

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
January 14, 2024



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Notes from Fr. Steve

When Jesus walked the earth, His teachings were revolutionary, challenging norms and inspiring individuals to embrace a life filled with love, compassion, and purpose. Central to His message was the call to discipleship—an invitation that transcends time, urging us to step forward and actively participate in making the world a better place.

Embracing the Journey

To be a disciple of Jesus is not merely to be a follower; it's an invitation to be an active participant in a transformative movement. It's an embracing of His teachings, embodying love, kindness, and understanding in our interactions with others.

Jesus' call to discipleship is not exclusive—it welcomes everyone, regardless of background age, or status. It's an inclusive call that unites individuals in a shared mission of making a positive impact in the lives of others.

Growth and Transformation

Being a disciple isn't about perfection but about a willingness to grow and evolve. It involves a journey of personal transformation, where we continually strive to align our actions with the principles of love, empathy, and justice that Jesus exemplified.

Through prayer, reflection, and engagement with His teachings, we cultivate qualities that enable us to be a light in a world that often finds itself in darkness. It's about becoming the best version of ourselves while uplifting those around us.

Service and Empowerment

Jesus led by example, demonstrating the power of service and empowerment. He didn't seek accolades or power; instead, He humbly served others, lifting them up and empowering them to strive.

As disciples, we're called to emulate this spirit of service. It could be through the acts of kindness, volunteering, or using our talents to help those in need. It's about seeing the potential in others and encouraging them to discover their own strengths.

A Living Testament

The call to discipleship isn't confined to the past—it's a living testament that echoes through generations. Each day presents an opportunity to embody Jesus' teachings and impact our communities positively. It's a call that encourages us to confront societal challenges with love, compassion, and a commitment to justice.

In being disciples, we find a sense of fulfillment—a deep-rooted joy that stems from living a purpose-driven life, one aligned with the values Jesus preached.

Answering the Call

Jesus' call to discipleship is a vibrant and compelling invitation. It's a call that beckons us to embrace love, foster growth, serve others, and make a meaningful difference in the world. As we heed this call, we not only transform ourselves but also contribute to creating a world where compassion, empathy, and kindness reign supreme.

So, let us embrace this invitation wholeheartedly, knowing that as disciples, we are part of an extraordinary movement—one that transcends time and continues to make an everlasting impact on humanity.

Last Sunday, unfortunately, my nephew James took his own life at his home. When my brother Edward went to the house with his wife and found James, my brother sat down in a chair, had a heart attack and immediately died. The events of this week have been very sad for my entire family. Please remember my sister in law, her two remaining sons and my entire family in your prayers.

As always, I ask for you to pray for the parish, especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them healing, comfort and peace. God Bless you and those you love.

Fr. Steve

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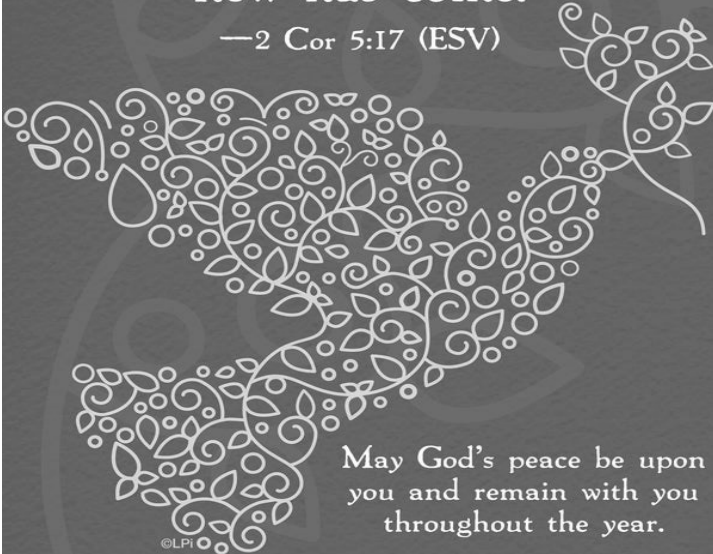
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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God's peace be upon you and remain with you throughout the year.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Scripture passages from the First Book of Samuel and St. John's Gospel express the common topic of accepting God's will by responding to His call. Our vocation is the Lord's plan for our lives. St. Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthian community, professes we are all members of the Body of Christ and temples of the Holy Spirit, that you are not your own. For you have been purchased at a price. Further in First Corinthians, Paul indicates that through the power of the Holy Spirit, we may be given special spiritual gifts—unique gifts which we are commissioned to use to serve the Lord and carry out His divine plan. These gifts in turn, can lead to prayer, meditation, and contemplation—to conversion of mind to heart, and help the discerning steward discover his or her vocational call from the Lord. This call may be to the priesthood or religious life, to marriage, the permanent diaconate, or single life. Are we, like Eli, Samuel, or the Apostles, Peter, John, and Andrew, open to the Lord's prompting in our lives? If you believe God's calling you to the priesthood, the Office of Priestly Vocations, (313)868-7040 or <https://detroitpriestlyvocations.com>, can assist you with discernment. Women interested in religious life may contact the Office of Consecrated Life at (313)596-7151. Men seeking information about the permanent diaconate should call (313)596-7142.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

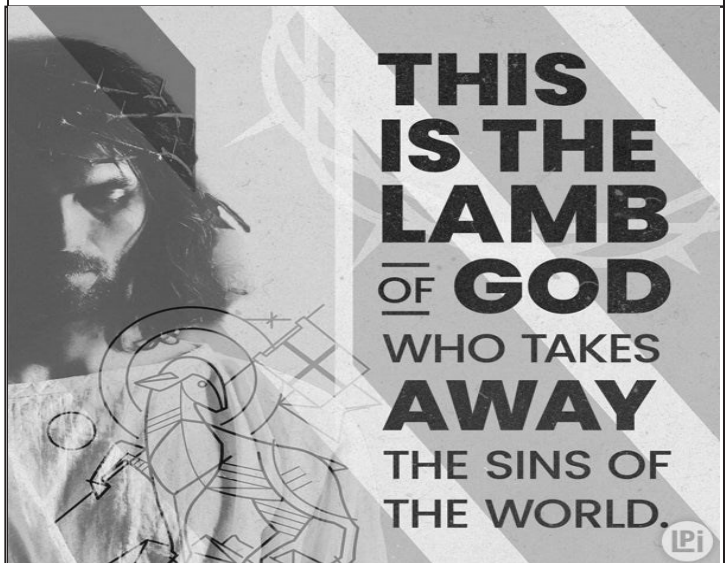
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all *real*.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "**...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.**" Why does that tiny detail matter? Because *that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives*. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a *human* relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real.

— *Father John Muir*



Readings for the Week

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Sunday, January 14, 2024: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/
Jn 1:35-42

Monday, January 15, 2024: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 16, 2024: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 17, 2024: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 18, 2024: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 19, 2024: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 20, 2024: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Sunday, January 21, 2024: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope
alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits
to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time,
many will see the
wonders of God
And live forever to praise
Your glorious name.

Amen



Everyday Stewardship

Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Readings for Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

Reading II

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immortality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immortality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immortal person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

Gospel

John 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah"—which is translated Christ. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas"—which is translated Peter.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Funeral

Thursday, January 18, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Dorothy Hurley (20th R.A.)

Ricardo Martinez Jr.

Friday, January 19, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Ricardo Martinez Jr.

Saturday, January 20, 2024

4:00 p.m.

+Felix & Rita Gatt

+Dorothy Hurley

+Mary Jean Calmi

+Franklin Langenstein

+Joan Herbert

+Walter Broski

Sunday, January 21, 2024

8:30 a.m.

+Sharon Murawski

10:30 a.m.

+Helen Pomper

+Dave Willick

+Felicidad Santiago

+Ryan & Jennifer Ambrosio

5:30 p.m.

+Lou Anne Offer



Please Remember
St. Rene Goupil Parish
In Your Will

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Have you ever been somewhere public and days later others said they saw you there? You can find yourself surprised that they saw you and didn't say hello. However, at least they saw you. You, on the other hand, didn't even have any idea they were around you. You may have been oblivious to what was going on or those crossing your path on that day. You may have been forsaking that moment thinking about another time to come down the road.

Imagine being one of those who first encountered Jesus as he began his ministry. Would you have noticed? I would like to think that I would have rushed over to him to introduce myself. But on that day when he passed on by I just might have been caught up in life, unaware of all that was intersecting with my place in the world.

An everyday steward strives to live mindfully. The more mindful we are of all that is around us, the more grateful we find ourselves because we take things less for granted and the more open we are to the call of Jesus Christ. Every day Jesus crosses our path in the form of others. They may be in need or they may have a gift to offer us. Either way, without living in the present and taking in all that God has provided for us in the day, we can miss it. I would not want to hear afterwards that Jesus saw me and I was not paying attention enough to what was around me to notice.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Weekend Liturgy Schedule for January 20 & 21

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Tim
Lector	Barbara Kiernan	Ricky Yulo	Marv Laubach	Virginia Jennings
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Karin Nieto	Eli Wing-Nga	
Eucharistic Ministers	L Nosek G Labinski Open	Open Open Open	E Monterio M Laubach Open	Open Open Open
Ushers	Tom Pluta Bill Broaddus Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Nick Rieser Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli	Tom Dutkiewicz Luis Nieto Al Gyenese Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski	Terry Shaughnessy Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chrisie Fish Chris Norris	Paul Hornung Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
Sacristan	L Youkhana	K Nieto	T Monterio	V Jennings



St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul helps with utility bills, clothing, household items, food and in certain cases evictions. If you know of anyone who needs help, please have them call (586) 718-4523. They do not need to be parish members. All information is kept strictly confidential.

The St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is in need of the following items:

Tuna, cereal, pasta sauce in Jars, pancake syrup, white rice and spaghetti.



O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in thee all my interest and desires.

O St. Joseph, do assist me by thy powerful intercession, and obtain for me from thy divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below thy heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

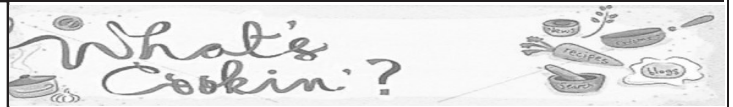
O St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating thee, and Jesus asleep in thy arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near thy heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

STAY CONNECTED

I encourage you to sign up for this resource and make use of the Bible studies, faith formation opportunities, and Catholic movies available. Signing up only takes a few easy steps:

1. Visit www.formed.org and click “Sign up.”
2. Click “I belong to a Parish or Organization.”
3. Type “Faith at Home Detroit” in the center box under Create New Account. (You’ll see it populate from the drop-down menu.) Click “Next.”
4. Enter your first and last name as well as your email.
5. Now you’re registered! You can also download the app on you Smartphone. If you need further assistance, contact *Formed* at www.help.formed.org or toll-free at 844-367-6331.



Pork Chop and Potato Casserole

- 4-6 pork chops—season, brown and set aside
- 3 baking potatoes— sliced 1/4” thick
- 1 onion—sliced
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can dry white wine

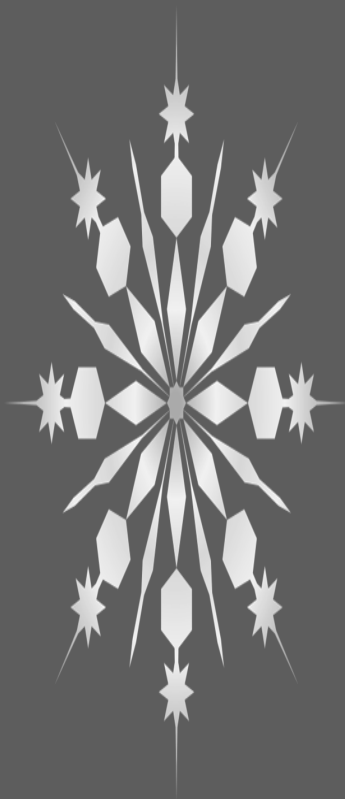
Spray 9x12 baking dish. Mix soup and wine, set aside. Place a layer of potatoes in bottom of baking dish. Add a layer of sliced onion over the potatoes. Layer pork chops over the onions. Pour soup and wine mixture over the top. Cover loosely with foil. Bake at least 1 hour (or until potatoes are cooked) in a 350 F oven.

**A PRAYER
FOR THE NEW YEAR**

May the Lord
bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make his face
to shine upon you and
be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift up his
countenance upon you and
give you peace.



**Our Sunday Offering
January 6 & 7
Thank you for your
generous response.**

God Bless you!

If you wish to read the bulletin it can be found online at Parishesonline.com then search by zip code. You can go online to the aod.org/live masses to find Weekday and Weekend Masses that can be watched.



eucharisticrevival.org



We are in need of Sacristans and Eucharistic Ministers. If anyone is interested, please contact Gordon Yeck at (810)343-2954.

We are in need of Ushers at the 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses. If you are interested in Ushering, please see one of the Ushers.

**Altar Server training
Anyone young or adult who would like to serve at the altar is invited to a training session. Please come serve at the altar!
Date & Time to be announced!**

The names for the prayer list for the sick is now done by personal intercession. Please drop the names of those needing prayers for healing in the petition box in the gathering area. We are asking that you take 2 names from the basket and pray for those people by name every day for four weeks. If an emergency comes up please call the parish office and we will get members of the community to pray and offer intercessions for them at daily mass.

Please Pray for the Family Members of our Parishioners serving in the Military:

Josey Blades (Air Force)
Airman 1st Julie M. Chervon
Spc. Shaen Connery (Army)
P.O. 1st Dale A. Foglyano
Nicholas Foglyano (Army)
P.O. 2nd Nicolas Fooy (Navy)
Lt Col David Fries
Maj. Laura Geldhof
Joe Gill, Navy
Staff Sgt. Nicole R. Grenon
Christopher Grubby (Navy)

Pfc. Kevin Heath
Lt. Christopher Kerr
Pfc. Paul Koss (Marines)
Lt. Joseph Kraft
Sgt. Joseph Kucharek (Army)
Sgt. Chris Libeck
Mark Locricchio (Army)
Sgt. Sean McDowell (Army)
LCPL Miguel Menzer
SPC Matthew Muellenhagen
Maj. Eric Olson
Chief Daniel Przybylinski

(Navy)
Justin Quinn (Marines)
Anthony Roszko (Army)
Lt. Greg Siuta
Maj. Allison Stewart
Sgt Tomas R. Studholme, Jr.
ISG Robert Sutton
Sgt. Matthew Sweetman
Joel Vasquez, (Navy Seal)

Prayer for Those Serving in the Military

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families for their selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.
Amen.

Adoration Chapel



In the documents of the Second Vatican Council, the Church Fathers describe the Eucharist as: "The source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates in the Greek word Eucharistia, meaning thanksgiving.

"Take; this is my body" Mark 14:22

1. The real presence of Christ in the Eucharist is real, true and substantial.
2. "It is called the Eucharist because it is an action of thanksgiving to God." (CCC. No. 1328)
3. "Jesus awaits us in the sacrament of love." (St. John Paul II, Dominicae cene, no. 3)
4. Eucharist makes the one present sacrifice of Christ the Savior." (CCC, no. 1330)

If you would like to take the opportunity to be still and listen to God (without worldly interruptions), we have need for almost every hour to have a second adorer, thereby making less the need for a substitute. It is a sacrifice being Catholic in our world today, you need contemplation and the grace to make you holy. Please call Mary Peterson to sign up at (586)979-1469 or (586)738-1154.

**Uncommitted Hours
Tuesday 1pm & 2pm
Friday 4pm
TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!**

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Office Hours
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Closed 12 Noon—1:00 p.m. Lunch
Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon

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Rev. Mr. John Ball, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Kevin Tietz, Deacon
Michael Novak,
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Weekend Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

Weekday Mass

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 a.m.

Confessions

3:00 p.m. every Saturday

WELCOME

If you have attended Mass at St. Rene and would like to become a member, please visit our parish office where you can register and discuss all of the wonderful ways to grow in faith through Christian Service, Worship, Youth Ministry, Outreach, Faith Formation, and in our Adoration Chapel. For more information call 586-939-7500.

St. Rene Mission Statement

St. Rene Goupil Parish is a Catholic Community, dedicated to strengthening the faith and love of its people. Our mission is to proclaim that Jesus is Lord, to celebrate His Presence, and to reach out to others in His name.

Parish Registration:

Welcome to all new families/individuals. Please register as soon as possible. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage. Registration is also required before the parish can issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be a sacramental sponsor. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated the third Sunday of the month at 12:00 p.m. A parent preparation class is mandatory. Classes are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Call the Parish Office during weekday office hours to register for a class.

Penance: Saturday 3:00 p.m. Special schedules for Advent and Lent.

Marriage:

Arrangements must be made through the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. One person of the couple must be an active, registered member of St. Rene Goupil Parish for six months.

Anointing of the Sick:

On request or by appointment through the Parish Office.

Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

