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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER
27
2019

**The tax collector prayed,
“O God, be merciful
to me a sinner.”**

Luke 18:13



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

Woe to those convinced of their own righteousness.

What does this look like? Jesus gives us an example in today's Gospel with the parable of the Pharisee and tax collector.

Listen to the prayer of the Pharisee. He prayed, "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity – greedy, dishonest, adulterous – or even like this tax collector."

Whoa! Talk about pride. One can practically hear his condescending tone of voice as he looks over at the tax collector.

Then the Lord gives us an example of humble prayer through the mouth of the tax collector.

"O God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Wow! That's an honest prayer; one we could all use at any moment of the day.

This Gospel is a brilliant juxtaposition of pride and humility. There is arrogance in the Pharisee, and a lack of compassion. Yes, the tax collector was a sinner, but if we're honest, we're in that same long line of sinners that goes back all through history to Adam and Eve. Those puffed up in self-righteousness fail to see this collective truth.

Notice how the Pharisee didn't actually pray to God. He prayed with himself. True prayer is always offered to God and to God alone. Can

you hear the thud of the Pharisee slapping himself on the back? The Pharisee did not really go to pray to God; he went to inform God how good he was.

In our most humble, honest moments, our prayer echoes the one expressed by the tax collector. "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner." God never spurns a humble, contrite heart.

Prayer and pride don't mix. Humility and prayer go hand-in-hand.

All Saints Day

This coming Friday is All Saints Day, which is a Holy Day of obligation. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered here at St. Rene at 8 a.m. and also at 7 p.m. For those needing a Thursday evening Vigil Mass, you'll need to check out another church in the area.

This beautiful Solemnity reminds us of all those already experiencing the eternal glory of God in heaven. We are also reminded to call on this great cloud of witnesses as we continue our pilgrimage through this world. We should all have a saint – or two or three – who we use as a model of faith to inspire us to a higher love.

We're also reminded at this time of year of the universal call to holiness – that we are called to be saints. If we desire heaven, then we desire to be a saint. We all have a loved one we know who has passed on and we're certain is a saint in heaven. So in addition to the canonized saints of the

Church, we remember the ordinary, everyday saints who lived daily the Gospel truth in word and deed.

All Souls Day

The day after All Saints Day is All Souls Day. This is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation, but it has become a very important day for many of us who have lost loved ones.

On this day, we commemorate the faithful departed. We pray for their souls, especially those who need our prayers in purgatory. They already are aware they shall see the glory of God, but are in need of further purification. We pray for them.

This day also reminds us, too, that our day will come. This should help put things in better perspective. Our earthly bodies have an expiration date. Yes, even Bill Gates and Warren Buffet will die, and their vast sums of money buys them nothing on judgment day. Our souls, however, are immortal; the soul lives forever – either forever in God's glory, or forever separated from God's love by the person's own choice. Love does not force. Love summons.

We pray for ALL souls, but especially our loved ones.

Favorite Quote of the Week:
"Fear of death is for those who are not willing to go to Christ."
—St. Cyprian of Carthage



Care Packages for Military Personnel

The St. Rene/St. Symphorosa Knights of Columbus will be collecting items to send to our troops for the holidays. A special box will be set up in the narthex for your donations. Below is a list of needed items. Most can be purchased at the Dollar Store. You may even have some of these things lying around your house.

In addition to the requested items, monetary donations will gladly be accepted. Checks should be made out to the Knights of Columbus and should be placed in an envelope marked "Military Donations". This envelope can be placed in the collection basket with your regular Sunday envelope. All donations must be brought in by November 4.

Please contact Jerry Hughes at (773) 485-0146 if you have any questions. And as always, thank you for your generosity.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

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Decks of cards
Small card/dice games
New/Current magazines



Our Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be holding their annual Bundle weekend on November 2/3. Donations will be accepted before and after all Masses. Please do not leave your donations outside the trailer.

Needed items include clothing and shoes for men, women and children, household items, such as dishes, flatware, pots and pans, cooking and serving items, home décor, linens, sheets, towels, blankets, small appliances, microwaves, electric grills, toaster ovens and toasters.

No baby furniture or carseats can be accepted at this time due to various recalls.



Altar & Rosary

The St. Rene Altar & Rosary Society will host their annual Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at the Mayfield Banquet Hall from 11:30am to 3:30 pm. The price of the ticket is \$25.00 per person. Guests are welcome to attend.

The menu includes Cream of Chicken soup, individual salads with Ranch or French dressing, roast chicken with dumplings, roast pork with gravy, Polish sausage with sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, Normandy mix vegetables, and bread with kolaczki for dessert. Coffee and tea to drink with soda and wine on each table.

Tickets will be sold after the weekend Masses of November 10, 17 and 24th.

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



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

St. Francis de Sales offers us some spiritual wisdom.

He wrote, “We must fear God out of love, not love Him out of fear.”

That’s good advice!

Let’s apply this saintly quote to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Do we go to Mass out of fear or do we arrive for Mass out of love? Our desire as Christian disciples is to embrace the latter of the two.

We do understand that weekly Mass is an obligation of our faith; it’s one of the precepts of the Church. We’re mindful, however, that God does not need us at Mass. Instead, God desires to give us amazing grace that He knows is good for our soul, and the Lord has set aside ONE day a week so that we briefly turn away from the busy-ness of the world and recollect ourselves on all that Christ has done for us.

Jesus never intended for the Eucharistic sacrifice to be a burden; something we loathe. Everything the Lord gives us in and through His Church is meant to nourish our soul, especially the gift of finest wheat – the Eucharist.

St. Angela of Foligno said, “If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ’s love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude.”

The Eucharist is the great Sacrament of Love; not the sacrament of fear. We approach with great reverence the altar of the Lord, and we receive He who gave his Body and Blood so that we might have life. May we do our best to NEVER receive the Eucharist disrespectfully nor indifferently.

Occasionally you will hear someone say, “I don’t get anything out of Mass.” Really? The challenge to that kind of statement is, “How did you prepare for Mass?” Certainly, Holy Mass should be prepared well. The priest should have prepared a quality homily, and he should preside at Mass with disciplined reverence. The Mass is NOT the priest’s personal showcase. He stands in the Person of Jesus Christ. He should not be an entertainer or comedian. He is a priest of Jesus Christ, and this should reveal itself in the prayers spoken and the gestures made.

The musicians should prepare well. The lectors should prepare well. The altar servers should prepare well, and so should each person entering the pews. Pray through the readings before coming to Mass. Listen attentively to the homily. Enter into the prayers of the Mass, and reverently participate in the dialogue between priest and people.

If we are bored at Mass, the issue is on our end, not God’s. There’s nothing boring about what took place at the Last Supper (institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood) and what took place on Calvary (our salvation through Christ in the cross).

My hope is that your coming to Mass be a labor of love; that your presence come from a place of love, not fear, and definitely not bored fulfillment of an obligation.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is a beautiful occasion. We have something the world cannot give, and the more we attempt to make the Mass more like the world, the more we lose a sense of the awesome transcendence of God. We come to Mass to step OUT of the ordinariness of the world and step INTO the extraordinary glory of the heavenly banquet. Amen!



**All Saints Day
(Holy Day of
Obligation)**

November 1, 2019

8 AM

Mass & 7 PM Mass

**All Souls Day
(Not a Holy Day of
Obligation)**

**The Commemoration
of
All the Faithful Departed
November 2, 2019**





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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 10/27: Family Mass 9:30am
- 10/30: Classes for all levels
- 10/31: HAPPY HALLOWEEN
- 11/1: ALL SAINTS DAY
- 11/2: ALL SOULS DAY
- 11/3: Family Mass 9:30am
- 11/6: Classes for all levels
- 11/10: Family Mass 9:30am
- 11/13: No Classes
- 11/17: Family Mass 9:30am
- 11/20: Classes for all Levels



St. Rene Faith Formation
Pictured above are our level one students learning about
The Saints—God's Superheroes.



Holy Fire 2019
Our group of 13 attended from St. Rene.
It was truly a spiritually amazing event!

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, October 26, 2019

4:00pm—Bruno Bury (John & Joseph Gavin)
4:00pm—Donald Conner (Carol & Joseph Lang)

Sunday, October 27, 2019

7:30am—Phillip O'Brien (Family)
9:30am—Fred Borowski (Geri Tomaselli)
11:30am—Metropolitan Members & Friends (Eleanor Welps)

Monday, October 28, 2019

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

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

8:00am—Zeneida Narea (Vince Narea)

Wednesday, October 30, 2019

8:00am—Remo Zappavigna (Hoogland Family)
8:00am—Mr. Beags (Friends)

Thursday, October 31, 2019

8:00am—Stephanie Adam (Family)

Friday, November 1, 2019

All Saints Day

8:00am—Emil Selefski (Family)
7:00pm—Daniel Piegari (Family)

Saturday, November 2, 2019

All Souls Day

9:00am—Tomassini Family (Eugene Tomassini)
9:00am—PRAY FOR ALL SOULS
4:00pm—Dorothy Kleinmark (Family)
4:00pm—Petra & Miguel Parra (Almendarez Family)

Sunday, November 3, 2019

7:30am—Eileen Healy (Family)
9:30am—LaVerne Raher (Toni & Bernice)
9:30am—Michael J. Wood (Wood Family)
11:30am—Mildred Denwood (Family)



Martin Adelsbach
Judy Adelsbach
Larry Adkins
Guadalupe Almendarez
Anthony Barone
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
Michael 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
In Memory of Sam Holmes
Good Health for Steven Krupowicz
Uher Family & Friends
Ganz Family & Friends
Health & Healing for Ed Robertson
Private Intention



Altar & Rosary Society
Cleaning Schedule—Nov. 1/2

Gina Fitzpatrick

October 12/13, 2019 Offering

Total envelopes	\$3,515.00
Total loose cash	\$ 705.00
Total Sunday Giving	\$4,220.00
Religious Ed Scholarship Fund	\$ 842.00

Thank you for your generosity!

October 19/20, 2019 Offering

Total envelopes	\$3,433.00
Total loose cash	\$ 819.00
Total Sunday Giving	\$4,252.00
Propagation of the Faith	\$ 892.00

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

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9:00am - 3:00pm

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We invite everyone to join us for our next
“Super Bingo/Raffle” on Sunday, November 17.

Doors will open at 12:30pm and games will
begin at 1:30pm.



The cost is \$20 per person. Tickets will be sold in
the narthex and at the door.

**CAPS Beat 812 Meeting**

Please join us at 7:00pm

St. Symphorosa Parish
Center

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019

Mass	4:00PM November 2, 2019	7:30AM November 3, 2019	9:30AM November 3, 2019	11:30AM November 3, 2019
	Diane Biondo Pat Gunnell Dan Bartusiak Frank Zalewski Linda Dobias	Alice Schaer Arlene Capparelli Pat O'Brien-Kenney Jack Kenney	Jack Orsi Joan Orsi Kay Marks Teena Smith Debbie Rudar	Ben Shafer Bernard Carey Kathy Przekwas John Strompolis Charlie Murphy
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