

Saint Rene Goupil Catholic Church

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*Take care to guard
against all greed,
for though one
may be rich,
one's life does not
consist of possessions.
Luke 12:15*

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Today's readings are quite sobering.

We live in a culture that seeks to sanitize death. If you bring up the inevitability of our death, you're seen as morbid; or at the very least a Debbie Downer.

And yet, it is living with the end in mind that gives perspective to each and every day. If you believe the body's death is truly the end, then it is no wonder anxiety and angst begin to rule the day.

As Christians, however, we believe death does not have the final say. The sorrow of Good Friday blossoms into the glory of Easter Sunday. Jesus' suffering, death, resurrection and ascension conquered sin, death, and evil. Jesus invites everyone to share in this Pascal Mystery. Yes, we die. Yes, we live again. That's why we can be JOY-filled, even amidst earthly chaos.

Many choose to accept the invitation; but far too many have chosen, and will continue to choose, to say "No thanks."

With the glory of heaven dismissed, we then seek to build our own heaven here on earth. We pile up riches, build bigger houses, entertain ourselves to death, amass more stuff, and fight over material goods; all in an effort to control what we can control. In reality, there is very little in life we actually control (Think about that for a while).

Jesus says in today's Gospel, "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong? Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.

Reality check: there are no U-Haul trailers attached to hearses in funeral processions (at least not that I have yet seen).

Anyone who has ever lost a loved one eventually has to go through their possessions – aka their stuff. This can be very difficult. Once the tears have dried, we realize we might keep a few sentimental things, but what about the rest? Usually ends up being given away (Salvation Army, St. Vincent DePaul, a friend in need).

Our STUFF does not go with us, but our LOVE does, because love is stronger than death. There is that wise saying that goes something like this ... "The only thing you take with you when you die is what you have given away." It will be your love – your charity – that survives the grave.

If the Lord were to call you Home this evening, would you be ready?

That's a sobering question.

The world continues to play its silly little power games. Some politicians continue to play the lie/deception game (and some bishops join them), some business icons amass billions,

some rich celebrities lose sight of reality and begin telling you how to live, and some religious leaders lose sight of the Gospel of Jesus and replace it with the luxurious self-centered Gospel of Me.

Today's readings invite us to regain perspective. We will die (that's a fact) -- but thanks be to God (to Jesus) we shall live ... FOREVER.

Don't worry about the stuff you're leaving behind. Think TODAY about what you're going to take with you. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. What is your heart set on?

Quote of the Week:

"If your life is Christ, then your death will only be more of Christ, forever. If your life is only Christlessness, then your death will be only more Christlessness, forever. That's not fundamentalism, that's the law of non-contradiction." – Peter Kreeft.



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



Memorial Mass for Edward Surges

(former pastor of St. Rene Goupil)

Saturday, August 10 - 10:00am in the Main Church

(Light reception to follow in the church narthex)



Need A Laugh???

Then Save the Date

Comedy, Comedy, Comedy

**Sunday, September 22, 2019
2:00 pm—4:30 pm**

St. Rene Church's Flannery Hall

**Come join St. Rene Church
for an afternoon of delight
with comedian VITO ZATTO**

Expect a fun-filled afternoon

More information coming soon



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

Can you knit or crochet? Would you like to make someone feel a warm hug who is sick or in need of kindness?

If you are interested, please call the Parish Office (773-229-8523) and leave your name and phone number. You will be contacted by a fellow parishioner who will get you involved in our St. Rene Prayer Shawl Ministry.

This can be an amazing ministry and certainly falls under the heading of a work of mercy—caring for the sick.

What's it Mean? Catholic Vocabulary

Pectoral Cross

Worn on the breast and hanging from the neck by means of a string or chain; this cross became part of the costume of all bishops around the 12th Century. Of gold or of gilded silver, it contains some relics of martyrs or other Saints and often a particle of the true Cross. Precious stones frequently decorate it. Popes, bishops, and certain other prelates may wear it everywhere, during liturgical functions or over street clothes.



Our Catholic Faith

By Fr. Bob Regan

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20

Let's address something of importance right now!

There are people within the St. Rene AND the St. Symphorosa communities who are saying that, as part of Renew My Church, the OTHER parish is closing. There are people within St. Sym's who say St. Rene is closing. And people within St. Rene who claim St. Symphorosa is closing.

My invitation to all of us is to STOP this uninformed neighborhood gossip.

I am personally involved in every step of the Renew My Church process as it pertains to St. Rene and St. Symphorosa, which is also referred to as the 63rd Street Grouping. We began this process late last January when it was first announced our two parishes would begin discernment.

Fr. Idzi is also involved, as are five parishioners from St. Rene, and five parishioners from St. Sym's. We are currently involved in the discernment process. We have formally met twice as a group, and will be meeting again in September to tour each other's campuses and begin more intense discernment. These meetings will continue through late October.

The goal is see how we can best serve the Catholic community of Clearing on the southwest side of Chicago. This is an opportunity to be creative and think how we can best use current structures to continue what the Church has always done – proclaim the good news of salvation, and serve one another in love.

The information and knowledge acquired in these meetings will then be shared with the Archbishop of Chicago, the Renew My Church team, and the Presbyterial

Council. They will use the information provided by St. Rene/St. Sym's to make an informed decision as to how things will look in this area in the near future.

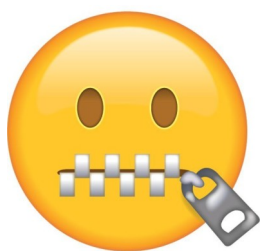
We will be offering numerous scenarios for consideration. Now, in all honesty, is there a chance one of our parishes will close? Yes! Is it likely? No! I don't think that will happen. But the reality right now is that a final decision has NOT been made. So NO ONE from either of our parishes knows the truth. If they do, I would invite them to come see me and share with me how they know the truth of the matter, and I do not yet know it. They can inform me.

Our goal should be to create, in same fashion, a flourishing Catholic community for this area of Chicago. We want to have reverent celebrations of the Mass, quality liturgical music, devotions, altar servers, lay ministers, community outreach, etc, etc. This is difficult to make happen when resources are tight, and we put more money into aging physical plants than we do into evangelization and service.

If Renew My Church is about Christ, and remains about Christ and His Mission, we can look forward to great things in the Catholic Clearing Community. If it is NOT about Christ and His mission, but is instead about personal agendas, guarding territory, and holding onto grudges, then we will suffer as Catholic communities.

Please pray the Renew My Church prayer found in the bulletin. Pray it today and every Sunday until November. Pray that the Holy Spirit INSPIRE us to be the best we can be as Christian disciples on our pilgrim way.

And selfishly, please pray for me.





Faith Formation Office
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Peg Siebenaler

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COMING ATTRACTIONS:

Aug. – Faith Formation Registrations.

Sept. - Classes begin after Labor Day.

Oct. – Holy Fire.



Holy Fire is a wonderful event designed around bringing young people together to witness their Catholic faith. It is also a great opportunity for teens, particularly those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation to reflect more deeply on the gifts of the Holy Spirit which they will receive when they are confirmed. Please keep our upcoming Level 8 students in your prayers as they experience Holy Fire this October.

“WHO, ME?”

As we prepare for another year of faith formation, we again invite more of our parishioners to the Ministry of Catechist. We are **NOT** looking for scripture scholars or dogmatic, experts – just ordinary Catholics who love God, Jesus, and the Church so much that they want to share their faith with others.

In the spirit of good stewardship, please consider the ministry of Catechist...faith sharer. Help deepen the relationship our children have with Jesus by sharing your strong faith with them.

If your response to this invitation is “Who, me?”,
Our response is...“Sure, why not?”

We’re not asking, Jesus is!”



Important

**Look for our Faith Formation
Registration Table
in the Narthex of the Church.....**

Date: Sunday, August 11th

Time: 8:30am until 11:30am.



2019-2020

Registration Information

Registration materials for the 2019-2020 Faith Formation classes are now available in the Narthex, or you may stop into the parish office to register.

Both new and returning families need to register for next year. For 2019-2020, we will continue to offer Faith Formation sessions, for grades 1- 8, on Wednesday evenings, from 6:00 – 7:30pm. Classes begin after Labor Day and end in May.

Please call Peggy, in the Faith Formation Office at (773) 229-8523 with any questions. We are grateful for your support.



Preschool and Kindergarten Information

Help your Preschool and/or Kindergarten child get to know Jesus and themselves better. Help them see themselves as special in God’s eyes!

Enroll now in our Faith Formation for Preschool and Kindergarten students. Classes will meet every other Sunday morning from 9:15am – 10:30am beginning after Labor Day. This is where they can gather with children of their age to open their minds and hearts to Jesus by simple prayer, crafts, music, and hands-on activities.

Please contact Peg (Rapacz) Siebenaler in our Faith Formation Office for more information.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, August 3, 2019

4:00pm—Ken Surma (Health & Family)

Sunday, August 4, 2019

7:30am—Zeneida Narea (Vince Narea)

9:30am—Alice Tomczak (John & Judy Scehovic)

11:30am—Ben P. & Estelle Shafer (Ben & Judy Shafer)

Monday, August 5, 2019

8:00am—Rose Litviak (Family)

Tuesday, August 6, 2019

8:00am—Altar & Rosary Members (A & R Society)

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

8:00am—Dolores Michaels (Friend)

Thursday, August 8, 2019

8:00am—Zeneida Narea (Vince Narea)

Friday, August 9, 2019

8:00am—Bob Rogalin (Janice Shadley)

Saturday, August 10, 2019

8:00am—David Vasquez (Family)

4:00pm—Marion Tulik (Marge Tulik)

4:00pm—Aurora Lopez & Lupe Hernandez (Almendarez Family)

Sunday, August 11, 2019

7:30am—Edward Cechura (Family)

9:30am—Anthony, Josephine & Laura Pelegrino (Family)

9:30am—Alice Tomczak (Sharon & Andy Jennings)

11:30am—Joan Stephens (Husband & Children)



Martin Adelsbach
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
Barb Stoyak
Mike 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



St. Rene Devotional Candle

TAT—Maxine Carey
Ray & Aletha Gilreath



The next
Super Bingo/Raffle
will be
August 18



Free Job Fair

Wednesday, **August 7**

Noon to 3pm

Madigan-Quinn Service Office
6500 S. Pulaski Rd

Jennifer (773) 581-1313 for more information

July 27/28, 2019 Offering

Total envelopes	\$3,358.00
Total loose cash	\$ 698.00
Total Sunday Giving	\$4,056.00
St. Rene Utilities Fund	\$1,140.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Altar & Rosary Society Cleaning Schedule—Aug. 9/10

Irene Korosa & Toni Ptak

Parish Staff

Rev. Bob Regan
Pastor

Rev. Peter Paurazas
Pastor Emeritus

Karen Hoogland
Businesss Manager

Peg Siebenaler
Faith Formation

Irene Perconti
Administrative Assistant

Adam Chlebek
Organist

Joanne Tishka
Bulletin Coordinator

Stanley Silacz
Maintenance Supervisor

Daily Masses

Monday - Saturday at 8:00am

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 4:00pm

(Confessions from 3:15 - 3:45pm)

Sunday

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

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Saturday
9:00am - 3:00pm

Parish Office

6949 West 63rd Place
Phone (773) 229-8523

Email

office@strenegoupil.org

Website

www.strenegoupil.org

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 August 10, 2019	7:30AM August 11, 2019	9:30AM August 11, 2019	11:30AM August 11, 2019
	Linda Dobias Frank Zalewski Diane Biondo Russ Dober Nancy Gunnell	Arlene Caparrelli Amy Shanahan James Roche Pat O'Brien-Kenney	Jack Orsi Joan Orsi Norine Abramovic Kay Marks Marie Zilka	Kathy Przekwas John Strompolis Bernard Carey Charlie Murphy Julie Wojcik
	Jeannine Lascola	Leo Crotty	Jerry Hughes	Joanne Tishka

