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Into your hands, Father of Mercies, we commend our deceased brothers and sisters, in the sure and certain hope that together with all who have died in Christ, they will rise with Him on the last day.



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

If you are lost, then put yourself in a position to be found.

That's good advice in general, but it is certainly good spiritual advice.

Zacchaeus, in our Gospel story this weekend, was spiritually lost. He was a despised and hated man by others because he was a scrupulous tax collector in Jericho. He skimmed off the top so as to help himself by lining his pockets. There would have been plenty of resentment directed toward him.

Although he was wealthy, he was not happy. Odds are he was a lonely man. He had heard of this Jesus who welcomed tax collectors and sinners, and he wondered if he would have any word for him.

Despised and hated by men, Zacchaeus was reaching after the love of God. Hmmm! At the end of the day, aren't we all? Our hearts yearn for more. Nothing in this world quite satisfies our hungry hearts.

Jesus says directly to Zacchaeus, "Come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house."

In other words, "Zacchaeus, humble yourself, for I desire – right now in this moment -- to enter into your heart and transform it."

Jesus did his part. Zacchaeus did his part, and because of this, Zacchaeus' life took a new direction. The tax collector showed remorse and a firm intention to make things right. He didn't just use his mouth to say

"I'm sorry." His actions proved he was sincerely sorry.

The best apology is changed behavior.

The Gospel says, "The Son of Man came to seek and to save that which was lost. What does lost mean in this biblical sense? It means NOT doomed or damned. It does mean IN THE WRONG PLACE.

A thing is lost when it has gotten out of its own place into the wrong place; and when we find such a thing, we return it to the place it ought to occupy. A person is lost when he has wandered away from God; and he is found when once again he takes his rightful place as an obedient child in the household and the family of his heavenly Father.

Do you know anyone who is lost? Pray that Jesus calls them by name – touches their heart – and that they do what they need to do to allow the Lord to take up residence in their home; their heart. Are you a bit lost? Put yourself in a position to be found as Zacchaeus did when he chose to climb the Sycamore tree. He did his part, and Jesus changed his life.

Expressing Gratitude

Thank you to everyone who – week in and week out – continues to financially support St. Rene Parish. We cannot pay our bills and our employees without your generosity. All of you have to live in economic reality, but so many of you are intentional about giving to your parish each week. This is greatly appreciated.

Certainly there are other ways to give to our parish; meaning time spent in service, or the sharing of your talents with the community, but money matters too. We can't assume everyone gives to the weekly collection. Some do not, and we can never know where a person or family is financially. We understand fiscal hardship.

We are well aware that taxes seem to always be on the rise. Such is life in a state (Illinois) that seems unwilling to do the hard work to gets things under control. In light of this, please do your best to give to St. Rene Parish. Bring it to prayer if need be, and if you are not giving because of mistrust toward the larger Church, then please feel free to come meet with me and share your concerns.

Again, thank you for what you are able to give to our parish each week.

Favorite Quote of the Week:
"The love of Christ is always there and unchanging, no matter what we do, but it is when we are actually obedient that we actually begin to feel it." – Criss Jami.





Altar & Rosary Society

The Altar & Rosary Society will meet on Tuesday, November 5, in the narthex at 1:00pm. Doors open at 12:30pm. There will be a guest from the Chicago Fire Department.

Tickets for the Christmas Party on December 3 will be available to purchase for \$25.

Guests are welcome to attend the meeting.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

We are once again sponsoring a parish-wide food drive this Thanksgiving. We ask all parishioners and parish groups/organizations to help the cause.

Donations of all kinds of non-perishable items are needed. Please bring a donation each weekend until Thanksgiving. We ask that the donations be brought up and placed at the foot of the altar during the offertory procession. Thank you for your continued generosity.

Help us "Fill the Altar" with food for the needy.

What Does it Mean? Catholic Vocabulary

Relic

Classified in three ways, relics can be the body or fragment of a Saint or a beatified person, and these are the ones placed in altar stones; secondarily, objects used by the Saint, such as clothing or instruments employed during martyrdom; and thirdly other objects, such as a cloth that has touched a first class relic. Relics of the true Cross and other instruments of Christ's Passion also exist and are allowed to be venerated by permission of the Church.



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.

Coat and Winter Wear Drive

We are collecting winter coats, jackets, scarves, gloves and mittens. We are collecting these items for men, women and children of all ages. Donations can be placed in the special boxes in the narthex of the church.

We hope everyone will help to make this upcoming winter a little more bearable for those in need.



Donations will be accepted through December 2nd.



Care Packages for Military Personnel

All items that you have purchased to send to our troops for the holidays are due November 4. If you forgot to bring them in this weekend, you can drop them off at the rectory during the week. Cash donations can also be turned in at this time.

As always, thank you for your generosity!

Reminder

Please bring in your filled baby bottles for The Women's Center of Chicago. You can place them in the boxes in the narthex.

Thank you for your generosity!



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Saturday, November 16, 2019 from 6:30-11:00pm
Sharp Center (21+ event)

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*All proceeds raised from this event benefit
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A number of people have spoken to me and expressed an interest in joining a Christmas Choir to sing carols at Mass this Christmas. Christmas Choir is open to everyone, and rehearsal will begin this Tuesday! This is a wonderful time to join together and sing the Christmas songs that we all know so well. Here at St. Rene's, we have a place in our music ministry for everyone! Rehearsals are held every Tuesday from 7 - 8:30pm, in the Church.

Instrumentalists who would like to play for Christmas are also welcome to play at any of the Christmas Liturgies.

Why Join the Christmas Choir?

- **A New Challenge:** *Learning to sing is a challenge in itself, but learning to sing with others is a skill that makes the singing experience all the more rewarding.*
- **Social Benefits:** *As with any club or society, gathering to sing will not only enhance your circle of friends but also your social life.*
- **Education:** *There is a wealth of music to discover, and being part of a choir is one way of finding some of the hidden gems of the choral repertoire. If you're new to music and singing, it will also encourage you to learn basic singing technique and music theory.*
- **Health Benefits:** *Singing is an ideal way to relax and relieve stress as it provides an outlet from the pressures of daily life.*

No experience is necessary. I will teach you everything you need to know. You already know the music, and I will have a few new songs to teach you. *What a wonderful way to worship together this Christmas!!*

Feel free to talk to me after Mass if you have any questions.

In song and faith,
Steve Kittler
Music Director





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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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**
- 11/24: Family Mass 9:30am**
- 11/27: NO CLASSES**
- 11/28: HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

Thanksgiving Help

In the true spirit of Thanksgiving, the St. Rene Faith Formation program will be remembering the less fortunate. This year, we will join with our fellow parishioners in helping to "Fill the Altar" with food for the needy.

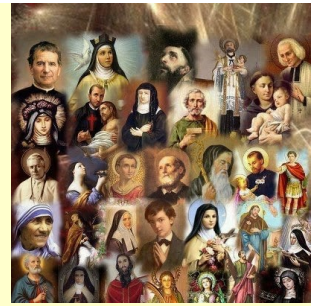
We are asking you to bring in non-perishable food items each weekend until Thanksgiving. Your donations can be placed at the foot of the altar before mass or during the offertory procession. We appreciate your generosity.



CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

During the month of November, all our Faith Formation Students will be celebrating the Saints.

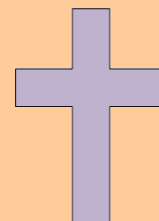
Our level eight students, preparing for Confirmation have been assigned their "Saint Projects" (a requirement for Confirmation.) The students will select their saints to research and they will present their findings. Many times our Confirmation students choose the Saint whose name they take as their Confirmation Name. The Saint Projects will be placed on display for viewing in the New Year. This is a great way to commemorate the feast of All Saints.



The Feast of All Souls...

During the month of November we remember those souls that have gone before us. On the feast of All Souls (Nov. 2nd) and throughout the month of November we recall our deceased relatives, friends, and all of the faithful departed who may yet be waiting for the full joy of heaven. Our Faith Formation program would like to remember and be thankful for these Holy Souls.

Each Faith Formation student has received a cross that we would like them to complete, by writing their family name in the middle of the cross and list any people, on the cross, who are deceased that you would like to have remembered in prayer. The crosses will be placed on display in the church on our Faith Formation bulletin boards. We will pray for all these souls during the entire month of November.



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, November 2, 2019

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)
9:30am—Mieczystaw Kudya & Aniela & Jozef Zawiska (Family)
11:30am—Mildred Denwood (Family)

Monday, November 4, 2019

8:00am—Ronald DeVitto (Family)

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

8:00am—Ted Grzenia (Family)
8:00am—Altar & Rosary Members (A & R Society)

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

8:00am—Health of Ken Surma (Friends)

Thursday, November 7, 2019

8:00am—Stephanie Adams (Family)

Friday, November 8, 2019

8:00am—Frank Molisius (Family)

Saturday, November 9, 2019

8:00am—Donna Suffern (Family)
4:00pm—Paddy Sheeran (Murphy Family)
4:00pm—Stanley, Sr. & Barbara Wisnowicz (Patricia Wisnowicz)

Sunday, November 10, 2019

7:30am—Oliver Saucedo (Sister, Maria)
7:30am—Mary Cerv (Mary Sarlito)
9:30am—Gloria Kochan (Family)
9:30am—Leonard Sowinski (Family)
11:30am—Mary Amarino (Family)



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Larry Adkins
Guadalupe Almendarez
Anthony Barone
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Geri Gestaut
Robert Hilbruner
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Marge Masunas
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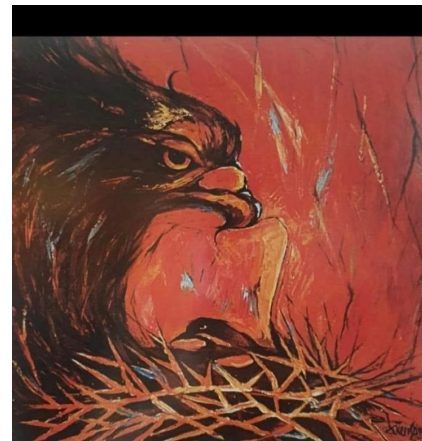
E-7 Chief Mark Porcelli retired from the military on November 1. We thank him for his service.

If anyone has a loved one in the military and you would like the people of the parish to pray for them, please submit their name and rank and we will post their names here every week.



St. Rene Devotional Candle

TAT—Maxine Carey
J.B. Chiaramonte—Health & Recovery
In Memory of Adella Carlig



Beautiful picture of an eagle protecting her young. Turn it upside down n see who is protecting us in every way! 🙏

October 26/27, 2019 Offering

Total envelopes	\$3,043.00
Total loose cash	\$ 908.00
Total Sunday Giving	\$3,951.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Altar & Rosary Society
Cleaning Schedule—Nov. 8/9
Connie Altman & Linda Dobias

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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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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

**CAPS Beat 812 Meeting**

Please join us at 7:00pm

St. Symphorosa Parish
Center

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019

Mass	4:00PM November 9, 2019	7:30AM November 10, 2019	9:30AM November 10, 2019	11:30AM November 10, 2019
	Linda Dobias Pat Gunnell Nancy Gunnell Dan Bartusiak Diane Biondo	James Roche Mary Sarlitto Pat O'Brien-Kenney Jack Kenney	Mary Bartuch Fred Bartuch John Garcia Norine Abramovic Marie Zilka	Carole Dill Mark Dill Julie Wojcik Monica Wojcik Ben Shafer
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