



St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
February 11, 2024

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Notes from Fr. Steve

On Ash Wednesday we begin the holy Season of Lent. I thought it might be helpful to gain greater spiritual insight into this time of fasting and prayer. Ash Wednesday holds significant spiritual meaning for Catholics, marking the beginning of the Lenten season. Here are some key aspects of the spiritual significance of Ash Wednesday for Catholics;

1. Repentance and Contrition: Ash Wednesday is a day of reflection and repentance. The ashes applied in the shape of a cross on the forehead symbolize the need for repentance and contrition for sins. The act of receiving ashes serves as a visible sign of humility and a commitment to turning away from sinful behaviors.

2. Mortality and Humility: The ashes used on Ash Wednesday are often made from burnt palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday. This connection reminds Catholics of the transient nature of life and the importance of humility. The priest, when applying the ashes, may say, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," emphasizing the mortality of human life.

3. Preparation for Lent: Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the 40-day Lenten season, during which Catholics engage in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as a way of preparing spiritually for Easter. The ashes serve as a visible reminder of this season of penance and self-examination.


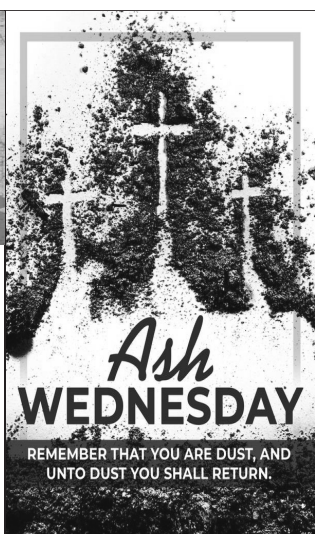
4. Identification with Christ's Sacrifice: The ashes used on Ash Wednesday symbolize mourning and penance. By wearing ashes, Catholics identify with Christ's sacrifice on the cross and express a desire to share in His redemptive work.

5. Renewal and Conversion: Ash Wednesday is an opportunity for spiritual renewal and conversion. It encourages Catholics to examine their lives, acknowledge their shortcomings, and seek God's forgiveness. It is a time to turn away from sin and embrace a deeper relationship with God.

Overall, Ash Wednesday serves as a solemn and meaningful day for Catholics, prompting them to reflect on their spiritual journey, seek forgiveness, and commit to a period of self-discipline and growth during the Lenten season.

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

Fr. Steve

 <p>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</p>	 <p>Ash WEDNESDAY REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST, AND UNTO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN.</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 14, 2024 Mass at 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Friday's during Lent After the 9:30 a.m. Mass and 7:00 p.m.</p>		

**REQUEST FOR
2023 CONTRIBUTION
STATEMENT**

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*Your thoughtfulness
is so appreciated.*

*Thank you for including Mary's Children Family Center
in your giving tree this year. The Center truly
appreciates your kindness and support.*

*God Bless,
The Students and Staff at Mary's Children Family Center*

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Scripture passage from Leviticus, the Lord God instructs Moses and Aaron in the ancient Israelite camp how to handle carefully those who have leprosy. In St. Mark's Gospel, the evangelist through Jesus' words, shows Christ's compassion to a leper who asks our Lord: If you wish, you can make me clean. In spite of Jesus' directive not to, the man publicly professes his miraculous healing. St. Paul exclaims: Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God and to imitate Christ in all things. As Jesus' followers, how do we extend compassion and love to those on the margins of society? Please reflect on offering time at a local soup kitchen or homeless shelter that serves our less fortunate sisters and brothers.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, "If you will it, you can make me clean." At this, just before the healing, Jesus was "moved with compassion." The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it *feels like* to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will *feel what we are feeling*, and thereby heal us.

— Father John Muir

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December 29, 2023

Dear Rev. Steven C. Koehler, Pastor St. Rene Goupil Parish,

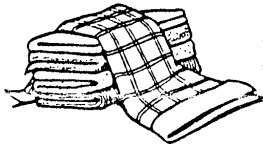
Peace of Christ be with you.

Thank you for welcoming the missionary Fr. Joseph Kaye, and for the donation of \$4,671.52 a total amount collected from your parish in 2023 Missionary Cooperative Plan. On behalf of Bishop Philippe Rukamba of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Butare, and myself, I would like to express my gratitude for the generosity of your parish for this great gift. This donation will help in our educational and evangelical work for our youth who are struggling to recover from the horrors of genocide, and it will help our mission of making Christ's love known and felt.

May the Lord bless you and your ministry abundantly.

Reverend Honoratus Canute Mwangeni (Ed.D.)

Coordinator of Missionary Cooperative Plan for the Diocese of Butare in Rwanda.



LENTEN TOWEL DRIVE

It is that time of year again...time for our annual Lenten Towel Project. We will be collecting brand new bath towels and washcloths during the Lenten season; from Ash Wednesday until Good Friday. These may be placed in the wooden bin near the library. These shelters are so appreciative of the help we provide every year.

The towels and washcloths will once again be distributed to the Salvation Army's MATTS (Macomb's Answer To Temporary Shelter) program and Turning Point (a shelter for abused women and children).

Lent is a wonderful time of prayer and sacrifice. Please pray to see if it is in your heart to give a little help to these people who need so much.

May God bless you this Lent.

You now can donate to St. Rene Goupil using your cell phone! Just take a picture of the QR code in the gathering space or in the bulletin; it will automatically link you to the St. Rene donation site. Enter the amount you wish to donate, card information and press the "Pay" button. It's that simple! We thank you for your generosity.



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Everyday Stewardship

The Unfailing Goodness of God

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Happy
Valentine's
Day

**A Container will be available
in the gathering area for the
Collection of Dried Palms to
be burned for use on
Ash Wednesday.**

Readings for Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "If someone has on his skin a scab or pustule or blotch which appears to be the sore of leprosy, he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests among his descendants. If the man is leprous and unclean, the priest shall declare him unclean by reason of the sore on his head. "The one who bears the sore of leprosy shall keep his garments rent and his head bare, and shall muffle his beard; he shall cry out, 'Unclean, unclean!' As long as the sore is on him he shall declare himself unclean, since he is in fact unclean. He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp."

Reading II

1 Corinthians 10:31—1:1

Brothers and sisters: whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or Greeks or the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit but that of the many, that they may be saved. Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Gospel

Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean. Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed him at once. He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained outside in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere.

Readings for the Week

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Sunday, February 11, 2024: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday, February 12, 2024: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 13, 2024: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 14, 2024: Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 15, 2024: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 16, 2024: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 17, 2024: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, February 18, 2024: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

9:30 a.m.
FUNERAL

Thursday, February 15, 2024

9:30 a.m.
+Chris Vertrees
+Judy Durocher
+Ann McCloy

Friday, February 16, 2024

9:30 a.m.
+Ninfa Davison
+Virgil Zanardelli

Saturday, February 17, 2024

4:00 p.m.
+Felix & Rita Gatt
+Mary Jean Calmi
+Franklin Langenstein
+Joan Herbert
+John & Margaret Kompier
+Rosemarie Calmi
+Edward Koehler
+Janes Koehler
+Marge Wichalcz
+Angela Grace Christy
Parishioners of St. Rene
+Rosario Bugante
+Ylinor Teresa Zamora

Sunday, February 18, 2024

8:30 a.m.
+Sharon Murawski
+Christine Johannes (15th R.A.)
Special Intentions of Victoria & Tim Roddy & Family
+Marialuz Sales

10:30 a.m.
+Michael Buffmyer
+Zigmund Graczyk
+Edward Koehler
+James Koehler
+Walt Kalcevic
+Rose Zappa
+Sam Zappa

5:30 p.m.
Healing for Dylan Ventimiglia
Special Intention of Brittany Hicks
+Milagros Sunga

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

If you witnessed a miracle, wouldn't you want to tell everyone? If you saw the sun dance in the sky, a crippled man walk, or the Virgin Mary appear in front of you, wouldn't you just want to shout about it from a rooftop so all could hear? Maybe you would be afraid others would not believe you. You might choose instead to keep it to yourself to avoid criticism and ridicule. At least, if you saw a miracle, you would have a choice: to tell or not to tell.

Yet, at every Mass we witness a miracle. We witness bread and wine as it becomes the true presence of Jesus Christ. It isn't a saint or Mary appearing before us; it is actually Jesus! When was the last time you told anybody about that miracle?

It might not be easy for us to always talk about our faith, but we can show them. When we receive the Eucharist into our bodies, we become one with Christ. We go forth from the Mass as a living testimony of the miracle that occurred at Mass. People will not be able to simply look at us and see the evidence. We need to demonstrate to them the reality of this miracle by our good deeds and profound acts of charity. That is stewardship. That is bearing witness to the truth of our God being truly present to us. It is something we should want to share with everyone.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Please Remember
St. Rene Goupil Parish
In Your Will

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for February 17 & 18

	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	Alex Sitchon	Barbara Wyrwicz	Ricky Yulo	Paul Hornung
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Karin Nieto	Eli Wing-Nga	
Eucharistic Ministers	L Nosek R Kranson Open	Open Open Open	C Sison E Monterio 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	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:

Cooking oil, laundry detergent, salad dressing, tooth brushes, bar soap and shampoo.



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.



Ash Wednesday

Good stewards realize they really don't own anything. It all belongs to God. It is not so much that God owns them, but they are not ours because we are called to offer them to him.

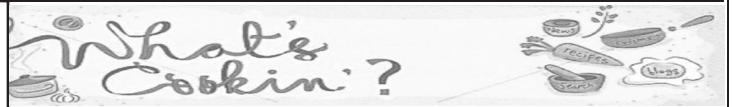
The reality is that you and I were born naked and with nothing. We will die naked and with nothing. If we really could possess something material, there would be a way to take it with us. But alas, it all slips through our grasp and passes away. And even though all of us came from dust and to dust we will return, through Jesus Christ we will live forever in a perfect state. The only thing we can take with us? Our hearts and whether or not we loved.



**Our Sunday Offering
February 3 & 4
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.



Chicken Crescents

- 4 oz. cream cheese
- 2 c. cooked chicken, cubed
- Dash of pepper
- 1 tbsp. chopped chives
- 1/4 c. seasoned croutons, crushed
- 3 tbsp. melted butter
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 2 tbsp. milk
- 1 tube crescent rolls

Blend cream cheese and 2 tablespoons melted butter until smooth. Add remaining ingredients, except crescent rolls and croutons. Mix well.

Separate crescent roll dough into 4 triangles; seal perforations. Spoon 1/2 cup chicken mixture into center of each dough triangle. Pull 4 corners to center of mixture and pinch to seal. Brush tops with remaining melted butter; sprinkle with croutons. Bake in 350 F oven on ungreased cookie sheet 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Serves 4 people.



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!**

**SAINT RENE GOUPIL
Catholic Church**

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Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Closed 12 Noon—1:00 p.m. Lunch
Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Pastoral Staff

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Rev. Mr. John Ball, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Kevin Tietz, Deacon
Michael Novak,
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Alexander Sunga
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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:

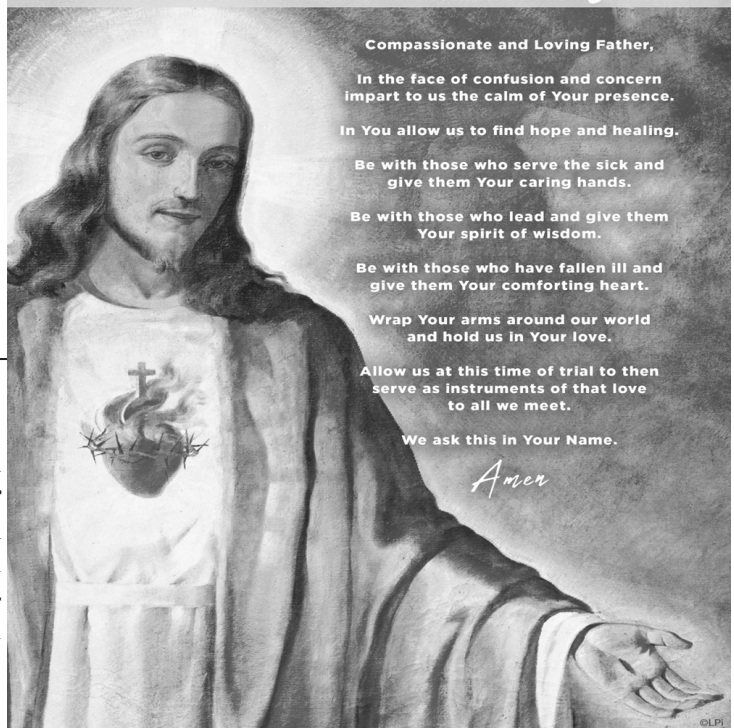
Arrangements must be made through the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. One person of the couple must be an active, registered member of St. Rene Goupil Parish for six months.

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



Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
Impart to us the calm of Your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.
We ask this in Your Name.

Amen