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A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury." - <u>Mk 12:42-43</u>

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## WELCOME TO TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

## MASS SCHEDULES

ST. SYMPHOROSA

6135 S. Austin Avenue Chicago, IL 60638

### 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! PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PARKING IN THE FIRE LANES

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MONDAY—FRIDAY 9 AM—4 PM

SATURDAY

9 AM - 12 PM

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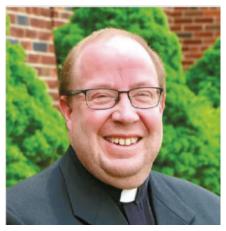
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Pope Francis recently release the encyclical Dilexit Nos, which in English means "He loved us."

This encyclical highlights the Sacred Heart of Jesus and God's love for us. As I began to read the document, I couldn't help but let out more than one, "yes!" along the way. Why? Because it gets to the heart of the matter.

The heart of the matter is the heart; Jesus' Sacred Heart and our hearts. When we say the word heart, we do not mean the physical organ that beats in our chest. Biblically speaking, the heart means the core of the person. It denotes a person's center for emotional, intellectual and moral activity. When you are making a difficult decision, it's not just your brain at work, but your heart.

When we use the expression "change of heart," we're not talking about someone undergoing an actual heart transplant. We are, however, talking about something internal going on inside a person that truly affects change, especially a change in how someone views the world and how someone views their own life and the lives of others.

In this way, Jesus truly is a physician; a Divine Physician. He is all about the transformation of hearts.

# FR. BOB'S WEEKLY BLOG

Folks complain today about the abundance of weapons on our streets and in our homes, especially guns. There certainly needs to be serious discussion amongst leaders about violence in our culture, but at the same time, we must go even deeper and have an honest look at the role the human heart plays in being the source of violence.

When someone intentionally shoots another person, the actual physical weapon is nothing more than an extension of a sick heart. The gun becomes the delivery vehicle of a troubled heart. Sadly, the gun gets blamed, and we too often ignore the heart of the issue.

The Pope's letter invites us to discover or rediscover the spiritual importance of the human heart. We must attend to the heart and nurture our hearts. To neglect the condition of our hearts is not a good idea. Jesus plays a significant role in heart health. He provides the grace we need, but we must do our part to receive it and cooperate with it.

The Church has not lost sight of the human heart, but much of our consumer/producer, noisy, stay busy, rat race culture has lost heart. The Sacred Heart of Jesus can help.

## Grateful, Thankful, & Blessed

Each year in Autumn, our parish school board presents Grateful, Thankful & Blessed.

This event serves as a wonderful get -together that also helps raise money for our school. This year's event takes place on Saturday, November 16. The evening is open to parishioners and school families. The doors of European Chalet open at 6 PM. There will be dinner, live entertainment, raffles, silent auctions, and original student art.

A lot of work by the St. Symphorosa School Advisory Board goes into this event. We are truly grateful, thankful and blessed for their volunteering above and beyond to make an event like this a reality for our people.

Two Holy Martyrs Parish supports and will continue to support Catholic school education. We invite all our parishioners to be ambassadors of the school by helping spread the word that St. Symphorosa School offers a quality grade school education while also attending to the formation of our children. We want to be the school of choice in the Midway area.

Please consider buying a ticket or two and enjoying a wonderful evening for a good cause. If you are not able to attend the event on Nov. 16, please consider a donation to the school.

Thank you for supporting our parish and our parish school.

Quote -- "Let us love because that is what our hearts were made for." --St. Therese of Lisieux





We declare our almighty God as the creator of heaven and earth, affirming him as both the source and sustainer of all that exists. When we talk about creation as Catholics, we use the Latin term creatio ex nihilo, which means that God created from nothing. I often get asked by our school kids, "Who created God?" The answer? No one – God has always existed and will always exist. That's a part of the definition of being God as the first cause and the prime mover.

Unlike humans, God is able to make something from nothing. Human beings are capable of creation, but we need to material, including ourselves, from which to create out of. I can build a beautiful and comfortable chair, but I need the wood, the nails, the tools, etc. By saying God created matter out of nothing, we mean just that. God speaks and it comes into existence, even space and time. He does so freely, not out of necessity or loneliness, and purposefully, not leaving anything to chance.

There are two creation accounts in Genesis. The first, Genesis 1, speaks of how God ordered the world and declared it to be good. Because there is order in the world, we know things have a purpose and we can observe the universe in order to

## FR. KEVIN'S GREGORIAN RANTS

understand it. It puts humanity as the pinnacle of creation as the only creatures made in God's image and likeness. We are created for relationship, for love, and for holiness, and from this imago Dei we have great and unassailable dignity. By declaring what he creates as good, he eliminates the idea that the physical world is evil.

The second creation story, Genesis 2, speaks of his intimacy and relationship with humanity and the complementarity of men and women. God didn't create a universe and then leave it to get by on itself, but remains present and active in guiding, upholding, and sustaining. Human beings are a composite of a body and a soul, as we hear that God breathed his own divine life into the clay.

When it comes to creation, we can be quick to dismiss the Genesis accounts because they don't seem to match with our scientific discoveries. It's important that we don't read the Bible as some natural science textbook, but an account of the origin of deep truths meant to reveal God to us and aid us in our salvation. Catholics are not religious fundamentalists. We don't believe that the world was created in seven literal days, nor do we reject theories of evolution or the Big Bang just because they don't explicitly appear in scripture.

For example, when it comes to evolution, a Catholic is able to accept and uphold the theory without risking faith or being at odds with revealed truth. Evolution seeks to explain the history, diversity, and relationships of all living things with respect to each other. Pope Pius addressed it in 1950 in his encyclical Humani Generis, and it was reaffirmed in 1996 by Pope St. John Paul II.

They stated the official Church position was neither full acceptance nor rejection, but rather that it was allowed as long as certain truths were maintained. First, that God initiated the process orderly and purposefully. Second, God provided souls to the first human beings once the evolutionary process resulted in the bodies that would become humans. Third, that God is guiding the process; it is not purely accidental.

The creation of the world was an act of complete gift and love by God. Not only did he create the visible universe, but also the supernatural, invisible, and spiritual world. Every part of creation speaks to some aspect of who God is. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, "Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made." (Rom 1:20). No part of creation is accidental or unwanted. We take up the responsibility of being God's stewards of creation, upholding our calling and dignity given to us from the beginning.





#### **OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES** Burning before the Blessed Sacrament are offered for the following intentions for the month of

## NOVEMBER

#### IN LOVING MEMORY OF MAGDALENA ARTEAGA

For the repose of her soul, given by Husband, Children, & Grandchildren.

#### SVASTISALEE FAMILY, ALL BIRTHDAYS & SOULS IN PURGATORY

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

#### VINCE PORCELLI & MARIA PORCELLI

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

## FOR ALL BIRTHDAYS & SOULS IN PURGATORY

given by Battung 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
Guadalupe Almendarez
Marlene Annerino
Walter Annerino
Sharon Arends
Fr. Ted Bojczuk
Glenn Boyle
John Clementi
Maxine Carey
Margaret Dalton
Karen Holmes
Joan Juris

Ron Kelly Sharon Labiak Elena LeCompte Natalie LeCompte Debbie Lipien Mary Liszka Rosemary Litwin Joelee MacMaster Rich Marcello Cathy Mazeika Clarence Oleszkiewicz Eleanor Pastorek



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



WEDDING BANNS: November 23, 2024 - Sara DeVan & Alex Estrada (II)



## **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

## NOVEMBER

#### JOHN "JACK" GACA

For the repose of his soul, given by Wife.

**ROSALIA KARPINSKI ON HER 30TH ANNIVERSARY** For the repose of her soul, given by Family.

#### SULLIVAN, PRENDERGAST, ALVAREZ, & NOVAK FAMILIES

For the repose of their souls, given by Family.

#### **BOB & DOROTHY ZALUD**

given by Kathy Roberts.

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



## Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH OFFERTORY 11/03: \$11,530.64

Split the Pot Winning Envelope #: 63874: \$455.00

To our registered parishioners, please remember a minimum of \$5 is required to participate.

# For the week of:

## November 9th - November 17th

### Saturday November 9th

### Sunday November 10th

10:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob ⊕Jeanette Prati (McNamara Family) ⊕Israel Garcia (Knights of Columbus) ⊕David LaDouceur (Arlene Scaletta) Health & God's Blessings for Joan Orsi (Stephanie Moen) 12:00 PM | St. Symphotograph Drecider: Er. Kovin

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

## Monday November 11th

☆Filomena Plewa (Barbara Rendak) ☆Bill Rich (Barbara Rendak) ☆Joseph Slowinski (Daughters & Families) ☆Mary Suchy (Family)

## Tuesday November 12th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil ☆Geri Norbut (Family) ☆Domingo Battung & All Poor Souls in Purgatory (Rosario Battung) Happy 25<sup>th</sup> Heavenly Anniversary for Larry Piotrowski (Jeanie & Family) Health & God's Blessings for Janet Davila & Lucy Garza (Garcia Family)

## Wednesday November 13th

**08:00 AM** | St. Rene Goupil ☆Stanley Michalic (Pat Soltis) ☆Albina Strzelec (Barbara Rendak) ☆Marilyn Stygar (Family) ☆John "Jack" Gaca (Eleanor Gaca)



## Thursday November 14th

## Friday November 15th

O8:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil
Priest Vocations
⊕Anna & Rocco Galluzzi (Family)
All Living & Deceased Members of the Keith Fox Family (Family)
All Living & Deceased Members of the Marino Family (Eugene Tomassini)

## Saturday November 16th

08:00 AM | St. Rene Goupil All Souls in Purgatory
☆Ann Panella (Family)
04:00 PM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Bob PRO POPULO

## Sunday November 17th

7:30 AM | St. Rene Goupil | Presider: Fr. Kevin ☆Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy) ☆Ann Kopyszka (Pat Soltis) ☆Rita Jasencak (Husband George) ☆Al Beyer (George Jasencak)

9:00 AM | St. Symphorosa | Presider: Fr. Bob ☆Lucille Cantu (Sister & Nephews) ☆Donald Sodini (Arlene Scaletta) ☆Winnie Wahlen (Arlene Scaletta) ☆Jeanette Prati (McNamara Family)

12:00 PM | St. Symphorosa| Presider: Fr. Bob ⊕Juergen Fischer (Janet & Steve Lazzara) ⊕Brian Kurtovich (Cathy & Pat Carone) ⊕Cody Cihlar (Joan & Ron Kelly) God's Blessings for Healing & Strength for the Max Family (Joan & Ron Kelly)

Presiders are subject to change without notice.

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Remember your loved ones



Sponsor a Christmas Poinsettia Memoriam Every \$25 Donation will receive a special mention in our expanded Christmas Bulletin and all of these intentions will be displayed in the Sanctuary alongside Poinsettias and a candle.

Please note: These are sponsorships and not the purchase of poinsettias



# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



## SUPER SENIOR CLUB NEWS

Join us for our next meetings on Wednesday November 13th and December 11th. Doors open at 11:30am, meeting convenes at 12pm(noon) in the St. Rene Narthex.

## SEE YOU THERE!!

Two Holy Martyrs Parish invites you to our 10th annual Holiday Extravaganza Iuncheon, craft & vendor fair Sunday, November 24 10:00am-2:30pm Sharp Center, 5940 W. 62nd Street

Arbonne International, Blest Art, Blue Creations 63, ColorStreet, Hi Sweetie Candle & Soap, Mary's Decor & More, Pampered Chef, Paparazzi, Scentsy, Sports Cards, Tastefully Simple, Sweets & Treats, Auntie's pretties, Herstory, Crafts By Judy, Julie Baby cupcakes & Dog Treats, Lulu's cakes & Treats, Maxi Creation AND MORE!!! No entry fee, for patrons, raffle baskets & split-the-pots Featuring a pasta plate for \$10. Hot dogs, nachos, chips & beverages available Attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items for our

Thanksgiving food drive to benefit the St. Blase food pantry in Summit IL. Each donation receives a complimentary raffle ticket (limit 5 tickets). Hosted by the TJEM Parish Transformation Committee

Foran Funeral Home

## HM THANKFUL TREES

WE INVITE ALL MEMBERS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH THANKFUL TREE. PLEASE VISIT THE TABLES IN OUR GATHERING SPACES THE WEEKENDS OF NOVEMBER 9/10 & 16/17 TO WRITE ONE THING YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS THANKSGIVING ON THE COLORFUL AUTUMN LEAVES NEXT TO OUR TREES. ALL OUR WORDS OF THANKS WILL BE INCORPORATED IN OUR WORSHIP SPACE FOR THE THANKSGIVING WEEKEND, THESE WORDS OF THANKS WILL COME FORM OUR PARISHIONERS, SCHOOL CHILDREN AND RE CHILDREN. OUR TREES ARE A VISIBLE SYMBOL S A REMINDER OF ALL THAT GOD HAS GIVEN TO US.

We're Steppin' Out

for a delicious Lunch and Christmas Classic at the acclaimed Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire

We will begin with an elegant, sit-down luncheon overlooking the pond and fountain at *Three Embers Restaurant* 

And then onto the theatre for one of America's most cherished silver screen classics

## Irving Berlin's White Christmas

Performed on the 360 degree center round stage Packed with dazzling hits like "Blue Skies", "Count Your Blessings" and "White Christmas"

## Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Bus leaves 9:30 AM Returning 6:00 PM Meet at Foran Funeral Home 7300 West Archer Avenue \$95 per person Celebrate with us this magical time of the year! For Reservations: 708-458-0208 Reserve by November 20, 2024 – Seating Limited

# PARISH FAITH FORMATION



## **Upcoming Events:**

- 11/17: Fourth grade family Mass @ 9am. 2nd year Conf. students should attend this Mass as well.
- **11/17:** Port Lunch Event for Confirmation Students. In the I-Hall, 10am until 11am.
- **11/23:** Faith Formation Saturday class @ St. Syms Campus.
- 11/28: HAPPY THANKSGIVING!





#### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Students in our Faith Formation Program along with the students at St. Symphorosa Catholic School will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on **Thursday, December 5th and on Saturday, December 7th.** Please remember these young students in your prayers as they journey closer to Jesus in the sacrament of Reconciliation.



## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

As we approach the season of giving thanks, the Two Holy Martyrs Faith Formation Program will be remembering the needy. This year, we will join with our fellow parishioners in once again fulfilling one of the **Corporal Works of Mercy**...**Feed the Hungry**. When our students attend Mass or when they come to Faith Formation classes, we are asking them to bring in non-perishable food items.

We are thankful for your participation in the Thanksgiving Food Drive.





## PORT LUNCH EVENT

Our Faith Formation Confirmation Students
 will participate in a Port Lunch Event on
 Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>.

The students and their families are invited to attend the 9am Mass at our St. Symphorosa church. Immediately following Mass, the confirmandi are invited to help prepare lunches for **The Port Ministries** in the I-Hall. Donations are welcome for this endeavor such as

fresh fruit (apples or oranges), individual bags of chips or cookies, breakfast/granola bars, small bottles of water, or juice boxes. We look forward to welcoming you, on November 17th for Holy Mass and Port Lunch Event!

Use the link below to find out more about The Port Ministries and all the good work that they do. <u>http://www.theportministries.org/</u>

Father Bob inspires a group of our Confirmation Students, their parents and sponsors. Please continue to pray for them as they journey closer to the Sacrament of Confirmation.

# PARISH SCHOOL NEWS



Seas the Day at St. Syms School 2

## 6th ANNUAL GRATEFUL~THANKFUL~BLESSED DINNER

The St. Symphorosa School Advisory Board cordially invites you to our Grateful~Thankful~Blessed Dinner! Join us for an unforgettable evening with live music from the Patrick Gemkow Trio, a delicious dinner, drinks, dancing and over 50 exciting raffles baskets! Enjoy Split the Pot, a Silent Auction & unique student art pieces up for bidding. Come connect with St. Syms school families and THM parishioners as we gather to support our amazing school community!



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