

Saint Rene Goupil Catholic Church

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My steps have been
steadfast in your paths,
my feet have not faltered.
I call upon you,
for you will answer me,

O God.

Psalm 17:5–6

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Fr. Bob's Weekly Blog



Either it is true or it is not true.

What? The Resurrection; first off Jesus rose from the dead, and then, when all things are brought to fulfillment at the end of time, those who hold the hand of Christ as a means to salvation.

Interestingly we live in a society that thinks there can be two truths – one truth for you and another truth for others. This is called Relativism. Relativism is the doctrine that knowledge, truth, and morality exist in relation to culture, society or historical context, and are not absolute.

Very few folks would dispute that 2 + 2 equals 4. Pretty objective. However, in the realm of morality and faith-claims we wade in murkier waters. Here's an example. One person says, "God exists," while the person across the debate table claims, "God does not exist."

Can both statements be true? There is both God and not God.

One of the dogmatic teachings of our Christian faith is the truth of the death and resurrection of Jesus from the dead. This is either true or it is not true. If Jesus of Nazareth literally suffered, died, rose and ascended, then He is truly King of kings and Lord of lords. We bow down toward such Truth.

However, if Jesus died, but the resurrection did not happen, then our faith is built upon a lie, and we'd best pursue some other truth.

This is why each one of us at some point has to personally profess our faith. We have to say "I believe."

There are those people who will say, "There is no way some dead person rose from the dead." To this we say, "Were you there?" No, they weren't,

so we have to base all this on authority.

If I get lost on my way to Wyoming and decide to pull off the road and buy a map, I have to trust the authors of the purchased map. I will assume the map has the correct road markers to get me where I need to go. I don't personally know the map maker, but I trust that following this map will help me reach my destination. (Do you trust Google Maps?)

So who is the authority behind the truth claim of Jesus rose from the dead, or Jesus did not rise from the dead? Good question. And who is the authority behind the truth claim God exists, or God does not exist? Inquiring minds want to know. But in the end, there can be only one truth.

For us as Catholic Christians, the authority is the 2,000-plus year history of the Church. God has given us a map to follow. God is the ultimate Authority. We are free to accept this, to guess on our own, to make up our own claims, or to reject the map. None of that changes the truth. God is, or God is not. Jesus rose or Jesus did not.

The last paragraph of today's second reading gives us food for thought.

It reads, "We are confident of you in the Lord that what we instruct you, you are doing and will continue to do. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the endurance of Christ."

And the second half of our Gospel points to a future resurrection; that those who are children of God will rise. We have our life in God. This is our faith.

We are free to ascent to it, or to reject it.

The Enemy is doing its best to pull us all out of relationship with God; and in the process to tear us apart – to divide us by any means necessary. Reject it. Direct

your heart to the love of God. Accept His love for you. Trust in the Lord. Delight in the Lord. Be still in the Lord.

Let the truth be what it is.

Charity Opportunities!!!

Wow! It's already November, and next thing you know, it's December. And then? 2020.

This is a great time of year to lean into charity. There are many ways we can put our faith in action for those in need. St. Rene conducts a Coat & Winter Wear Drive. We also have our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. We also have Care Packages for Military Personnel. Keep an eye on the bulletin for opportunities.

You might even have some private charity you have chosen to give to on a regular basis. It's all great, and it reminds us of the spiritual importance of helping those in need.

Please accept my appreciation in advance for all your generosity during the HOLY DAY season. Avoid the temptation of our materialistic culture, and make the spiritual a priority as we journey through Thanksgiving to Christmas and beyond.

Quote of the Week:

"When we rise again with glorified bodies, in the power of the Lord, these bodies will be white and resplendent as the snow, more brilliant than the sun, more transparent than crystal, and each one will have a special mark of honor and glory, according to the support and endurance of torments and sufferings, willingly and freely borne to the honor of God."

– Jan Van Ruysbroeck



Veteran's Day 2019

Dear Lord, Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them. We pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness. Amen



Thanksgiving Food Drive

We are once again sponsoring a parish-wide food drive this Thanksgiving. We ask all parishioners and parish groups/organizations to help the cause.

Donations of all kinds of non-perishable items are needed. Please bring a donation each weekend until Thanksgiving. We ask that the donations be brought up and placed at the foot of the altar during the offertory procession. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Help us "Fill the Altar" with food for the needy.

Coat and Winter Wear Drive

We are collecting winter coats, jackets, scarves, gloves and mittens. We are collecting these items for men, women and children of all ages. Donations can be placed in the special boxes in the narthex of the church.

We hope everyone will help to make this upcoming winter a little more bearable for those in need.



Do-



The St. Rene Altar & Rosary Society is sponsoring a Bakery & Rosary Sale on the weekend of November 16 & 17. The sale will take place before and after

every Mass. There is something for everyone. There will be rosaries on sale, and also someone who can repair broken rosaries. The Visitation Rosary Makers will also collect any unwanted rosaries so they can donate to those in need. Ladder rosaries will also be on sale, including Christmas and Irish rosaries, Saint Philomena, and many other items for sale to raise money for pro-life and other non-profit organizations. These proceeds go to help worthy causes. Thank you for your generosity



Mass will be in the main church at 9 a.m on Thursday, November 28. We gather to give thanks to God. Come join us as a St. Rene Community.

Thanksgiving Day Mass



We invite everyone to join us for our next "Super Bingo/Raffle" on Sunday, November 17.

Doors will open at 12:30pm and games will begin at 1:30pm.

The cost is \$20 per person. Tickets will be sold in the narthex and at the door.

Catholic Vocabulary - What Does it Mean?

Ciborium

This sacred vessel is a covered (sometimes uncovered) container in which are reserved the small hosts used for distribution of Communion. In the early centuries it had various forms, made of boxwood, copper, ivory, and other metals. Today it may be made from any noble and solid metal or durable material that the local bishops consider suited for sacred use.



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

Where are we right now in the Renew My Church process?

Good question! Here's where we are:

The discernment teams from both St. Rene and St. Symphorosa are currently finalizing a report that will be presented on December 18th, 2019. The two groups have spent the past few months looking at the spiritual and physical realities of both parishes. They've poured over a lot of factual information while also talking about the emotional and faith challenges we face as we give our advice to those who represent the Archdiocese of Chicago Renew My Church team.

This is a good time to personally thank the parishioners from both St. Rene and St. Symphorosa who have given to this discernment phase a lot of their own personal time. These parishioners are not being paid, but have said “yes” because they care, and caring goes a long way to making decisions based on more than economic realities.

Those who have given of their time and talent for St. Rene Parish are: Ben Shafer, Julie Wojcik, John Strompolis, Carole & Mark Dill, and Charlie Murphy. They each have years of service to St. Rene, and they have done their best to help a good decision to be made.

Once members of both teams (along with their respective pastor) present on Dec. 18 our proposal to members of the Archdiocesan RMC Team, we will await a January decision from the Archbishop of Chicago. The Cardinal will receive plenty of information and advisement prior to the final decision.

Here is a reminder of what three scenarios were on the table: Scenario #1 - St. Symphorosa and St. Rene will merge to form one new parish. The school will be at the St. Sym's site. Scenario #2 - St. Symphorosa Church and School will close and the parish/school will be located at the current St. Rene campus. Scenario #3 - St. Rene Parish will close and parish/school will be located at the St. Symphorosa campus.

The only scenario that is not a reality is that we do nothing. Doing nothing is not on the table.

We live in a heavily Catholic area of the city. This is a great opportunity for us to truly embrace renewal. This is not some new gimmick or marketing campaign. It is about MISSION, but we have to have a stable, safe, economically sensible infrastructure to DO MISSION -- the mission is to make disciples, build communities, and inspire witness.

If we make this truly about Jesus, and trust in the power of the Holy Spirit, we'll see some amazing things happen as we prepare for the next 25-30 years. If we make this about ourselves, and buildings and territory, we may as well set the time clock of our demise. Our choices and attitudes will matter.

Jesus is not going to inspect our buildings at the end of time. He will look into our hearts. What will he find?

Please pray during these next couple months that the Holy Spirit touch hearts, inspire minds, and unite us as ONE people in Christ.

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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St. Rene students in our Faith Formation Program made cards for the Veterans thanking them for serving our country & protecting our freedoms!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 11/10: Family Mass 9:30am**
- 11/11: Veterans Day**
- 11/13: NO CLASSES**
- 11/17: Family Mass 9:30am**
- 11/20: Classes for all Levels**
- 11/24: Family Mass 9:30am**
- 11/27: NO CLASSES**
- 11/28: HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
- 12/1: Family Mass 9:30am
First Sunday of Advent**
- 12/4: Classes for all Levels**
- 12/8: Family Mass 9:30am
Second Sunday of Advent**
- 12/11: Classes for Level 8 ONLY**
- 12/15: Family Mass 9:30am
Third Sunday of Advent**

Jesus is the Light of the World

At Baptism, we are all given a lighted candle. This reminds us to live as followers of Jesus, *The Light of the World*. Some of our Faith Formation students have been given the opportunity to construct their own lighthouses with their families.



The weekend of November 23/24, all their beautiful work will be on display in the narthex of the Church. Please take a moment and visit the display. May these lighthouses serve as a reminder for us to be *Shining Lights, in world*.



Thank You, LORD!

As we celebrate this season of giving thanks, the St. Rene Faith Formation program will be remembering the less fortunate. This

year, we will join with our fellow parishioners in helping to "Fill the Altar" with food for the needy.

When our students attend mass or when they come to Faith Formation, on Wednesday evenings, we are asking them to bring in non-perishable food items each week until Thanksgiving. We are thankful for your participation in the Thanksgiving Food Drive.



Living Nativity On Christmas Eve

Christmas is just around the corner! We will gather once again to celebrate the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ! One of our Christmas traditions here at Saint Rene is The Children's Christmas Mass, which we celebrate on Christmas Eve at 4pm. At this Mass the children of our Faith Formation Program will be celebrating Jesus' Birthday. As part of this special Mass, the children will re-enact the Christmas Story as well as sing beautiful Christmas Carols. Mr.

Steve Kittler, our music director, invites one and all to begin preparing for this very special mass. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** Please join us! Together let us share in the real meaning of Christmas! (contact Peg or Steve in the Parish Office for more information.)

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, November 9, 2019

4:00pm—Paddy Sheeran (Murphy Family)
4:00pm—Stanley, Sr. & Barbara Wisnowicz (Patricia Wisnowicz)

Sunday, November 10, 2019

7:30am—Oliver Saucedo (Sister, Maria)
7:30am—Mary Cerv (Mary Sarlito)
9:30am—Gloria Kochan (Family)
9:30am—Leonard Sowinski (Family)
11:30am—Mary Amarino (Family)

Monday, November 11, 2019

8:00am—Stephanie Adam (Barb Stoyak)

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

8:00am—Marilyn Weleba (Diane Biondo)
8:00am—Larry Piotrowski (Jeanie)

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

8:00am—Helen Frank (Family)

Thursday, November 14, 2019

8:00am—Raymond Sutkowski, Sr. (Capparelli Family)

Friday, November 15, 2019

8:00am—Anthony Mascolino (Family)

Saturday, November 16, 2019

8:00am—Janie Thompson (Marie Zilka)
4:00pm—Ted, Anne & Tom Kollock (Maxine)
4:00pm—Tom Kram - Speedy Recovery (Stella Kostynowich)

Sunday, November 17, 2019

7:30am—Caterina & Gaspare Amaro (Giuseppe Amaro)
7:30am—Lucille Shotas (Grisius Family)
9:30am—Joan Vaccaro (Family)
9:30—Raymond Sutkowski, Sr. (Solcani Family)
11:30am—Thomas E. Murray (Family)



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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
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Lori McCarthy
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Edward Robertson
Judith Siwek
Michael Tallon
Sandra Tallon
Scott Tloczek
Shirley Tloczek
Joan Wilhelmy
Richard Zaleski



St. Rene Devotional Candle

TAT—Maxine Carey
Edward John Robertson - Speedy Recovery
David Hastings - Special Intentions
Private Intention
Special Intentions for the Ballone Family
M. Sangpeal - Special Intentions



Joseph Scumaci
& Katrina LaVerde
Married on 11/2/2019
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November 2/3, 2019 Offering

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Total Sunday Giving	\$5,398.00
St. Rene Building & Maintenance	\$1,162.00
All Saints Day	\$ 921.00
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Thank you for your generosity!



CAPS Beat 812 Meeting

Please join us at 7:00pm
St. Symphorosa Parish Center
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019
Facilitator: John Kurtovich



Altar & Rosary Society
Cleaning Schedule—Nov. 15/16
Irene Korosa & Toni Ptak

Parish Staff

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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

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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 November 16, 2019	7:30AM November 17, 2019	9:30AM November 17, 2019	11:30AM November 17, 2019
	Linda Dobias Russ Dober Diane Biondo Dan Bartusiak Nancy Gunnell	Arlene Capparelli Amy Shanahan James Roche Alice Shaer	Kay Marks Barb Grzenia Jack Orsi Joan Orsi Debbie Rudar	Kathy Przekwas Mark Dill Carole Dill Monica Wojcik Julie Wojcik
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