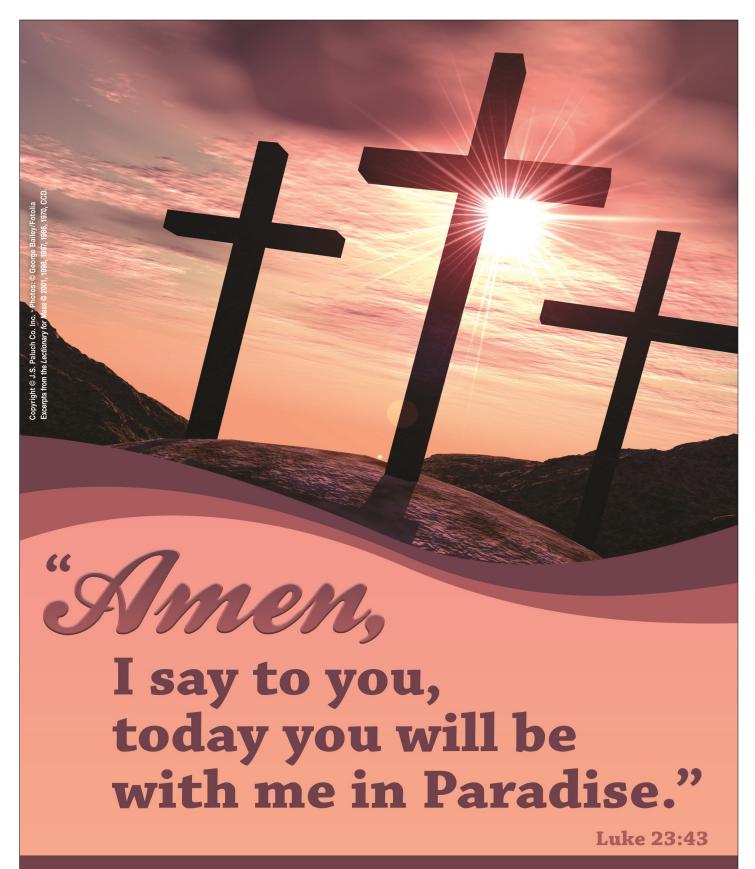
Saint Rene Goupil Catholic Church

64th Street & New England Avenue - Chicago, Illinois 60638—773-229-8523



November 24, 2019 • Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Page 2 November 24, 2019



Fr. Bob's Weekly Blog



Three wooden crosses atop Calvary.

On both sides of the crucified Jesus were two thieves. We now refer to them as the good thief and the bad thief; the former known today as Saint Dismas.

This is a powerful moment as the three men lean into death. The one thief wants Jesus – if he truly is God – to get them out of this predicament, even though the thief is guilty. The other thief sees the situation more clearly.

"Have you no fear of God, for you are subject to the same condemnation?" said Dismas. "And indeed, we have been condemned justly, for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes, but this man (Jesus) has done nothing criminal."

Now imagine this pivotal moment as Dismas turns his head and looks eye to eye with his Savior and says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Knowing death was inevitable, and perhaps having his heart stirred by the Spirit, Dismas turns to the "One who is head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead," as our second reading reminds us.

Then we hear those beautiful words of salvation spoken by the Lord. "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Wow! Jesus is King of kings, and Lord of lords.

This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. This weekend also marks the end of the liturgical year. Next weekend is the First Sunday of Advent.

So we ask ourselves today, "Who is my king?" With our own inevitable death a reality, who do you turn to in trust? Saint Dismas shows us a heart-felt prayer, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Shame on us if we place all our hopes in earthly kings. Shame on us if we expect earthly kings to be the Messiah. Sadly, there are many folks who do just that – expect some president, governor, or mayor to be the savior of the world; he or she will make all things right. We make an idol out of another human being.

For us, there is only ONE KING – the One who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible."

Which words will we emulate as we head into Advent and the Christmas season? Do we say, "Get me out of this predicament that I am responsible for?" Or do we say, echoing the words of St. Dismas, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Keep this prayer on your lips today, tomorrow, and before your last breathe.

Jesus, King of the Universe, remember me.

Giving Thanks, always!

Some of my fondest memories of childhood were the many Thanksgiving days our family celebrated. We had a rather large extended family, and the table (tables) would be filled with hungry stomachs. Despite family dysfunction, there was always a loving warmth that oozed through the conversations and delicious food. Perhaps I'm romanticizing the past, but those Thanksgivings had an effect on me, and I'm grateful.

We all have something to be grateful for, even if our lives consist of physical, emotional, or spiritual troubles. My heart is saddened when I hear stories of families who are divided over politics and they no longer gather on Thanksgiving; or Thanksgiving dinner is spoiled because some folks need to endlessly argue and debate and demean.

Are we not capable of lifting our conversations – at least for one day – to a higher realm? Here's an experiment. The next time you gather with a group of four or more people, begin timing how long it takes until the conversation turns negative. Hmmm! Likely not very long.

What are you thankful for right now, at this moment? But ask yourself, to whom are we giving thanks? Yes! The One who loved us into existence, sustains us in love this very moment, and is summoning us deeper into Love. Yup! God.

Now thank we all our God! Please join us on Thursday at 9 a.m. in the main church for our Thanksgiving Day Mass.

Favorite Quote of the Week:
"In all created things discern the providence and wisdom of God, and in all things give Him thanks." – Teresa of Avila.

Christ the King Sunday Page 3





Here Comes the Giving Tree!

We are once again sponsoring our Christmas Giving Tree to help those who are in need this holy-day season. So that we can make this a reality, we are combining the resources of parish families,

our parish organizations and Faith Formation families.

We ask that you follow these helpful guidelines:

- 1. Take a gift tag from the tree.
- 2. Purchase a gift following the instructions on the tag as to size, age, gender, etc.
- 3. You may include a greeting card in the package if you wish.
- 4. We ask that you wrap the gift and SECURELY attach the gift tag to the outside of the package. This is important so that the correct person will receive the correct gift.
- 5. All gifts must be returned by the weekend of December 7th and 8th.

If you are unable to purchase a gift but would still like to participate, donations can be placed in an envelope marked "Giving Tree" and placed in the weekend collection basket or dropped off at the St. Rene Parish Office.

Because each gift tag represents an individual or family, it is absolutely essential that ALL gift tags be returned. Please do not take a gift tag if you do not intend to purchase a gift. We do not want anyone to NOT receive a gift this Christmas. Thank you!!!



Thank you to the St. Rene parishioners who gave so generously toward the military care packages. Your support is greatly appreciated. Whether it was an actual item or a financial donation, you can be assured your gift found the grateful hands of a man or woman serving in our armed forces. The Knights of Columbus are honored and proud to help those persons protecting our freedom and the Knights are thankful to the wonderful people of St. Rene Goupil. God bless you!



Advent Bible Study

When: Every Monday during Advent December 2, 9, 16, 23 Location: St. Rene Daily Chapel Time: 9am (Exception on Dec. 9.

Bible Study will begin at 10am).

All are welcome to attend. Bring your Bible and a heart hungry for the Lord.

Page 4 November 24, 2019



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

Conversion stories are amazing. Listening to someone tell their story of coming to Christ warms the heart.

The most famous of all conversion stories is St. Paul. Yes, the same person who was once a vociferous persecutor of the early Church. On his way to Damascus to round up more Christians, he had an encounter with the risen Lord that changed his life.

And yet, amazing conversion stories are all around us. We likely don't hear about them very often, but they are out there.

An authentic conversion changes the direction of our life. Whereas the person once walked a route AWAY from God, because of some experience or encounter, the same person finds themselves turned TOWARD God in a new and lifegiving way.

What does Jesus want? Your heart; not some of it, not a portion of it, but ALL of it, and that is the reason we get scared sometimes. We're not ready to give the Lord all of our heart. The prideful part of our heart wants to hold back just enough to make us feel we're still in charge, still in control. "I can't totally let go. Surrender? Here, Jesus, take 50 percent."

What did Christ say about those who are lukewarm? "I know all about you: how you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were one or the other but since you are neither, but only lukewarm, I will spit you out of my mouth."

Whoa! Jesus. That doesn't sound like a very Christian thing to say. And yet, the Lord said it, because he wants us to see

the danger that arises from being indifferent. Christians today cannot afford to be indifferent. The shadow of the Cross is looming over our society and that can be a cause for fear on the part of many people. Remember how often Jesus told us, "Do not be afraid."

St. Teresa of Avila gives us some food for thought as we celebrate Christ the King and prepare our hearts for Advent and Christmas. She wrote, "Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion looks out on the world, yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good, and yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now."

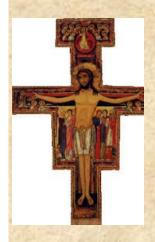
Her inspired words help us to know the vital role we are called to play in this thing we call life. We are not passive travelers on this journey. We each have a hand on the oar of salvation. The Church is the ship, and Jesus is the Captain, who has set a course for those who love Him.

If by chance you heart is lukewarm at this time, make it your daily prayer all through Advent that you find the courage and strength to let go of earthly things and grab hold of the things that are eternal. Speak to Jesus, as you would a dear friend, and make sure to listen. He desires to reveal some beautiful things to your heart.

Aerosmith and RUN-DMC both sang "Walk this Way," but they have nothing on the One who sang to us, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

Christ is King. Alleluia!

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

Christ the King Sunday Page 5



Faith Formation Office (773) 229-8523

Coordinator: Peg Siebenaler

Email: strenefaithformation@gmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS:

11/24: Family Mass 9:30am

Lighthouse Display

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



INVITA-

TION! BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER!!

ATTENTION STUDENTS 3RD THROUGH 8TH GRADERS CAN YOU ANSWER THE CALL?

Becoming an Altar Server is not only an honor but an important part in the offering of the Mass. You will be assisting the priest in the celebration of the Eucharist, which is the cornerstone of your faith. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please discuss it first with your parents, as you will be making a serious commitment.

If you have any questions, please contact Peg in the Parish Office. 773-229-8523



As we celebrate this season of giving thanks, we express our sincere appreciation to all who serve our parish in the Faith Formation Ministry. We are thankful for the blessing you are to St. Rene!



In the true spirit of Advent and Christmas, the St. Rene Faith Formation program will be remembering the less fortunate. For our Advent Outreach project this year we will join with our fellow parishioners and bring in children's Winter Wear

(ex. hats, gloves, scarves, mittens, leg warmers, sweaters etc.) Our students and their families can bring their donations to classes up until December 18th.

Thank you to all for showing concern for those in need. Wishing you and your dear families a Blessed Advent Season.



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.)

Page 6 November 24, 2019



Saturday, November 23, 2019

4:00pm—Abigail & Charles Toribio (Almendarez Family)

4:00pm—Beatrice Lucio (Family)

4:00pm—Malachy Gallagher (Maxine)

Sunday, November 24, 2019

7:30am—Health of Stephan Chavos (Grisius Family)

9:30am—Michael Rizzo (Mary Rizzo)

9:30am—Gloria Kochan (Family)

11:30am—Helen Heinen (Rubin Lopez)

11:30am—David Valles (Family)

Monday, November 25, 2019

8:00am—Recovery of Emily Sarlitto (Mary Sarlitto)

Tuesday, November 26, 2019

8:00am—Lucille S. Shotas (Nancy Shotas)

Wednesday, November 27, 2019

8:00am—Fred Borowski (Geri Tomaselli)

Thursday, November 28, 2019

9:00am—Rak & Sutkowski Families (Sutkowski Family)

9:00am—Patrick Crotty (Mary Sarlitto)

Friday, November 29, 2019

8:00am—Zeneida Narea (Vince Narea)

Saturday, November 30, 2019

8:00am—Albert Mazzone (Family)

4:00pm—Lucille Salamendo (Teri & Dan Domarskv)

4:00pm—Casimir C. Wilczynski (Family)

4:00pm—Efrain P. Herrera (Rubin Lopez)

Sunday, December 1, 2019

7:30am—Health of Nancy Shotas Chavos (Grisius

Family)

9:30am—Conception Volanti (Family)

9:30am—Charles Volanti (Family)

9:30am—MaryAnn Whitehead (Family)

11:30am—Vicente Chaidez (Rubin Lopez)

11:30am—Paul Escamilla (Rubin Lopez)



Altar & Rosary Society
Cleaning Schedule—Nov. 29/30

Marie Zilka



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 Marge Masunas 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



St. Rene Devotional Candle TAT—Maxine Carey



November 16/17, 2019 Offering

Total envelopes\$3,563.00Total loose cash\$ 910.00Total Sunday Giving\$4,473.00

Thank you for your generosity!

November 9/10, 2019 Offering

Total envelopes \$3,297.00
Total loose cash \$887.00
Total Sunday Giving \$4,184.00
Religious Ed Scholarship Fund \$771.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Christ the King Sunday Page 7

Parish Staff

Rev. Bob Regan Pastor

Rev. Peter Paurazas Pastor Emeritus

Karen Hoogland Businesss Manager

Peg Siebenaler Faith Formation

Irene Perconti
Administrative Assistant

Steve Kittler Director of Music

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

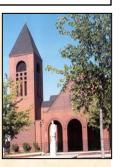
6949 West 63rd Place Phone (773) 229-8523

<u>Email</u>

office@strenegoupil.org

Website www.strenegoupil.org

Families interested in the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation/Confession, Marriage or Anointing of the Sick should contact Fr. Bob. Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound by calling the Parish Office to make arrangements. Faith Formation classes are available for children in Grades 1-8 on Wednesday evenings. Please call Peg Siebenaler in the Parish Office. 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.





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.

Donations will be accepted through December 2nd.



Super

Raffle December 8 Doors open at 12:30 Games begin at 1:30

Bingo/

Altar & Rosary

The St. Rene Altar & Rosary Society will host their annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at the Mayfield Banquet Hall from 11:30am to 3:30pm. The price of the ticket is \$25.00 per person. Guests are welcome to attend.

The deadline to purchase tickets is November 26.



The Parish Office will be closed Thursday and Friday November 28 & 29

Mass	4:00PM November 30, 2019	7:30AM December 1, 2019	9:30AM December 1, 2019	11:30AM December 1, 2019
The same of the sa	Diane Biondo Pat Gunnell Dan Bartusiak Frank Zalewski Linda Dobias	Alice Schaer Arlene Capparelli Pat O'Brien-Kenney Jack Kenney	Jack Orsi Joan Orsi Kay Marks Teena Smith Debbie Rudar	Ben Shafer Bernard Carey Kathy Przekwas John Strompolis Charlie Murphy
LECTORS	Nancy Gunnell	Leo Crotty	Joanne Tishka	Cathy Kordelewski

^koran Yuneral Home

Burial & Cremation Service & Resource Center



7300 W. Archer Ave., Summit 12401 S. Archer Rd., Lemont

(708) 458-0208

Sharon & Andy Jeninga Rich Madei

PLUMBING & SEWER Flood Control Specialists **All Types of Plumbing Repairs**

Bathroom Installations • Sump Pumps Toilets, Tubs, Sinks, Faucets

Sewers Inspected by camera

Foundation Leaks Repaired Battery Backup Systems
 Quality Work - Reasonable Prices (773) 585-1893 43 yrs. exp. Lic #058196966

EDWARD A. TYLKA DIRECTOR/MANAGER

25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO YOUR COMMUNITY

(Dignity)

6620 W. ARCHER AVE.

Please Cut Out This "Thank You Ad" and Present It The Next Time You Patronize One of Our Advertisers



Thank you for advertising in our church bulletin. I am patronizing your business because of it!



Family Owned & Operated Senior Discount =

24 Hr. Emergency Service 773.899.4401



'Our 39th Year" Since 1975 MARY ANN DYBALA Your First Choice Realton Call For FREE Market Analysis



LOOMIS FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

6350 West 63rd Street, Chicago, IL 60638 **FDI** (773) 586-6900

RIDGE FUNERAL HOME

SPECIAL DISCOUNT

TO PARISHIONERS

FOR PRE-ARRANGEMENTS Mowimy Po Polsku

& CREMATION SERVICES



Saint Margaret





800-566-6150 · www.wlpmusic.com

catholicmatc

Illinois

CatholicMatch.com/myll



Emergency Service Licensed • Bond • Insured Free Estimate Lic. #SL39 Senior Citizen Discount Member Better Business Bureau

5801 S. McVicker (773) 581-8310

Serving Your Community Since 1975 Thank You For Your Patronage!

FAMILY RESTAURANT

6200 S. ARCHER 773.585.2767

Brian Schultz Bus 🗈

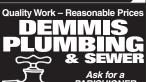


6625 W. Archer Ave. 773-788-2629

Call Me For Free Current Market Analysis or a free list of homes!



773,229,9208 **6435 W. ARCHER**



773.586.7900

www.demmisplumbing.com

773.380.1900 EMERGENCY

_eafGuard®



Sales - Service - Installation Insured, Licensed, Bonded

• Furnaces • Air Conditioners Boilers Humidifiers PARISHIONER DISCOUNT

708.485.7827 www.4AdvancedHVAC.com

Say Good-bye to Clogged Gutters!



Bus 773 586 1500 Fax 773 435 6539

Thomas P Murphy, Agent

Chicago, IL 60638-5009

6247 W 63rd Street

Call today for your FREE estimate and in-home demonstration CALL NOW 708-462-6373

"Guaranteed not to clog for as long as you own your home, or we'll clean your gutters for free.



is guaranteed never to clog or we'll clean it for FREE*

Seamless, one-piece system keeps out leaves, pine needles, and debris Eliminates the risk of falling off a ladder to clean closed gutters clean clogged gutters Durable, all-weather tested system not a flimsy attachment

eaf Guard#

Get it. And forget it.®

The Most Complete **Online National** Directory of Catholic Parishes

ONE 🕖 PARISH

Grow in your faith, find a Mass, and connect with your Catholic Community with OneParish!



Download Our Free App or Visit

MY.ONEPARISH.COM

Catholic Cruises and Tours and The Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America Take your FAITH ON A JOURNEY. Call us today at 860-399-1785 or email eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com www.CatholicCruisesandTours.com

ATTORNEY AT LAW, St. Rene Alum



 Wills • Power of Attorney • Traffic Violations • Personal Injury

• Civil Suits • Real Estate Parishioner Discount Will Come To Your Home

847.910.8004



FINDaPARISH.com

Check It Out Today!

COMPLETE CREMATION WITH ONE DAY VISITATION

\$5399¹⁰ Call For Details Direct Cremation \$149500

www.ClearingFuneralHomes.com

773.284.5755 5800 W. 63RD St.

ENTER TO WIN \$500 FOR A CHRISTMAS WISH!

RelevantRadio.com/WISH



ED THE PLUMBER ED THE CARPENTER

Best Work • Best Rate Satisfaction Guaranteed As We Do All Our Own Work Lic# 055-026066

\$\$ Parishioner Discount \$\$ 773-471-1444