

Notes from Fr. Steve

In recent survey's the Church has found that some Catholic's no longer believe in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This is from a lack of practice of the faith and some people received no catechism in their youth. Because this is the year of the Eucharist, Pope Francis has asked all Catholic's to reflect on the Eucharist, which is central to the existence and life of the community of believers.

The Catholic Church's belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist stands as one of its central and profound doctrines. At the heart of every Mass lies the transformation of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. This belief is not merely symbolic but is deeply rooted in scripture, tradition, and theological reflection. Let us delve into the rich theological understanding of this doctrine.

Biblical Foundations: The foundation of the Catholic belief in the Real Presence can be traced back to the Last Supper. During this sacred event, Jesus took bread, blessed it, and said, "This is my body." He then took the cup of wine, blessed it, and declared, "This is my blood." (Matthew 26:26-28) These words, understood in their literal sense, form the basis of the Church's teaching on the Eucharist.

Additionally, in the Gospel of John, Jesus proclaims, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." (John 6:51) This discourse on the Bread of Life further reinforces the belief in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Historical Development: Throughout the early centuries of Christianity, the belief in the Real Presence remained steadfast. Early Church Fathers such as Ignatius of Antioch, Justin Martyr, and Irenaeus affirmed the reality of Christ's presence in the Eucharist. They emphasized the importance of receiving the Eucharist as the true body and blood of Christ for the nourishment of the soul.

The Council of Trent (1545-1563) further clarified and affirmed this doctrine in response to challenges posed by the Protestant Reformation. It solemnly defined the Real Presence, affirming that in the Eucharist, the substance of bread and wine is truly changed into the substance of the Body and Blood of Christ, while retaining the appearances of bread and wine.

Theological Reflection: The term "transubstantiation" emerged in medieval theology to articulate this profound mystery. It describes the change of substance that occurs during the consecration at Mass, where the entire substance of bread and wine is changed into the substance of Christ's body and blood, while the accidents (appearances) of bread and wine remain.

Catholic theologians further explore the implications of the Real Presence, highlighting its significance in fostering communion with Christ and the unity of the Church. The Eucharist is not only a commemoration of Christ's sacrifice but a participation in it, uniting the faithful with Christ and with one another in a mystical bond of love.

Contemporary Understanding: In contemporary Catholic theology, the emphasis on the Real Presence continues to be paramount. Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical "Ecclesia de Echaristia," reaffirmed the Church's belief in the Real Presence and stressed the centrality of the Eucharist in the life of the Church.

Furthermore, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist under the appearances of bread and wine. The faithful are called to approach this sacrament with reverence, faith, and devotion, recognizing the profound mystery of Christ's presence among them.

Conclusion: The Catholic belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is a foundational truth that has sustained the faith of millions throughout the centuries. Rooted in scripture, tradition, and theological re-

flection, this doctrine underscores the intimate union between Christ and his Church. As Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist, they encounter the living presence of Christ, who nourishes them with his body and blood, and calls them to live lives of faith, love, and unity. As it says in the Bible: "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord".

Please remember the parish in your prayers, especially the sick and the suffering. Your prayers bring them healing, comfort, and peace. God bless you and those you love!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

> Friday's during Lent After the 9:30 a.m. Mass and 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Steve

Third Sunday of Lent

Today's First Reading from the book of Exodus recalls God's giving the Ten Commandments to the ancient Israelites, the guidelines for us to follow yet today on our path of holiness. The Scripture readings from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthian community and St. John's Gospel both describe the people's expressed need for signs or miracles to believe in Christ. However, faith based only on signs and miracles does not last. Only after Christ rises from the dead do His disciples believe what He taught. As Christian stewards seeking ongoing discipleship in the Lord, we must believe in the essential elements of our faith: Christ's life, death, Resurrection, Ascension, and sending of the Holy Spirit. Unity with Him in the Holy Eucharist strengthens our faith. Make time every Sunday to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion-the "source and summit" of our Catholic faith.

Today, the subject of water links our Scripture readings from Exodus and St. John's Gospel. The ancient Israelites complain to Moses for bringing them and their livestock into the desert to die of thirst. God answers Moses' cry by miraculously producing life-giving water from the rock, symbolic of the Sacrament of Baptism. In the Gospel, at Jacob's well Jesus encounters a Samaritan woman. He tells her about the "living water" that He provides for eternal life, which is not the same water found in the well. Jesus admonishes her: If you knew the gift of God. The Samaritan woman undergoes a conversion experience in which she brings others to Christ. St. Paul, in his letter to the Roman community, reminds us of God's outpouring love for us, even though we are sinners. Jesus' gift of eternal life is for Jew and Gentile alike, for all faithful stewards who strive for holiness by following His teachings to deepen their love for Him. During Lent, pray the Stations of the Cross to draw closer to our Lord and Savior.

Lenten Guidelines

- 1. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:** These are days for fasting and abstinence. Fasting involves limiting oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals that, when combined, do not equal a full meal. Abstinence means refraining from eating meat.
- 2. **Days of Abstinence:** All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence, where Catholics are required to refrain from eating meat.
- 3. **Age requirement:** Fasting is required for all Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59. Abstinence from meat is required for all Catholics age 14 and older.
- 4. **Exceptions:** Those with health issues or other serious reasons, as well as pregnant or nursing women, are exempt from the fasting and abstinence rules. However, individuals are encouraged to substitute other acts of penance or charity if they cannot observe these rules.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

3rd Sunday of Lent

I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me. —Ex 20:2-3

One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his child-hood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to "have no other gods besides me." This is our "grip." Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say "yes" to this fundamental question of our spiritual "grip," then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this "idol" to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics.

— Father John Muir



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- Service to the poor
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- 3) Support Priests and Seminarians
- 4) Support Right to Life

Third Sunday of Lent

Paul reminded the Corinthians, "We proclaim Christ crucified." Christ's weakness is stronger than any human strength. The power of the cross is greater than anything the world or evil has to combat it.

The Lenten season is one of repentance, self-denial, almsgiving, and prayer. Many in our modern world do not see any wisdom in denying themselves anything. Those swept away in a consumer culture want more and they want it faster, bigger, and better. They also are looking for easy and quick satisfaction, unwilling to wait long.

Paul speaks of the "foolishness of God" and how it is wiser than any human wisdom. Lent is a time to put aside that which we feel and think as humans and put on the attitude of Christ. The cross of Christ is neither easy nor fleeting, and it will ask us to deny our very selves for him. To the human mind it makes no sense. However, by putting on Christ and seeing with his eyes, we see reality with clarity. Our sacrifice can lead to riches that only a "foolish" man would covet. But it is exactly there that we are satisfied and fulfilled.

Everyday Stewardship

Can you recite the Ten Commandments by heart? Several years ago a national US survey found more people could identify the ingredients in a Big Mac and name the children in the Brady Bunch television show than recite the Ten Commandments. Of course, being able to recite them is not nearly as important as living a life in harmony with them. However, if we simply live to not break them then we are only living out half of our discipleship.

Every commandment calls us to action beyond the simplicity of its words. We are not to kill, but we are also called to support life. We are not to steal, but we are also to share what we have freely. We are to have no other Gods before our God, but we also need to actively praise and glorify Him.

To live a moral life is to do more than follow rules and laws. It is to actively live in a way that gives witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. This way of living is stewardship. As we focus more on the penitential message of Lent, we need to not just reflect on what we have done wrong, but equally what we have failed to do. To be given so much by a loving God and not share those things with God and His people is wrong as well. Perhaps as we reflect on these things we might find ourselves adding something to our lives that will last for many Lenten seasons to come.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Lenten Daily Prayer

As we embark in this sacred journey of Lent, guide us with Your divine presence. Grant us the strength to embrace self-reflection and repentance, acknowledging our shortcomings with humility.

In these 40 days of Lent, help us grow closer to You through prayer, fasting, and acts of kindness. May we be mindful of the sacrifice Your Son made for our salvation, and may it inspire us to live with greater love and compassion.

Lord grant us the wisdom to discern Your will and the courage to follow it. May this season be a time of spiritual renewal, drawing us nearer to Your grace and mercy.

We entrust our Lenten journey to Your loving care, confident that Your mercy is abundant. May our hearts be transformed, and may we emerge from this season more deeply connected to You and to one another.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray.

Amen.

Readings for Third Sunday of Lent

Reading I Exodus 20:1-17

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments. "You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain. "Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. "Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."

Reading II
Corinthians 1:22-25

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Gospel
John 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anymore to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

Readings for the Meek

Sunday, March 3, 2024:Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, (Jn6:68c)/1Cor1:22-25/Jn2:13-25*Scrutniny:Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42*

Monday, March 4, 2024: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 5, 2024: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35 **Wednesday, March 6, 2024:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 7, 2024: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 8, 2024: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 9, 2024: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 10, 2024:2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 *Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



Tuesday, March 5, 2024 9:30 a.m.

Helen DeVera (Birthday) Gloria Choi (Birthday)

Thursday, March 7, 2024 9:30 a.m.

- +Ann McCloy
- +Donald Trudeau

Friday, March 8, 2024 9:30 a.m.

- +Ninfa Davison
- +Frances Rozolosky
- +Annette Bachiu

Saturday, March 9, 2024 4:00 p.m.

- +Felix & Rita Gatt
- +Mary Jean Calmi
- +Franklin Langenstein
- +Steven Herbert
- +Walter Broski (95th Birthday)
- +Rosemarie Calmi
- +Rita Abraham
- +Remedios Lim
- +Larry Doyle (3rd R.A.)
- +Carolyn Bette
- +Virgil Zanardelli
- +Alcuin Arche

Sunday, March 10, 2024 8:30 a.m.

- +Sharon Murawski
- +Joseph Schultz

Special Intention of Victoria & Tim Roddy

- +Patricia Sales
- +Rita Abraham

10:30 a.m.

+Alex Fragnoli

For the Intentions of the Knights of Columbus, St. Nicholas Council & Their Families

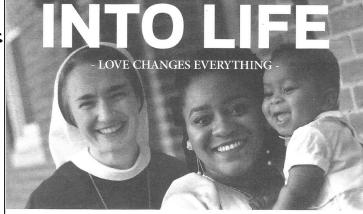
- +Michael Buffmyer
- +David Willick

5:30 p.m.

Healing for Dylan Ventimiglia Special Intention of Brittany Hicks

+Milagros Sunga





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4) March 19, 2024

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- Anyone who is curious about a pro-life vision of the world.



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT







Please Remember St. Rene Goupil Parish In Your Will

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for March 9 & 10				
	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	Jovita Engalan	Barbara Wyrwicz	Flor Sitchon	Paul Hornung
Altar Servers	Nathan Gonzales Isabella Gonzales	Karin Nieto	Eli Wing-Nga	
Eucharistic Ministers	G Labinski K Moravek Open	Open Open Open	A Sitchon C Sison 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	G Yeck	V Jennings



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Sincerely, John Anderson, Guardian Angel Hospice, Volunteer Coordinator

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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 <u>www.formed.org</u> 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.



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.



Our Sunday Offering February 24 & 25 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.





Fresh Fruit Crisp

1/2 c. quick cooking oats

1/2 c. brown sugar, packed

1/4 c. flour

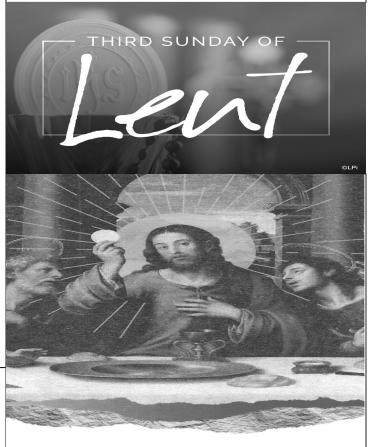
1/2 tsp. cinnamon

Dash of salt

1/4 c. margarine

5 c. fresh peeled, sliced peaches (or may use apples, pears, blueberries)

Mix together oats, brown sugar, flour, cinnamon and salt. Cut in margarine until mixture is crumbly. Set aside. Place fruit in a 10x6x2 inch baking dish. Sprinkle oat mixture over fruit. Bake at 350 F until fruit is tender, about 40 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream, frozen yogurt or Cool Whip.





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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.



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!

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

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Spc. Shaen Connery (Army) P.O. 1st Dale A. Foglyano Nicholas Foglyano (Army)

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Sgt. Joseph Kucharek (Army)

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Chief Daniel Przybylinski

(Navy)

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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 aneed 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 2pm, Wednesday 12pm & 1 pm,
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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.

