

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
January 28, 2024



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole
region of Galilee. - Mk 1:28

Notes from Fr. Steve

In Mark 1:21-28, a short yet powerful narrative unfolds, as we heard at mass this week, revealing the authority and divine power of Jesus. This passage serves as a pivotal moment in the ministry of Jesus, showcasing his unparalleled ability to command both the physical and spiritual realms.

Context: Before delving into the specific verses, it's crucial to understand the broader context. Mark 1:21-28 occurs early in Jesus' public ministry in the town of Capernaum, following his baptism by John the Baptist and the beginning of his proclamation of the Kingdom of God.

Verses 21-22: The passage begins with Jesus entering the synagogue on the Sabbath and teaching the people. The audience is immediately struck by his teaching style, described as possessing authority unlike the scribes. Unlike the religious leaders of the time, Jesus spoke with a direct and compelling authority that resonated with the hearts of those who heard him.

Verses 23-28: As Jesus is teaching, a man with an unclean spirit interrupts the synagogue gathering. The spirit recognizes Jesus as the Holy One of God, acknowledging his divine nature. Jesus, in turn, rebukes the unclean spirit, commanding it to leave the possessed man. The spirit obeys, causing amazement among the onlookers who witness this demonstration of authority over the spiritual realm,

Key Themes:

1. **Authority of Jesus:** Central to this passage is the theme of Jesus' authority. His teaching is not mere rhetoric but carries divine weight. The people are astonished by the contrast between Jesus and the traditional religious authorities. This authority extends beyond words to actions, as demonstrated in the exorcism of the unclean spirit.

2. **Recognition of Jesus' Divinity:** The unclean spirit's recognition of Jesus as the Holy One of God is significant. It underscores the supernatural nature of Jesus' identity and mission. In Mark's Gospel, this acknowledgement contributes to the gradual revelation of Jesus as the Son of God.

3. **Response of the Crowd:** The reaction of the crowd to Jesus' teaching and the exorcism of amazement and inquiry. They recognize that something extraordinary is happening in their midst. This sets the stage for the ongoing narrative of Jesus' ministry, with people increasingly drawn to him.

Conclusion: Mark 1:21-28 serves as a powerful illustration of Jesus' authority over both the spiritual and physical realms. It establishes a foundation for understanding the nature of Christ's ministry and the transformative impact he had on those who encountered him. As we reflect on these verses, we are invited to recognize and submit to the authority of Jesus, the Holy One of God, who brings liberation and redemption to those who believe.

Please remember to pray for the parish, especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them healing, comfort and peace.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone who expressed sympathy to my family at the time of my brother's death and the death of my nephew. Your prayers and support have been a great blessing to all of us. God bless you!

Fr. Steve

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie “Nefarious” features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like *multiple* persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel *fake* sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, “**What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?**” Notice the plural, *us*. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man’s identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, “**Quiet! Come out of him!**” Jesus’ word has the power to restore the man’s singularity — *him* — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it?

— *Father John Muir*

WHERE THE
ROSARY IS
RECITED
THERE WILL
BE DAYS OF
PEACE AND
TRANQUILITY.

— ST. JOHN BOSCO

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today’s Scripture passages from Deuteronomy, Moses prophesies about a future figure that God will raise up from the Israelite community, from their own kin. Moses professes: to him you shall listen. In the Gospel from St. Mark, Moses’ ancient prophecy is fulfilled in Christ. It is Jesus, who speaks, heals, and drives out evil spirits. With authority in the Capernaum synagogue. St. Paul encourages the Corinthians, in his First Letter, to commit themselves entirely to the Lord. As faith-filled stewards, we not only recognize Christ as the Great Prophet, but also support the bishops and others who observe and proclaim Jesus’ teaching—His Truth—and prophesy against moral relativism and injustices of our day. It is imperative to contact our governmental officials by telephone, email, or letter about laws or proposed laws that oppose Church teaching.

FATHER OF
MONASTICISM

“
THE DEVIL RUNS
AWAY WHEN WE
MAKE THE SIGN
OF THE CROSS.
”

— ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT





World Day for Consecrated Life

God of all goodness,
 you have called people to follow you faithfully.
 Humans have heard that call and many choose to
 follow your call
 in varied and faith-filled lives.
 Some follow your call in private, silent lives as
 hermits;
 some choose to follow you with lives lived as vir-
 gins and widows;
 while others choose public lives of vowed men
 and women
 as religious brothers and sisters.
 Abundantly give to these men and women the
 courage to follow their call as witnesses to your
 gifts and faith and service to the world.

We ask this in faith
 through the name of Jesus our Savior.
 Amen.

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Everyday Stewardship

Embracing Change in Christ

It’s officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can’t they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: “What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?”

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: “I know who you are!”

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ’s healing power into our lives. We won’t regret it — I’m sure the demoniac never did.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Council of Catholic Women
 Archdiocese of Detroit
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Once again, The Council of Catholic Women thanks Father Steven and the generous people of St Rene Goupil Parish for your Giving Tree contributions to Operation Layette.

Your continued and generous support of Operation Layette just warms my heart every year! With donations like yours, we were able to distribute over 500 layettes in the past year! A layette includes all the items that a mom needs to bring her new baby home. We have truly been able to Walk With Moms In Need.

May God bless you for your generosity!

For more information about The Council of Catholic Women or Operation Layette, contact Jan Popowich at janp2@wowway.com.

Readings for Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, you God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.' And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him.' Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speak in the name of other gods, he shall die,"

Reading II

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

Readings for the Week

Sunday, January 28, 2024: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday, January 29, 2024: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, January 30, 2024: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, January 31, 2024: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 1, 2024: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 2, 2024: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Saturday, February 3, 2024: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, February 4, 2024: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

9:30 a.m.
FUNERAL

Thursday, February 1, 2024

9:30 a.m.
+Mark Douglas Risvold
Intention of Mary Peterson
+Michael Peterson
+Sophie Hyso (50th R.A.)

Friday, February 2, 2024

9:30 a.m.
+Edward Koehler
+James Koehler
+Deceased Priests and Deacons of the Archdiocese

Saturday, February 3, 2024

4:00 p.m.
+Felix & Rita Gatt
+Mary Jean Calmi
David Boni
+Virginia Bialy
+Franklin Langenstein
+Joan Herbert
Teodor Szczomak, Birthday
+Teresa Szczomak

Sunday, February 4, 2024

8:30 a.m.
+Mary Carnaghi
+Sharon Murawski
+Jose Paunan
+Norma Ramos
Special Intention of Victoria & Tim Roddy & Family
+Peter Formanczyk (5th R.A.)

10:30 a.m.

+Joan Droz
+Kimmy Schanta
+Joseph Hance (7th R.A.)
+Michael Buffmyer
+Zigmund Graczyk
+Frances Bobowski

5:30 p.m.

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene Goupil Parish



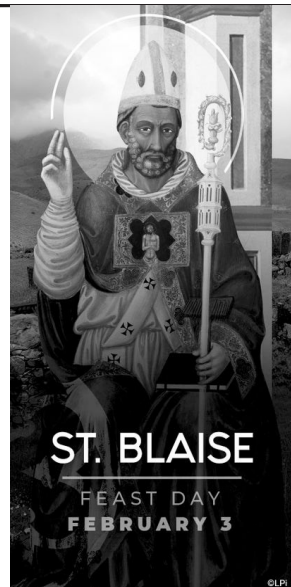
Please Remember
St. Rene Goupil Parish
In Your Will

St. Blaise | February 3

You may be familiar with the annual “blessing of throats” that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived. Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Weekend Liturgy Schedule for February 3 & 4

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Enno
Lector	Dorothy Arche	Louis Youkhana	Corina Sison	Jovita Engalan
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Karin Nieto	Eli Wing-Nga	
Eucharistic Ministers	L Nosek M Laubach Open	Open Open Open	E Monterio H DeVera Open	Open Open Open
Ushers	Tom Pluta 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	R Kranson	G Wiklanski	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.

—FAITH—
IN THE FIRE OF THE
Holy Spirit



A LIFE CHANGING ENCOUNTER WITH THE LOVE OF THE FATHER, THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

Friday, January 26th & Saturday, January 27th
6:30pm – 9:00pm 8:30am – 8:00pm

-  **Praise & Worship**
-  **Eucharistic Adoration**
-  **Small Group Discussions**
-  **Teachings**
-  **Reconciliation**
-  **Activities**

Cost: \$40.00 (payment by cash or check at retreat)
Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included on Saturday.

St Cyril and Methodius Parish | 41233 Ryan Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48314

Pre-registration Required at:
<https://bit.ly/Faithinthefire>

"I see the Church waking up and coming explosively alive!"

—Fr. Bob Bedard, CC Founder



COMPANIONS OF THE CROSS

Contact James Brodi for additional information at:
586-419-0278



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 your Smartphone. If you need further assistance, contact *Formed* at www.help.formed.org or toll-free at 844-367-6331.

Everyday Stewardship

When I reflect on the many years of my life, there are many people who were influential on my development as a person, a student, and a Christian. Through their graciousness and generosity, I was able to work through challenges and difficulties, becoming stronger in the end. They pushed me to become better than I was at the time and helped me to see what I could eventually become. Without them giving of themselves to me I am unsure where I would be today.

Because others were good stewards of the gifts and talents God gave them, I now strive to use wisely what I have been given as well. Yes, I spend much of my time on the road speaking in churches about stewardship and I write books and articles about this way of life, but my real desire is to impact the most those around me. I want my children to see how I am growing in this life and be an example to them. I want me and my wife to grow in generosity together. My hope is that my friends see a light in me and inquire about how and why it is there. Above all, I want to live with a graciousness and hospitality that others find welcoming.

I believe that through our kindness and grace-filled existence God can touch others, heal others, and embrace others. We are the hands and feet of Christ. May we, today and every day we hear his voice, harden not our hearts.

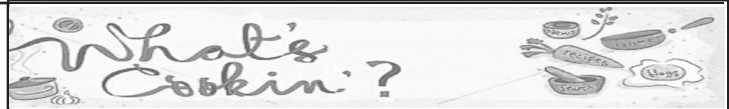
—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**Our Sunday Offering
January 20 & 21
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](http://aod.org/live-masses) to find Weekday and Weekend Masses that can be watched.



Minestrone Soup

- 1/2 c. chopped onion
- 1/2 tsp. minced garlic
- 2 to 3 sliced carrots
- 1/2 c. sliced celery
- 1/2 c. chopped cabbage
- 1/2 c. zucchini or yellow squash, cut into 1/2 inch pieces
- 2 (10 1/2 oz.) cans red kidney beans
- 1 (28 oz.) jar meatless spaghetti sauce
- 3 sm. Cans beef broth
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/2 c. very sm. Shells or 1/2 c. chili mac or 2 oz. vermicelli, cut in 1 inch pieces
- 4 c. water

Bring to a boil and simmer for approximately 1 hour. Serves 10.



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)

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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!**

**SAINT RENE GOUPIL
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Closed 12 Noon—1:00 p.m. Lunch
Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon

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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

