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8 AM mass is held during:

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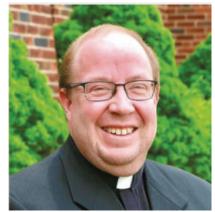
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MONDAY—FRIDAY
9 AM—3 PM

PARKING AND SAFETY REMINDER

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One surefire way to get discouraged is to get swallowed up into the 24/7 news cycle.

Every single day we see, "Breaking News," or, "News Alert." We're not meant to be on high alert all the time.

It's not healthy for us as human beings.

And yet, so much of the news media complex these days is driven by ratings, eyeballs, and clicks; not so much by authentic journalism that seeks to get to the truth of the stories we need to know.

Like so many things in life, having balance is important. In the spiritual life, we must balance the reality of bad news of this world with the reality of the good news of salvation. The danger in all this is losing sight of the good news (the Gospel) and allowing bad news to overwhelm us and diminish our hope.

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, and on our secular calendar, we are celebrating Mother's Day. We thank our Lord for his suffering, death, resurrection and ascension; and we thank our mothers for their role in our life.

During the Easter season, we're exceptionally mindful of the story of salvation, and how Love is stronger than death. The purpose of God taking to Himself human flesh was our salvation. St. Irenaeus succinctly reminds us, "He became what we are so that we might become what he is."

FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

In other words, divinity entered humanity so that we might share in divine life. Jesus makes this possible by way of the Paschal Mystery, which includes the oft-forgotten Ascension.

Many folks make the mistake of viewing the Ascension of Jesus as some magical up, up, and away cosmic launch of Jesus into outer space; and now he's somewhere "out there." Instead, we're invited to see the Ascension as something not limited by time and space. Jesus is more present to us throughout the world now after his Ascension and the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. The fancy theological explanation is that Christ's mode of existence has changed.

Does this stretch our human minds a bit? Yes! It should. We're contemplating a great mystery. We are pondering God's saving action in this world. This is all part of a great love story that you and I are both involved in, whether we like it or not. The Lord summons each of us deeper into His love. We must respond to God's saving grace.

Living our faith daily helps us tend toward hope rather than despair.

Prayer keeps us in relationship with the Lord. We spend time in sacred scripture so that the good news of salvation isn't forgotten amidst the bad news of the day. We make use of the sacrament of Reconciliation so that we return to a state of grace after we've fallen into serious sin.

We regularly receive the Eucharist to strengthen us and nourish us spiritually.

We put our faith into action with the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Jesus isn't looking for ratings or clicks.

He's looking for disciples. The Lord isn't concerned with popularity, although God desires that all be saved. The first public opinion poll took place on

Pontius Pilate's front steps, and they voted to release Barabbas and to crucify Jesus. The crowd is not always correct.

An authentic disciple lives each day with the "end" in mind, and the end is the Beatific Vision. We shall see God face and face and live in the eternal love of the Holy Trinity. We live with trust and hope; not always in human institutions or other human beings, but with trust and hope in the One who suffered, died, rose and ascended, and now sits at the right hand of the Father.

Do we get discouraged at times? Yes.

We're imperfect human beings living in an imperfect world. Greed is still a reality. Lust is still a reality, as is pride, wrath, sloth, gluttony, and envy.

Thankfully, we can develop the corresponding virtues that move us toward holiness: generosity, chastity, humility, meekness, diligence, temperance, and kindness.

Do we as good citizens need to be informed? Yes. We should be discerning news consumers. We should not stick our heads in the proverbial sand. However, we also need to know the good news, live the good news, and share the good news.

A blessed solemnity to you all, and Happy Mother's Day to all moms. Thank you!





FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

During the Eucharistic prayer, there are three responses made by the congregation. We've already discussed the Sanctus that is proclaimed after the Preface. The last one is the Great Amen after the Doxology, which we'll discuss next week. This time, I'd like to dive into the Memorial Acclamation.

There are three options for this acclamation. It is made in response to the priest's invocation of, "The mystery of faith," said immediately following the institution narrative.

This acclamation was added in the liturgical reforms following the Second Vatican Council. Prior to that, the mysterium fidei (mystery of faith) was spoken quietly by the priest.

Why does the priest ask the faithful to state the mystery of faith? What do we even mean by that? In the Catholic setting, "mystery" isn't used in the same way as we think of a mystery novel, when there is some unknown problem that has to be solved. Instead, religious mystery is something that can be known, but not known fully. By its nature, some aspect remains hidden.

Often with God, the human mind cannot comprehend his fullness, so there is something unknown that remains. This doesn't mean God is completely unknowable. In this case, the mystery of faith is that we can know and believe that Jesus came to earth, died for our salvation, rose from the dead, and will return at the end of time. The full truth of this reality is beyond man to totally understand, but we can know that and why it happened. That's what sacraments do; they use sensible signs to reveal some part of the mystery to us in a tangible way. All Christian mysteries are an invitation to grow deeper through what we can sense while knowing that we'll never reach the bottom.

Every time we chant or say a memorial acclamation, we are remembering Christ (anamnesis) and what He has done for us, but are proclaiming that this action is not frozen in the past. Jesus' salvific actions are represented on the altar and therefor impact the present and point to the future.

Here are the three options for this acclamation:

- We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.
- When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.
- Save us, Savior of the world, for by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

None is more "proper" or "correct" than the others. All state the clear truth of what Jesus did. He died so

that man might have life and share in the divine life of the Trinity. We never stop recalling what he did for us and we won't stop until the Second Coming. In fact we do more than just recall, but we announce to the world the truth of what Jesus did for all.

Additionally, all three responses connect the death and resurrection of Jesus in some way. Having just recently celebrated the Sacred Triduum, we know how intimately connected these events are. We cannot have Easter Sunday without Good Friday, but the goodness of the cross would be left hollow if not for the empty tomb. As St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, we proclaim Christ crucified and risen; although the world might reject that claim, it is true all the same.

Because it happens right after the institution narrative – "Do this in memory of me" – we also see the connection between the crucified and risen Lord and the Eucharist.

Each time we worship and receive Jesus in the True Presence of his Body and Blood, we are receiving the fullness of what he has done for us.



For the week of:

May 11th - May 19th

Saturday May 11th

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

All Living & Deceased Members of the Skraba Family (Jeanie)

†Robert Compton (Wife Mary Ellen)

骨Happy Heavenly Birthday Blessings for Katarzyna Silacz

(Daughter & Family)

⊕Conception Volanti (Family)

Sunday May 12th

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

骨Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

♣Rosemary Labno (Family & Friends)

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

PRO POPULO

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

God's Blessings & Thank You to the Knights of Columbus Members ♣Janis Marie (Ken & Michelle Hilliard)

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

⊕Genevieve Nagle (Mary Ellen Bowers)

骨LaVerne Slowinski (Daughters & Families)

 Ida Marie (Dolly) Renaud (Frank & Roxane)

⊕Angie Mateja (Ives Family)

Monday May 13th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

Birthday Blessings for Jeniffer & Genevieve Battung (Rosario

Battung)

All Souls in Purgatory

Health & God's Blessings for Jack Ruby (Mary Kolimas)

Tuesday May 14th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

骨Joanne Lullo (Family)

Health & God's Blessings for Arlene Scaletta (Mary Kolimas)

Good Health & God's Blessings for Richard Theodore

(Mother-in-law Ann)

Wednesday May 15th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

令Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

Birthday Blessings for Colin Hart, Chalida Svastisalee & Seth

Svastisalee (Family)



Thursday May 16th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

⊕John Soltis 25th Anniversary (Pat Soltis)

Health & God's Blessings for Pat Soltis (Mary Kolimas)

Friday May 17th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

Priest Vocations

Health & God's Blessings for Maria Montes (Mary Kolimas)

Healing Prayers for Richard Theodore (Sister-in-law Katie)

Saturday May 18th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil

Birthday Blessings for Bernard Battung (Rosario Battung)

Birthday Blessings for Alejandra Battung (Rosario Battung)

骨Isabel Aguado & 骨Ramiro Garza (John Garcia)

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

&George Nowak (Wes & Debbie Szumowski)

☆MaryAnn & Bernard Whitehead (Family)

⊕Martin Sangpeal (Family)

令Walter May (Arlene Scaletta)

Sunday May 19th

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

骨Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

God's Blessings for Lois Beyer (Grateful Parishioner)

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

⊕Ellen O'Leary & Lillian Byrne (Mike & Bea)

骨Claude Wiatrak (Wife Clara)

All Members of the Schramm Family (Mary Shilney)

⊕Mary Ann Larson (St. Vincent DePaul Family)

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

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

⊕Catherine Fernandez (Cathy & Pat Carone)

骨Theodore Balicki (Joan Hamann)

Healing Prayers & God's Blessing for Brian Ruelas

(St. Vincent DePaul Society)



Presiders are subject to change without notice.



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TOM MARKHAM

For the repose of his soul, given by Family.

VINCE PORCELLI & MARIA PORCELLI

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

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 Karen Singer Guadalupe Almendarez Debbie Lipien Manuel Soto Sharon Arends Shirley Tloczek Rosemary Litwin Fr. Ted Boiczuk Joelee MacMaster Fr. Norm Trela Rich Marcello Judith Webber Maxine Carey Margaret Dalton Cathy Mazeika Beverly Zummerling

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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.



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

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SUPER SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Our next meetings will be on Wednesday May 15th and May 29th.

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

SEE YOU THERE!!



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



The First Lottery Basket Winner will be drawn on May 28th!

Sales are going well and we have covered our costs!!!

Now, All Grand Raffle Sales are Parish Fundraising Profit!

Please Keep Buying/Selling to Family, Friends, Neighbors, etc.

Tickets are \$20 each and 6 for \$100 Please Take a Stack of Tickets to Sell.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



REMINDER!

The St. Symphorosa church stairway replacement project will begin on Tuesday, May 14th (2 days **AFTER** Mother's Day). The entire project will take approximately 3 weeks, but the Church **WILL REMAIN OPEN** with all entry/exiting through the side entry doors on Austin Ave., as well as, via the handicap ramp entrance on the East. (In addition, a small portion of the east entrance concrete will be replaced during the first week but this **WILL NOT** impact weekend worship services). This project will provide a significant improvement to our church entrance for many years to come!

Project Linus

Make a Blanket Day



May 18, 2024

9:30am-12:30pm

St. Rene - Flannery Hall 6340 S. New England Ave. Chicago, IL 60638

Please bring 2 yards of printed fleece fabric, suitable for a child up to 18 years of age. We will teach you how to make a no-sew blanket for a child in need.



Coffee and sweets will be served. Raffle tickets will be sold to raise funds for our organization.



THM -St. Vincent de Paul is having "Bundle Weekend" at St. Rene Goupil Church - 64th & New England Ave, on

Sat. May 18th from 1-5pm and Sun. May 19th from 7am-12pm.

We <u>are</u> collecting: clothing, shoes, purses, etc. small kitchen appliances, utensils, bed, bath, kitchen linens, home décor, household items, books, CDs & DVDs.

We <u>cannot accept</u> electronics or baby items (strollers, car seats due to recalls).

Please box or bag your donations unusable clothing can be sold for rags.

We thank you in advance for your donations, as well as your continued support of our St. Vincent de Paul Society, which enables as to help those in need in out community.



Nine Day Novena in Preparation of St. Rita's

Feast Day

117th Annual Solemn Novena

Monday, May 13, 2024 through Tuesday, May 21, 2024 6:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 7:00 p.m. Mass and Novena Prayers

Feast Day Masses Wednesday, May 22, 2024

9:00 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 10:00 a.m. Mass and Novena Prayers 6:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 7:00 p.m. Mass and Novena Prayers

Veneration of the relic of St. Rita will be available daily; Healing Mass and a blessing with the St. Rita Oil on May 21st; Blessed Roses will be distributed at the Feast Day Masses on May 22nd .

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

CONFIRMATION April 28, 2024



















Upcoming Events:

5/14: Faith Formation Last Class St. Syms Campus. (Tues.)

5/18: Faith Formation Last Class St. Syms Campus. (Sat.)

End of Classes for this Year!



PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

(GRADES PK-2ND)





garten making paper airplanes in STEM class.





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mobiles before Easter Break



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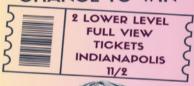


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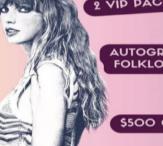
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