

Saint Rene Goupil Catholic Church

LUKE 15:6

“Rejoice with me
because I have found my lost sheep.”



*Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

SEPTEMBER 15, 2019



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

This weekend's gospel reading consistently ranks as one of the best-known parables in sacred scripture – the Parable of the Prodigal Son.

We could literally spend the rest of our lives contemplating just this passage alone, for it has amazing depth. After hearing the Gospel this weekend, go home and read it during your private prayer time. Pray to the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to reveal to you something about this passage you've never noticed before; perhaps an angle you've never considered.

The parable of the Prodigal Son is about sin, sorrow, repentance, and God's mercy.

Rembrandt wonderfully captured the tender mercy of the Father in his artistic rendering of the famous parable. A few weeks ago, we put up on the wall of the confessional a reproduction of this painting. Feel free to check it out (just not while someone is inside confessing sins).

God the Father is, indeed, merciful. A condition of receiving such abundant mercy, however, is recognizing we have sinned and then expressing sincere sorrow for having turned from God. This is what the prodigal son did, and what the people of Israel did, and sadly what many are not doing today in our society. "We don't need God," they say.

We turn away and seek out the illusion of greener pastures "over there" – far, far away from the Father.

A key line in the Gospel passage, as the son tended to swine, is "Coming to his senses."

In other words, he woke up to the reality of his condition – life far away from God. Once the party was over, the son was left with quite a hangover and empty pockets. Rock bottom!

Please notice, the father never went chasing after the son. He allowed him to walk the other way. But once the son came to his senses, he TURNED back toward the father in sincere sorrow. That's all it took, and the father RAN to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.

He once was lost, but now had been found. Amazing grace!

If you once were lost and are now found, gives thanks to God. If you are currently lost, turn around, head Home. And if you know someone who is away from the father and tending swine, pray for them, that the Spirit touch their hearts and minds, and they, too, come to their senses.

Welcome to St. Rene, Steve!

This weekend we say hello to Steve Kittler, the new music director at St. Rene. He begins his time with us on Sunday (sorry to the 4 pm Saturday Mass folks. You can meet him next week). Steve brings a love of music with him as he starts a new chapter on the southwest side of Chicago.

Quality music is an important part of liturgy, and Steve brings the skill and energy needed to give glory to God.

Transitions are always tough, and that will be the case now. Steve is transitioning into a new community, and we are adjusting to someone new at the

organ and piano. Please welcome him to his new spiritual home.

Thank you to everyone for your patience during this change.

Renew My Church

Please feel free to join us for a Renew My Church public meeting on Monday, September 16, 2019. The informational meeting will discuss the basics of the Renew My Church initiative taking place in various waves throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago.

St. Rene and St. Symphorosa have been chosen to work together to evaluate where we are at the current time as faith communities. Both parishes have specific parishioners chosen to be part of a discernment group.

The meeting on Monday is for any St. Rene parishioner who wants to learn more about this discernment process. We will hold the meeting in the main church. We'll begin at 6:30 and wrap up no later than 8 pm.

Please pray the Renew My Church prayer found in the bulletin.

And thank you for your continued witness to Christ.

Quote of the Week:

"In a higher world it is otherwise; but here below, to live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often." – Blessed John Henry Cardinal Newman.



New Music Director

St. Augustine tells us that "He who sings, prays twice." There is a quote outside an opera house which states "God gave us music so that we can pray without words." As your new

Music Director, I hope to bring the passion and enthusiasm that I have for liturgical music to the St. Rene Goupil family.

Although I started out my career in business upon graduating college, I was slowly drawn into becoming a liturgical musician, until I decided to make that my life's work. I consider myself blessed to have followed this calling to provide a deeper meaning to my life.

At St. Rene, I have plans to expand the repertoire of the congregation by teaching new music (both traditional and contemporary), as well as developing a vibrant music program. It is my belief that music should be carefully chosen to enhance the liturgy, to prepare us to pray, and to allow us to open our hearts to receive the Word of God. We should lift up our voices in joy and thanksgiving for the graces bestowed on us by a loving Father.

Together, let us join our voices in song and prayer in the worship of our Lord.

In song and prayer,
Steve Kittler, Director of Music



What's it Mean? Catholic Vocabulary

Elevation

After the Consecration during the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the priest holds up the Host for the adoration of the faithful. The purpose of the elevation of the Sacred Host and Chalice is both to symbolize their offering to the Father and to exhibit them for adoration. As such, the elevations

provide the members of the assembly with a few precious moments for expressing heartfelt sentiments of love and adoration for the Risen Lord and Savior and for preparing to proclaim the Mystery of Faith and acclaim the Risen Jesus publicly in unison at the Memorial Acclamation. It is customary to say silently the invocation "My Lord and my God" at the elevation of the Host and "My Jesus, mercy" at the elevation of the Chalice.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Communal Anointing & Mass for the Sick
Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 3pm
St. Symphorosa Church - 6135 S. Austin Ave.

If you know a neighbor or a friend who you think would like to participate, please pass this information along. This Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation. You may register by calling the St. Symphorosa parish office (773-767-1523). Pre-registration is highly recommended but not required.



Need A Laugh???

Then Save the Date

Comedy, Comedy, Comedy

Sunday, September 22, 2019

2:00 pm—4:30 pm

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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

Think about how it all began.

Jesus chooses twelve ordinary guys to come and follow him. Over the course of three years, he teaches them by word and example. These fellas witness some amazing things, but also find themselves perplexed. “Who is this guy?”

Good question, because it’s a question that matters to us every day. If Jesus was just an ordinary human being (not God), then we may as well shut down our parishes today and stop the Ponzi Scheme. But, and this is a very crucial BUT, if He is truly the Son of God and son of man, then Jesus is THE most important person in our life, and the mission He gave to His first disciples continues to this very day.

The Lord gave them the Great Commission – to go out to all the world and share the Good News. He didn’t give them a rule book. Instead, He gave them His very Self in the Eucharist, and they received the Holy Spirit. The once-perplexed disciples were then set on fire. They set out to MAKE DISCIPLES and to bring God’s transformative Word to every heart.

Those first disciples had NOTHING; not a single parish, no church buildings, no highly-structured religious education programs, no tangible Bible (that would come later through the Church), no pipe organs or hard-cover hymnals. No air conditioning.

What they did have was the Lord Himself and the power of the Holy Spirit. They took this into a hostile world. They told people about Jesus, and how he healed the sick and cast out demons. How he suffered immense pain at the hands of the Roman authorities, and the mocking of the Jewish leaders. And finally how he died on the cross, but then rose from the dead.

This is not just any story; it is the GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD. And it is our story, one we must continue to share all the while attending to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of every human being. The GREAT COMMISSION continues TODAY in and through the Church Jesus left us.

The “My” in Renew My Church is Jesus. It’s not the pope’s church, or the archbishop’s church, or the pastor’s church. She belongs to the Lord. The aforementioned hierarchy are merely servant leaders in and for the Church. Every baptized

Christian is a member of the Mystical Body of Christ, and is called to live out his or her baptism in daily life.

How easy it is to lose sight of our story, and to forget how it all began. And more importantly, WHY it all began – for the salvation of souls. We as a parish exist mainly for one reason only, and that reason is a Person – Jesus the Christ. Everything else that happens within a parish flows from this primary reason. And woe to us who forget the WHY of our existence.

Of those first Twelve apostles, ten died a martyr’s death because of the name of Jesus. John died in prison for the name of Jesus, and Judas took his own life in despair.

Did they die in vain? For a hoax? A scam? Was their primary concern the October count of human butts in the pews, or the Annual Catholic Appeal? Did they try to come up with clever marketing programs to make Jesus seem more cool and hip?

No. They simply proclaimed Christ crucified and risen from the dead, and were willing to stake their lives on it. They shared this news with a wounded, broken world. Jesus was no mere human being, he was – and is – the long-awaited Messiah.

We’ve come a long way since then, and we use this opportunity of Renew My Church to get back to basics; to re-ignite the fire in our own hearts, as we find smart, moral ways to use what we have, including our visible structures, to MAKE DISCIPLES who love God and love their neighbor.

Please Join Us

**Renew My Church
Informative Meeting**

**All St. Rene Parishioners
Welcome**

**Monday, September 16
6:30 PM - 8 PM**

**We will gather in the
main church**





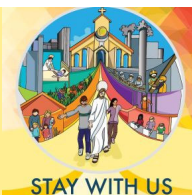
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(773) 229-8523

Coordinator:
Peg Siebenaler

Email: strenfaithformation@gmail.com

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Today is Catechetical Sunday. We recognize and celebrate all parishioners who are involved in our Catechetical ministry here at St. Rene. This year's theme is: *"Stay With Us."*



At whatever Mass our catechists attend, they will receive a special blessing for the year.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 9/15: Catechetical Sunday
Family Mass 9:30am
- 9/18: First Class / Mass at 6:00pm
(Mandatory)
- 9/22: Family Mass 9:30am
- 9/25: Classes for all levels
- 9/29: Family Mass 9:30am
- 10/2: Class for all levels
- 10/6: Family Mass 9:30am
- 10/9: Classes for all levels
- 10/13: Family Mass 9:30am
- 10/16: Classes for all levels
- 10/19: HOLY FIRE
- 10/20: Family Mass 9:30am
- 10/23: Classes for all levels
- 10/27: Family Mass 9:30am



Welcome to the 2019 – 2020 St. Rene Faith Formation School Year!

OUR FIRST CLASS IS A MASS!

Come and Connect
with God in a special way
at our
Beginning of the Year Family Mass
for All our
Faith Formation Families
on Wednesday, September 18th at 6pm

Students and their families
should gather in the Church.

Please bring a non-perishable food item
to place in the baskets for the needy.



HOLY FIRE

Holy Fire is a wonderful event designed around bringing young people together to witness their Catholic faith. It is also a great opportunity for teens, particularly those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation to reflect more deeply on the gifts of the Holy Spirit which they will receive when they are confirmed.

Please keep our level eight students in your prayers as they experience Holy Fire on October 19th.



Preparing for Confirmation

On Wednesday Sept. 18th during our family mass, our level seven and level eight students, along with their parents, will participate in a Commitment Service in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. During the upcoming year these students will seek service opportunities to help them grow in discipleship as they serve those in need. We invite you to please remember them in your prayers during this time of preparation.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, September 14, 2019

4:00pm—Ken Surma (Family & Health)

4:00pm—Malachy Gallagher (Maxine)

Sunday, September 15, 2019

7:30am—Caterina & Gaspere Amaro (Giuseppe Amaro)

9:30am—Grace Newton (Family)

9:30am—Allen Szudarski (Dee Smith & Jack White)

11:30am—Alvina Drozd (Family)

11:30am—John Crowley (Family)

Monday, September 16, 2019

8:00am—Special Intention (Friend)

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

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

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

8:00am—Walter Koziol (Family)

8:00am—Edward J. Duffy, Sr. (Marie Zilka)

Thursday, September 19, 2019

8:00am—Kathleen (Kitty) Mroz (Family)

Friday, September 20, 2019

8:00am—Andrew Fitt (Family)

Saturday, September 21, 2019

8:00am—Raymond Ulrich (Family)

4:00pm—Eliza Gose & Maria Luna (Almendarez Family)

4:00pm—Edward Cieslewski (Bernice Cieslewski)

Sunday, September 22, 2019

7:30am—Phillip O'Brien (Family)

7:30am—Virginia Kowal (Ptak Family)

9:30am—Catherine Bartuch Morrell (Family)

11:30am—LaVerne Raher (Family)



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Judy Adelsbach
Larry Adkins
Guadalupe Almendarez
Anthony Barone
Carl Bell
Joanne Bukowiecki
Gina Camp
Dominic Ciampaglia
Margaret Ciampaglia
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William Nita
Rochelle Piegari
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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
Special Intentions for the Dzielski Family
Special Intentions for Scott Tloczek
Rest In Peace Helen Gerlick
Health & Employment for Michael Kubo
In Memory of Kenneth Holmes
Private Intentions

St. Symphorosa Parish is seeking Vendors/Crafters for our 6th Annual

Holiday Extravaganza

Luncheon, Craft and Vendor Fair

Sunday, November 24, 2019

10:30am – 2:30pm

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holidayext2019@gmail.com.

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Total envelopes	\$3,926.00
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Total Sunday Giving	\$4,643.00

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Altar & Rosary Society
Cleaning Schedule—Sept. 20/21

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Rev. Peter Paurazas
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Faith Formation

Irene Perconti
Administrative Assistant

Steve Kittler
Organist

Joanne Tishka
Bulletin Coordinator

Stanley Silacz
Maintenance Supervisor

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

Parish Office

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Phone (773) 229-8523

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www.strenegoupil.org

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



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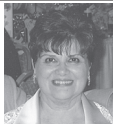
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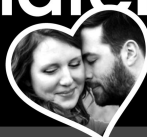
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