

# Saint Rene Goupil Catholic Church

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## The Most Holy

# *Body and Blood* of Christ

Jesus said:

“I am the living bread  
that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

John 6:51



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## June 14, 2020



## 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

Problems? Our world’s got ‘em.  
Solutions? Hmmm!

Dare we risk offering a solution that requires us to surrender our earthly ways for the One who said “I am the way, and the truth, and the life?”

In last Sunday’s Gospel, we heard “For God so love the world that he gave his only-begotten Son.”

Notice the word WORLD. God doesn’t love just one nation or group of people. The question is do we receive this love? Do we return this love to God? Do we share this Trinitarian love as God has called us to in the Greatest Commandment?

C.S. Lewis offered amazing insight in his book *The Great Divorce*. He wrote, “There is but one good; that is God. Everything else is good when it looks to Him and bad when it turns from Him.”

Far too often today we are trying to solve complex human problems by only looking at ourselves. Yes, we have a part to play, but with seven billion people on planet earth, who can we all look to for a true, authentic solution to humanity’s fallen state?

The solution has a name – Jesus!  
He’s made an amazing offer.  
“Follow me!”

We need God’s grace now more than ever. Far too many of our fellow human beings are looking away from God. Too many folks think we don’t need God; or worse, God is the problem. This is a good spot to remind us how the Enemy of God and Enemy of human nature tempted our first parents. It slithered up and suggested that if they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, then they too could be like gods.

Guess what? Same temptation today! And my oh my how many have decided to bite and be their own god.

God is God. We are NOT! And God so loved the world, He sent us His Son. Thanks be to God.

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. We are grateful for so great a gift. The Lord has given us a tangible sign of His love, and it comes to us in the appearance of bread and wine, but through the power of the Holy Spirit, becomes the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. Wow!

Sadly, we’ve been unable to receive this gift these past few months. Please trust God knows what’s going on, and that His grace comes to us in other ways. But prepare your heart to

soon receive this gift – the Eucharist. May we truly experience a renewal of our love for the Eucharist as we keep our eyes on God so that we do our part to manifest the kingdom.

Some of our earthly rulers think they are god and that they get to decide what is good and what is evil. Newsflash! They are not God, and one day they, too, must render an account for how they used their earthly power.

There is only one true King; the One who conquered sin, death, and evil; the One to whom every knee shall bend. Never lose sight of Jesus. He truly is the way.

In Christ there truly is COMMUNION.

### **Favorite Quote of the Week:**

**“Every day He humbles Himself just as He did when He came from his heavenly throne into the Virgin’s womb; every day He comes to us and lets us see Him in lowliness, when He descends from the bosom of the Father into the hands of the priest at the altar.”**  
– St. Francis of Assisi.

## Other Essential Workers

We have all developed a much greater appreciation for the lesser-known essential workers during the pandemic — grocery store and warehouse employees, delivery personnel, maintenance staff, mail carriers, truck drivers and thousands of others whose jobs are absolutely essential to our day-to-day lives.

I hope these unsung heroes have been properly recognized and that we never take these important jobs for granted again. But there is another group of essential, frontline workers who also may not be traditionally recognized as such: the employees and volunteers of social service agencies who are playing a critical role in fighting the pandemic.

It is the mission of Catholic Charities and other social service agencies to care for those hardest hit by this or any crisis, often developing creative ways to ensure the unemployed, the homeless, children, seniors or victims of domestic violence receive the help and mercy they so need and deserve. These vulnerable groups are least able to navigate the treacherous waters in which we find ourselves and charitable agencies, with the support of donors and volunteers, are on the frontlines working very hard to stem the tide and mitigate the effects the pandemic.

At Catholic Charities, staff and volunteers are working tirelessly to package and distribute food at our nine food pantries, which have seen double and triple the number of people requesting help. We have ensured mothers and children residing in food deserts have access to nutritious food and nutrition education at our 16 neighborhood WIC Food Centers.

We are providing individual hot take-out meals to anyone in need five days a week at multiple locations throughout Cook and Lake counties. We have bolstered our home-delivered meal programs for homebound seniors; our homemakers continue to help seniors with the tasks of daily living; and we continue to do home visits to stabilize at-risk families.

We are daily transporting the homeless to shelter through our Mobile Outreach program; we continue to safely shelter those who flee their homes due to violence; and our counselors and case managers are busy providing virtual sessions to children and adults suffering from mental health, anxiety and substance-use disorders.

To be sure, Catholic Charities' professional social work staff are critical to our operations, but our amazing volunteers and our own band of dedicated warehouse staff, truck drivers and maintenance personnel are also going above and beyond during this time.

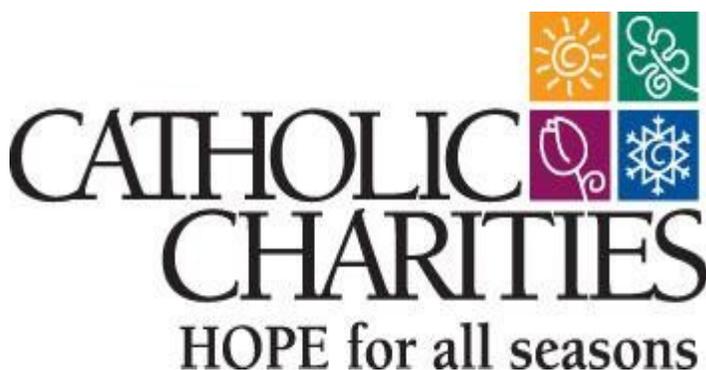
With each direct-service encounter, there is another important role that social service staff play in fighting the pandemic, and that is providing health education. Many people still lack a basic understanding of the virus and how to slow its spread. Perhaps they do not have televisions or access to social media, don't understand English or cannot read, can't weed through the information overload or simply don't trust the news media.

With every interaction, Catholic Charities teaches people how to keep their families safe and educates them about handwashing, mask-wearing, proper cleaning in their homes, meal planning to avoid extra trips outside the home and what social distancing looks like in practice. Even our security guards and receptionists are playing a critical role in this process as we properly distance people who must visit our sites and pass out masks to those who have none.

I could not be prouder of the staff and volunteers at Catholic Charities, and I am so grateful for their service. Despite the risks, they are out there every day feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick, comforting the sorrowful, counseling the doubtful, educating the uninformed and truly engaging in every one of the acts of corporal and spiritual mercy.

Please keep our essential social service workers in your prayers as they battle the effects of the pandemic and bring help and hope to the most vulnerable among us.

Kathleen Donahue-Coia, Wednesday, June 3, 2020



As you celebrate the anniversary of the Stars and Stripes, here are some fast facts about “Old Glory”:



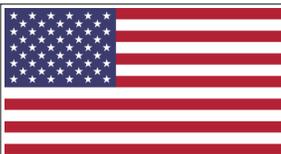
- The lyrics of “The Star-Spangled Banner,” America’s national anthem since 1931, are taken from a patriotic poem written by Francis Scott Key after he witnessed the Battle of Fort McHenry during the War of 1812. His words were set to the tune of “To Anacreon in Heaven,” a popular British drinking song.
- In the 1950’s, when it seemed certain that Alaska would be admitted to the Union, designers began retooling the American flag to add a 49th star to the existing 48. Meanwhile, a 17-year-old Ohioan student named Bob Heft borrowed his mother’s sewing machine, disassembled his family’s 48-star flag and stitched on 50 stars in a proportional pattern. He handed in his creation to his history teacher for a class project, explaining that he expected Hawaii would soon achieve statehood as well. Heft also sent the flag to his congressman, Walter Moeller, who presented it to President Eisenhower after both new states joined the Union. Eisenhower selected Heft’s design, and on July 4, 1960, the president and the high school student stood together as the 50-star flag was raised for the first time. Heft’s teacher promptly changed his grade from a B– to an A.
- Unlike setting an intact flag on fire, flying one upside-down is not always intended as an act of protest. According to the Flag Code, it can also be an official distress signal.
- Despite the preponderance of “patriotic” gear ranging from tee shirts to swimsuits to boxer shorts, the Flag Code stipulates that the Stars and Stripes should not appear on apparel, bedding or decorative items.
- The practice of draping coffins in the American flag is not reserved for military veterans and government officials. On the contrary, any burial may incorporate this tradition.
- Etiquette calls for American flags to be illuminated by sunlight or another light source while on display.
- When the flags of cities, states, localities or groups are flown on the same staff as the American flag, Old Glory should always be at the peak. When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they should be of equivalent size and flown from separate staffs of the same height.
- Ever wondered how to correctly fold an American flag? First, enlist a partner and stand facing one another, each holding both corners of one of the rectangle’s shorter sides. Working together, lift the half of the flag that usually hangs on the bottom over the half that contains the blue field of stars. Next, fold the flag lengthwise a second time so that the stars are visible on the outside. Make a triangular fold at the striped end, bringing one corner up to meet the top edge. Continue to fold the flag in this manner until only a rectangle of star-studded blue can be seen.

### Embrace the Grace

Don’t forget to listen to our new video series featuring a reflection from Fr. Bob with musical accompaniment by Steve Kittler, our music director. You can access these weekly reflections by going to [youtube.com](https://youtube.com) and searching St. Rene Goupil Church or by going to our website ([strenegoupil.org](https://strenegoupil.org)) and clicking on the available link. His messages are inspirational, thought-provoking and from the heart. The music is beautiful and fits the theme of Father’s message, and the camera work shows many different images that are absolutely beautiful.. In times like these, we can all use some inspiration and words of encouragement! Check it out!



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**Coordinator:**

**Peg Siebenaler**



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

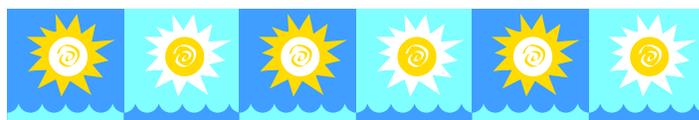
**Keep your mind on God.  
Remember to pray often  
and to celebrate your faith,  
at home with your family  
and at Mass with your faith family.**

**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.**



Pictured above is a very beautiful and creative message incorporated into a Hopscotch game made by one of our Faith Formation students. Looks like a lot of fun.



*Let Your Light Shine!*

If you are reading this, you are most probably interested in nurturing and exploring your own faith and possibly sharing it with others. So, if you have faith to share and want to fulfill your Baptismal commitment, how about considering being a Catechist for the young people enrolled in our Faith Formation Program?

Feeling inadequate? Please know that all of your materials are prepared for you and you also have the opportunity to meet with the Coordinator of our Faith Formation Program for a complete planning session and to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

**If you are able to make the commitment, please call Ms. Peggy in our Faith Formation office at 773-229-8523.**

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday, June 13, 2020**

4:00pm - Anthony Mascolino (Family)

**Sunday, June 14, 2020**

7:30am - Geraldine Kostka (Family)  
 7:30am - Blessing & Guidance for Fr. Bob Regan (St. Rene Friends)  
 7:30am - Blessings for Victor & Lorraine Ciccio (Family)  
 9:30am - Raymond Sutkowski (Edna Bazik)  
 9:30am - Paulette Wilhelmy (Gloria & John Bodoki)  
 11:30am - James Koffend (Family)

**Monday, June 15, 2020**

8:00am - Ronald Mroz (St. Rene Staff)

**Tuesday, June 16, 2020**

8:00am - Jonathan Ramirez (Family)

**Wednesday, June 17, 2020**

8:00am - Blessings & Guidance for Fr. Bob Regan (St. Rene Friends)

**Thursday, June 18, 2020**

8:00am - Pedro Medina (Family)

**Friday, June 19, 2020**

8:00am - David Vasquez (Family)

**Saturday, June 20, 2020**

8:00am - Alvina Drozd (Family)  
 4:00pm - Geraldine Finlay (McAllister & Neligan Families)

**Sunday, June 21, 2020**

7:30am - Alois Cerv (Mary Sarlitto)  
 9:30am - Paulette Wilhelmy (Gloria & John Bodoki)  
 11:30am - Wayne Tishka (Family)  
 11:30am - Blessings & Guidance for Fr. Bob Regan (St. Rene Friends)



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 Judy Adelsbach  
 Larry Adkins  
 Guadalupe Almendarez  
 Elizabeth Bedran  
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 Sandra Tallon  
 Scott Tloczek  
 Shirley Tloczek  
 Joan Wilhelmy  
 Richard Zaleski



**Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

-St. Alphonsus Liguori



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Peg Siebenaler  
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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**

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

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office@strenegoupil.org

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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.

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