

Saint Rene Goupil Catholic Church

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June 7, 2020

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

**Mend your ways, encourage one another,
agree with one another, live in peace,
and the God of love and peace
will be with you.**

2 Corinthians 13:11



Fr. Bob's Weekly Blog



"Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love." Ephesians 15: 15-16

God is Love. We learn this life-giving fact in the 1st Letter of John.

In light of this Sunday being the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, we delve even deeper into Love by seeing it as a communion of divine persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Trying to comprehend this truth stretches the human mind, but it's true. Certainly we believe there is only one God (monotheism) but that this one God is Trinitarian. We do NOT believe there are three gods, but that this One God is a divine relationship that is Love.

We would never know this kind of knowledge on purely human reason alone. We needed the Lord to reveal it to us and then to ponder this truth in light of the suffering, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. Do we accept this truth of the Holy Trinity?

This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that God loves the world; not just one nation, or one group of people. "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."

Wow! God loves the WORLD. The world is his creation, and we as human beings have been LOVED into existence by Love itself (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). We are not random cosmic accidents. God willed that each one of us exist.

Everything comes down to our acceptance or rejection of God's gift; which is his Son – Jesus, he who is Love personified. Our "yes" or our "no" to God's love will determine our future. Love never coerces a person against their own will. That's not love.

Something that really helps me regain spiritual focus is to go sit or kneel in the church and look at the crucifix. There we can see how far Love is willing to go in search of YOU. We might say, "God, do you really love the world? Do you really love me?"

The answer is concrete and took place on Calvary. God in human flesh allowed himself to be nailed to a cross and put to death. This is a love those who live only for this world find difficult to understand. Ahh! But remember Thomas Aquinas' definition of love. "Love is willing the good of the other, as other."

God wills what is best for us but also wants our cooperation. If we don't want God, that's what we'll get ... forever. No God! Which means no Love! That's a cold dark existence. If we want God, then we want Love, and our hearts expand as God's grace fills the emptiness.

What should we do? Imitate Mary; she who said "YES!" to God's will; "YES" to Love; "Yes!" to the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

Parish of Sts. Symphorosa & St. Rene

Although the last two months have really set things back, we are still preparing to begin a new chapter in our parish history on July 1, 2020.

The parish of Sts. Symphorosa & St. Rene will become a reality.

Nothing has been easy or normal the past few months, but as the old cliché goes, "The show must go on."

What can you do to help as we draw closer to July 1? Please pray. That might not sound like much, but right now, in light of so many things going on in our world, prayer is an essential (despite what the gloom and doom crowd says). Prayer is spiritual oxygen.

Allow our prayer to be one of unification; that we remind ourselves of why we do what we do. This begins with all of us centering our lives on Christ. If our hearts and mind are fixed on the Lord, we can do amazing things. If we fixate on ourselves and personal agendas, then we will struggle.

Please be patient during this transition. When we do resume the public celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, let's come together; united in Christ with care for each other and our world. May we never take the Eucharist for granted.

God bless you!

Favorite Quote of the Week

"One person practicing sportsmanship is far better than a hundred teaching it."
" Knute Rockne.



Our Catholic Faith

By Fr. Bob Regan

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

Allow this week’s Our Catholic Faith to be a short series of Questions & Answers:

Question – Will the new parish have a new name?

Answer – This will be a topic for discussion very soon by parish leadership. We will likely solicit input from parishioners; asking you to suggest a name and write your reason for suggesting the specific name. We will ask people to take this seriously and offer inspired suggestions.

We certainly could go with the Parish of Saints Symphorosa & St. Rene but that is a mouthful and doesn’t necessarily reflect the unifying nature of Renew My Church. This does NOT need to be decided by July 1st. We can decide this at a later date.

Question – Will Mass times change?

Answer – Yes! Between the two parishes right now we have 8 Mass times. We do not need 8 Mass times based on current October counts. We will likely go down to 5 or 6 Masses. Parish leadership will advise the pastor, and a decision will be made before July 1, 2020.

It’s important to remember that we will no longer be two parishes but ONE parish with two worship sites. We should feel free to participate in Holy Mass on either the St. Rene campus or St. Symphorosa campus.

Please know that the Mass time decisions are made with the entire parish in mind, not just our own personal convenience or inconvenience.

Question – Will we have one bulletin/website or two bulletins/websites?

We will be ONE parish with one bulletin and one website. The one parish bulletin will be distributed at BOTH worship sites.

Question – What will we be doing about weekly collections?

Answer – Continue to give financially to the parish as you do now, using current envelopes or the online giving option. Changes will be made down the road, but no need to concern ourselves right now. Eventually we will make the change to new envelopes with the new parish name.

Question – What would you, as pastor, like to see as we transition into being one parish?

Answer – We are going to need more new faces to emerge and use their gifts/talents to serve the parish. There are so many talented people in our area and we need folks to volunteer in some fashion. Things don’t get done by wishing them done.

We can’t simply rely on our more senior folks who have spent the past three or four decades giving so much of themselves to their respective parish. We need those in their 20s, 30s, 40s and 50s to discern how the Spirit is calling them to serve in some capacity.

Some people will be a little shy about coming forward. I get that. I’m naturally an introvert, BUT ... you might get a tap on the shoulder someday soon from the pastor asking you to consider a volunteer position. My hope is that you’ll say, “Sure thing, Father, whatever we need to make this the best parish it can be.”



Saint Anne Mary Taigi

A model lay woman, Anne Mary Taigi managed a large household in Rome for nearly half a century. She handled finances with little money, patiently cared for a cantankerous family, and entertained a constant stream of guests who came to consult her. Even though Anne Mary was blessed with charisms of prophecy and healing, it was not these gifts, but her resilient leadership of her family through poverty and trouble that earned her a saint's crown.



An impoverished servant girl herself, at age twenty-one she married Domenico Taigi, a servant in the Chigi Palace. They had seven children, two of whom died at childbirth. Early in her marriage, Anne Mary experienced a religious conversion. She took a Servite priest as a spiritual guide. Under his direction, she simplified her life, initiating practices of prayer and self-denial that she pursued the rest of her life. Anne Mary took the spiritual lead in her family. The day began with morning prayer and mass and ended with reading lives of the saints and the rosary. The Taigis had little of their own, but she always found ways to provide for those who had less. She also took in her hard-to-get-along-with parents and her widowed daughter, Sophie, with her six children.

Domenico had a violent temper that often disrupted the family. But somehow Anne Mary was always able to calm him and restore peace. In his old age, Domenico gave this touching tribute to his wife:

Often I came home to a house full of people. Immediately, Anne Mary would leave anyone who was there—maybe a great lady or a bishop—and would hurry to pay affectionate attention to me. You could tell she did it with all her heart.

With her wonderful tact she was able to maintain a heavenly peace in our home. For example, when my son Camillus was living with us early in his marriage, my daughter-in-law was a disturbing element. She always wanted to play the mistress of the house. But my wife knew how to keep everyone in his place and she did it with a graciousness that I can't describe.

I often came home tired, moody and cross, but she always succeeded in soothing and cheering me. And due to her, I corrected some of my faults. But if I were a young man and could search the whole world to find such a wife, it would be vain. I believe that God has received her into heaven because of her great virtue.

Reportedly, Anne Mary had a permanent vision that gave her insight into the causes of evil in the world and dangers that threatened the church. She also had a gift of healing. For example, with a sign of the cross she anointed cancer victims and epileptics and they were cured. After seven months of sickness and spiritual trials, Anne Mary Taigi died on June 9, 1837.

Feast Day—June 8

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We spend so much time
sweating the small stuff;
worrying complaining, gossiping,
comparing, wishing, wanting and
waiting for something bigger and
better instead of focusing on all the
simple blessings that surround us
everyday. Life is so fragile and all it
takes is a simple moment to change
everything you take for granted.
Focus on what's important and
be grateful!
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believe it!**

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**“Give Thanks to the Lord
for
He is Good” (Ps. 118:1)**



As we move forward into the Summer Months, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parishioners who volunteered as Catechists, Substitute Catechists, Office Assistants, Special Needs Friends, and our High School Classroom Aides. We are grateful to all those who contributed their time and talents to make our Faith Formation Program effective.

Maricela Sanchez, Annette Matulewicz, Barb Grzenia, Fidel Arroyo, Mary Sarlitto, Virginia Cruz, Amelia Cruz, Lupita Valenzuela, Kathy Clepp, Maria Aguilera, Paula Escamilla, Rocio Trevino, Mary Dybas, Annie Siebenaler, Alejandro Arellano, Brian Raica, and Gwen Bentley.

A very special “Thank You” to all of the parents/guardians of our children who faithfully transport them to and from St. Rene.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.....



Before we know it, Faith Formation classes will be starting up again and we need volunteers to staff the program. Recruiting Catechetical Ministers is a year round challenge.

We have so many wonderfully committed and faith-filled parishioners here at St. Rene! We wonder if any of you could help us out by sharing some of your deep faith with the young people of our parish community.

Please call our parish office at (773) 229-8523 if you feel God may be calling you to join this ministry.

Slow Dance

Have you ever watched kids on a merry-go-round?
Or listened to the rain slapping on the ground?
Ever followed a butterfly’s erratic flight?
Or gazed at the sun into the fading night?

You better slow down.
Don’t dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won’t last.



Do you run through each day on the fly?
When you ask “how are you?” do you hear the reply?
When the day is done, do you lie in your bed,
with the next hundred chores running through your head?

You’d better slow down.
Don’t dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won’t last.



Ever told your child, we’ll do it tomorrow?
And in your haste, not see his sorrow?
Ever lost touch, let a good friendship die...
cause you never had time to call and say “Hi”?

You’d better slow down,
Don’t dance so fast.
Time is short.
The music won’t last.



When you run so fast to get somewhere,
You miss half the fun of getting there.
When you worry and hurry through your day,
it is like an unopened gift thrown away.

Life is not a race.
Do take it slower.
Hear the music,
before the song is over.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, June 6, 2020

4:00pm - Helen Shearier (Family)

Sunday, June 7, 2020

7:30am - Jack Orsi (Family)

9:30am - Catherine Bartuch Morrell (Family)

9:30am - Paulette Wilhelmy (Gloria & John Bodoki)

11:30am - Joseph & Mary Negoski (Ben & Judy Shafer)

11:30am - Blessing & Guidance for Fr. Bob Regan
(St. Rene Friends)

Monday, June 8, 2020

8:00am - Raymond Sutkowski (Tammy & Jeff Sheffler)

8:00am—Lucille S. & Bruno G. Shotas (Nancy Shotas)

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

8:00am - Jim O'Brien (Family)

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

8:00am - Frances Nouza (Diane Biondo)

8:00am - Blessings & Guidance for Fr. Bob Regan
(St. Rene Friends)

Thursday, June 11, 2020

8:00am - Mary Rapacz (Peg Siebenaler)

Friday, June 12, 2020

8:00am - Kathleen (Kitty) Mroz (Family)

Saturday, June 13, 2020

8:00am - Raymond Ulrich (Family)

4:00pm - Anthony Mascolino (Family)

Sunday, June 14, 2020

7:30am - Geraldine Kostka (Family)

7:30am - Blessings & Guidance for Fr. Bob Regan
(St. Rene Friends)

9:30am - Raymond Sutkowski (Edna Bazik)

9:30am - Paulette Wilhelmy (Gloria & John Bodoki)

11:30am - James Koffend (Family)



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Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.

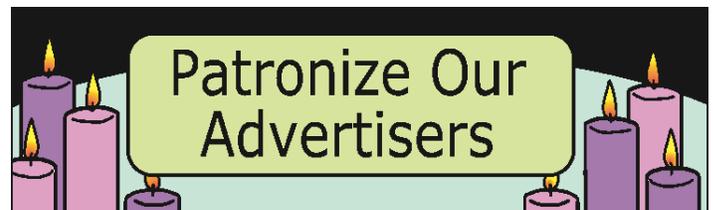
I love You above all things, and I desire
to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive
You sacramentally, come at least spiritually
into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already
there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

-St. Alphonsus Liguori



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Rev. Bob Regan
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Daily Masses

Monday - Saturday at 8:00am

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 4:00pm
(Confessions from 3:15 - 3:45pm)

Sunday
7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Saturday
9:00am - 3:00pm

Parish Office

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Baptism

First Sunday of the month or during weekend Mass. Parent preparation class required. Contact the Parish Office at (773) 229-8523 to register.

Marriage

Saturday afternoons at 12:30pm or 2:00pm. Please call Fr. Bob at least 6 months in advance to make arrangements.

Reconciliation/Confession

Saturdays from 3:15—3:45pm or in the Parish Office by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office at (773) 229-8523 for a family member who is seriously ill.

Communion for the Sick and Homebound

Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

Due to privacy regulations, hospitals can no longer contact the parish without family consent. Please contact the Parish Office when you or a loved one would like a visit or to be added to the prayer list.

Faith Formation Classes

Classes for Grades 1-8 are offered on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm. They will meet during the school year. Please call Peg Siebenaler in the Parish Office with any questions.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This program is designed for adults who are not baptized, those who were baptized into a Christian tradition other than Roman Catholic and those Catholics who have not yet celebrated the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation. Classes begin in September with the Sacraments being received at the Easter Vigil. Please contact Fr. Bob for more information.

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