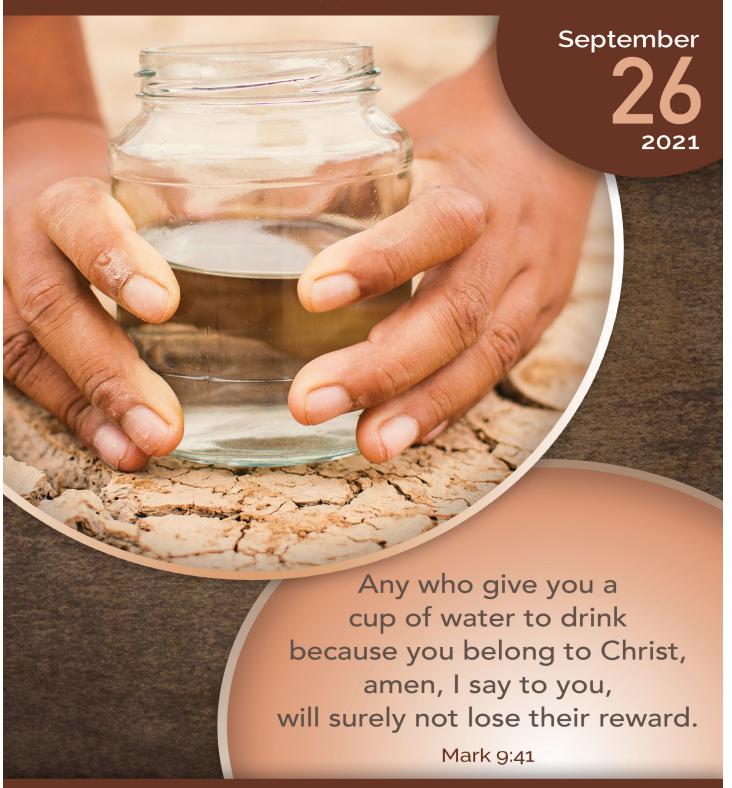
TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Fr. Bob's Weekly Blog

Welcome to Two Holy Martyrs Parish!!

St. Symphorosa & St. Rene Goupil

My small group of brother priest friends senses it. My personal friends sense it. Perhaps you, my friend, sense it, too.

So many people today are wired and anxious. We could probably list any number of reasons for this present-day jumpiness, which plays itself out in constant complaining, honking car horns at one another, not observing common courtesies, driving in traffic selfishly, limiting political conversations to merely partisan talking points instead of honest dialogue, not listening to others, wanting everything to go exactly how we personally want things to go, our persistent use of technology and screens, elevated levels of caffeine (check the lines at DD and Starbucks every morning), the day's latest bad news, family dysfunction, and on and on. Oh, and COVID fears.

Our common human soul is aching because of the relentless agitation. Is this living? Modern society brings with it many perks but also brings with it new challenges and threats to our overall wellness.

Our Gospel this weekend invites to take an honest look at what needs to get "cut out," for the sake of a healthier person and healthier common culture; a culture that champions saving even one life from COVID death but in the next breath advocates for the taking of life within a mother's womb (even at tax payer expense).

A good start for us is respecting the sanctity of ALL human life – from conception to natural death. Our society is intentionally going in the other direction; what John Paull II called a "culture of death."

Mother Teresa, now St. Teresa of Calcutta, speaks directly to our society's spiritual sickness when these words came from her mouth: "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

And the way we see our "sameness" is by acknowledging and respecting our common human dignity. We are endowed by our Creator with inalienable rights (which come from God, not an earthly government). Sadly, our denizens of division today find a way to exacerbate our differences so that we end up only seeing "Us versus Them." Whereas Jesus prayed, "that they may be one," as He and the Father are one.

Okay, Fr. Bob, so what can we do to dial back the stress?

- 1. Without question, we have to make time for prayer that includes quiet and stillness (minimum of 15 minutes but ideally up to an hour).
- 2. Participate (possibly daily) in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.
- 3. Pray the Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet.
- Limit secular news consumption (anything over an hour is too much).
- 5. Spend time reading and contemplating Sacred Scripture.
- 6. Go for long walks in fresh air (not to close to the Midway runways).
- 7. Keep caffeine levels in check.
- 8. Avoid gossip.
- 9. Engage a hobby that does not involve a screen.
- 10. Remind yourself we already know the end of the story Light triumphs, forever!

Daily Mass at THM

An anonymous letter arrived last week challenging why we only have one daily Mass when we have three priests in residence.

Because I am unable to personally respond to the unknown letter writer, we can use this space to help see how we made the determination for daily Mass in the context of the newly-unified Two Holy Martyrs Parish.

When the newly-united parish began on July 1, 2020, we decided to have ONE daily Mass. The location of the daily Mass would alternate months. We didn't think it was right to restrict the daily Mass to just one of our two church buildings, so we decided to alternate by month between the two buildings.

As of today, daily Mass is celebrated at the St. Rene campus during ODD number months, while daily Mass is celebrated on the St. Symphorosa campus during EVEN number months. This enables us to use both our beautiful churches.

If we did decide to have two daily Masses, it would NOT be for location convenience. Having daily Mass at both St. Symphorosa and St. Rene would hinder our goal of bringing unity to the new parish structure. There are no plans, at this time, to offer two daily Masses.

Someone mentioned to me there might be some folks who simply will not or cannot attend Mass at the "other" location. If they cannot, it might be a good idea for various parishioners to carpool in the morning. If they will not, that is another matter, which, in all honesty, saddens me. All the divisions we face in the world, and some of our people won't attend Mass "over there." There are places in the United States and in the world where daily Mass isn't even offered because of location/priest availability.

The gist of the Sowing Seeds article a few weeks ago in the parish bulletin was simply to help people be aware that we actually celebrate Mass every single day. Believe it or not, there are people who do not realize this gift and might want to consider participating in daily Mass. The anonymous letter writer seemed to read into the article that I was complaining about daily Mass attendance. I simply want our folks to know daily Mass is an option in our parish. We have a wonderful daily Mass group and we'd always welcome new faces into our two church spaces.

Bottom line: daily Mass is celebrated in BOTH of our churches in alternating months. For the rest of September, we are at the St. Rene campus. We return to the St. Symphorosa campus for October. Come pray with us.



Quote of the Week

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn, and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, and destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

~ Pope Francis

Our Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of September is offered for the following intentions:

For health & birthday blessings for Linda Light given by Mom Mary

For the repose of the souls of Rosaria & John Dragosetti given by Family

For the repose of the soul of Vince Porcelli given by Family

For the repose of the soul of Christine Waynauskas given by Family

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' presence in the Tabernacle help welcome our prayers into His eternal presence.



Two Holy Martyrs Parish Offerings for the weekend of:

Sunday, September 19, 2021 Contribution: \$6,417.31 Thank you for your generosity!



<u>Split the Pot</u> September 19, 2021 Received: \$450.00 Winning envelope: #60185

Reminder: A minimum of \$5.00 is required to participate.



The Two Holy
Martyrs Parish
Knights of
Columbus as well
as our SPRED

program would like to thank everyone for their support in making the past weekend's "Tootsie Roll Drive" a huge success.



till harm pass by. I call to God Most High, to God who provides for me. Ps 57:2-3

No matter how busy or crazy life gets, take a moment regularly to ask for

BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

During the dates listed below, our parish will be participating in The Baby Bottle Project benefiting The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved over 40,000 babies—and their mothers—from abortion since opening in 1984.

Please take a Baby Bottle home with you from the church on October 3, 2021, fill it with your spare change, and return it the weekend of October 24, 2021.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note: the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards so please return upon completion of the project. <u>Thank you for helping defend life</u>, and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

If you are making a donation by check, please make it payable to: The Women's Center. Thank you! You can also go directly to their website at: GoTWC.org or call 773-794-1313 to donate.

God's mercy. Come in for confession to feel God's mercy. Join us for Sunday and daily Mass - to experience God's mercy as a faith community. Take time for silent prayer and listen to where God's mercy may be directing you.



The faithful all around the world are invited to join with Pope Francis for his special intention. Won't you join in? The intention for the month of September is for an Environmentally

Sustainable Lifestyle.

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



Sunday, Oct. 3rd at 1:30 pm on the St. Rene Goupil Campus

Blessing of the Animals



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"And behold, I [Jesus] am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

"O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever." (*Roman Missal*, 3rd ed.) This Collect, the opening prayer for this Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, begins with the Church praising God in His omnipotence, His being "almighty." Again, as I have addressed in some recent bulletin articles and homilies, this declaration is neither a new attribution, which we invented and are applying to God, nor a recent discovery, as though God's "almighty power" had not previously been revealed. Our understanding and experience of God's power can be new, though.

The opening prayer focuses on one of the expressions of God's power, manifesting it "above all by pardoning and showing mercy." The realization and reception of God's forgiveness and mercy is a choice example for encountering God the Almighty. Complementary to this encounter with God, our offering of forgiveness and mercy to someone else is another way in which we may both meet the Holy Trinity and imitate his benevolent power. Are we inherently almighty, no. By being merciful and forgiving, may we cooperate with almighty God in acting toward others as He has toward us and thus exercise the power, which He has entrusted to us, yes.

The Church's emphasis on God's love and mercy can at times be tested with at least two temptations: one, the interpretation that God almighty is not also just, both in rewarding and punishing, and that the Church does not also value and emphasize belief in God's divine justice. Two, the taking for granted God's forgiveness of our sins and His mercy in not demanding restitution from us for our sins. Both temptations are to be resisted. Notice, even the opening prayer indicates an ongoing seeking of God, a perseverance in following Him: "bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven." A disciple, a Catholic, one who is an "[heir] to the treasures of heaven," is one who is "hastening to attain your promises," and necessarily working to cooperate with God's abundant grace in the life of holiness and virtue. God's forgiveness and mercy are not earthly judgments simply saying that we are "free to go," as though endorsing a return to our previous sins while hoping not to be caught. We cannot cling to sin, no matter how delightful or justifiable it may seem, while simultaneously seeking God's pardon and mercy and "hastening to attain your promises." Those forces pull us in opposite directions, one leading to Hell while the other leading to Heaven! The Church is firm in her doctrine about a final judgment for each of us, which we also profess in the Nicene Creed each Sunday.

The readings for this Sunday confirm both the truth of God's power "pardoning and showing mercy" as well as the obligation to think and act virtuously. From St. James' letter comes the admonishment and condemnation of injustice done to others, especially to the poor and the vulnerable, such as the withholding of just wages and the condemnation and murder of "the righteous one." St. James also warns against living in "luxury and pleasure," a seeming reference to avarice, sloth and idolatry. Not only are these practices to be rejected in favor of virtuous ones but we are even to be detached even from dwelling in thought upon these enticements, a fantasy life, so as to avoid the potential of eventually committing them as sins.

Jesus is no less direct in His teaching, warning how His followers are to act, extending to their thoughts as well, which they are to examine: "Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea." (Mark 9:42) Not only are we to avoid the commission of sin ourselves but we are held to the standard of prudentially living so as to avoid causing others to sin. A person may still choose to sin but we are to avoid causing it or consenting to it. In His list of body parts to which He states, "cut it off," or "pluck it out," our Lord is not endorsing literal bodily mutilation but rather firm detachment from those things that our bodily senses detect and which become an occasion of sin.

All told, God, in His "almighty power ... pardoning and showing mercy," is ready to heal, strengthen and draw us to "the treasures of heaven"; for our part, are we humbly cooperating with Him and assisting one another toward the Kingdom? What is God calling us to detach from our lives so that we avoid sin or causing someone else to sin?

~Fr. Matt Compton



Please take a moment to sit down, watch, and/or listen to Fr. Bob's "Embrace the Grace" meditations every week.

Fr. Bob and Steve Kittler, our parish Music Director, began this page as a way to keep in contact with the parish and all our parishioners during the COVID stay at home order. This seven to ten minute video shares the good news with all interested persons.

Please visit the parish website at twoholymartyrs.org or go directly to the YouTube page at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJm6IOYVzFmLnENc-rj7jMQ to view.

Qualified Charitable Distribution

Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled **Two Holy Martyrs Parish** to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be a part of the strength of this community by making a qualified charitable distribution (a.k.a. IRA charitable rollover gift) from your IRA to Two Holy Martyrs Parish.

For more information on making a QCD gift, please contact Ken Hilliard at 773.767.1523 ext. 222. or contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.

Bible Study returns to Two Holy Martyrs Parish on Thursday, September 30th.

We will pray the weekly Sunday Readings to discover what the written Word is saying to you. Exploring Scripture helps us live our lives as Disciples of Jesus.

All are Welcome to join us beginning, September 30th, from 6:30P.M. to 8:15P.M. at St. Rene church in the day chapel. Bring a Bible or we can supply one for you and experience hearing the message of the Good News with fellow parishioners. Before you make a decision about attending Bible Study you may want to reflect on some of the reasons Scripture can change your life.

Jesus used Scripture as a defensive weapon when the enemy came against Him. The Word of God is sharper from any two-edged sword.

Learning and remembering Scriptures will help you to stay strong mentally, emotionally and spiritually and help you fight back against doubt, fear, anxiety, sadness, negative thoughts, and thoughts of being alone, abandoned or forgotten.

Come and see what Scripture has to offer.



Please spread the word!

St. Symphorosa is in need of a food server who would be employed by FSP. This person would warm the food and prepare it for serving. Ability to do simple math, also be able to lift about 30 pounds. Most of all,

like working around children. The position pays \$15 per hour. Requires 4 hours per day. Approximately 9:30am to 1:30pm. Job sharing is available if someone only wants to work a couple days per week.

Interested candidates should contact Patty Ridge ASAP at 773.447.0907 or email at pridge@fspro.com



BIBLE

In today's gospel Jesus tells his disciples: "Anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to Christ will not, I assure you, go without his reward." On September 27, the Church will celebrate the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are on the front

line in laboring for the poor, they are among the first to know their real needs.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families by providing food and help with utilities, rent and other bills. God Bless You!

St. Vincent de Paul phone number: (773) 682-3342

Pastor Al



"You want to be a non-conformist? Wanna do what none of your friends are doing? Become a priest!"

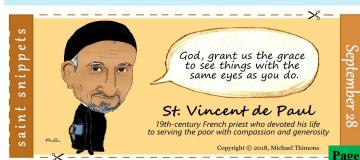


Two Holy Martyrs Parish Altar & Rosary Society News

We begin by saying WELCOME BACK to all of our members and WELCOME to any new members. We have missed meeting and spending time with all of you. We are so excited to be able to celebrate our monthly Mass together with all of you. Please join us on Sunday, October 3rd at the 9am Mass at St. Symphorosa Church.

Our first meeting will be held on the St. Rene grounds in Flannery Hall on Tuesday, October 5th beginning at 12pm. Please remember masks

must be worn inside all buildings per Governor of Illinois and City of Chicago mandates. We ask all current members and those interested in joining, if able, to please attend this meeting. Important information regarding the structure and plans for the unified Altar & Rosary Society within our parish will be shared on this day.





Faith Formation Office

Phone: (773) 767-1523 x226 Email: msiebenaler@archchicago.org Coordinator: Peg Siebenaler

UPCOMING

9/26: **Confirmation Commitment Mass**

9/28: Faith Formation Classes St. Rene Campus

10/2: Faith Formation Classes - Saturday **Parent Reconciliation Meeting** St. Symphorosa Campus

10/5: Faith Formation Classes - Tuesday **Parent Reconciliation Meeting** St. Rene Campus



CLASSES **HAVE BEGUN!!!**

Hurry, you can still register for our 2021 - 2022 Faith Formation Classes.

Registration forms are available at our

web-site or at our Main Parish Office on Austin Ave. Call Miss Peggy with any questions at 773.767.1523 ext. 226



WELCOME FAMILIES TO TWO HOLY MARTYRS PARISH FAITH FORMATION



FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

On October 2nd & October 5th, parents will gather for a special meeting in preparation for their child's celebration of First Reconciliation which takes place in December.

We initially prepare our children for this sacrament as we teach them about right and wrong. And way before they understand what sin is, we teach them to say "I'm sorry" when they have done wrong or have hurt someone. Once again, we emphasize that parents are the first and primary catechists of their children, using "teachable moments" to help their children grow in faith.

The focus of these Parent Gatherings will be to honor your role as parents and assist you in that role. (parents need only attend one meeting.)



Welcome back to all of our Faith Formation Students. Our parish hope for this coming year for you, your parents and your catechists is that you all continue to grow in your faith. May you experience God's love and grace in everything that you do whether on our campuses, at school, or at home.

PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION



preparation.

Our level seven and level eight students, along with their parents, will participate in a Commitment Mass on September 26, in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. During the upcoming year these students will seek service opportunities to help them grow in discipleship as they serve those in need. We invite you to please remember them in your prayers during this time of



Join the Two Holy Martyrs Choir

Do you like to sing? Singing in a choir can be one of the great joys in life. A unique and rewarding experience like none other! You are part of a team, like an athlete who plays a sport, but it's a team of musical artists creating a peak musical moment in time, that not only uplifts you and your fellow singers, but moves the congregation in profound and deeply memorable ways.

If you saw the choir sing at the church picnic a few weeks ago, you heard the wonderful music that this devoted group produced. We could use a few more members to expand upon this sound. We rehearse every Wednesday from 6:30-7:45pm. For the month of September, we will rehearse at the St. Rene Campus.

Give it a try!! No experience is necessary. I will teach you what you need to know. What a wonderful way to worship together!!

In song and faith,

Steve Kittler Director of Music



SPRED Special Religious Development



My name is Chris and I've been in SPRED for many years. I have enjoyed being witness to our friends spiritual awareness and development. We have made lifelong friends for sure.

- Chris Sieroslawski, Helper Catechist

A few years ago, I saw an article in the bulletin asking for a volunteer for SPRED. The second week I saw

the same article I decided I would be that volunteer. I haven't looked back since. There is something special that happens when this group comes together to help our friends deepen their faith – our faith deepens as well. We have a connection. We share an unexplainable experience that bonds us together. Compassion, caring, empathy, understanding, happiness come together for a short time every week that enriches our lives. I will always value these moments.

- Ann Smolucha, Parish Chair Person

Many Sundays I sat in church listening, watching, but mostly waiting. Waiting for something to grab my attention, keep me coming back. SPRED brought that to me. When I joined SPRED I believed I would be helping our friends but what I would come to find out was they helped me so much more. I became a part of a community within our church. A family that I could share with my family. SPRED has become a home over the last 10 years and I am forever grateful that I stood up, asked questions and said yes.

- Joanna Baxter, Activity Catechist

SPRED (Special Religious Development) is a program which trains and guides parishes to provide faith formation to persons with developmental disabilities and/or learning problems and become integrated into parish life. St. Rene has had a SPRED group for more than 30 years and St. Symphorosa has had a SPRED group for 20 years. Now that our two churches have become one parish, our SPRED ministry has doubled. The need for this ministry is great. And the need for volunteers is great.

If you are interested in learning more about SPRED in our parish or volunteering to become a catechist, please contact Ann Smolucha at ann@smolucha.com or 773-914-1900.





The 2022 Mass Book will open as of Friday, October 1st. If you would like to put any Mass intentions in for the living and deceased please come in tot he parish office or contact us at 773.767.1523. **Special Note** - Mass intentions will be limited to no more than 3 or 4 per Mass time. Our 2022 Sanctuary candles will also be open on this date.



Have píty on me, Lord, for I am weak; heal me, Lord, for my bones are shudderíng."

~Psalm 6:3

Mary Adkins Joan Juris Maria Perez Montiel Guadalupe Almendarez John Kappel, Jr. Ioan Orsi John Kappel, Sr. Bob Pac Raeann Arends Ianatius Battiato Lee Karpinski Eleanor Pastorek Carl Bell Claudia Kwilosz Stanley Polit Jean Bell Norman Kwilosz Ann Robertson Mary Bieser Sharon Labiak **Edward Robertson** Fr. Ted Bojczuk James Lapsansky Fr. John Rudnik Kathy Calcagno Maryann Larson Joseph Rudnik Maxine Carey Donna Lauritzen Mary Shortall Michael Clifford Domenico Lepore Sue Solcani Chris Doherty Rose Ann Lindsay Brian Styka Maria Flores Debbie Lipien Sr. Christine Styka Geri Gestaut Maria Lopez Terry Styka **Carol Gress** Diane Malarick Joanne Tishka Heather Hradek Cathy Mazieka Mary Thorpe Deacon Tom Hyde John Martini Shirley Tloczek Denise M. Jandura Elaine McCarthy Judith Webber Rich S. Jandura Lori McCarthy Michelle

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family.

Please call the parish office (773.767.1523) to add or remove a name.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS

Sgt. Jaime A. Acosta, USMC
Sgt. Ted Bartelmey
CS-1 Joel Battung
1st Sgt. Chas. Berglund, USMC
Sgt. Naveen Bobba, USMC
Sgt. Arthur A. Boruch, National Guard
Hospitalman Blythe A. Cisneros, USM
Airman Carlos Cisneros, USAF
Sgt. Frank Cisneros, USMC
Corpsman Nicholas J. Cundari-USN
Captain Kevin Dobbyn, US Army
Sgt. John Flores, IL National Guard
Staff Sgt. Andrew Gaca, USAF

Sgt. Michael Hough, US Army
Anthony Johaniewicz, US Navy
Corporal Noah M Konie, USMC
Lance Corp. Tim Lisenko, USMC
Trevor Lutz, US Army
Private Joseph M. Mikutis, USMC
Pvt 1st Class Daniel Morales, US Army
SPC Alex Ramos
Staff Sgt. Abel Sandoval, USMC
WO-1 Richard Sobeske, US Army
Sgt. 1st Class Kristina Stuhlmacher
LCpl. Justin R. Thorpe, USMC
1LT Zachary White, IL Army NG

Sowing Seeds in Our Garden

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in a parish has been known to inspire amazing things.

Right now, Two Holy Martyrs Parish does not have a formal regular-scheduled time for the faithful to attend Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

However, this is something we would love to re-introduce soon.

Before we make anything concrete, we need to know this is something you want and would make use of on a regular basis. Please let any of our priests know if this interests you, or send an email to office staff letting us know you would be in favor of weekly adoration.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is when the Eucharist is removed from the tabernacle, placed into a beautiful monstrance, and placed on the altar for a specific period of time – usually an hour. The faithful use this time to pray in a very intimate way with Jesus.

The one challenge to having regular Exposition is that there must always be at least one person present. We do not leave the Blessed Sacrament unattended in the church. We will need some folks to commit to being present.

If we decide to proceed, we'd need to decide a day of the week, and a time of day to expose the Blessed Sacrament. We'd want to make the date and time permanent so that folks get used to when and where.

St. Bernadette said, "The Eucharist bathes the tormented soul in light and love. Then the soul appreciates these words, "Come all you who are sick, I will restore your health."

Who knows what amazing things await when we make Jesus the center of our life.

~Fr. Bob

| Mass Intentions for | the Week Sept. 18 - Sept. 24 |
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| rurday, September 25, 2021 | |

Sati 4:00pm St. Rene Church

Presider: Fr. Bob

Health & 25th Wedding Anniversary blessings for Julie & Mark Miklos (Fr. Bob)

†Filippo & Joe Chiaramonte (Chiaramonte Family) †Providenza Chiaramonte (Chiaramonte Family) †Eliza Gose & Maria Luna (Almendarez Family)

†Dolores Prochot (Dom Paraga)

5:30pm St. Symphorosa Church

Presider: Fr. Matt

Health & all the Lord's blessings for Mike Merda (Mary Kolimas)

†Mary & Phil Deluca (Deluca Family) †Janet & Steve Molnar (Hohm Family) †Stanley J. Wozniak, Jr. (Carpenter Family)

Sunday, September 26, 2021 Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am St. Rene Church

†Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy)

Presider: Fr. Norm

9:00am St. Symphorosa Church

Health & all the Lord's blessings for Kathy Hynes (Woulfe Family) Presider: Fr. Bob †Janet & Steve Molnar (Hohm Family)

†Geri Norbut (Family)

†Reverend Christopher Schramm (Family)

10:30am St. Rene Church

Health & all the Lord's blessings for

Presider: Fr. Bob

Catherine Rak (Sutkowski Family)

†Joseph Lopez (Amelia Family)

†Catherine Bartuch Morrell (Sutkowski Family)

†Jack Orsi *(Family)*

†Judith Siwek (Sharon Siwek)

12:00pm *St. Symphorosa Church*

†Joe & Celeste Carone (Cathy & Pat Carone) Presider: Fr. Matt †Israel Garcia - 1st anniversary of passing

(Family)

Monday, September 27, 2021 St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:00am St. Rene Church

Health & all the Lord's blessings for

Mary Michele Galason (Arlene Scaletta) †Don Dames (Mary Shilney) †Joyce Weis (Karen & Marty)

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

8:00am St. Rene Church

†Shirley Plahutnik (Friends) †John Shimkus (Barbara Rendak)

Wednesday, September 29, 2021 St. Michael, St. Gabriel, & St. Raphael, **Archangels** 8:00am St. Rene Church

†Anna & Michael Krzan (Pat Soltis)

†Zeneida Narea (Vincent & Victor Narea) †Roberto Rodriguez (Inez Rodriguez)

Thursday, September 30, 2021 St. Jerome, Priest

8:00am St. Rene Church †Robert Huber (Friends)

†Richard Zilka (Marie Zilka)

Friday, October 1, 2021 8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* St. Therese of the Child Jesus †Sue Solcani (Arlene Scaletta)

†Helen Morrissey (Nancy Markham)

Mass Intentions for Saturday & Sunday

Saturday, October 2, 2021 The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00am St. Symphorosa Church Health & birthday blessings for

Rosario Battung (Family)

Health & 25th Wedding Anniversary blessings for Mary Sue & Peter Zurlis (Marge Tulik)

†Charles Schrock (Kids)

4:00pm St. Rene Church †Marlene Bayester (Jean Piotrowski) Presider: Fr. Bob †Mildred Denwood (Arlene Capparelli)

†Mike & Johanna Kubo (Chiaramonte Family)

†Vince Porcelli (Wife Judy) †Matthew & Anna Slowikowski

(Chiaramonte Family)

5:30pm *St. Symphorosa Church* Health & all the Lord's blessings for

Presider: Fr. Norm

Joanna McGriff (Woulfe Family)

Health & all the Lord's blessings for Luann O'Donnell (Family) †Janet & Steve Molnar (Hohm Family)

Sunday, October 3, 2021 Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am St. Rene Church †Richard Curtin (Friends) Presider: Fr. Matt †Sue Solcani (Irene Perconti)

9:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* Health & all the Lord's blessings for

Presider: Fr. Bob

Raj Madej (Woulfe Family) †Rafael Alvarez (Tom & Mary Ann Milici)

†Helen Hermanowicz (George & Nancy Groszek)

†Janet & Steve Molnar (Hohm Family)

†Agnes Shilney (Family)

10:30am St. Rene Church †Dawn Bodoki Denis (Family) Presider: Fr. Matt

†Mary Anna Grecius (Knights of Columbus)

†Vincent Salamendo (Terri & Dan Domarsky

12:00pm St. Symphorosa Church †Dennis Battan (Family)

Presider: Fr. Bob †Faith DuBois (Debbie Battain & Family)

†Fernando Daniel Salas (Parents) †John & Irene Simonelic (Simonelic Family)

Weekend Presider subject to change without notice

Let us pray...

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

James W. Casey

Margaret Jungman

Edward Konarski

LECTOR & ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

| Mass | 4pm | 5:30pm | 7:30am | 9am | 10:30am | 12pm |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|--|------------------|-----------------|
| Time | October 2, 2021 | October 2, 2021 | October 3, 2021 | October 3, 2021 | October 3, 2021 | October 3, 2021 |
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| Altar Server(s) | | Allie | | Dominic & Andrew | | Page 9 |

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St. Symphorosa & St. Rene Goupil

www.twoholymartyrs.org (website)

Two Holy Martyrs Parish Office located on the St. Symphorosa Church site 6135 S. Austin Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60638 773~767~1523 (phone) 773~767~6135 (fax)

St. Rene Worship Site

6949 W 63rd Place Chicago, Illinois 60638 info@twoholymartyrs.org (email)

Two Holy Martyrs Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 am ~ 4:00 pm Saturday

9:00 am ~ 12:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance

6-7pm every Tuesday (St. Symphorosa Church Site) 3~3:45pm every Saturday (St. Rene Church Site)

Two Holy Martyrs Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00pm - St. Rene Church 5:30pm - St. Symphorosa Church

Sunday

7:30am & 10:30am - St. Rene Church 9am & 12pm(noon) - St. Symphorosa Church

Weekday Mass

Monday - Saturday 8am at alternating church sites St. Rene Church (Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept., Nov.) St. Symphorosa Church (Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Dec.)

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Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls: Please contact our Parish Office to make arrangements. If reaching out after business hours (M-F 9am to 4pm & Sat 9am to 12pm) please call our emergency line at 773.242.7525

Sacrament of Baptism: Celebrated the second & fourth Sunday at 1:30pm in Church. Parent Preparation Session is required. Please contact Maggie (ext. 221) in the parish office for more information.

Marriages: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to the proposed date of your wedding. Please contact Maggie (ext. 221) in our Parish Office for assistance.



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