

# ST. SYLVESTER PARISH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 10, 2019

*We the people of ST. SYLVESTER embrace the MISSION to which God is calling us. We are called to be a welcoming, faithful, and missionary-oriented community that desires to share the joy of the Gospel. Our beautiful church and prominent location in the Logan Square area allows us to have a presence in this diverse and ever-changing neighborhood, inviting new and long-time parishioners to come, encounter, and know the person of Jesus Christ more deeply.*

Brothers and Sisters,

*Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."*



*The future look of St. Sylvester's Gym*

This is what happens when Jesus is involved. I love it after Jesus taking moment to teach them then he invited Peter to lower the nets. Peter was frustrated with working hard all night and getting no result. I can identify with Peter frustration. However, when Jesus was the initiator and was involved the results were amazing! We are a parish where our mission is to help others encounter Jesus. As we continue to focus on formation I am encouraged that we shall not fail as long as Jesus is involved. We are very grateful to one of our donors who decided to match dollar for dollar the first 10 thousand we raise for the gym this year. So far we have raised \$1,750 towards the matching fund. Please consider giving generously towards this cause so our gift might materialize. The gym Floor project is 45 thousand and we want to start this project the soonest we have all money available. Our kids play in that gym every day and during weekend we use it for church activities. Our gym also is open to our community for basketball as a reach out to neighbors.

Starting this Wednesday we are opening our doors to young adult ministry. This is for those who are 20s and 30s. Please come for prayer and dialogue. Every Wednesday night young adults gather for prayer at our St Joseph Room in office building. We shall see where the Lord will lead us from there. I will keep the parish informed about this initiative. At the moment we are going on with formation for religious education parents. This is a golden opportunity for those parents to encounter Jesus in a deeper way. Jesus calling to each of us is first to be disciples. Discipleship at the core it is learning. It is through our deeper encounter with Jesus that we can invite others to come to the Lord. This formation is also open to all adults who would like to encounter Christ in a special way. It is offered both in English and Spanish. Every Saturday at 9.30am at the school. We would like to thank San Andres who is helping with this formation.

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*Our parish mission is inspired by the scriptural story of Jesus and the Samaritan Woman. We learn from the Samaritan woman the right way to respond to an encounter with Christ. We recognize that, after she encountered Jesus, she left her bucket at the well and went to call others to come and encounter Christ. Jesus said to the woman, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life" (John 4:13-14). In response to this recognition, we follow Christ, leaving behind our old way of life and going out, with joy, to proclaim the good news and bear witness to God's love.*

I would like to invite everyone who went through our first formation for a prayer meeting every Tuesday evening at 7pm. We need to keep meeting together and walking together as we build the Lords kingdom. We shall take a moment to discuss the Divine Renovation book that I gave most of you to read. I am looking for your wisdom and guidance as we continue with the mission of the church. Let us walk together and grow together. I would like to entrust each of you is with important responsibilities in our church.

In Christ Jesus,  
Fr. Sam

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Hermanos y hermanas,

Subió Jesús a una de las barcas, la de Simón, le pidió que *la alejara un poco de tierra, y sentado en la barca, enseñaba a la multitud. Cuando acabó de hablar, dijo a Simón: “Lleva la barca mar adentro y echen sus redes para pescar”. Simón replicó: “Maestro, hemos trabajado toda la noche y no hemos pescado nada; pero, confiado en tu palabra, echaré las redes”. Así lo hizo y cogieron tal cantidad de pescados, que las redes se rompían. Entonces hicieron señas a sus compañeros, que estaban en la otra barca, para que vinieran a ayudarlos. Vinieron ellos y llenaron tanto las dos barcas, que casi se hundían. Al ver esto, Simón Pedro se arrojó a los pies de Jesús y le dijo: “¡Apártate de mí, Señor, porque soy un pecador!”*

Esto es lo que sucede cuando Jesús está involucrado. Me encanta que, después de que Jesús se tomara un momento para enseñarles, invitó a Pedro a bajar las redes. Pedro estuvo frustrado por trabajar duro toda la noche y no obtener ningún resultado. Puedo identificarme con la frustración de Pedro. Sin embargo, cuando Jesús fue el iniciador y estuvo involucrado, ¡los resultados fueron sorprendentes! Somos una parroquia donde nuestra misión es ayudar a otros a encontrar a Jesús. Mientras continuamos enfocándonos en la formación, me alienta que no fracasemos mientras Jesús esta involucrado.

Estamos muy agradecidos a uno de nuestros donantes que decidió igualar dólar por dólar los primeros 10 mil recaudados para el gimnasio este año. Hasta ahora hemos recaudado \$1,750 dólares para el fondo de igualar. Por favor, considere dar generosamente hacia este proyecto para que nuestro regalo se pueda materializarse. El proyecto del piso del gimnasio es de 45 mil y queremos comenzar lo antes posible, cuando el dinero este disponible. Nuestros niños juegan en el gimnasio todos los días y durante el fin de semana lo usamos para actividades de la iglesia. Nuestro gimnasio también está abierto a nuestra comunidad para el baloncesto como un alcance a los vecinos.

A partir de este miércoles estamos abriendo nuestras puertas al ministerio de jóvenes adultos. Esto es para aquellos que tienen 20 y 30 años. Por favor, vengan para oración y diálogo. Todos los miércoles por la noche, los adultos jóvenes se reúnen para orar en nuestra sala de San José en el edificio de oficinas. Veremos adónde nos llevará el Señor desde allí. Mantendré informada a la parroquia sobre esta iniciativa.

En estos momentos estamos en formación para padres de educación religiosa. Esta es una oportunidad de oro para que esos padres encuentren a Jesús de una manera más profunda. Jesús llama a cada uno de nosotros a ser primero discípulos. El discipulado en el núcleo es el aprendizaje. Es a través de nuestro encuentro más profundo con Jesús que podemos invitar a otros a venir al Señor. Esta formación también está abierta a todos los adultos que deseen encontrarse con Cristo de una manera especial. Se ofrece tanto en inglés como en español. Todos los sábados a las 9:30a.m. en la escuela. Queremos agradecer a San Andrés que está ayudando con esta formación.

Me gustaría invitar a todos los que asistieron a nuestra primera formación a una reunión de oración todos los martes por la noche a las 7 pm. Debemos seguir reuniéndonos y caminando juntos a medida que construimos el reino de los Señores. Tomaremos un momento para discutir el libro de renovación divina que le di a la mayoría de ustedes para leer. Estoy buscando su sabiduría y orientación mientras continuamos con la misión de la iglesia. Caminemos juntos y crezcamos juntos. Me gustaría confiarles que cada uno de ustedes tiene importantes responsabilidades en nuestra iglesia.

En Cristo Jesús,  
Padre Sam

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Please Make Your Gift to the  
2019 Annual Catholic Appeal  
**“Come, Follow Me...and share the Word”**

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal request mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus’ call to **“Come, Follow Me... and share the Word.”**

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the Archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our Parish. For example, Appeal funds support recruitment, education and formation of lay ministries and deacons and ministries of care and comfort to those in need.

As we contemplate God’s many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our Parish, our Archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal.

When our parish reaches its goal of \$18,823 in paid pledges, all additional funds contributed will be returned to us for use in our Parish.

**Our Pastor, Fr. Sam Request your Feedback**

Our pastor, Fr. Sam is participating in the Catholic leadership 360 Review Process. This is part of the ordinary structure required by Archdiocesan Policy of every diocesan priest approximately every five years. It is an opportunity for Fr. Sam to recognize his talents and to grow to become a better priest and pastoral minister.

According to Archdiocesan policies lay leadership and parishioners are to be given the opportunity to recognize Fr. Sam gifts and to share their sentiments about his ministry. So we are providing a parish-wide survey as part of his review process. The survey can be easily accessed by going to the Archdiocese' web page (<https://www.archchicago.org>) and clicking on Offices and Ministries on the top panel. This will bring you to an alphabetical listing of offices. Under "M", select Ministerial Evaluation. You will then be directed to the Ministerial Evaluation webpage. In the middle of the page, you will find "360" Catholic Leadership review for priest". Please click on the word 'Link' next to your appropriate language to access the survey.

**Nuestro Párroco, Padre Sam Solicita tu Opinión**

Nuestro párroco Padre Sam está participando en el proceso de Revisión de Liderazgo Católico 360. Este proceso de revisión forma parte de la estructura común requerida por las pólizas Arquidiocesanas de que cada sacerdote diocesano participe en una revisión aproximadamente cada cinco años. Es una oportunidad para que Padre Sam pueda reconocer sus talentos y desarrollarse para convertirse en un mejor sacerdote y líder pastoral. Miembros seleccionados del personal parroquial y liderazgo laico, su Decano, y a su servidor se les pedirá ser evaluadores utilizando esta herramienta.

Según los reglamentos Arquidiocesanos el liderazgo laico parroquial y los feligreses deben tener la oportunidad de reconocer los dones de Padre Sam y compartir sus sentimientos acerca de su ministerio. Por lo tanto estamos proporcionando una encuesta parroquial como parte de este proceso de revisión. Puede fácilmente acceder a la encuesta visitando la página web Arquidiocesana (<https://www.archchicago.org>) y hacer clic en "Offices and Ministries/Oficinas y Ministerios" en el panel superior. Esto le llevara a un listado alfabético de nuestras oficinas. Bajo la letra "M", seleccione "Ministerial Evaluation/Evaluacion Ministerial". En el centro de la página encontrara "360 Catholic Leadership Review for Priest/Liderazgo Católico 360 Revisión para Sacerdotes". Por favor seleccione la palabra 'Link/Enlace' al costado de su idioma apropiado para poder tener acceso a la encuesta.

**LA LEGIÓN DE MARIA COMITIUM HISPANO  
LES INVITA A SU RETIRO ANUAL****Tema**

**LA VISITA DE MARIA A SU PRIMA ISABEL**  
**Sábado -Febrero 16, 2019, Horario: 8:00 AM-4:00 PM**  
**Parroquia St. John Berchmans**  
**2517 Logan Boulevard, Chicago, IL**

Alguna pregunta? Favor de llamar a: Celsa Báez 773-252-1204

**Mass Intensions**

Sunday, February 10

9:30 † Ana Maria Maldonado, †Maximino Lebron  
†Josefa Rosario Diaz Gonzalez

11:30 †Madeline Ortiz

1:00 †Mayra Amigon †Juan Gonzalez

Tuesday, February 12

8:30 †Sergio Gomez

Wednesday, February 15

8:30 †Caridad Valverde

**In Your Prayers / En sus Oraciones**

*Nilda Collazo, Eva González, Maria Isabel Cartagena, Sylvia Salgado Diaz, Miriam Guzman, Theresa Fox, María Trinidad Hernández, Patricia Hopper, Ann Keaton, Arturo Perez, Eva Rivera, Noah Ruiz, Margarita Soto, Sylvia Santiago, Sam Tamburo, Edwin Torres, Josefina Torres, Dcn. Santo Soto, Carmen Vázquez*

**Readings for the Week****February 10, 2019**

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/ Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

**Sacrificial Giving / Donación de Sacrificio****January Sunday Offertory**

Collection: .....	\$18,148
Budget: .....	\$30,419
Deficit: .....	(-\$12,271)

Thank you for your generosity. For those who can please help us meet our budget.

## Weekend Services

Saturday

10:30am Confessions

5:30 p.m. Bilingual Mass

Sunday

8am, 11:30am English Mass

9:30am y 1pm Misas en Español

Daily Masses 8:30am Bilingüe

(NO THURSDAY MASS)

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## Parish Pastoral Staff

Pastor	Rev. Samson N. Mukundi
Deacon Couples	Rev. Mr. Fred & Ada Ortiz Rev. Mr. Benjamin & Iris Diaz
Principal	Allyn Doyle
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School Office Manager	Vanessa Vazquez
Director of Formation	Arnoldo Martinez
Director of Marketing	Taylor Shufford
Secretary	Carmen Badillo
Receptionist	Katherine Pisabaj
Music Director	Michael Crump

## Office Hours/Horario de Oficinas

Mon-Thur	9am.- 8p.m.
Closed on Friday/Cerrada el Viernes	
Saturday	9a.m.- 3p.m.
Sunday	9a.m.-3p.m.