



# St. Rene Goupil Church

New England Ave & 64th St, Chicago, Il. 60638

The Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2012

## Keep Faith

### Support the Church in Latin America

Generous gifts to the Collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA) last year made it possible to fund a total of 423 programs that support catechesis and evangelization in the region. One such project operates near the coastal town of Cartagena, Columbia, in the village of El Pozon.

Cartagena is crowded year round with tourists who come to enjoy its golden beaches and weather. An hour's bus ride from the historic center is El Pozon and the parish of St. Blaise. The village gets its name—which means “the big well” - not because of any fresh water beneath the ground, but because frequent floods leave it looking like a well for most of the year. The town's 50,000 inhabitants, 80% of whom are Catholic, are served by two priests who lead the poor Afro-Colombian congregation.

In 2010, 770 children from St. Blaise prepared for their First Holy Communion aided by the generous support provided through the CLA Collection. Boys and girls attended classes and prepared to receive Jesus in the sacrament of his Body and Blood. Your support provided trained catechists and the necessary materials to teach the faith to children in one of the poorest parishes in Columbia.

The Collection supports many other pastoral projects in Latin America and the Caribbean. These are people who long to continue to build upon the traditions of their Catholic faith. In many instances, collected funds are the only resources individual parishes have to sustain the development of their parishioners.

The children of St. Blaise remind us what can happen when we keep faith through donations to this hopeful region. Give generously to the Church in Latin American in today's collection. Thank you.

## From the Desk of the Pastor

The process of passing on our faith from one generation to the next is not something that just happens by itself. It involves rooting children in a faith that parents and a larger community share with them through living an example of faith as well as by efforts to obtain knowledge in the classroom. Our school teachers and staff take their responsibility in this regard seriously and live their faith openly and with much enthusiasm. At all the Masses next weekend, children from our school will spend a few minutes telling us about their experience of going to school here at St. Rene. Our entire parish also shares a responsibility for all of our children. We fulfill this by helping and supporting the parents in all possible ways in their task of witnessing to their faith with their children. Everyone is invited to stop by our School's **Open House** next Sunday, from 10:30am until 1pm and see the good things that are going on here at St. Rene School. We are grateful to our many friends and benefactors whose support allows us to provide the best Catholic education possible for our children. Next weekend we will also be taking up a special second collection to help assist parents with their tuition payments in time of family emergency or job loss. Envelopes for this collection can be found in your mailed packets or you can pick one up in the narthex today after Mass. Please know that your support of this Parish ministry of Catholic education is important and appreciated. Let all of our children see the joy and 'good news' that gives meaning to our lives and witness God's Spirit alive and at work in our parish.

*Father Tom W.*

**Pastor** Father Thomas R. Kasputis  
**Pastor Emeritus** Father Peter Paurazas  
**Deacon** Rev. Mr. Sal Lema

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<i>Monday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>January 16, Weekday</i> <b>Julia McCloskey</b>
<i>Tuesday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>January 17, St. Anthony</i> <b>Kathleen Denwood</b>
<i>Wednesday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>January 18, Weekday</i> <b>Michael Pecora</b>
<i>Thursday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>January 19, Weekday</i> <b>John Halerz</b>
<i>Friday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>January 20, St. Fabian, St. Sebastian</i> <b>Clementina Perez</b>
<i>Saturday,</i> 8:30 am 5:30 pm	<i>January 21, St. Agnes</i> <b>Laura Pelegrino</b> <b>Josephine &amp; Mike Nych</b>
<i>Sunday,</i> 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	<i>January 22, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <b>Marie &amp; Paul Rinaldi</b> <b>Joseph S. Lampasona</b> <b>Mary &amp; Joseph Ptak</b>

## Altar Servers Schedules distributed in school

<i>Saturday,</i>	5:30 pm
<i>Sunday,</i>	7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

## Altar Cleaning (*Altar & Rosary*)

Jan 20—Jan 21— Helen Mailhot, Gladys Gonzalez  
 Jan 27—Jan 28— Arlene Capparelli, Rose Mazzone,  
 Grace Gryska  
 Feb 3—Feb 4— Gail Sangpeal, Barbara Schreiber

### Prayer for the New Year

Grant me the strength from day to day, to bear what burden comes my way. Grant me throughout this bright new year, more to endure and less to fear. Help me live that I may be from spite and petty malice free. Let me not bitterly complain, when cherished hopes of mine prove vain, or spoil with deeds of hate and rage, some fair tomorrow's spotless page.

Lord, as the days shall come and go, in courage let me stronger grow. Lord, as the New Year dawns today, help me to put my faults away. Let me be big in little things; grant me the joy which friendship brings. Keep me from selfishness and spite; let me be wise in what is right.

A happy New Year! Grant that I may bring no tear to any eye. When this New Year in time shall end, let it be said I've played the friend, have lived and loved and labored here, and made of it a happy year.

Edgar A. Guest

Bible Passages - *For Sunday, January 22, 2012 are:*



Jonah 3: 1-5, 10  
 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31  
 Mark 1: 14-20

## School News

### Fifth Graders

The fifth graders will be graduating from the D.A.R.E. program this month. This program focuses on making good choices in regards to drugs, tobacco and alcohol. It also stresses self-esteem and how to deal with peer pressure. Officer Jaros of the Chicago Police Department comes to school every Tuesday to teach this interesting and informative program, which the fifth graders enjoy. The students did an excellent job presenting the pageant "Our Lady of Guadalupe" for the parish and the school on December 12th.

Mrs. McGuire



**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS**  
**SUNDAY**  
**January 22, 2012 and February 26, 2012**  
**Baptismal Preparation Classes, 1PM, in Church**



Dear Heavenly Father,  
 We place our worries in Your hands. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatsoever You do, You do for the love of us. Amen.

***Please Take Note*** IN CASE OF ILLNESS — As a church family, we care about you and your family. Please notify us as soon as possible, or have your family/friends notify us, when you are sick, hospitalized or homebound.

***Please Pray For Our Sick*** Patrick Mullins IV, Rose Gallichio, Sophie Setlak, Doreen Kroll, Steve Czopkiewicz, Emily Diraffeale, Peter Paterimos, Rev. Ronald Turcich, OSA, John Schultz, Jo Motyka, Vincent Ciccio, Ron Neubert, Dolores Sorrentino, Vincent Barton, Robert Civinilli, Joseph Vassella, Janet Szponer, Donna Szponer, Dorothy Walsh, Sophie Rovensky, Richard Zilka, Penny Rogalin, Eileen Healy, Betty Piccioni, Hailey Flemm, Joan Russo, Lou Russo, Alice Cello, George Vojtech, Anna Tomassini, Nicole Ciampaglia, Dominic Ciampaglia, Vincent Tonissen, Rich Lenart, Bob Franden, Ann O’Neal, Gabrielle Ziemba, Rosemary Halpin, Chuck Biondo, April Lenart, Betty Baker, Theresa Siedlicki, Ed Heidekruger, Rochelle & Dan Piegari, Rose Lindsay, Tim Lindsay, Larry Adkins, Alan Badowski, Bobbie & Joanie Wilson, Ron Nemchausky, Mary Lou Hobe, Jenny Catterson, Mary Combs, Doug Combs, Jeanne Valenti, Rebecca Leshik, Michael McDonald, David Bouvia, Virginia Korzenowski, Donna Clark, Tony Boudos, Arlene Boudos, Angelique Trevino, Lynn Ternand, George Ternand, Michael Ternand, Sandy Kehoe, Diane Fiorenza, Susan Szumanski, Leon Boyes, Geri Tomaselli, Joan Murray

**Welcome, Viona (Christian Initiation)**

Vionca, you have now made the decision to move forward in your journey, at the 11:30 Mass you will become a catechumen, that is one who seeks instruction. The choice to go on marks your new life in answer to God’s earlier call to follow Him. “The doors are opened wide for you to enter the Church.” You will now be a part of this community, the family of God, for He has called you by name. Your acceptance into this worshipping community is marked by a formal Rite of Acceptance, a step closer to the Easter sacraments to which you will soon be “elected”.

Please pray for Vionca and for all who will enter the Church at the Easter Vigil.

**Mother Teresa**

In the life of Mother Teresa, the two Commandments — to love God and to love our neighbor — are inseparable. In her life and work she exemplifies the relationship between the two: How, if we do not love God we cannot love our neighbor, and if we do not love our neighbor we cannot love God.

**Won’t You Join Us?**

On Friday, January 20, at 7pm, in our church narthex, we will have a meeting of the Peace and Justice ministry. We welcome new people, from our young to those seniors who are interested in learning more about us and our work in the parish and beyond. Come and listen, ask questions and learn, then make your own decision when you are ready.

Our Unemployment Network of Services will meet on Tuesday, January 17, 10:30am, in our narthex. If you know of jobs, please let us know by calling the rectory. If you are in need of work, please come.

**THANKS A MILLION!**

Women’s Care Center of La Grange would like to thank all St. Rene parishioners who donated to our recent **baby bottle collection** at the parish. The total amount collected to date is \$2,010. We are blessed by your generosity and thank you from the bottom of our hearts. What a wonderful way to celebrate God’s gift of life!

We are deeply grateful to your pastor, Father Thomas Kasputis, for his support and leadership in this event, as well as Barbara Grzenia for organizing the collection. Because of your sacrifices large and small, Women’s Care Center of La Grange will be able to help save babies’ lives and give their moms and dads in crisis the moral support and medical and material assistance they need. May the Lord of Life bless you for caring for His littlest ones!

**2011 Contribution Statement**  
 You can request a copy of your 2011 contributions by calling the rectory, at 773-229-8523, between 9:00AM-8:00PM, Monday through Friday. Please give us your name, address and phone number.

True faith is always in someone—in Jesus, in what He said, is saying, and in what He is doing.

*This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.* Romans 3:2

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 You must be willing to go where you have never been, to create something you have never had. Mike Murdock  
*The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you...and I will bless you...”* Genesis 12:1-2

## ***Events Around Town***

***Catholic Cruise to the Exotic Western Caribbean.*** Come sail away on a 7-night Catholic Exotic Western Caribbean Cruise with Fr. Martin Jones on May 6 through 13 on the Carnival Legend out of Tampa, FL. Ports of Call: Cozumel, Belize, Mahogany Bay, Grand Cayman. Prices begin at \$1,326 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and rosary offered. Deposits of only \$300 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or e-mail at [dpayttc@aol.com](mailto:dpayttc@aol.com).

**Explore becoming an Adrian Dominican Sister.** Seek truth—make peace—reverence life. Come and meet the Dominican Sisters of Adrian to explore how God is inviting you to serve and share your life with others. It is a demanding life on one hand, but what a life it is to live as a Dominican Sister! Give it some thought. Come share your heart's desire with us. Let's see if the charisma of Dominican life — prayer, study, community, and ministry — is for you, and what more you can do to live through Jesus, with Jesus and in Jesus. Our next "Come and See" in Adrian will be held Friday to Sunday, February 3-5. Please arrive by 5pm on Friday and depart after lunch on Sunday. To register, please call Sister Durstynne Farna, at 517-266-3530.

***Saint Ignatius College Prep introduces Gloriam 2012—Lighting the Way for a Brighter Ignatius.*** Join the parents, alumni, parents of alumni and friends of Saint Ignatius College Prep for an evening of fundraising and fellowship on Saturday, March 24 with a Mass, silent auction with electronic bidding, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and open bar, live auction program and cash raffles. Tickets will go on sale in January and are limited to the first 550 guests. Raffle tickets are on sale now. To register or buy raffle tickets go to [www.events.org/SICP01](http://www.events.org/SICP01). Cost is \$150 per person. If you are interested in volunteering, donating an item, or have questions about the event, please contact Stephanie Lavia at 312-432-8347 or e-mail her at [stephanie.lavia@ignatius.org](mailto:stephanie.lavia@ignatius.org).

## ***On the Lighter Side***

A man noticed that the type on his printer was getting faint. He called a local repair shop, and was told by a friendly employee that it probably just needed to be cleaned. Because the store charged \$50 for such cleanings, the employee told the man that he might be better off reading the manual and trying to repair it himself.

Surprised by the employee's candor, the man asked, "Does your boss know you're so honest?"

"Actually," the employee replied sheepishly, "it's his idea. We usually make more money on repairs if we let people try to fix it themselves first."

Scientists have found a way to genetically cross a praying mantis with a termite. In other words, they've created an insect that says grace before it eats your house.

## General Parish Information

### Rectory

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*School Principal* Mrs. Paula Calvert

### Mass Schedule

*Saturday:* 8:30 am, 5:30 pm  
*Sunday:* 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am  
*Holy Days:* 8:30 am, 12:00 Noon, 7:30 pm  
*Weekdays:* 8:30 am

*Confessions* Every Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm

*Music Ministry* Frank Glab (773) 726-0962

*Religious Classes (C.C.D.)* for grammar school children are conducted on Saturday mornings. Kay Marks, Coordinator.

Phone Saturday Morning Only (773) 586-4426

*Baptisms* First Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm and the Third Sunday of the month during the 11:30 Mass. Arrangements must be made with the pastor.

*Marriages Arrangements* must be made with the pastor 5-6 months in advance.

*RCIA Adult Sacramental Preparation for Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist.* Contact the Rectory, or Ben Shafer (773) 586-5099.

*Sick Calls* notify the rectory at any time if someone is seriously ill. The sick and those confined to their homes should contact the rectory so communion can be brought to them.

*SPRED (Special Religious Development)*

Contact Joanna Baxter (773) 320-2703.

*AA Meetings* Wednesday & Saturday at 7:00 pm, in the Church Narthex.

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