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Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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LUKE 10:20

July 7, 2019





Fr. Bob's Weekly Blog



Question: “Fr. Bob, what do you think is one of the biggest challenges we’re facing today as a society?”

Answer: “Whoa! Now there is a challenging question.”

Take a moment and ponder the aforementioned question. (Pause for contemplation).

Each of us can start rattling off any number of things, and we would each answer from our unique perspective. While one person might cite hunger, another could say homeless or addiction.

However, one of the biggest challenges we face as a society today – including within the Church – is a loss of the transcendent. What does that mean Fr. Bob? Transcendence means the awesome otherness of God; the One who is the Creator of ALL that exists.

Think of it this way. Living in the city of Chicago deprives us of experiencing the awesomeness of a star-filled nighttime sky. Our bright city lights blind us of the heavens. However, if we were to venture eight hours north into Wisconsin, we’d have quite a different view at midnight – the awesomeness of the

stars would WOW us into silence. That’s transcendence!

With no disrespect meant to Barney the Dinosaur, we’ve turned God (Jesus) into Barney. Instead of being God incarnate, who suffered, died and rose from the dead, Jesus becomes Mr. Nice Guy. And Mr. Nice Guy doesn’t inspire us toward self-sacrificing service for others.

God seems boring because we’ve become bored with God. How can this God compete with Netflix and ESPN? These earthly distractions become the bright city lights that obscure the awesome night sky. A society that loses sight of God – loses its sense of transcendence – is a society that grows cold and uncaring. And when we lose sight of God, we soon lose sight of the inherent dignity of the human person.

We will soon fail to recognize the Imago Dei (the image and likeness of God in every single human person). The result? Auschwitz. Or any other historical example of man’s inhumanity to man, and the list is long. Our guilty subconscious placates itself by making some other group or person the scapegoat for all the ills of society. THEY are the problem. If only THEY would go away.

Now is the time for all of us to re-discover the transcendent – the awesomeness of God; the One who is Truth, Goodness and Beauty. Now is the time to nourish our souls by being open to and responsive to God’s grace. Now is the time to realize artificial lights (false idols) can’t compete with the real thing. Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world.”

Our love for others and service toward others is the Light of Jesus working in and through us.

Quote of the Week:

“We can easily forgive a child for being afraid of the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light.” – Plato



Going Home

Summertime, and the scriptures are full of good news—and maybe even road trips! We hear Isaiah exhorting the Israelites after they traveled back to Jerusalem from their exile in Babylon. We hear the seventy-two disciples congratulating themselves for the going out to proclaim the Kingdom and coming back with tales of success. But the subtext of all of this is the ultimate road trip—Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and the Cross.

Imagine how elated the Israelites were, returning from their captivity in Babylon. Even better, the once-destroyed Jerusalem had been restored. Their God had saved them and they were going home. Isaiah, their prophet, assured them of God's loving care for them, comforting, like a mother, giving them abundant cause for rejoicing. Yet how did they travel? The community of Israel went together, supporting each other, but the road must have been hard on them. Their faith and trust in the merciful God of Israel sustained them.

Now imagine the seventy-two disciples being sent to preach the Kingdom and to prepare people for the Good News of Jesus coming into their lives. No food, no money, no luggage, no reservations—just their faith in Jesus and their optimistic enthusiasm for God's Kingdom. The Good Shepherd had sent his "lambs" into the world of wolves, with instructions to help them deal with rejection and hardship.

Can you imagine the disciples returning from their mission, excited, heady with the successes they experienced on the road? Although they attributed their deeds to the power of the name of Jesus, they were obviously bragging about what they accomplished. In today's second reading, Paul is writing to the community of Galatia, reminding them that the only appropriate boast is in the cross of Jesus Christ.

Expecting the cross, we might find that our fellow laborers in the fields have dwindled in number. So we pray for companions on our own journeys to walk with us in faithful joy.

Today's Readings:

Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]

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Calling All Seniors!

What's it Mean? Catholic Vocabulary

Doxology

In general, it is a prayer of praise expressing glory to God, usually honoring the Trinity. Specifically, it refers to (a) the lesser doxology said at the end of each psalm, "Glory be to the Father...; (b) the major doxology, "Glory to God," said before the Opening Prayer at Mass; (c) the most solemn doxology that concludes the Eucharistic Prayer; (d) the final stanzas of the hymns in the Liturgy of the Hours.

EVERYONE IS INVITED

The entire St. Symphorosa Community invites Fr. Bob Regan, pastor of St. Rene Parish, along with his parishioners and all of our neighbors to this years **25th Silver Jubilee Family Fest**. We look forward to the opportunity to spend time together, get to know each other and enjoy each others company during this time. If you have any questions, please reach out to our parish office at 773.767.1523.



Our Catholic Faith

By Fr. Bob Regan

Eucharistic Adoration changes lives; changes parishes.

What is Eucharistic Adoration? The worship of the Blessed Sacrament, acknowledging Christ's real presence there as incarnate God.

A priest or deacon takes the Blessed Sacrament from the tabernacle, places the Eucharist in a monstrance, and exposes it on the altar. The faithful, in turn, use that time to pray in the presence of the Lord. Sometimes the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for one hour, other times it can be multiple hours, and in some places, there is 24 hours a day, 7 days a week Adoration.

One very important aspect of Eucharistic Adoration is that the Lord not be left alone. There must always be at least one person (preferably two) present in the chapel/church.

Currently, St. Rene does not have Eucharistic Adoration as a regular practice. We would love to begin having this devotion. This might start small, but this is a devotion that can really have miraculous affects for both individual persons and for a parish as a whole.

Please feel free to give me some feedback on your interest.

In a world that is increasingly loud and more distracted, Eucharistic Adoration is a wonderful counter to such worldly noise and anxiety. Time spent in stillness and quiet before the Lord brings nourishment to the soul. Admittedly, Eucharist Adoration can initially make some folks uneasy because they are not used to sitting still and remaining in silence. All kinds of things suddenly rush to the forefront. Easy to get up and leave.

But the Lord invites us to spend time with Him. Can you spare an hour on occasion?

Teresa wrote, "The Eucharist is connected with the Passion ... To make sure that we do not forget, Jesus gave us the Eucharist as a memorial of his love ... When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then; when you look at the Sacred Host you understand how much Jesus loves you now."

If we do decide to introduce Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, we could have it once a week, or once a month, etc. The key is to make sure we always have someone present to "keep the Lord company."

Pray that we bring this wonderful devotion to fruition here at St. Rene.

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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**May our Loving God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
watch over you
and keep alive in your heart
all that you learned this year.**

**Keep your mind on God.
Remember to pray often
and to celebrate your faith,
at home with your family
and at Mass with your faith family.**

**Keep your faith in God,
Let all the joys of summer
remind you of God's goodness.
Never forget that God
is always with you, no matter what,**

**May the God of all creation,
who comes to us in Jesus,
and lives among us in the Holy Spirit,
Keep you safe, happy and holy
this summer and always.**

Amen.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.....



Before we know it, Faith Formation classes will be starting up again and we need volunteers to staff the program. Recruiting Catechetical Ministers is a year round challenge.

We have so many wonderfully committed and faith-filled parishioners here at St. Rene! We wonder if any of you could help us out by sharing some of your deep faith with the young people of our parish community. Please call our parish office at (773) 229-8523 if you feel God may be calling you to join this ministry.



COMING ATTRACTIONS:

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.



**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.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, July 6, 2019

4:00pm—Gloria & Raul Parra (Almendarez Family)

Sunday, July 7, 2019

7:30am—Alice Tomczak (Don & Toni Ptak)

9:30am—Mary Babich (Marie Zilka)

9:30am—Dennis Berg (Castellano & Niec Families)

11:30am—James G. Uher (Family)

Monday, July 8, 2019

8:00am—Ruth Rudar (George & Debbie Rudar)

8:00am—Herman Bartkowiak, Sr. (George & Debbie Rudar)

8:00am—Mary & Louis Rapacz—(Peg)

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

8:00am—Norbert Kisala, Jr. (Family)

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

8:00am—Luigi, Bruna, Tony & Anna Tomassini (Eugene Tomassini)

Thursday, July 11, 2019

8:00am—Mary Amarino (Family)

Friday, July 12, 2019

8:00am—Charles Biondo, Sr. (Diane Biondo)

Saturday, July 13, 2019

8:00am—Robert Traynor (Family)

4:00pm—Ken Surma (Health & Family)

Sunday, July 14, 2019

7:30am—Alice Tomczak (Friend)

9:30am—Catarina & Gaspare Amaro (Giuseppe Amaro)

11:30am—Phillip O'Brien (Family)



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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



Our Beloved & Recently Deceased

Edward Surges
Alice Tomczak

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Due to an early deadline,
the offerings for the weekend of June 29/30
are not available at this time. They will be
published in a future bulletin.

Thank you for your generosity!



Bingo/Raffle - July 21
Doors open at 12:30
Games begin at 1:30
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Altar & Rosary Society
Cleaning Schedule—July 12/13
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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 July 13, 2019	7:30AM July 14, 2019	9:30AM July 14, 2019	11:30AM July 14, 2019
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