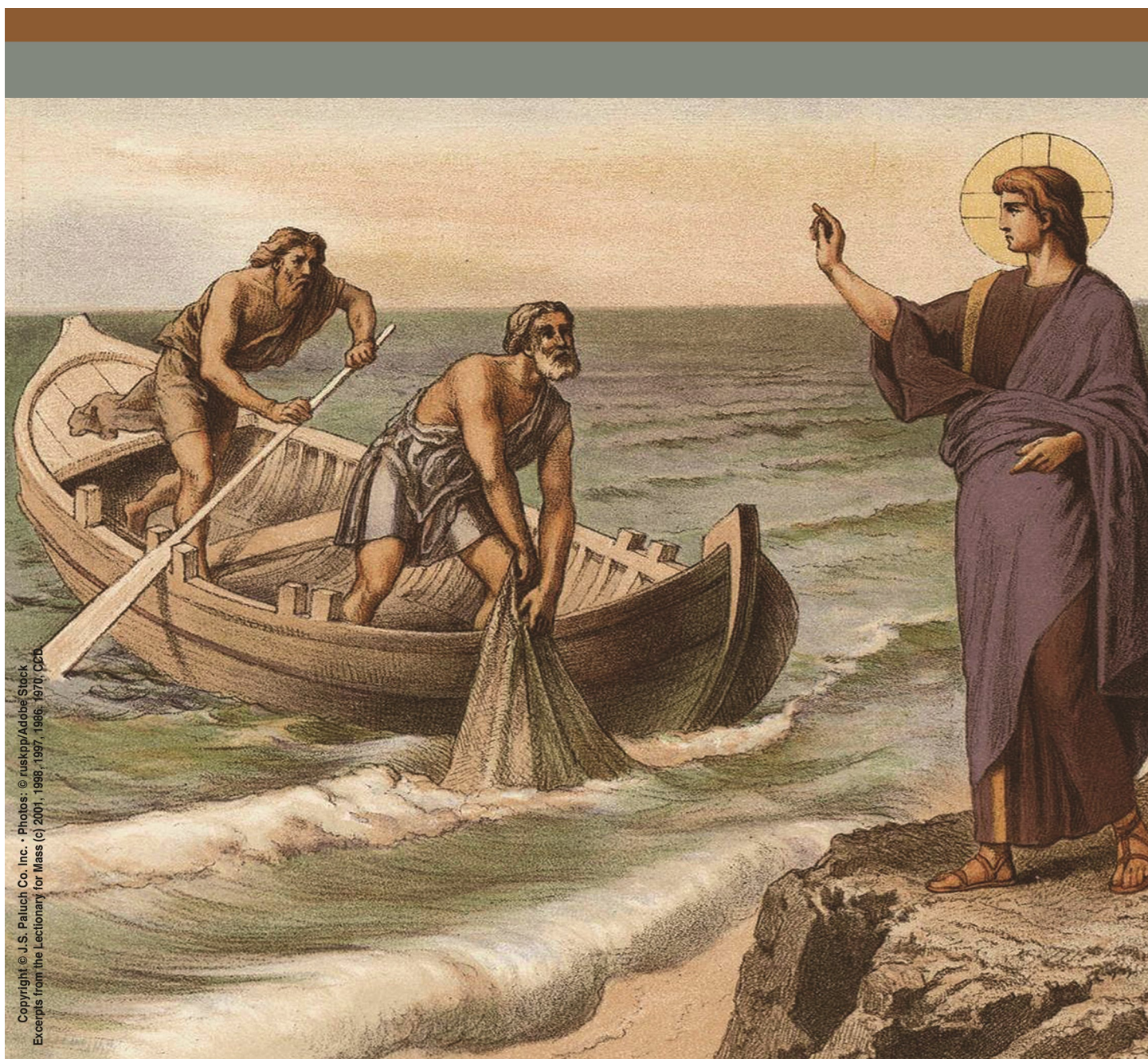


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*They left their nets and
followed him.*

MATTHEW 4:20

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Fr. Bob's Weekly Blog



There does seem to be a default setting in human beings that quickly seeks to cite difference over sameness. Perhaps this is one of the after-effects of Original Sin; the dysfunctional residue left after The Fall.

Whereas in one breathe we say things like, "Why can't we all just get along?" in the next breathe we highlight some difference to distance ourselves from others. Our hearts surge when we sing Let There be Peace on Earth but our hearts shrink when it is a peace that only suits those who look like us or speak like us.

Who, if anyone, can truly unite us as a human race?

Our answer is NOT a clever program or some legislative edict. Our answer is a Person – Jesus, the Christ. He is the Light that is our salvation. He came not to save perfect people (those perfect people who claim they don't need a savior), but to save sinners (that would be US).

"But God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by His blood, will we be saved through Him from the wrath." (Romans 5: 8-9).

In light of our upcoming Renew My Church decision (February 3rd), let's consider the message of our second reading this weekend from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians. He wrote to those in the Church at Corinth, "That there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose."

The same mind is the mind of Christ, and the same purpose is the mission of Christ. Our Lord says in today's Gospel, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Jesus' presence on earth inaugurates the new age. He is calling every

single human person to Himself. This is a love summons that can be accepted or rejected. We can collectively fix our gaze on the Lord, or we can all look in our own selfish direction.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. (MT 11:28). Rest from what? Rest from the divisiveness of this world, for certain. In a world searching for answers to our unrest, we seem to want to look in every direction except toward the One who is the Answer. "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Imagine this crazy idea. Let's give Jesus' way a serious try. This reminds me of G.K. Chesterton's famous line. He wrote, "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried."

The more we continue to push God out of our lives – out of our society – the more divisive things will become. There will be nothing to bind us together. We will only see our differences as we shut off the Light of Divine Grace. Even within our own Catholic Church, we will see a nearby parish as OTHER instead of as partners in a mission much larger than perhaps we imagine.

We can unite ourselves in Christ or we can play right into the divisive hands of the Enemy of human nature, who loves when we lose sight of the big picture of God's Plan of Salvation.

Where will you direct your eternal gaze? Christ? Or someone else? Our answer matters.

Renew My Church Announcement

The official decision from the Office of the Archbishop of Chicago in regards to Renew My Church and the parishes of St. Rene Goupil and St. Symphorosa will be publically made on Monday, February 3, 2020 inside St. Symphorosa's main church. Parishioners are welcome to attend the 7 PM gathering.

Representatives from both parishes have spent the past several months meeting and

looking at different types of information. Each parish also hosted two Town Hall gatherings open to respective parishioners. As has been previously stated, we looked at sacramental numbers, finances, debt, building conditions, demographics, etc., as we plan how best to serve the Clearing area of Chicago in the near future.

The one thing that cannot happen at this point is that we do nothing. That is not one of our current options.

A quote that can help us more effectively embrace Renew My Church is this ... "One reason people resist change is because they focus on what they have to give up instead of what they have to gain."

Honor our past. Live in the present. Prepare for the future.

There is a very important evangelization aspect to Renew My Church that far too often gets lost amidst passionate discussions about money and buildings. Our number one priority, at the end of the day, is about making disciples. This great commission comes to us not from a pope or a bishop, it comes to us from the Lord Himself.

"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, until the end of the age."

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Favorite Quote of the Week

"The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course."

– St. Boniface of Mainz.



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Doors open at 12:30pm
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The empty box mystery

Call it the mystery of the empty box. A whodunit that is repeated over and over and over again.

It starts with the sense of disappointment that comes when you put your hand in the box of ice cream bars in the freezer ... and it comes back empty.

Or when the orange juice bottle has just drops left in the bottom, the bag of bread is down to the last heel slice or the potato chip bag has nothing but greasy crumbs.

I don't know how many times I've told the kids that if they use the last bit of something (or, really, the last usable bit), they should dispose of the container. Then, if they really want more, they can even mention it to make sure it gets added to the shopping list.

Leaving the container in the pantry or the fridge doesn't help. Neither does leaving a half-serving that no one is going to eat. At best, it's annoying. But it also means we sometimes don't restock as soon as we should because we're tricked by the empty boxes on the shelves.

Since no one in the house will admit to being the gremlin who puts empty or near-empty packages back, I can't really say for sure why they (and yes, I'm pretty sure there are multiple offenders here) do it.

Is it just a lack of awareness of what they're doing? I mean, at least they're putting the package away, right? Maybe I should be grateful for that.

Do they really not know where the trash can and recycling bin are? Is it related to the problems they seem to have changing the toilet paper roll? Or the difficulty at least some of my kids have with getting rid of clothes and toys they've clearly outgrown? If so, that's a problem, because we really don't have space to keep every granola bar box we go through.

Sometimes it's time to move on. That's an impulse a lot of people honor this time of year with New Year's resolutions, promises we make to ourselves to eat better, exercise more or, more importantly, be more kind or pray more.

It's time to take stock, and to restock, as we look at ways we can nurture both ourselves and those around us. What do you need to be a better person? A better spouse? A better parent to your children or child to your parents? A better child of God? Those are the things we should be looking for.

Otherwise we're just taking an empty box and putting it back on the shelf.

Michelle Martin
 January 8, 2020



Raffle Ticket Sale January 26, 2020 ONLY!

Tickets are \$10.00 each and will have a 3-digit number on them. For the entire month of February, if your number matches the Illinois Pick 3 lottery game, you win!

Monday thru Saturday, you can win \$50 at each of the two daily drawings. On Sunday there is one drawing and you could win \$100. You can win multiple times.

This raffle will benefit Tom Salzburg who was extremely active in the St. Rene Community. He and his wife were responsible for organizing the St. Valentine's dance, which was the biggest fundraiser St. Rene had for 6/7 years. Tom is now battling ALS.

There will be a benefit for the family on April 19th. For more information, please contact Jerry Hughes at 773-485-0146.





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

We as human beings are worshipping beings. We are wired for worship, so the big question becomes who or what shall we worship?

Some folks will dispute this claim and say, “I don’t worship.” Hmmm! Really?

Odds are if you spent a full month with such a person you would find out fairly quickly that they do, indeed, worship. God might NOT be the object he worships, but something in his life will reveal itself as an idol; aka object of worship.

Saint Augustine was onto something when he famously wrote, “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.”

Do you sense a general restlessness in our culture today? Might it have something to do with our hearts being set on something or someone who is NOT God? Give this some thought.

The human being is God’s creature. God is God. We are not God. We owe our very existence to God. We have been loved into existence and are, at this very moment, held in existence because God wills it. To think we are a random cosmic accident is, in my perspective, a bigger leap of faith than believing in a Divine Creator who creates ex nihilo (creates from nothing).

Our soul needs connection to its Divine Source, and worship satisfies a hungry heart, a restless heart. The neglect of God is the basic evil which all other evils are but a symptom. Getting rid of symptoms never cures a disease. One must eliminate the root cause.

Godlessness is the growing dis-ease of our culture; a culture that is more and more embracing death rather than life. We take for granted far too many things and begin to live our daily life as if God does not exist. We are beginning to see very serious symptoms of this spiritual dis-ease.

This is why it becomes important to worship God in sincerity and truth. We want our worship of God to overflow into our daily life. We fall in love with God (who loves us) and our heart is transformed. We live no longer for ourselves, but FOR GOD and others.

The growing selfishness of a godless society can only be turned around by each human person turning back to God in all seriousness. We make Christ the center of our life. We admit we are all sinners in need of God’s grace. We recognize our life is not about us individually, but about a much larger mission – the manifestation of the kingdom of heaven on earth.

God has given us a beautiful avenue to express worship. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the highest form of prayer we have on earth; heaven and earth kiss. We arrive to worship and, in turn, we are sanctified.

Christ founded an infallible Church to guide us, to tell us what is right and what is wrong, and to provide us with marvelous helps, called sacraments, whereby we are aided to do good and avoid evil. And the Church has an official act of worship – the Mass – in which the fruits of Calvary are applied to our souls.

The question is not “Will I worship?” You will worship. The question is, “Will I worship God?”



CAPS Beat 812 Meeting

**Please join us at
7:20pm**

**St. Rene Elementary School
6340 S. New England**



St. Symphorosa School Open House

**Sunday, January 26, 2020
11am - 1pm**

**Staff will be on hand to give a tour
and answer questions.**

**The school is located at 6125 S Austin
Ave.**



Faith Formation Office
(773) 229-8523

Coordinator:
Peg Siebenaler

Email: strenefaithformation@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1/26: Family Mass 9:30am.
1/29: Classes for Level 8 ONLY.
2/02: Family Mass 9:30am.
2/05: Classes for ALL Levels.

BAKE SALE

The St. Rene Faith Formation Students will sponsor a Bake Sale February 1 & 2 in the Narthex before and after all Masses. If you'd like to donate baked goods, please bring your items to the Narthex before any of the Masses, on Feb 1 / Feb. 2. Proceeds from this sale will be used for our St. Rene Faith Formation Program.

Our Level Eight Students and their families will be helping-out at the St. Blasé Soup Kitchen, sponsored by Catholic Charities. This out-reach project is scheduled for: **Wednesday, January 29th**, from 5:30pm to 7:15pm. St. Blasé Parish is located at 6101 S. 75th Ave. Summit, Illinois.



The object of this service project is to enrich the faith of our St. Rene students, to teach sharing, and to allow them to come together and recognize others in need. Our young people will help make a difference in our community by giving their time.

These students will be earning service hours for their Confirmation, which takes place on May 8th 2020.



On February 12th our First Communicant's along with their parents are invited to a Special Bread Meeting. Each family is asked to bring a loaf of "homemade" bread to share within the context of this gathering wherein we thank the Lord for the Eucharist and the joy it brings into our lives. Happy are we who have been called to the Lord's Table!

St. Rene Goupil Parish Family celebrates with joy the Sacrament of Reconciliation for The Level Two Students Class of 2019-2020

*Alizé Abarca
Maya Cervantes
Gianna Delgado
Marguerite Dybas
Camila Gutierrez
Enzo Hernandez
Sophia Hernandez
Nathan Mora
Chrystian Ostrowski
Samiya Ramirez
Grace Sepulveda
Natalie Sepulveda
Leyla Valenzuela*



*We would like to Congratulate all those who made their First Reconciliation on 1/15/20.
May God Continue To Bless You!*



A Prayer to Nurture a Forgiving Family

Lord, give us a home over-flowing with love,

A family that is quick to forgive and seek forgiveness,
A family that laughs and prays and heals together,
A family that values others more than self,
Reconciliation more than pride, and God's grace more

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, January 25, 2020

4:00pm—Casimir C. Wilczynski (Family)

Sunday, January 26, 2020

7:30am—Stephanie Adam (Family)

9:30am—John Siebenaler (Peg Siebenaler)

9:30am—Ron Mroz (Peg Siebenaler)

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

11:30am—William A. Kappel, Jr. (Kappel Family)

11:30am—Michael Angel Colon (Life Partner)

Monday, January 27, 2020

8:00am—Raymond Sutkowski (John Sutkowski Family)

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

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

8:00am—Fred Borowski (Geri Tomaselli)

8:00am—Richard Zilka (Marie Zilka)

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

8:00am—Michael Angel Colon (Life Partner)

8:00am—Daniel Sarlitto - Safety (Mary Sarlitto)

8:00am—Janet Heitz (Marie Zilka)

Thursday, January 30, 2020

8:00am—Steven Krupowicz (Family)

Friday, January 31, 2020

8:00am—Maureen Walczak (Family)

Saturday, February 1, 2020

8:00am—Allen Szudarski (Family)

4:00pm—Jonathan C. Ramirez (Family)

4:00pm—Jeanne D. Schmitz (Karen Walsh)

4:00pm—Dan Piotrowski (Jeanie)

Sunday, February 2, 2020

7:30am—Daniel Rajewski (Friends)

9:30am—Stanley Tloczek (Tuszynski Family)

9:30am—Russell Lyewski (John & Gloria Bodoki)

11:30am—Raymond Sutkowski (Marty Shandles)



Martin Adelsbach
Judy Adelsbach
Larry Adkins
Guadalupe Almendarez
Anthony Barone
Elizabeth Bedran
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
Jeanne Schmitz
Michael Tallon
Sandra Tallon
Scott Tloczek
Shirley Tloczek
Joan Wilhelmy
Richard Zaleski



St. Rene Devotional Candle

Sophie & Floyd Mateja-
Health & Special Intentions

Rosemary Kane-Health & Recovery
Special Intentions

Edward J. Robertson-
Recovery & Special Intentions

Successful Surgery & Recovery
Special Intentions



Altar & Rosary Society

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Jan. 31/Feb. 1, 2020

Arlene Capparelli & Mary Sarlitto

January 19/20, 2020 Offering

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Total Sunday Giving	\$4,285.00
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Thank you for your generosity!

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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

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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.
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Mass	4:00PM February 1, 2020	7:30AM February 2, 2020	9:30AM February 2, 2020	11:30AM February 2, 2020
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