

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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There are days I shake my head. And perhaps you do too.

What is going on in the world?

What is going on in the United States of America?

What is going on in Chicago?

Those are fair questions, and perhaps we can hope that men and women of integrity will rise as leaders to govern in a way that serves the common good of humanity; leaders genuinely concerned with the welfare of all human beings.

Instead, we're too often left with folks who think life is a chess game to be won; they are the kings and queens, and we are the pawns who, far too often, suffer the effects of poor governance, greedy legislation, and unwise decisions.

Well, we are not pawns in a game. We are not slaves. We are not automatons who exist solely to produce things and consume things to the delight of the "shareholders." We are not social security numbers. We are not just votes. We are human beings made in the image and likeness of God. We bear the spark of the divine.

FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

We each have inherent dignity; no matter race, creed, or tongue. Woe to those who forget our origin and our destination.

There is a great danger when we forget our common humanity and decide that excessive profit is more important than people. When we begin to obsess about profit over people, it sends a troubling fracture through healthcare, food production, and the housing industry.

As a priest, I offer no economic solutions. There are more qualified people than I to put the economic puzzle pieces together. However, I offer this; no economic plan can succeed if it doesn't take God into the equation and the fallen condition of humankind into the equation.

Greed is a real thing. Pride is a real thing. Envy is a real thing. Lust is a real thing. Wrath is a real thing. Sloth is a real thing. Gluttony is a real thing.

God's love and God's law are a real thing.

All of this must be taken into consideration as we strive to do our part to make this world a better place, but also realizing this world is not our home. Our citizenship is in heaven. Yes, as a Church, we want to be good stewards of creation, but we must not lose sight of the Church's primary mission – the sanctification of the people and the salvation of souls.

Our second reading this Sunday from 5 James wants to remind us that material wealth and goods are of no use in the end. Money and riches do not go with us. The author of James is trying to help us see more clearly what truly matters in the end. What matters in the end is love.

St. Thomas Aquinas defined love as "willing the good of the other, as other." Imagine if more and more people lived with that definition of love in their minds and hearts; we go about our days on earth wanting what is best for each other with no strings attached and no manipulation.

Jesus simplifies it for us. He whittled it all down to two commands: love God, and love neighbor. The two of those go together.

Quote -- "Greed is not a financial issue. It is a heart issue." -- **Andy Stanley**





FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

Now that we are all experts in liturgy, we can move on to the next deep dive. I'd like to take a plunge into something we proclaim and profess together at every Sunday Mass and every solemnity – the Nicene Creed. Technically, it is called the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, since it was completed after the first two major councils of the early Church. I mentioned the Creed briefly in our Mass walkthrough, but I think taking this opportunity to examine it line by line will help us to more confidently

and consciously say it every Sunday.

This concise and clear statement of Christian beliefs was the result of the First Council of Nicaea in 325 AD and the First Council of Constantinople in 381 AD. What was the purpose of these councils? We'll start with Nicaea. It's important to remember that Christianity had just been legalized in the Roman Empire in 313 AD, which caused an explosion in conversion starting with the Emperor, Constantine. It was a time of great growth, but with it came new and conflicting ideas and theologies.

One of these came from a priest, Arius, who lived in the eastern part of the Roman Empire. He engaged in the discussion of the relationship of God the Father and God the Son. The Church believed in both and in the saving work of the Son, but confusion remained about how Jesus Christ, the person who had walked among them, compared to God the Father who sent him.

Arius began to teach that since the Father sent the Son, the Son was lesser than the Father and therefore had a far lesser divinity. Using scripture, he believed that the Father alone was God, that the Son was created, and that there was a time in which the Son did not exist. His aim was to promote Christ as a bridge between divine and human, one who could sympathize with weakness.

As well-intentioned as Arius was, many Church leaders, such as St. Athanasius, identified this teaching as heresy and challenged Arius. Heresy occurs when a baptized Christian publicly and maliciously denies or doubts any revealed truth that must be believed. The bishops and theologians against Arius recognized that his teaching threatened the basic tenets of the Christian faith. If Jesus wasn't God, how could his actions on the cross and his resurrection save humanity? How can the Trinity revealed by Jesus exist if its members weren't equal? Where does authority lie in scriptural interpretation?

As the disagreements began to threaten peace within the empire, Constantine called for a meeting of bishops along with Pope Sylvester I to resolve the disputes. Nicaea was a centrally located city, which is in modern day Türkiye.

The two main outcomes of the council were a denouncement of Arius and his teachings (which is called "anathema") and the creation of a statement of right belief, which is part of the creed we say today.

Namely, it defined that the Son was "homoousious" with the Father, which is a Greek philosophical term that means "of the same substance" (in English, we say "consubstantial"). Both the Father and the Son are equal in divinity because they are the same in essence and kind. It also stated clearly that the Son was eternally begotten by the Father, not created by him, so there was no time or moment in which the Son did not exist. At a moment in time, he did take on the fullness of humanity, but this in no way compromised his divinity. Later councils would clarify this further.

Nicaea I was a key moment in Church history. Not only was it the first major public meeting of bishops, but it provided a clear definition of who Jesus Christ is. God's divinity is fully revealed in Christ and man is truly saved by his actions. Additionally, it represented the use of both faith and reason in specifying theology.

Of course, not every issue was solved at the council. Further clarification would be needed for what was meant by "of the same substance", how Christ was both human and divine, and the divine nature of the Holy Spirit. Stayed tuned for next week's discussion on creed's other council, Constantinople I.





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.

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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.



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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

Patrick Heston Betty Cundari





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.

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For the repose of their souls, given by Love.

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September 28th - October 6th

Saturday September 28th

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

Dorothy Oczkowski (Family)

⊕Ramiro Garza (Garza & Garcia Families)

♣Israel Garcia (Garza & Garcia Families)

♣Filippo & Joe Chiaramonte (Chiaramonte Family)

Sunday September 29th

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

骨Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

骨Anna & Michael Krzan (Pat Soltis)

♣Joseph & Josephine Dyniakoski (Family)

∜Victor & Zeneida Narea (Vincent Narea)

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

⊕Sharon & Harlan Carpenter (Art & Katie Carpenter)

骨Donald Nizidlek (Ray & Mary Lou Kolasinski)

⊕Joyce Solofra (Altar & Rosary Society)

⊕Toni Piccirillo (Altar & Rosary Society)

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

∜Vincent Solomendo (Terri & Dan Domarsky)

骨Jack Orsi (Family)

⊕Leroy and LaVerne Condon & Richard Condon

(Condon Family)

Return to Good Health with God's Blessings for John Scehovic

(Kroll Family)

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

PRO POPULO

Monday September 30th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

骨Jeanette Prati (McNamara Family)

Tuesday October 1st

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa

⊕Heavenly Blessings for Kathleen Sheehy (Daughter)

Wednesday October 2nd

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa

むVince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

☆Mildred Denwood (Capparelli Family)

Birthday Blessings for Rosario Battung & All Souls in Purgatory (Battung Family)

Thursday October 3rd

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa

Presiders are subject to change without notice.



Friday October 4th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa

Saturday October 5th

08:00 AM | St. Symphorosa

⊕Mary Rose Torres (Gerald Torres & Family)

骨John "Jack" Gaca (Eleanore Gaca)

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

♣Loretta Pozniak (Pozniak Family)

PRO POPULO

Sunday October 6th

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

⊕Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

Heavenly 2nd Anniversary for Donna Kozlowski (Marge Tulik)

Health & the Lord's Blessings for Marlene & Walter Cannerino (Carol Sally)

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

⁴Helen & Ted Hermanowicz (Nancy & George Groszek)

Dominic Santucci (Art & Katie Carpenter)

All Members Living & Deceased of the Altar & Rosary Society

(Altar & Rosary Society)

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

⊕Christian Furczon

骨Paul Dankert (Tony & Debbie Luzzi)

⁴Henry & Helen Kroll (Judith Scehovic)

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

∜Nancy Janda (Douglas Janda)

骨Pete Arpaia (Joan & Ron Kelly)

Birthday Blessings for Elmer Battung &

All Poor Souls in Purgatory (Rosario Battung)

50th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for

Salvatore & Vita Mirasole (Family)







Altar and Rosary Bake Sale at Rummage Sale on

October 5th from 9am-12pm in the Social Center at St. Symphorosa Campus.

(Please bring baked goodies to Social Center)

We would like to invite you to join us on Sunday October 6th at 9am Mass at St. Symphorosa worship site. After all Masses, we will be having our Bake Sale.

You are also welcome to join us for our meeting. This meeting will take place on

Tuesday October 8th in the St. Rene narthex at 12pm

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

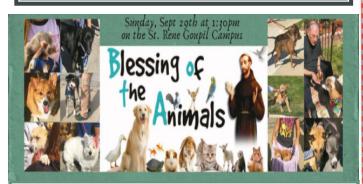


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We are currently accepting resumes for a Part Time or Full Time Maintenance Position. Interested candidates should send a resume and cover letter, highlighting experience and interest to khilliard@archchicago.org



Join us as we Bless our pets at our annual St. Francis Pet Blessing.

There will be a short prayer to begin, followed by individual pet blessings. Pet bandanas will also be available for sale for \$5.

The Blessing will take place at our St. Rene Goupil worship site at 6949 W 63rd Street, Chicago 60638.



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PARISH FAITH FORMATION



Upcoming Events:

9/29: Mass/Class for 2nd year Confirmation Students only Sunday 9am in St. Syms church. After Mass = I-Hall.

9/30: Commitment Service.

10/08: Faith Formation

Tuesday Class @ St. Syms Campus.

10/12: Faith Formation

Saturday Class @ St. Syms Campus.

10/15: Reconciliation Parent

Meeting.

10/19: Reconciliation Parent

Meeting.

10/20: Seventh Grade Family

Mass.



FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

On October 15th & October 19th, parents will gather for a special 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.)



PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation students, along with their parents, will soon participate in a Commitment Service, in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. During the upcoming year these students will seek service opportunities to help them grow in discipleship as they serve those in need. We invite you to please remember them in your prayers during this time of preparation. The remaining date for our Commitment Service will be held on **Sept. 30**th **at 6pm at St. Rene** in the Church. A Commitment Service is a requirement for Confirmation.





Pictured above: Several of our students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation attended the Commitment Service on September 23rd. Their promise means that they wish to share their life and hope in Christ. Our entire Parish Community welcomes them with love and we stand ready to help them along their Faith Journey.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Is Seas the Day at St. Syms School &

Students celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month!

Teachers, students and parents came together for a fun assembly filled with lively songs and dance performances by our Jr. High students. A special thank you to Mrs. Calderon, our Spanish teacher, for sharing her passion for culture and guiding the students in this wonderful celebration!



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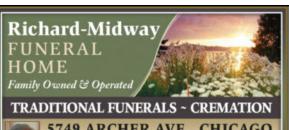


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