

The Kingdom of heaven

is like a merchant
searching for fine pearls.

When he finds a
pearl of great price,
he goes and sells all
that he has and buys it.

Matthew 13:45-46



**Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

July 26, 2020

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ST. SYMPHOROSA & ST. RENE PARISH

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Fr. Bob's Weekly Blog

Welcome to the Parish of St. Symphorosa & St. Rene!!

This Sunday our parish celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young disciples from both our school and religious education program (faith formation).

The fullness of the Holy Spirit will be imparted upon them as their heads are anointed with Sacred Chrism.

What a great gift for these children, and what a great gift for us as a parish. Unfortunately this year, because of the back-log from the two-month shutdown, the bishops of the Archdiocese of Chicago are not able to preside for the many confirmations. Cardinal Cupich has granted faculties to respective pastors to confirm our children.

The Sacrament of Confirmation reminds us of the Apostles and first disciples receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Jesus promised this great gift, and we are grateful for this Consoler, Advocate, Counselor, and Paraclete.

We need the Holy Spirit. In a world being overcome more and more by fear and despair, the Holy Spirit gives us the courage and strength to live our faith amidst the trials and tribulations we encounter in daily life.

The Holy Spirit enables us to stand up for what is good, true and beautiful. All the while the enemy of God and enemy of human nature seeks to foster what is evil, false and ugly.

Sadly, the power of the Holy Spirit can fall dormant in our personal life through neglect and serious sin. The amazing gifts received through

Baptism and Confirmation atrophy. If this is the case in your life, seek out of Sacrament of Reconciliation and recommit your life to the Lord. The gifts will rise up once again and you'll see the world through sacramental lenses.

We need disciples TODAY. We need people on fire for the Word of God. We need Christians who are **INSPIRED** to be instruments God uses to manifest the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. We desire to live each day mindful that the things we say and do are for the **GREATER GLORY OF GOD!**

There will be those in society who tell us to keep our faith to ourselves. They want faith privatized and kept out of the public square. This is NOT of Christ. The Lord spoke quite clearly to his disciples before he ascended when He gave them the Great Commission. Jesus said, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."

If we need a gauge as to how well we are living IN Spirit, Galatians 5: 22-23 gives us very concrete fruits that should be coming forth from our life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. Let those be your guides as you take a look at what fruit emerges from you.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your

Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

Embrace the Grace

During the mandated closure of the church doors, our music director Steve Kittler and I decided to begin a weekly video to stay in touch with our parishioners.

The result has been Embrace the Grace. This is a seven minute to ten minute video that shares the Good News and tries to put into perspective the "signs of the times."

In addition to my content, Steve Kittler adds some music and art work. Steve is the one who sits behind the camera and records me. He edits the material and puts it into presentable form so that the viewer can enjoy. I am grateful for the unseen work Steve puts into Embrace the Grace.

Nothing just happens. Embrace the Grace doesn't just show up on Saturday morning in ready form. Steve makes it happen.

If you know someone who doesn't have a computer or cell phone, please share these videos with them if they are interested. The weekly video can be found on YouTube and on our parish website.



Quote of the Week

"God gives His gifts where He finds the vessel empty enough to receive them."

~C.S. Lewis

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Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

St. Rene Worship Site

6949 W 63rd Place
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St. Symphorosa School

6125 S. Austin Ave
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(773) 585-6888

Sacrament of Penance

3:15-3:45pm every Saturday (St. Rene Site)
Offered by Appointment During the Week
Please call the Parish Office

CHURCH REOPENING GUIDELINES

As we progress, we have been given strict guidelines that **MUST** be followed from the Archdiocese of Chicago. The guidelines briefly listed below are for confessions, private prayer and public Masses. Please contact the parish office (773.767.1523) for more information or if you have any questions in regards to the guidelines. Also, please contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is interested in volunteering to join our Reopening Team.

Mass - Attendance Capacity Restricted to under 20% - Social Distancing

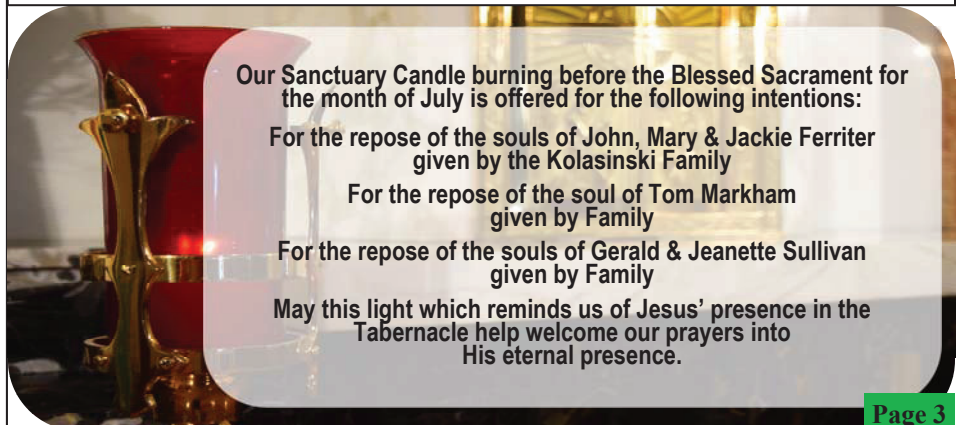
- All Mass worshippers **MUST Pre-register** for a reserved slot, indicating # of attendees (either by changing the quantity or noting the comment sections) and including your first and last name. ***If you miss the opportunity to pre-register for Mass you may still come to church and register upon arrival.***
 - Pre-register via a link provided on our parish website and social media or calling the Parish Office (773) 767-1523.
 - Pre-registration for weekend Masses opens at Wednesday morning prior to the weekend. Registration will stay open through 12pm (noon) Saturday.
- Please arrive at least **15 minutes** before the start of Mass.
- Upon arrival – (**wearing a mask**) check in with a Greeter for seating assignment.
- While not recommended, if you have not pre-registered last minute space MAY be available which would allow late registration on the day of Mass.
- Please be understanding, patient, and courteous throughout this process.

PLEASE NOTE: Dispensation from Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation continues. It is still advised that the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions stay at home and participate through livestreamed and televised Masses. If you are feeling ill or have a temperature please do not come to church.

Guidelines for Confession, Private Prayer & Public Mass Attendance

- Everyone entering the church **MUST** wear face masks the entire time, whether during confession, private prayer or Mass! Hand sanitizer will be provided by the parish and MUST be used upon entering the church.
- Trained Greeters will monitor entry, ensure social distancing & direct to appropriate seating.
- Pews and floor will have markings to designate waiting lines, seating, etc. to maintain social distancing

Once again, we are all learning... please be mindful of these guidelines for the safety of yourself and all those around you. We ask for patience and respect towards our greeters and those within our Re-opening Leadership team as they navigate through the first few weeks of this process. We look forward to this opportunity, not only to see some familiar faces again, but to be able to share the Eucharist and worship together within our Catholic faith tradition.



THE PARISH OF ST SYMPHOROSA & ST RENE

EMBRACE THE GRACE

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 stsymphorosa.org
or go directly to the YouTube page at
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJm6lOYVzFmLnENc-rj7jMQ>
to view.



Our stewardship is a combined
total from the St. Rene and
St. Symphorosa Worship Sites.

Offerings for the weekend of:
Sunday, July 19, 2020
Contribution: \$6,572.50



Split the Pot
July 19, 2020

Received this week: \$80

Winning envelope: #2287

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



Dates: June 15, 2020 to July 5, 2020

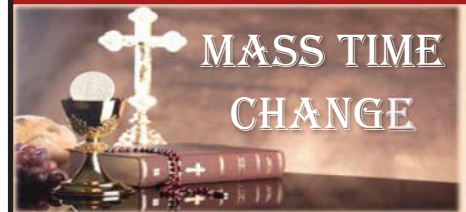
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Amount: \$4,614.23

HELP WANTED

**Parish
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The new parish of St. Symphorosa & St. Rene will be hiring a part-time maintenance worker to perform a variety of general maintenance duties at both campus locations. This position will work Monday-Friday on a 20-25 hours per week basis. Please contact the Parish Office at 773.767.1523 for additional details. Resume submission is required.



MASS TIME CHANGE

**New Mass Schedule with
Worship Site**

Saturday (Vigil Mass)

4 PM – St. Rene campus

5:30 PM – St. Symphorosa campus

Sunday

7:30 AM – St. Rene campus

9:00 AM – St. Symphorosa campus

10:30 AM – St. Rene campus

NOON – St. Symphorosa campus

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Saturday, August 8, 2020

5:30pm – 7:30pm

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WELCOME FAMILIES TO ST. SYMPHOROSA AND ST. RENE PARISH



Confirmation

Today, 46 of our Eighth Grade students from our Religious Education Program and St. Symphorosa School will be Confirmed by our very own Pastor, Fr. Robert Regan.

The students have worked very hard at preparing for this special day and we ask that you remember them, their sponsors, and parents in your prayers.

Congratulations to our Confirmandi!

The power of the Holy Spirit is now yours to share.

Alexander Benedict Basulto

Norman Patrick Bilek

Andrew Genesis Buenrostro

Angelcesar Gabriel Calderon

Kamila Guadalupe Calderon

Anali Veronica Carmona

Marie Cecilia Cruz

Daniel Maximilian Kolbe D'Andrea

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Jesus Joseph Gonzalez

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Giovanni Joseph Lepore

Jennifer Elizabeth Lopez

Natalie Philomena Lopez

Julie Catherine of Bologna Marrella

Kaden Sebastian McHugh

Elizabeth Elizabeth Seton Montoya

Olivia Theresa Nedza

Ryan Patrick O'Connell

Isabel Maria Concepcion Palomar

Dominic John Paul II Pettenon

Anakaren Anakaren Rodriguez

Leah Elizabeth of Hungary Sautkus

Arianna Michael Segura

Nicholas Patrick Smolek

Ryan Michael Spain

Anthony Benedict Torres

Joseph Benedict Torres

Gizel Bernadette Valenzuela

Leah Guadalupe Vazquez

Dulce Joan of Arc Villanueva

John Joseph Witowski

We sincerely apologize to Joseph Torres and his family for misspelling Benedict on page 4 of our worship aide.

UPCOMING
EVENTS

8/8

Communion Practice
9:30am (RE Students)
St. Symphorosa Campus

8/22

First Holy Communion
10am & 2pm
St. Symphorosa Campus

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, July 25, 2020

Saint James, Apostle

- 4:00pm *St. Rene Church* †Dan O'Brien (Family)
 †Marty Perez - Our Mail Carrier (Friends at St. Rene)
 5:30pm *St. Symphorosa Church* †Walter Labno (Wife & Family)
 †Greg Golab (Mom & Dad)
 †Dorothy Bogumil (Claire Moran)
 †Janet & Steve Molnar (Hohm Family)

Sunday, July 26, 2020

- 7:30am *St. Rene Church* †Patrick Kenney (Kenney Family)
 9:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* †James Suchy (Family)
 †Janet & Steve Molnar (Hohm Family)
 †Bert Rendak (Barbra Rendak)
 †Anne Hojdik (Family)
 10:30am *St. Rene Church* †Tony Sferino (Joyce Polise)
 †Raymond Sutkowski (Sutkowski Family)
 †Jack Orsi (Ann & Andy Tuszynski)
 †Rita Zeglicz (Kozioł Family)
 12:00pm *St. Symphorosa Church* Health & all the Lord's blessings for Tyler & Joey Ptaszkowski
 (Fr. Idzi Stacherczak)
 †Nancy Rickard (Family)

Monday, July 27, 2020

- 8:00am *St. Rene Church* †Anne Bond (Family)
 †Michael McCarthy (Elaine McCarthy)

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

- 8:00am *St. Rene Church* †Virginia Krzan (Saltis Family)
 †Marino Family (Family)
 †Fred Borowski (Geri Borowski)
 †Jeannette Nych (Sisters)

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Saint Martha

- 8:00am *St. Rene Church* †Allen Sudarski (Family)
 †Colette Nowakowski (Markham Family)
 †Roberto Rodriguez (Ines Rodriguez)

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 8:00am *St. Rene Church* †Jeanne D. Schmitz (Family)
 †Betty Moscinski (Mary Lynn & John Economou)

Friday, July 31, 2020

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

- 8:00am *St. Rene Church* †Gary Grisko (Family)
 †Margaret Mary Walsh (Mary Sarlito)

Saturday, August 1, 2020

Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 8:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* †Patricia Koperczak (Family)
 4:00pm *St. Rene Church* †Kathleen "Kitty" Mroz (Family)
 5:30pm *St. Symphorosa Church* †Janet & Steve Molnar (Hohm Family)
 †Walter Szumowski (Hamann—Balicki Family)

Sunday, August 2, 2020

- 7:30am *St. Rene Church* †Kenney Family (Family)
 9:00am *St. Symphorosa Church* Health & Birthday blessing's for Evan Mielnicki (Mielnicki Family)
 †Marian Zdziennicki (Sister)
 †Janet & Steve Molnar (Hohm Family)
 †Margarete Hess (Hess & Novak Family)
 †Joseph Loduca (Family)
 10:30am *St. Rene Church* †Thomas E. Murray (Family)
 †Raymond Ulrich (Family)
 12:00pm *St. Symphorosa Church* †Patricia Malone (Cathy & Pat Carone)



There are in the end three things
 that last: Faith, Hope, and Love,
 and the greatest of these is

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| Martin Adelsbach | Rose Ann Lindsay |
| Judy Adelsbach | Debbie Lipien |
| Larry Adkins | Maria & Martinez Family |
| Guadalupe Almendarez | John Martini |
| Kim Argires | Marge Masunas |
| Ignatius Battiato | Lori McCarthy |
| Elizabeth Bedran | Ed McGriff |
| Carl Bell | Kenneth Milewski |
| Mary Bieser | Thomas Minnick |
| Fr. Ted Bojczuk | Christine Mosqueda |
| Lydia Brown | Genevieve Nagle |
| Joanne Bukowiecki | William Nita |
| Gina Camp | Florence Panzarella |
| Pat Carmody | Eleanor Pastorek |
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| Juan Figueroa | Edward Robertson |
| Mitchell Gallas | Fr. John Rudnik |
| Geri Gestaut | Joseph Rudnik |
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| Suzann Gunter | Kristyn Schmidt |
| Kathy Haars | Marge Schmidt |
| Catherine Hier | Judith Siwek |
| Megan High | Elliana Sterk |
| Robert Hilbruner | Brian Styka |
| Heather Hradek | Terry Styka |
| Denise M. Jandura | Michael Tallon |
| Rich S. Jandura | Sandra Tallon |
| Joan Juris | Mary Thorpe |
| Pete Kats | Scott Tloczek |
| Lee Karpinski | Shirley Tloczek |
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| Walter Kokoszka, Sr. | Judith Webber |
| Claudia Kwilosz | Joan Wilhelmy |
| Norman Kwilosz | Richard Zaleski |
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| Domenico Lepore | |

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family. Please let us know when to remove a name.

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| Sgt. Michael Hough, US Army | |

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.

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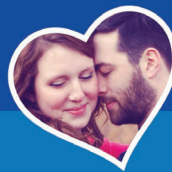
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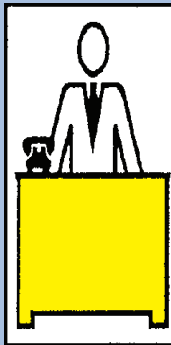
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