

# Saint Rene Goupil Catholic Church

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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

You cannot  
serve both God  
and mammon.

Luke 16:13

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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

One of the most misquoted sayings is, "Money is the root of all evil."

The actual quote is, "Love of money is the root of all evil."

Can we see the difference?

Money is money. Material goods are material goods. The problem arises when we love an earthly, material thing more than God, and more than other human beings.

How casually we can say things like, "Oh, that chocolate is to die for?" Of course, we don't mean that literally, but we risk coming a little too close when the areas of wealth, pleasure, power and/or honor become our primary loves – to the exclusion of God, and others.

Jesus gives us much to think about in today's Gospel, including the following: "No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

What's a good way to determine who or what we love? Take a look at how you spend your time, how you spend your money, and how you spend your talent. Take a moment TODAY and examine all three areas (time, treasure,

talent). Be honest. The intent is not to shame but to repent, if need be. Has something earthly or something material taken on more importance than love of God and love of neighbor? That's today's food for thought.

### Seminary Appeal Sunday

Each year we have an opportunity to support the major seminary (Mundelein Seminary) of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Your generosity in this matter is appreciated.

Here is why the Appeal is so important. Real life story. As many of you know, I'm what's considered a late vocation. Although having experienced the call to Priesthood as a young child, I delayed (perhaps until life taught me humility). But in my late thirties, the calling to serve God as a priest of Jesus Christ resurfaced. This could never have happened if not for much-needed scholarship money.

Today it costs roughly \$60,000 a year to form, educate, feed and house a seminarian. In my case, I spent six years at Mundelein, so do the math. For someone like myself to make it to ordination, it's an investment of \$360,000. Wow! Right?

We need good, quality men today to answer the call to serve as priests of Jesus Christ, but once these men authentically answer the

call, they need our assistance. Please be as generous as you can be with the 2019 Seminary Appeal. Thank you !!!

### Laugh, laugh, laugh

Today we welcome to our community Mr. Vito Zatto. He is sharing his talent with us as part of Afternoon Delight. He is a Vegas style singer and entertainer.

We want to thank those in our parish who helped organize this social event. Nothing happens in life without people making them happen, and that's the case with Afternoon Delight.

Thank you also to those who have purchased tickets. We hope the show brings you some delight.

Friends, life is fragile. We risk, at times, becoming too serious. We have to remember to make time to laugh; to have fun in a way that lifts our soul, heals our soul. Certainly, there are things in our life that need serious attention, but we do well to keep a healthy balance.

### Favorite Quote of the Week:

**"The only way to discover or to discern what God wants for us in life is to really try to know, love, and serve God first." – Scott & Annie Powell.**





## Need A Laugh???

**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**

**Tickets \$15/Each  
on sale in the Church narthex  
and in the Parish Office**

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Communal Anointing & Mass for the Sick  
Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 3pm - St. Symphorosa  
Church - 6135 S. Austin Ave.

If you know a neighbor or a friend who you think would like to participate, please pass information along. This Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation. You may register by calling the St. Symphorosa parish office (773-767-1523). Pre-registration is highly recommended but not required.



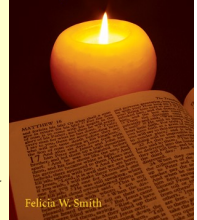
## What's it Mean? Catholic Vocabulary

### Lectio Divina

The reading and meditation of Sacred Scripture oriented toward the deepening of the major themes of Biblical spirituality in strict relation with the liturgical life. This type of Bible reading started out in monastic settings and was regarded as exclusively religious, but today it has become a vital part of the whole Christian community. It may be termed the Christian reading of the Scriptures.

### Lectio Divina

Reading the Bible  
with your heart



## Baby Bottle Project

St. Rene parish will once again participate in the Baby Bottle Project. So keep an eye out in the coming weeks for the baby bottles. Save your change.

The donations raised from this project go directly to The Women's Center of Chicago. This organization has helped over 40,000 babies in 34 years.

Please put your spare change in the baby bottle when you take one home. The money collected will help mothers who are facing a crisis pregnancy and who have little or no support.

The Women's Center provides financial, material and spiritual assistance to the women free of charge. The Women's Center also offers post abortive counseling to women seeking healing after their abortion and this is also offered free of charge.

When you bring the baby bottle back to church, you can give the bottle to the ushers or place them in the provided boxes in the church narthex.

Thank you!

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## ***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

Generosity is expressed in any number of ways.

A recent example within our own parish are the two parishioners who purchased new sacred vessels for the holy oils which are housed in the ambry located just left of the sanctuary near the baptismal font.

We are very appreciative of this gesture.

This is an opportunity to remind ourselves (or learn for the first time) of the vital, supernatural life-giving role these sacred oils play in the sacramental life of the Church.

The ambry at St. Rene is a glass-covered, wood-framed box mounted on the southwest wall.

The three sacred oils housed in the crystal vessels are: Oil of Catechumens (indicated by the Latin letters O.C.), Oil of the Sick (O.I.), and Sacred Chrism (S.C).

Here is a brief explanation of each sacred oil:

Oil of Catechumens – is used during baptism; and it helps strengthen the one being baptized to turn away from evil, temptation and sin. In preparation for the baptism, the priest or deacon applies the oil to the chest of the person being baptized. This reminds us that the Christian life is full of struggle, especially with Satan and sin. The oil gives the person strength to continue in their daily battles.

Oil of the Sick (or infirmed) -- is used for those individuals who are seriously ill. The oil acts as a spiritual ointment by which the Holy Spirit heals the body and the soul. The oil is also used for those who are dying. In union with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, the soul is given the firm and final fortification it needs to enter eternity.

Sacred Chrism – is used in Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Orders. Through the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, the oil in Baptism symbolizes for individuals rebirth through water and a share in the priestly, prophetic and royal missions of Jesus. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the oil reaffirms and strengthens the baptized individual to continue as a witness of Christ in the world. In the Sacrament of Holy Orders, through the words of the bishop, the Holy Spirit anoints the hands of the priest, who will consecrate and distribute the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Everything the Lord has given us, including these sacred oils, is for our spiritual health. We treat them reverently in how they are used and stored. Each year the local bishop blesses these oils at the Chrism Mass, and the oils are then dispersed to local parishes and chapels throughout the archdiocese. We are thankful for so great a gift, and the generosity of our people.

### **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





**Faith Formation Office**  
(773) 229-8523

**Coordinator:**  
**Peg Siebenaler**

**Email:** [strenefaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:strenefaithformation@gmail.com)

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 9/22 Family Mass 9:30am
- 9/25: Classes for all levels
- 9/29: Family Mass 9:30am
- 10/2: Class for all levels
- 10/6: Family Mass 9:30am
- 10/9: Classes for all levels
- 10/13: Family Mass 9:30am
- 10/16: Classes for all levels
- 10/19: HOLY FIRE
- 10/20: Family Mass 9:30am
- 10/23: Classes for all levels
- 10/27: Family Mass 9:30am

# IMPORTANT

**Oops.....Forgot to register??**

**Come to the School this Wednesday evening...  
before the start of our 6pm classes.  
(enter at door #1)**

**Register now, pay later.....  
Remember tuition assistance is Available.**



### Faith Formation Scholarship Fund

A heart-felt **Thank You**, to those generous Parishioners who donated to the St. Rene Faith Formation Scholarship Fund. This past school year we have helped a number of families with tuition assistance. We are truly fortunate to have the support of so many who understand the importance of assisting those in need.

May God abundantly Bless You!



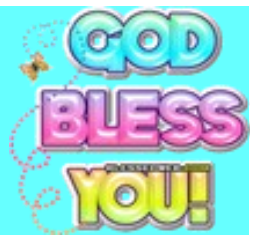
### Catechist's Prayer

Gracious and all-loving Father, out of love for all people you spoke your Word who

became flesh for our salvation. May your Word transform me so that the message of your Son, our Lord, may be echoed through my teaching. Allow me to guide the hearts of those whom I teach in such a way that they will enter more deeply into your way of truth and salvation. Grant me the insight needed to lead them to know, love, and serve you. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may they become hearers and followers of your Word, so that they might help transform the world to follow the way of life to which your Son has called us all, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**“Give thanks to the  
Lord,  
for he is good!”**

Ps. 118:1



We take this opportunity to thank the following parishioners who responded to the call to be catechetical ministers here at St. Rene:

**Fidel Arroyo, Barb Grzenia, Annette Matulewicz  
and Mary Sarlitto.**

Our hope and prayer is that you will embrace this ministry with joy and enthusiasm forming our young people as followers of Jesus.

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Saturday, September 21, 2019

4:00pm—Eliza Gose & Maria Luna (Almendarez Family)

4:00pm—Edward Cieslewski (Bernice Cieslewski)

## Sunday, September 22, 2019

7:30am—Phillip O'Brien (Family)

7:30am—Virginia Kowal (Ptak Family)

9:30am—Catherine Bartuch Morrell (Family)

11:30am—LaVerne Raher (Family)

## Monday, September 23, 2019

8:00am—Ray & Marlene Sutkowski (Sutkowski Family)

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

8:00am—Emil Kricka (Geri Tomaselli)

## Tuesday, September 24, 2019

8:00am—Michael Rizzo (Family)

## Wednesday, September 25, 2019

8:00am—Raymond Ulrich (Family)

## Thursday, September 26, 2019

8:00am—Intention of Donor (Ann)

## Friday, September 27, 2019

8:00am—1 yr. Anniversary of Marion Tulik (Marge Tulik)

8:00am—Fred Borowski (Geri Tomaselli)

## Saturday, September 28, 2019

8:00am—Alice Tomczak (Family)

4:00pm—Jay Principe (Family)

4:00pm—Ted, Ann & Tom Kollock (Maxine)

4:00pm—Leonard Sowinski (Family)

## Sunday, September 29, 2019

7:30am—Zeneida Narea (Vince Narea)

7:30am—Virginia Kowal (Ptak Family)

9:30am—Vincent Salamendo (Terri & Dan Domarsky)

9:30am—Margaret (Peggy) Wood (Wood Family)

11:30am—Helen Frank (Family)



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Judy Adelsbach  
Larry Adkins  
Guadalupe Almendarez  
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Carl Bell  
Joanne Bukowiecki  
Gina Camp  
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Margaret Ciampaglia  
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Geri Gestaut  
Robert Hilbruner  
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Lori McCarthy  
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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

## September 14/15, 2019 Offering

Total envelopes	\$3,156.00
Total loose cash	\$ 663.00
Total Sunday Giving	\$3,819.00
St. Rene Utilities Fund	\$1,091.00

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Symphorosa Parish is seeking Vendors/Crafters for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Holiday Extravaganza

Luncheon, Craft and Vendor Fair  
Sunday, November 24, 2019  
10:30am – 2:30pm  
Sharp Center  
5940 West 62<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Chicago, IL 60638

For more information, contact our Parish Office at 773.767.1523 or via email at [holidayext2019@gmail.com](mailto:holidayext2019@gmail.com).  
[www.stsymphorosa.org](http://www.stsymphorosa.org)



## Super Bingo/Raffle October 20

Doors open at 12:30  
Games begin at 1:30

\$20/Person



Altar & Rosary Society Cleaning Schedule—Sept. 27/28

Irene Korosa & Toni Ptak

**Parish Staff**

Rev. Bob Regan  
Pastor

Rev. Peter Paurazas  
Pastor Emeritus

Karen Hoogland  
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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

**Parish Office**

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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 September 28, 2019	7:30AM September 29, 2019	9:30AM September 29, 2019	11:30AM September 29, 2019
	<b>Nancy Gunnell</b> Pat Gunnell Frank Zalewski Dan Bartusiak Russ Dober	<b>Mary Sarlitto</b> Pat O'Brien-Kenney Jack Kenney Alice Schaer	<b>Fred Bartuch</b> Mary Bartuch John Garcia Norine Abramovic Marie Zilka	<b>Joanne Tishka</b> Mark Dill Carole Dill Charlie Murphy Bernard Carey
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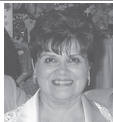
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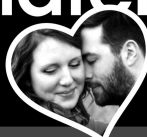
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