jesus’ praying of Psalm 22, what we pray in this Mass, might sound as though He has begun to doubt the Father: “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?” (Psalm 22:2) Crucially, in the last verses, which we pray, the Psalmist and later our Lord resolve, “I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: ‘You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!’” (Psalm 22:23-24) Even more telling, if Jesus prays the entirety of Psalm 22 or intends for those who hear Him from the Cross to return to this psalm, are the last verses: “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 22:29-32) In the throes of His agony, Jesus continues to reveal that He is fulfilling the earlier Scriptures and thus that we, too, should remain faithful, hopeful, not despairing, not turning back.

The Second Reading is one of St. Paul’s summaries of Jesus’ Paschal Mystery, His life and redemptive work in totality. From the revelation by God, given to St. Paul, and handed on to us, we believe: “Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” (Philippians 2:6-8)

~Fr. Matt Compton



Let Us Pray...

Dear Lord,
we want to be an engaged church, a parish motivated by love for You and committed to our mission of living out Your gospel. We ask that You be with us on our spiritual journey.



Help us to be a worshipping community, devoted to Holy Mass, praying with and for one another, and lifting our voices joyfully in song.

Help us to be a welcoming community with smiles and outstretched arms as we greet all who enter our doors, be they friends or strangers.

Help us to be a community of good stewards who support our parish and are compassionate to the needs of the poor.

Help us to be a ministering community, cheerfully and tirelessly offering time, treasure, and talent in service to others.

Help us to be a community of disciples who place You, Lord, at the center of our lives.

Help us to be an engaged community with open hearts and open minds to seek You Lord, share Your gifts, and rejoice in Your blessings.

We ask the intercession of our two holy martyrs:
St. Symphorosa and
St. Rene Goupil.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen
~Margie Andre



The faithful all around the world are invited to join with Pope Francis for his special intention. Won’t you join in? The intention for the month of April is for Health Care Workers.

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

St. Symphorosa Student Council presents

EASTER

•EGG•

HUNT

Don't forget your baskets

APRIL 16

At St. Rene Goupil field

AT 10AM

The best Easter hat/bonnet Contest (one girl and one boy will win a prize)
We will have a special visitor at the egg hunt

St. Rene Goupil Field
6949 W.63rd Pl. Chicago. IL 60638



As we enter the final week of the Season of Lent, we may be surprised to walk into our churches and see all of the crosses, statues and votive candles “veiled” or covered by a purple fabric. This is a custom that is optional within the Catholic church. The shrouding of crosses and images can be done as early as the Fifth Sunday of Lent and continues through the end of the Celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday. We chose to veil with Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week, leading us into and through the Triduum.

But you may be wondering why, so let us explain.

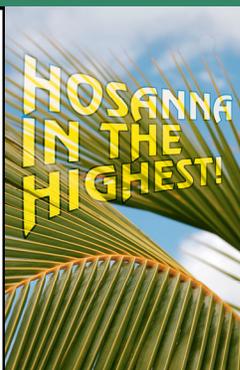
As we celebrated the Fourth Sunday of Lent, we were rejoicing that we reached the halfway mark of the season (Laetare Sunday – Rejoice Sunday), and with the Fifth Sunday of Lent we have the opportunity for a visual reminder that Easter is only two weeks away.

The covering of sacred images, votive candles, and removal of Holy Water from our churches is a beautiful tradition that should lead us to further reflect on our own self and the sacrifice Jesus gave as we walk through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. The Bishop William Durandes of Mende (13th century Southern France) in his Rationale Divinorum Officiorum explains that the veiling is a representation of how Christ himself hid and veiled His divinity. Christ allowed Himself to be persecuted as one without the power of divinity within him.

With the veiling of these images, we have the opportunity to give our full attention and focus to the Eucharist, as we contemplate Christ. The coverings work as a reminder that through this Lenten season we are experiencing the death of our own sins and the rebirth of our new life. As editors of the Schott Missal, prior to Vatican II explain, it is intended “to remind us of the Redeemer’s humiliation and thus to imprint the image of the crucified Christ more deeply in our hearts.”



"I dunno... do you think I prepped the Easter fire with enough gasoline, Pastor AI?"



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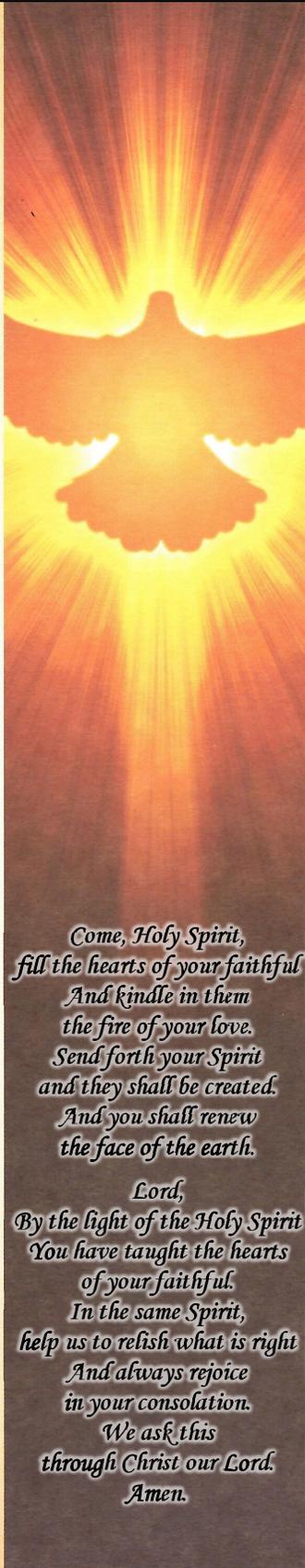
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WELCOME FAMILIES TO TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH FAITH FORMATION

Confirmed in the Spirit

On April 8th, all of our level eight students in the Faith Formation program, along with the 8th grade students from our parish school, St. Symphorosa school, were confirmed by the Most Reverend Andrew P. Wypych. We congratulate all of these students.

It is our hope and prayer, as a parish community, that these young people who were confirmed will continue to rely on the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all of life's important decisions.



*Come, Holy Spirit,
 fill the hearts of your faithful
 And kindle in them
 the fire of your love.
 Send forth your Spirit
 and they shall be created.
 And you shall renew
 the face of the earth.*

*Lord,
 By the light of the Holy Spirit
 You have taught the hearts
 of your faithful.
 In the same Spirit,
 help us to relish what is right
 And always rejoice
 in your consolation.
 We ask this
 through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.*

*Fred Michael Barrera
 Antione Abbo Belt
 Joshua Camillus Blons
 Jacob Mark Bobadilla
 Sophia Guadalupe Bobadilla
 Bryan Jerome Borges
 Grace Cecilia Brzezicki
 Minerva Gemma Carmona
 Alina Guadalupe Cervantes
 Emily Grace Cornejo
 Jacob Sebastian Diaz
 Valentin Francis Espinoza
 Alberto Michael Flores
 Vincent Porlákur Gallichio
 Olivia Kateri Granado
 Caesar Maximilian Hernandez
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 Kyleigh Genevieve Krutilla
 Miranda Teresa Lara
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 Robert Andrew Ramos
 Aimee Cecilia Rodriguez
 David Peter Rosales
 Saul Rene Ruiz
 Arabella Arabella Sanchez
 Sebastian Joseph Sanchez *
 Clarissa Cecilia Sandoval
 Valerie Dymphna Sandoval
 Xavier Peter Santoyo
 Andrea Dymphna Segura
 Natalie Elizabeth Torres
 Nailah Alice Trujillo*

**Receiving First Holy Communion Today.*



Imagine God giving us one intentional day of the week for our own good. Well, the Lord has done just such a thing. The Jewish people call this day the Sabbath. Christians, in the wake of the crucified and risen Jesus, call this day Sunday; or the Lord's Day.

Sunday recalls the day of Christ's Resurrection. It is

Easter which returns week by week, celebrating Christ's victory over sin and death. Sunday is the day which recalls in grateful adoration the world's first day and looks forward in hope to the "last day" when Christ will come in glory and all things will be made new.

We are invited, at this time in history, to **REDISCOVER SUNDAY**. In Mark 2:27-28, Jesus says, "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is master even of the sabbath?" This means we should view Sunday as pure gift from our Creator who always knows what is good for us.

Sadly, for whatever reason, Sunday becomes "just another day of the week;" no different than Monday through Saturday. We allow the daily grind to encroach on the Lord's Day. The busy-ness of the world takes on more importance than giving thanks to our Creator, engaging family life, and simply resting for the sake of the soul.

We at Two Holy Martyrs Parish (St. Symphorosa & St. Rene Goupil) invite everyone to **REDISCOVER SUNDAY**. Please see the Lord's Day, not as a burden, but as gift. We want to distance ourselves from "we have to" and move closer toward "we get to." Yes, keeping holy the Lord's Day is a commandment, but it is a commandment of love from the One who is Love.

What does your Sunday currently look like?

What could your Sunday look like going forward?

1. Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (Eucharist) in community
2. Time spent with family and/or friends
3. Rest & Recreation (abstain from technology)
4. Time for personal prayer, spiritual reading, contemplating God's love
5. Abstaining from worldly work

Sunday begins by centering ourselves on Christ. Together, let's **REDISCOVER SUNDAY!!!**

FAMILY FEST IS COMING!!!

Two Holy Martyrs Parish
St. Symphorosa - St. Rene Goupil
GRAND RAFFLE
DRAWING TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022

1st PRIZE \$10,000		
2nd PRIZE \$5,000	3rd PRIZE \$2,000	
4th PRIZE \$1,000	5th PRIZE \$500	
6th PRIZE \$250	7th PRIZE \$200	8th PRIZE \$150
9th thru 14th PRIZE \$100		
15th thru 20th PRIZE \$50		

BASED ON 2500 TICKETS SOLD
1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes to be ProRated if less than 2500 Tickets Sold
Early Bird Drawing \$250 MAY 10, 2022 & Early Bird Drawing \$500 JUNE 7, 2022
(TICKETS MUST BE RETURNED 1 DAY PRIOR TO EARLY BIRD DRAWING)

DONATION: \$20.00 **SPECIAL: 6 TICKETS FOR \$100.00**

CITY OF CHICAGO RAFFLE LICENSE APPLIED FOR. CASH PRIZES MAY BE SUBJECT TO 10% WITHHOLDING AND INTEREST MAY BE WITHHELD. WINNER NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.

Grand Raffle tickets are now available for pick up in the parish office. Stop on by to grab your tickets and fill your Easter basket with the chance to win \$10,000. (No payment necessary until completed tickets are returned.) Pay close attention after Easter for tickets to be available in the narthexes of both our churches. First early bird drawing will be held on Tuesday, May 10th.



E-Giving (Electronic Giving) One Stop. One Source. One Solution.

Now that we have been united as one parish (Two Holy Martyrs) we have one place for parishioners to make donations electronically if desired. As a parish, we will use "E-Giving" as our electronic company.

Did you know that "E-Giving" is compatible with any computer, smart phone or tablet? You can create an online account and give a single donation or you can even schedule a series of donations (recurring), based on your budget, directly from your checking account or by using your debit or credit card.

Our online E-Giving URL address is: <https://giving.ncsservices.org/app/giving/twoholymartyrs> Visit this URL or you can visit our Parish Website at: www.twoholymartyrs.org look for the "Donate" tab and then click.

We have also included the QR code (at right), so just point your smartphone camera to the QR code and it will take you directly to the proper place. Just follow the directions that e-giving gives online (you may need to scroll down) to "create an account" if you do not have one. It's simple and pretty easy to use! If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at **773.767.1523** and we will be glad assist you.





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*Have pity on me, Lord, for I am weak; heal me, Lord,
for my bones are shuddering."*

~Psalm 6:3

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Raeann Arends
Ignatius Battiato
Jean Bell
Mary Bieser
Fr. Ted Bojczuk
Kathy Calcagno
Maxine Carey
Michael Clifford
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Buddy Valela
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Judith Webber
Virginia Wolniak
Michelle



SYMBOLON THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

The *Symbolon* series will continue as follows:

Saturday, April 16 (Holy Saturday), no meeting.

Session 8: Saturday, April 23, at 1:30 PM, day chapel in St. Rene Goupil Church.

Saturday, April 30, no meeting.

Session 9: Saturday, May 7, at 1:30 PM, day chapel in St. Rene Goupil Church.

Saturday, May 14, no meeting

Session 10: (final session), Saturday, May 7, at 1:30 PM, day chapel in St. Rene Goupil Church.

The sessions will conclude in time for the Confessions and Vigil Mass. Again, this series is free of charge. Materials will be provided but please bring a pen or pencil for note-taking. If you have questions, please contact me at (773) 767-1523, ext. 229, or at matthew.compton1@icloud.com.

Take care and God bless.

In Christ,

Fr. Matt

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family. Please call the parish office (773.767.1523) to add or remove a name.



**Two Holy Martyrs Parish Offerings
and Split the Pot information for the
weekend April 10, 2022
will be printed in the next bulletin
due to an early deadline.**



**Two Holy
Martyrs
Parish**

The next Super
Senior Club
general

meeting will be held on Wednesday,
April 20th in our St. Rene church
narthex. Doors will open at 11am. We
look forward to seeing you all there.

Mass Intentions for the Week April 9 - April 15 **Mass Intentions for Saturday & Sunday**

Saturday, April 9, 2022
 4:00pm *St. Rene Church*
Presider: Fr. Bob

†Al Beyer (*Altar & Rosary Society*)
 †Stanley Tloczek (*Frank Zaleski*)
 †Ann Tuszynski (*Ptak Family*)

5:30pm *St. Symphorosa Church*
Presider: Fr. Norm

†Deceased members of Central Park Post 1028
 American Legion (*Post 1028 American Legion*)

Sunday, April 10, 2022
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 All members of the Tomassini family,
 living & deceased (*Family*)

7:30am *St. Rene Church*
Presider: Fr. Matt

†Al Beyer (*Wojcik Family*)
 †Joseph Lopez (*Lopez Family*)
 †Vince Porcelli (*Wife Judy*)

9:00am *St. Symphorosa Church*
Presider: Fr. Matt

†Rosaria Maria & John Dragosetti (*Family*)
 †Ellen, Jack and John O'Leary, & Lillian Byrne &
 Michael Patrick Byrne (*Mom & Dad Byrne*)
 †James & Mary Thorpe (*Family*)
 †Anita Wierz (*Michelle Stevens*)

10:30am *St. Rene Church*
Presider: Fr. Bob

Health & all the Lord's blessings for Fr. Bob
 †Marianna Lewandowski (*John & Gloria Bodoki*)
 †Ben & Estelle Shafer (*Ben & Judy Shafer*)
 †Ann Tuszynski (*Super Senior Club*)

12:00pm *St. Symphorosa Church*
Presider: Fr. Bob

†Dolores Braun (*Sue Sherman*)

Monday, April 11, 2022
Holy Monday
 All souls in purgatory
 Blessings at Easter & always for Fr. Idzi Stacherczak
 (*Mary Kolimas*)
 For those discerning vocations to the priesthood &
 religious life

8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church*

†Al Beyer (*Diane Biondo*)

Tuesday, April 12, 2022
Holy Tuesday
 For all members of the John & Janina Karlowicz
 families, living & deceased (*Mary Kolimas*)

8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church*

†Christian Furczon
 †Kieran Normoyle (*Normoyle Family*)

Wednesday, April 13, 2022
Holy Wednesday
 For all members of the John & Mary Kolimas
 families, living & deceased (*Mary Kolimas*)

8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church*

†Ignazia Liuzzo (*Jim Platt & Diane Dudek*)
 †Vince Porcelli (*Wife Judy*)
 †Claude Wiatrak (*Wife Clara*)

Thursday, April 14, 2022
Holy Thursday
 All Two Holy Martyrs parishioners,
 living & deceased

7:00pm *St. Rene Church*

Friday, April 15, 2022
Good Friday
 All Two Holy Martyrs parishioners,
 living & deceased

3:00pm *St. Symphorosa Church*

Saturday, April 16, 2022
 8:00pm *St. Rene Church*
Presider: Fr. Matt

Holy Saturday
 All Two Holy Martyrs parishioners,
 living & deceased

Sunday, April 17, 2022
 7:30am *St. Rene Church*
Presider: Fr. Norm

Easter Sunday
 All Two Holy Martyrs parishioners,
 living & deceased

9:00am *St. Symphorosa Church*
Presider: Fr. Bob

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10:30am *St. Rene Church*
Presider: Fr. Bob

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-Luke 23:38

St. Veronica

1st-century woman of Jerusalem who was moved with pity when Jesus carried his cross. She offered him her veil to wipe his forehead. When Jesus handed it back, the image of his face was impressed upon it.

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April 15

LECTOR & ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Lectors for Holy Week and Easter Masses have been contacted personally by the parish office. Altar Servers please refer to email sent earlier in the week with server schedule for Holy Week and Easter Masses.

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Two Holy Martyrs Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance

6-7pm every Tuesday (St. Symphorosa Church Site)
3-3:45pm every Saturday (St. Rene Church Site)

Two Holy Martyrs Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00pm - St. Rene Church
5:30pm - St. Symphorosa Church

Sunday

7:30am & 10:30am - St. Rene Church
9am & 12pm(noon) - St. Symphorosa Church

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We are so happy to have you join our parish community as we celebrate our faith. Please visit www.twoholymartyrs.org/copy-of-update-contact-information for a parish registration form. If you have changed your phone number, email, or moved please contact the parish office or email info@twoholymartyrs.org with the update.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls: Please contact our Parish Office to make arrangements. If reaching out after business hours (*M-F 9am to 4pm & Sat 9am to 12pm*) please call our emergency line at 773.242.7525

Sacrament of Baptism: Celebrated the second & fourth Sunday at 1:30pm in Church. Parent Preparation Session is required. Please contact Maggie (ext. 221) in the parish office for more information.

Marriages: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to the proposed date of your wedding. Do not set a wedding date until you have contacted parish office. Contact Maggie (ext. 221) in our Parish Office for assistance.



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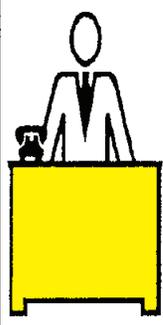
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