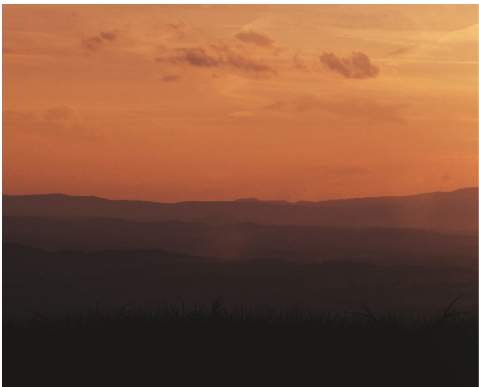


**TWENTY-NINTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 20, 2019**

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Jesus asked,
“Will not God
secure the rights
of his chosen ones
who call out to him
day and night?”

LUKE 18:7



Reflection

We all have the potential to become saints,
It is determined by the choices that we make;
by the way we treat each other;
seeing God in all people
no matter whom they are;
and by putting God first in our lives.

Sometimes people misunderstand who saints
are and what they are about.

We may see a saint as an image of God,
yet saints are human beings,
limited and sinful like all of us.

It is their passionate, extraordinary, and unending
devotion to Christ in their own life
that sets them apart.

A saint shows us how to love God well.

Today we honor such a person.
He showed great courage and faith
throughout his life,
a person who saw God in everyone he met.
He is our patron, St. Rene Goupil.

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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

Jesus asks a thought-provoking question at the conclusion of this weekend's Gospel reading.

"But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

On a good day, we swiftly answer, "Yes, He will. There are billions on earth who have faith in God." On a bad day, when it seems all hell is breaking loose, we can only wonder.

We're reminded that faith is a gift. We can't always explain why some folks have faith and some do not have faith. Can I even explain why I have it? Can you explain why you do?

The second reading from 2 Timothy helps us jog our memory. "Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it, and that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are capable of giving you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

We thank those people in our life who introduced us – helped bring us – to faith. God ultimately gives us faith as a divine gift, but there are those pivotal human beings all through history who have handed down the faith. In the case of many of us, it was a parent or parents who served as delivery agents. They brought us to be baptized, and so began our journey.

There is nothing wrong with some honest doubt along the way. God is not afraid of truth, for God is Truth. We humans will, at times, doubt; some might doubt God's existence here and there, or doubt God's love and mercy. Make no mistake. God does not doubt. God knows!

Bishop Fulton Sheen once wrote, "The truth is the truth even if nobody believes it, and error is error even if everyone believes it."

In my eyes, there are many more reasons to believe and to have faith than there are reasons not to believe, or not to have faith. We're invited each and every day to KEEP THE FAITH. There are some people who point to the sins of self-professed Christians and use their sinful behavior as an excuse to lose faith in Christ. Here is something to remember in this regard – "You should never judge a church based on its sinners, but on its saints."

Saints point the way. Mary points the way. Jesus IS the Way. May the Lord find faith in our hearts when He comes.

Learning Lessons

One of the downsides of being named a pastor within the first five years of priesthood is not having the luxury of previous generations; many of whom were associate pastors for 15 to 20 years before they were named pastor. Back in the 1950s and into the 1970s, a priest

had over a decade to absorb the ins and outs of parish life; sometimes even more.

This came to mind recently when a few parishioners had pointed out the absence of baptism announcements and marriage announcements in our bulletin. Although I knew such things ran in bulletins, in the blur of arriving here and getting my bearings, I totally failed in regards to the bulletin postings.

These kinds of announcements are important to our faith community. Although I and some others may know who is being baptized and getting married, many of you do not. These are our brothers and sisters in faith, and we should inform the community. We have done this with our First Communion children and the Confirmation disciples, but I dropped the ball with baptisms and weddings and our deceased loved ones.

In the coming weeks, we will play catch up, and then going forward, list such items as they arise.

Favorite Quote of the Week:

**"The first poll of public opinion taken in the history of Christianity was on Pontius Pilate's front porch, and it was wrong."
– Fulton J. Sheen.**

Saint Rene Goupil

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of St. Rene of Goupil, the patron of our parish. It is the time in the year that we reflect on his life and remember to appreciate how he continues to influence our parish community in the way he lived.



He was a man of God who showed great courage and the perfect example of how an ordinary man can make some extraordinary choices in his life in putting God first. Even with the many disappointments in his life he never questioned God.

St. Rene was born at St. Martin Du Bois, France in 1608. Rene's father was a surgeon who taught him medical skills that he would use later in his life. His father died when Rene was only 12. It was a very tragic time but he never gave up his love for God. In later years he saw a need to serve God, so at the age of 31 Rene entered the Jesuit Novitiate in Paris. Three months later he was dismissed from the Novitiate because of partial deafness. In facing this disappointment he found another way of serving. In 1640, he sailed from France to come to New York and became a lay assistant to the Jesuit Missionaries in Canada. In July of 1642, Rene met St. Isaac Jogues, a Jesuit priest and volunteered to work with him among the Huron Indians. Fr. Jogues immediately accepted Rene because his medical skills were invaluable in the work of the Jesuits in caring for the sick and wounded American Indians.

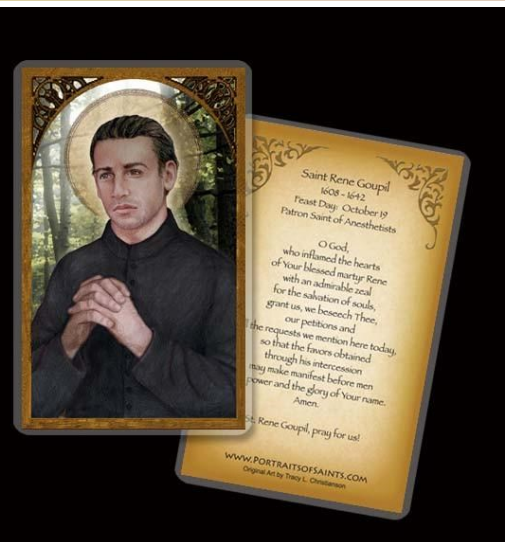
The North American Missionaries worked very hard with the Indians to win their trust in the hope that they could begin the mission of spreading the

Gospel message to their tribes. The life of a missionary is never easy, especially when there are language and cultural barriers that prevented the Good News to be communicated in the manner it was presented. St. Rene was brutally tortured for his work in bringing God to the people and later killed for making the Sign of the Cross on the forehead of an Indian child. Before Rene died, Father Isaac Jogues administered the vows for St. Rene to become a member of the Society of Jesus.

St. Rene continues to live in the hearts of each and every one of us. As Christian Disciples we can continue the Missionary work St. Rene started almost 379 years ago right here in our own parish community. First of all we can pray, for all to continue to work as Missionaries in our own Parish community. We can especially pray for our pastor, Father Bob. Just as St. Rene helped the Indians receive comfort and care from sicknesses and wounds, our faithful Ministers of Care help comfort the sick in bringing Jesus to those who are unable to come to church. For the dedicated catechists who continue to teach about Jesus to our children in the parish, may St. Rene be an inspiration to them in the work they do as missionaries, in proclaiming the Good News, to our Young Church. God's plan for St. Rene was to teach, heal and be a missionary to people that needed to hear about God. As Baptized Catholics we too, have an obligation to serve God, however He may call us to serve.

Let us pray this weekend, for the courage and compassion that St. Rene showed in his life in serving God with an open heart and as a person who saw God in everyone he met.

May God continue to Bless the people of St. Rene Goupil Parish.



Music Ministry Opportunities at St. Rene Parish

In my last article, I wrote about the health benefits of singing at Mass. There is, however, an additional benefit that I intentionally omitted. That is the benefit of singing in a group. Singing in a group offers us a sense of belonging to something bigger than ourselves. It helps us feel that we are needed by the larger community. It can also improve your social life, and widen your circle of friends.



Perhaps you should think about joining one of our choirs. Music is an extremely important part of the liturgy at St. Rene, and as such, we have four different groups from which parishioners may choose to participate.

The **Adult Choir** is open to all parishioners. This choir sings predominantly at the 9:30am Sunday Mass, and on Church holidays. Rehearsals are held each Tuesday from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. The repertoire consists of traditional Catholic literature, as well as more rhythmic, contemporary Catholic and Christian music. This is a very spirited group, and a wonderful way to become an integral part of our community.

The **Resurrection Choir** sings at all funerals. In addition to singing songs to console the family in their time of grief, the mere presence of the Resurrection Choir in the Church provides a sense of peace and comfort. The repertoire consists of traditional Catholic funeral music, and new songs are sometimes learned before the Funeral Mass to enhance the repertoire of this group.

The **Children's Choir** sings at Mass once a month, and on special occasions. This choir is open to all Religious Education students. The music consists of traditional and contemporary, rhythmic music, sung with joy and exuberance. This choir brings an energy to the Mass, and adds a new spirit to the liturgy.

Instrumentalists are also welcome. Whatever your instrument, I will work with you on an individual basis, and you can play a meditative song during Mass when you feel comfortable with it. This is also a great way to improve your musical skills.

New members are **always** welcome. No formal training or audition is required – just the love of music, and the desire to serve.

If you have any questions, or would like to speak to me about the Music Ministry at St. Rene, feel free to talk to me after Mass, or leave a message for me at the Rectory. It is my hope that we fill St. Rene with meaningful music throughout the year.

In song and faith,
Steve Kittler
Music Director

A Prayer for “Renew My Church”



Lord Jesus, you speak to us today,
as you spoke to holy men and women
who have gone before us.
In every age and in our own time,
you call to us and say: Renew My Church.
Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us,
and so enable us
to hear you clearly
to listen to each other attentively
to imagine our future boldly
to discern your direction wisely
to persevere in your holy will courageously
to stay together in charity

to surrender our own plans readily
to embrace the greater good
to hand on your gifts to future generations.
May we remain in the holy company of
the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles and all the saints.
May their example and presence
inspire us with patient confidence
in the work of your grace.
We ask this of you who live and reign
with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever. Amen



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Peg Siebenaler

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Confirmation Parent/Student/Sponsor Mass & Meeting

Today, we welcome our Confirmandi, their parents and sponsors to the 9:30am Faith Formation Family Mass. Following mass our Pastor, Fr. Robert Regan will address this group who are on their journey to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 8, 2020. We happily anticipate his time with us because we know he will encourage our Confirmation candidates to share the good news of Jesus by their witness to Gospel values and their care for those in need. Please remember to include the Confirmation Candidates, their parents, and their sponsors in your prayers.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10/20: Family Mass 9:30am
(Special Mass for Level 8)
Confirmation Parent, Student,
Sponsor meeting...(after mass)
St. Rene Feast Day
- 10/23: Classes for all levels
- 10/27: Family Mass 9:30am
- 10/30: Classes for all levels
- 10/31: HAPPY HALLOWEEN
- 11/1: ALL SAINTS DAY
- 11/2: ALL SOULS DAY
- 11/3: Family Mass 9:30am
- 11/6: Classes for all Levels

Prayer



Reminder

Level Two Students:

Alize Abarca
Maya Cervantes
Gianna Delgado
Maggie Dybas
Camila Gutierrez
Enzo Hernandez
Sophia Hernandez
Nathan Mora
Chrystian Ostrowski
Samiya Ramirez
Grace Sepulveda
Natalie Sepulveda
Leyla Valenzuela

Level Eight Students:

Maria Cruz
Isabella Escobedo
Maya Gonzalez
Itzel Gonzalez
Jesus Gonzalez
Ismael Guzman
Natalia Guzman
Johnathan Hughes
Gizel Valenzuela

The Feast of St. Rene October 20th

If the only prayer you said in your whole life was "thank you", that would suffice.
Meister Eckhart



As we celebrate the feast day of our Patron Saint, we remember and celebrate God's goodness and all those parishioners that have gone before us who contributed greatly to this awesome parish. We especially remember and are grateful for Edward N. Surges, who with his gifts helped lay the foundation for a community that makes caring, compassion, acceptance, and service their hallmark. Thank you to Fr. Robert Regan who continues to build on the legacy of this Beautiful Parish which is St. Rene!

Our level 8 students are on their journey toward the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation on May 8th. Our level 2 students are preparing for Reconciliation on January 15th and will then prepare to receive Jesus in the sacrament of the Eucharist on May 3rd. We invite you to please prayerfully remember all of these young people.....that they will continue to be faithful disciples of Jesus.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, October 19, 2019

4:00pm—Edward & Angeline Cieslewski (Family)
 4:00pm—Ted, Anne & Tom Kollock (Maxine)
 4:00pm—Joseph Lascola (Family)

Sunday, October 20, 2019

7:30am—Wilbur Skiba (Alice Cello)
 7:30am—Robert Reily (Carol)
 9:30am—Allen Szudarski (Family)
 11:30am—Louis Rapacz (Family)

Monday, October 21, 2019

8:00am—Stelle Brower (Family)

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

8:00am—Robert Okrzesik (Family)

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

8:00am—Edward J. Duffy, Sr. (Family)

Thursday, October 24, 2019

8:00am—James Shaughnessy (Family)
 8:00am—Dolores Michaels (Friend)

Friday, October 25, 2019

8:00am—Adele Sarlitto (Mary Sarlitto)

Saturday, October 26, 2019

8:00am—Jonathan C. Ramirez (Family)
 4:00pm—Bruno Bury (John & Joseph Gavin)

Sunday, October 27, 2019

7:30am—Phillip O'Brien (Family)
 9:30am—Fred Borowski (Geri Tomaselli)
 11:30am—Metropolitan Members & Friends (Eleanor Welps)



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 Judy Adelsbach
 Larry Adkins
 Guadalupe Almendarez
 Anthony Barone
 Carl Bell
 Joanne Bukowiecki
 Gina Camp
 Dominic Ciampaglia
 Margaret Ciampaglia

Mitchell Gallas
 Geri Gestaut
 Robert Hilbruner
 Rose Ann Lindsay
 Lori McCarthy
 Kenneth Milewski
 William Nita
 Rochelle Piegari
 Joseph Rice
 Edward Robertson
 Judith Siwek
 Michael Tallon
 Sandra Tallon
 Scott Tloczek
 Shirley Tloczek
 Joan Wilhelmy
 Richard Zaleski

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands, protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord.

E-7 Chief Mark Porcelli

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Monday - Saturday at 8:00am

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

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

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9:00am - 3:00pm

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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.

**New Parishioners are always welcome at St. Rene.
Our doors and hearts are open to you.
Please stop in the office to join our Parish family.**



Mass	4:00PM October 26, 2019	7:30AM October 27, 2019	9:30AM October 27, 2019	11:30AM October 27, 2019
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