

# Saint Rene Goupil Catholic Church

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March 22, 2020



Fourth

## *Sunday of Lent*

Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment,  
so that those who do not see might see,  
and those who do see might become blind."

John 9:39



## Fr. Bob's Weekly Blog



Perspective has been a word on my mind a lot over the past few months.

One of the basic dictionary definitions of the word is “a particular attitude toward or way of regarding something; a point of view.”

When a person lacks perspective, there is often confusion. Jesus helps bring perspective to our lives, and we as Christian disciples begin to view the world through a sacramental lens. Suffering, pain, and death are given context in the shadow of the Cross of Christ.

During the summer I spent as a chaplain at Loyola Hospital in Maywood, one of my fellow chaplains, a Presbyterian, regularly came back to our team room very depressed at all the pain and suffering she just witnessed as she spent time with patients in their respective hospital rooms.

Her theological lens didn't allow for pain or suffering. It made no sense to her. She just wanted it to NOT BE. Reality, however, presents us daily with many examples of pain and suffering in this world. And yet, deep in our hearts, we agree to some extent with my former chaplain mate. Pain and suffering should NOT BE. We can imagine a world without it, and this should force us to ask, “Where does that notion of a pain-free, suffering-free world come from?”

Friends, we live in the “already but not yet” of salvation history. Already? This means God took on human flesh in the person of Jesus and underwent His Passion so as to REDEEM the human race. Jesus' suffering, death, resurrection and ascension are the “already.” Not yet?

Well, we await the fulfillment of all things at the end of time when Christ comes again in glory.

Because of the “not yet,” we still experience the effects of the Fall and Original Sin. Life in this broken, wounded world is not a bed of roses. Notice, however, that as you travel up the stem of a rose, you encounter some thorns. Such is life. We do not discard the truth of the beautiful rose petals just because we have encountered a thorn or two or three along the way.

Spending time in front of a crucifix goes a long way in allowing us to share our earthly pain and suffering with Jesus. He walked it before us and showed us that pain and suffering are not forever. We need not fear the thorns of life when we're promised an eternal Rose. We must keep all things in perspective in times of desolation (life's low points).

After all, the reason we so love a 72-degree sunny day is because we've lived through the cold dreary cloudiness of winter. Hope springs eternal.

May this time of trial and tribulation help us sharpen our perspective, especially our faith perspective. See the world through the crucified and risen lens of the Lord. Don't miss the beauty amidst the thorns.

### The Enemy at Large

Never underestimate how the Enemy of God and the Enemy of human nature will seek to use earthly events as an opportunity to create mayhem.

Be assured the Serpent is slithering into many minds today to sow fear, despair, doubt and confusion. The main goal? As always is its main goal ... to pull us out of relationship with God and out of relationship with one another.

Look at how we humans begin to react in times of fear. We kind of lose our minds, because we've likely already lost our hearts. We planted our hopes and dreams purely in this world and have forgotten the bigger picture. So when times get tough, we lose our sense of perspective, and we risk lashing out at those around us.

Be attentive to the needs of others. Watch out for slipping into selfishness. And most of all? Stay centered on Christ. Pray. Pray. Pray. Don't just mindlessly recite words, but instead, engage a heart-to-heart dialogue with the Lord. Yes, speak your mind and your heart, but also be prepared to listen. Hear Jesus say to you as he said to his first disciples, “Do not be afraid!”

Is it any coincidence that the words listen and silent consist of the same letters? Hmmm! They go together so well. Listen for the voice of the Lord as you fall silent.

### Favorite Quote of the Week:

**“What has a person to fear who lives in the arms and bosom of God?”**

**– St. Paul of the Cross.**





## Lenten Taizé Prayer

In this reflective season of Lent, as we face the work and hectic activities of our busy lives, come and spend some quiet time, and enter into the contemplative rhythm of this hour of prayer. Hear God's word proclaimed, and join in prayer, quiet reflection, and singing the simple and beautiful chants and responses. This prayer centers our spirits opens our hearts.

### Why Should I Attend a Taizé Prayer Service?



If you long to quiet your mind, to find stillness, and to reestablish the connection with God, Taizé Prayer fosters an intimate and encompassing relationship with God offering tranquility, appreciation, connection, gratitude, hope and bliss. Contemplative and meditative prayer are long-established traditions in the Catholic faith.

Our Lenten Taizé Prayer Service will be held at St. Rene Parish on Thursday, April 2, at 7pm.



We invite everyone to join us for our next "Super Bingo/Raffle" on Sunday, April 19.

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.



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### 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

“When somebody can write something better than you can, let his words step to the forefront. What follows below was written by Bishop Fulton Sheen, and he gives us food for thought when we encounter sin within the walls of the institutional church.

*Scandalized by Sin* by Fulton J. Sheen

“The psychology of those who are scandalized by bad Catholics is interesting. It means that they expected something better; if people who themselves are wicked, rejoice in the scandal, it is because they think they have greater authority for sinning than anyone else who fell. One never hears it said: “He is a bad Relativist,” or he is a “scandalous Humanist” or an “adulterous Ethicist,” because they never really expected anything better from them in the beginning.

“The horror that one feels at those who fall, is the measure of the height of virtue to which they expected to stand. We are grateful for the compliment of their being scandalized at our weak members, and for being intolerant with us about the very things they tolerate in others. They know that there are no other new lights possible if the sun fails!

“It is intellectually stultifying and morally easy to be a Communist; it is intellectually refreshing and morally hard to be a Catholic. No ideal is more difficult of attainment. When anyone falls away from a Sun Cult he never has very far to tumble. But when a Catholic falls away, he is apt to be far worse than anyone else. The greater the height from which he falls, the greater the splash. “The corruption of the best is the worst. No flowers smell worse than the rotted lily.

May we ask those who are scandalized with the failings of the Church, how perfect the Church would have to be before they would become incorporated into it as a living cell? If it were as perfect as they wanted it to be, do they realize that there would be no room for them? Just suppose for a moment, that Christ’s Mystical Body had no moral weaknesses; suppose that no monk ever broke his priestly vows to marry a nun and start a new religion – and this really happened; suppose that no bishop was ever just a business administrator and no priest ever disedifying and no monk ever fat, and no sister ever cross to her children, and sanctity was as automatic as a parking meter; and suppose no one ever gave scandal to those who are on the outside to justify the way they were living.

“Would such a Church be the kind that our Lord envisaged, Who told us that cockle would be sowed with wheat, and that some of the children of the kingdom would be cast out? If the Mystical Body were as perfect as the scandalized would have it, would not Her very perfection accuse and condemn us who are not saintly? Too high an ideal often repels rather than attracts.

“She would be so saintly that She would no longer allure ordinary mortals. She might even appear to the struggling souls as terribly Puritan, easily scandalized at our failings, and might even shrink from having her garments touched by sinners like ourselves. Gone then would be the hope for those who are unholy and in sin. No! The Mystical Body with none but perfect members would be a stumbling block. Then, instead of us being scandalized by Her, She would be scandalized by us, which would be far worse.”

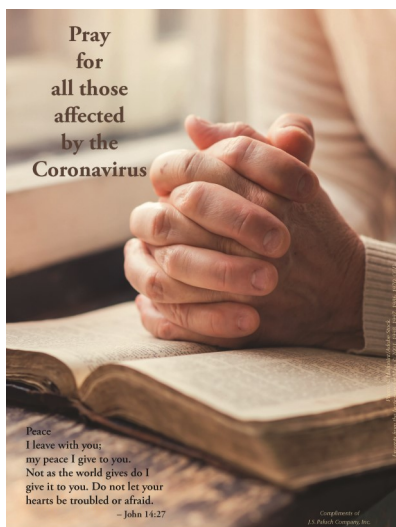


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**All Faith Formation Classes have been cancelled until further notice.**



## Jesus Projects



This year, our students in levels Five, Six and Seven are focusing on the person of Jesus in the Gospels. These students will be using some creative art form to depict a Jesus story of their choice. The projects will be on display in the Narthex, for viewing by our parish community the weekend of March 22nd.



St. Rene Faith Formation invites our Level 1, 3 & 4 students to a Special Grade Level Mass and a Port Lunch Event, on Sunday, March 29. Families should attend the 9:30am Mass and then proceed to the

school hall to, make lunches for Port Ministries! Making lunches for "The Port" is a wonderful outreach project for families and also a Great way to earn Service Hours.

If you are interested in donating to this endeavor ....you are asked to bring any of the following items the day of the event: sandwich bread, pre-packaged lunchmeat, fresh fruit (apples or oranges), individual bags of chips, individual packages of crackers, 10-count juice boxes, individual fruit snacks, granola/ breakfast bars, or zip-loc sandwich baggies.

We look forward to welcoming you on March 29, for this special Grade Level Mass and making lunches for "The Port". Thank you for your time and donations.

**For more Information about The Port Ministries, please check out their website:**  
<http://www.theportministries.org/>

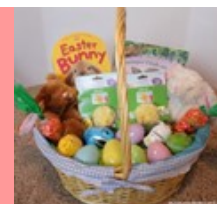
## Palm Sunday Procession

We invite our Level One Students to a Special Grade Level Mass on Palm Sunday. The children are being asked to carry palms and participate in the Palm Sunday procession at the 9:30am Mass on April 5. Please have your child/children gather in the Narthex 10 minutes before Mass begins. The children will form a line for the procession and after the procession will sit with their families during the liturgy. (It's important that the children know where you are sitting.) May God bless you as we continue our Lenten Journey.



## Lenten Outreach

Our Faith Formation students invite all of our parishioners to participate in our Lenten Outreach project. All levels will be donating Children's Easter Basket items for the local shelters and agencies we service. Donations can be brought to our Faith Formation classes on Wednesdays or dropped off in the Narthex of the Church when attending mass. Please note, we can always use empty Easter Baskets and the cellophane bags to wrap the baskets, after we fill them. For more information, feel free to call the Faith Formation Office. God be with you and your dear families as we continue this Holy Season of Lent. Our 2020 St. Rene Confirmandi will take part in assembling the Easter Baskets and earn service hours for their upcoming Confirmation.





# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



## Saturday, March 21, 2020

4:00pm—Geraldine Finlay (McAllister & Neligan Families)  
 4:00pm—Sophie Simbick & Joseph Niziolek (Almendarez Family)

## Sunday, March 22, 2020

7:30am—Dorothy J. Harvey (Family)  
 9:30am—Raymond Sutkowski (Sutkowski Family)  
 9:30am—James Koffend (Judy Khazen)  
 9:30am—Joseph & Mary Dawe (The Bodoki's)  
 9:30am—Albert Mazzone (Mazzone Family)  
 11:30am—Raymond August (Family)  
 11:30am—Israel Mendez (Ruben & Doris Mendez)  
 11:30am—John Gerard Jermyn (Wife Karen)

## Monday, March 23, 2020

8:00am—Maureen Walczak (Family)

## Tuesday, March 24, 2020

8:00am—Mary Amarino (Family)

## Wednesday, March 25, 2020

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

## Thursday, March 26, 2020

8:00am—Mary Molisius (Family)

## Friday, March 27, 2020

8:00am—Steven Baro (Family)

## Saturday, March 28, 2020

8:00am—Virginia Gawlik (Family)  
 4:00pm—For all the Souls in Purgatory (Charmaine)  
 4:00pm—Fred Borowski (Geri Tomaselli)  
 4:00pm—Mary Klish (Kevin Drozd)

## Sunday, March 29, 2020

7:30am—Geraldine F. Kostka (Family)  
 9:30am—Laura Pelegrino & Family (Pelegrino Family)  
 9:30am—James Koffend (Judy Carranza)  
 9:30am—Joseph & Mary Dawe (The Bodoki's)  
 11:30am—Thomas Murray (Family)



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 Judy Adelsbach  
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2. I am the Breath of Life
3. I am the Bread of Life
4. I am the Light of the World

**SCIENCE WAS RIGHT, WE  
 NEED JESUS TO LIVE.**



**Altar & Rosary Society Cleaning Schedule**  
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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.

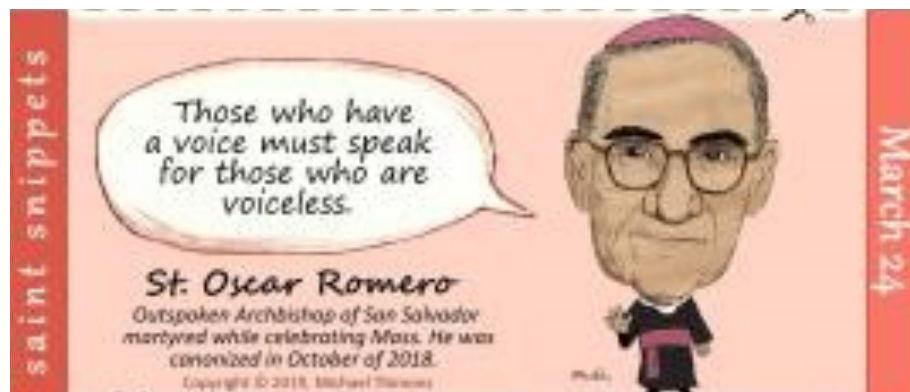
**Faith Formation Classes**

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.

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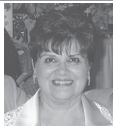
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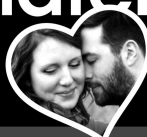
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