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ST. SYMPHOROSA

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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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FAITH FORMATION

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



On Monday, August 19, I presided at the Mass of Christian Burial for my childhood friend Don Albanese. He died at the age of 53, leaving a wife, two daughters, a Maywood firefighter family and many friends.

A week before, however, I made a visit to his hospital room at Loyola in Maywood. Don was just waking up, so he was in and out of sleep. As I sat next to his bed, I saw a rosary hanging on a hook over the bed where he couldn't see it.

I asked Don who brought him the rosary. He thought I brought it. I reached and took the rosary off the hook and held it so he could see it. Without hesitation, once he saw it, Don reached out and clutched it in his hand. He proceeded to put it around his neck.

Don wasn't much of a church guy. He'd attend a wedding or funeral on occasion. He came to my Mass of Thanksgiving (First Mass) back in May 2015 at St. Julie in Tinley Park. I knew, however, that he had a good heart and loved his family.

But now that doctors and nurses could do no more, and he couldn't put on a helmet and fire coat and save his own life, Don leaned on the faith of his baptism as he also agreed to be anointed, have his sins forgiven, and receive Holy Communion.

FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

It wasn't just Fr. Bob attending to him. It was one childhood friend taking care of another childhood friend at his time of need. And yes, together, we cried. Our friendship goes all the way back to two little boys who grew up together on the 3000 block of south Clarence Avenue in Berwyn, Illinois, and worked together for many years at Riverside Golf Club.

By the way, it was one of his daughters who put the rosary above her dad's hospital bed.

Please allow this personal story to help you prioritize what's truly important in life. At the end of the day, the most important thing is relationship; our relationship with God, our relationship with family and friends, and our relationship with our own self.

How easily we let other things become more important than God and our other relationships. We get sucked in by the trivialities and distractions of our day and lose sight of eternal things. We lose sight of Love, and when we lose sight of Love, we quickly risk losing sight of our humanity. Sadly, this is what is happening in our culture today as more and more folks find God (Love) to be a fairy tale or an inconvenience.

Many of you know I regularly point to the crucifix when I preach. It's not meant to be morbid but instead a continual reminder what God has done for us in the Person of Jesus, the Christ. He dies our death so that we might have eternal life with him. Good Friday (bodily death) sets the table, so to speak, for Easter (resurrection). Those wide-open arms of the Lord on the cross speak to us today, "I love you this much." When we realize this, our hearts fill with

gratitude for the price paid for our salvation. We can now have life in Him. We need not live in fear.

We did not have a "Celebration of Life" service for Don. We had a funeral Mass; a Mass of Christian Burial where we prayed for Don's soul and called upon the merits of Jesus on the cross as we celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Don's earthly accomplishments do not earn him heaven. It's the Paschal Mystery of Christ that grants us salvation. It's what Jesus did for Don, and what Jesus did for you and for me that must never be forgotten in the wake of bodily death.

The rosary can be considered sacred scripture on a string. When we pray the rosary, we meditate on the mysteries of Christ. We pray the story of salvation. When my dear friend Don reached out to clutch that rosary, he was not looking for magic. That rosary spoke to his heart, where faith resides. He was looking to his Savior, when doctors could do no more.

Remember to nourish your relationships, especially with our Lord. He has given us everything we need, especially His Body and Blood.

Quote -- "Friendship, as has been said, consists in a full commitment of the will to another person with a view to that person's good." -- **John Paul II**





When we come together to celebrate Mass, we can expect that it will follow rubrics that have been established by the Church. It's not on the priest, the cantors, the lectors, or anyone else gathered to constantly create something for worship. Given 2,000 years of liturgical development and tradition, we can rest assured that, if the standard practices are done as written, we have nothing to worry about.

This is why, in her wisdom, the Church has provided the Roman Missal and the lectionary to us to ensure the Mass is celebrated validly. The Missal is the large read book the priest uses which contains all the prayers he needs to say each and every Mass. The lectionary is the book from which the readings and psalms of each day are taken.

While the Missal carries on a long liturgical tradition, the edition we use in the United States was most recently approved in 2011. You probably recall some changes in wording, such as, "And with your spirit," instead of, "And also with you." The update was done at the request of Rome to return to a closer translation of the original Latin.

In the earliest days of the Church, there weren't any formal texts, at least for the Mass. They would read from the Old Testament scrolls along with letters from Paul and other apostles. Recognizing the need for consistency and for passing on tradition, these

FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

prayers were collected and developed gradually for use in particular locations and situations, such as for a particular monastery or other local churches.

This led to rubrics being set within religious orders and dioceses, but there wasn't uniformity for the global Church. It allowed for a diversity of styles to arise and add beauty to the liturgy, but also made spaces for potential division. In 1570, Pope Pius V promulgated the Roman Missal for universal use in response to the Protestant Reformation. Following the Second Vatical Council, every edition of the Missal has had these four focuses in mind:

- The Celebration of the Eucharist is Christo-centric
- Every Celebration of the Eucharist requires a bishop or his priest
- Participation of the Faithful is the goal to be considered before all others. The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian Life

Within the Missal itself, there are several sections that direct a priest how to say each Mass. Often, the sections aren't next to each other, which explains why you see a priest using ribbons and flipping between pages. The first section, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, provides the norms and theology behind each part, person, and object that is a part of the Mass. The next section is the Proper of Time, which gives the specific prayers for each day depending on the liturgical season (e.g. Advent, Lent, Ordinary Time, etc.). You can see what one of these pages looks like in the picture below.

The third major section is the Order of the Mass. These are the parts that don't change from Mass to Mass, like the Eucharistic Prayers and the Communion Rite. Within this section are most of the Prefaces used in the Eucharistic Prayers. Next comes the Proper and Common of Saints. These

are for the feast and memorial days for many saints on their specific days. The Common of Saints provide general prayers for several categories (like monks and martyrs) in case the saint isn't in the Missal yet or doesn't have proper prayers.

The final section is for the other types of Mases that can be said, such as Masses for various needs (like for families or for evangelization), for ritual Masses (like weddings and confirmations), and for the dead, especially for funerals.

The Missal is an essential piece of celebrating Mass. There is no legitimate reason for a priest to make up his own prayers for the Mass, nor for the faithful to respond in whatever way they feel. Any new aspect should grow organically from forms already existing to meet the needs of a particular culture, and only then with approval from Rome. Given the diversity of languages and customs, the Missal must be safeguarded as an instrument and sign of the integrity and unity of the Roman Catholic Church.





OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES

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

SEPTEMBER

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For the repose of her soul, given by Cathy Filetti & Family.

SULLIVAN & PRENDERGAST FAMILIES

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

VINCE PORCELLI & MARIA PORCELLI

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

BOB, JOHN, & BOBBY SOLTIS & NICK ALDERFER

For the repose of their souls, given by Pat Soltis.

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 Natalie LeCompte Katrina Sigafoose Karen Singer Guadalupe Almendarez Debbie Lipien Manuel Soto Sharon Arends Rosemary Litwin Fr. Ted Bojczuk Joelee MacMaster Shirley Tloczek John Clementi Rich Marcello Fr. Norm Trela Maxine Carey Cathy Mazeika Judith Webber Margaret Dalton Clarence Oleszkiewicz Beverly Zummerling Ramon Perez Karen Holmes

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Due to privacy laws, names may only be added by immediate family members. Please call the parish office to add or remove a name.



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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

SEPTEMBER

ALL LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BELL, BEYER, & DOUCET FAMILIES

For the repose of their souls, given by Love.

ALL LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PINZINE & MICHAELS FAMILIES

For the repose of their souls, given by Love.

SULLIVAN, PRENDERGAST, ALVAREZ, & NOVAK FAMILIES

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

MANUELA, JOSE GUADALUPE, JOSE LUIS, & JUAN FLORES

For the repose of their souls, given by Maribel Flores.

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



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



IT'S TOOTSIE ROLL TIME!!

Two Holy Martyrs Knights of Columbus will make available for purchase Tootsie Roll Banks Saturday Sept. 14th and Sunday Sept. 15th Before and after all Masses \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00 (Proceeds benefit THM S.P.R.E.D. Group!)





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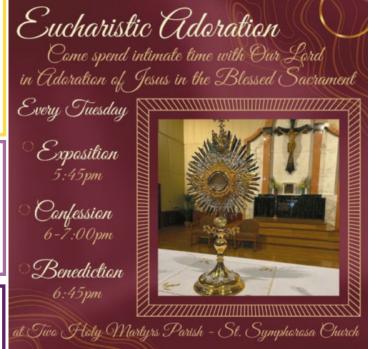
WEDDING BANNS:

September 6, 2024 - Katie Serrano & Esteban Perez (III) September 7, 2024 - Erica Hernandez & Michael Montoya (III) We know sometimes it's hard to sit still during mass.



CHILDREN'S BUSY BAGS

In the narthex of each worship site





SUPER SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Join us for our next meetings on Wednesday September 11th and September 25th. **Doors open at 11:30am,** meeting convenes at 12pm(noon) in the St. Rene Narthex. Also, the annual \$15 due should be paid in September.

SEE YOU THERE!!

For the week of:

August 31st - September 8th

Saturday August 31st

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

⊕Ceferino & Victor Parra (Almendarez Family)

骨Casimir & Helen Gerlick (Chiaramonte Family)

†Edward Gerlick (Chiaramonte Family)

Health and the Lord's Blessings for Elizabeth Sears (Woulfe Family)

PRO POPULO

Sunday September 1st

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

⊕Therese Tulik (27th Heavenly Anniversary) (Marge Tulik)

⊕Mr. & Mrs. Garcia (Gagnon Family)

骨Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

⊕Jeanette Prati (McNamara Family)

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

⊕Mary Ann Larson (Mary Ann & Tom Milici)

God's Blessing for Two Holy Martyrs Volunteers for All Events (Grateful Parishioner)

骨Denise Bolman (Lourdes Almazan)

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

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

骨Christian Furczon

骨Chester Goluch (Family)

All Members Living & Deceased of the

St. Vincent DePaul Society

骨Joseph Guerrero (Jerry, Karen & Alison)

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

骨Nancy Janda (Douglas Janda)

⊕Bernard Wagner (Darcy Family)

☆MaryAnn Whitehead (Family)

⊕Charles & Conception Volanti (Family)

Monday September 2nd

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

⊕Jim Esposito (Family)

⊕Joseph & Josephine Dyniakoski (Family)

Tuesday September 3rd

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

骨Carol Ann Russo (Family)

骨Vince Esposito (Family)

Wednesday September 4th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

骨Lydia Grabowski (Pat Soltis)



Thursday September 5th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

⊕Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

骨Tony Pelegrino & Peace in our World (Family)

Friday September 6th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

骨Al Beyer (My Love)

⊕Estaban Battung & All Poor Souls in Purgatory (Battung Family)

Saturday September 7th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

For Thanksgiving in Honor of Immaculate Conception (Rosario Battung)

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

骨Thomas Murray (Family)

骨Chester Goluch (Family)

骨Bob Compton (Wife Mary Ellen)

骨Thomas Simek (Goluch Family)

Sunday September 8th

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

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

骨Charles Shilney (Mary Shilney)

⊕LaVerne Slowinski (Daughters & Families)

骨Nick Bouzious (Janina)

骨Sam Circelli (Art & Katie Carpenter)

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

骨Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

骨Patricia Ann Kroll (Robert & Sons)

骨Frank Slivka (Pat Soltis & Family)

∜Verna Bartkowiak (Ben & Judy Shafer)

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

骨Terry Fogell (Husband)

骨Bernard Whitehead (Family)

骨Peter James Barbato (Family)



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS







PARISH FAITH FORMATION



CLASSES BEGIN SOON!

There's still time to register for the 2024-2025
Faith Formation Classes.

We are now in the process of organizing classes and recruiting catechists, so it is important for you to send in your registration as soon as possible.

Registration materials are available on our website. You may also stop into the Parish Office to register.

Both new and returning families need to register for next year.

For 2024-25, we will continue to offer Faith Formation Classes for grades 1 – 8 every other Tuesday evening, from 6:00pm – 7:30pm and every other Saturday, from 9am until 10:30am.

Classes begin after Labor Day.

Please call Peggy, in the Parish Office with any questions at 773-767-1523 ext. 226.



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

We commemorate Catechetical Sunday on September 15th. At Mass we will recognize and celebrate all parishioners who are involved in any of our Catechetical Ministries. This year's theme is:

"Lord, when did we see you hungry".

Pictured below:
Several of our Families from our
Summer Confirmation Classes
participated in the Commitment Service,
which was held on Aug. 21, 2024 at
St. Symphorosa Church.





Upcoming Events:

9/10: Faith Formation First Tuesday Class @ St. SYM'S Campus.

9/14: Faith Formation First Saturday Class @ St. SYM'S Campus.

9/15: Catechetical Sunday/ Welcome Back Mass. St. Sym's 9am.

9/22: Welcome Back Mass. St. Rene 10:30am.

9/23: Commitment Service.

9/24: Faith Formation <u>First Tuesday</u> Class @ St. SYM'S Campus.

9/28: Faith Formation
First Saturday Class
@ St. SYM'S Campus.

9/30: Commitment Service.



2024 – 2025 WELCOME BACK FAMILY MASS

Come and connect with God in a special way at our Beginning of the Year Family Mass for all our Faith Formation Families

on

Sunday, September 15th 9:00am at St. Symphorosa Church

Sunday, September 22nd 10:30am at St. Rene Church.

Students and their families
are invited to attend this Mass and
donate a non-perishable food item
for the needy.
(Food baskets will be located in the Narthex).

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS



& Seas the Day at St. Syms School &



On August 22, 2024, students gathered in front of school for the first day. Teachers & Staff warmly greeted them, wishing them smooth sailing in the year ahead. The students were eager to embark on a new year filled with learning & friendships. Dive into a year full of growth and success!





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