

## Notes from Fr. Steve

As Easter approaches, we are reminded of the profound significance of this sacred season. Easter is a time of renewal, hope, and above all, the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a time when we come together as a community to rejoice in the victory of life over death, of light over darkness.

This Easter, as we prepare to commemorate this momentous occasion, let us extend our heartfelt invitation to all of our family members to join us in celebrating the joy of the resurrection at Easter Mass. Our faith is a precious gift, one that is meant to be shared with those we love. What better way to share the love of Christ than by inviting our loved ones to experience the beauty and grace of Easter Mass with us?

There is something truly special about coming together as a family in worship, especially during the Easter season. It is a time for us to reflect on the blessings we have received, to give thanks for the love that surrounds us, and to reaffirm our commitment to living a life rooted in faith and love.

By inviting our family members to join us at Mass this Easter, we are not only sharing with them the joy of the resurrection, but we are also providing them with an opportunity to encounter the love of God in a profound and meaningful way. It is a chance for them to experience the power of community, to find solace in prayer, and to be uplifted by the hope that Easter brings.

Let us reach out to our family members with open hearts and open arms, inviting them to share in the blessings of Easter Mass with us. Let us show them the warmth and hospitality of our faith community, welcoming them into our midst with love and acceptance.

As we journey through this season of Lent, let us keep in mind the importance of reaching out to those we love and inviting them to share in the joy of Easter. Together, let us celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of new life that it brings.

May this Easter be a time of renewal and transformation for all of us, as we come together as a family to celebrate the joy of the resurrection at Mass. Let us extend our invitation to our loved ones with love and enthusiasm, knowing that we are sharing with them the greatest gift of all—the gift of faith.

As always, I ask you to remember the parish in your prayers, especially the sick and the suffering. Your prayers bring them healing, comfort and peace. Please Invite your family to Church this Easter! God bless you!

Fr. Steve



Monday, March 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Friday's during Lent After the 9:30 a.m. Mass and 7:00 p.m.

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

In his Gospel, St. John describes the common link in today's Scripture passages. God's infinite love for us—also a significant theme throughout the Bible. For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life (John 3:16). The Second Book of Chronicles describes how God, following the Israelites' exile to Babylon due to grave sin, mercifully invites them home through an edict of King Cyrus of Persia. In St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, he reminds us of God's love and mercy through Christ even when we are dead in our transgressions. No sin is too great that it cannot be forgiven by our Lord through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you have not been to confession in a while, return with a contrite heart during Lent for forgiveness that will rekindle your discipleship in the Lord and give you peace.

In today's readings, the theme of light connects St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians with the Gospel from St. John St. Paul professes: Christ will give you light. In St. John's Gospel, Jesus brings light to the eyes of the man born blind. Even with Jesus healing the man's physical blindness, the pride-filled Pharisees remain spiritually blind to Jesus' message. In both of these Scripture passages, light is set against darkness. Darkness signifies evil, while light represents truth, goodness, and salvation. In the First Reading, Samuel passes over seven of Jesse's sons before David's family "sees the light"—David is God's anointed one. Christian stewards strive to live in Christ's light. Living in this brings us closer to our Lord in His joy and love—into a personal relationship with Him. In a spirit of evangelization, share this love and joy with those we encounter by joining a team through St. Paul Street Evangelization, https://streetevangelization.com.

# **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

# 4th Sunday of Lent

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if *they* are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it without an act of condemnation. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

— Father John Muir



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

4th Sunday of Lent

Can we see the goodness around us?

Today we have the story of a man born blind. In Jesus' time, blindness was viewed as a punishment for sin. Lent is all about looking inward and rooting out sinful desires and actions. So this story of a blind man and Jesus restoring his sight is a story about the forgiveness of sin.

How often do we hold on to sinful ways or thoughts? Do we need Jesus to give us something in our lives to see again? Or do we need to concentrate on something we do well so that our "sight" may be improved?

This week, let us look through eyes of faith and attempt to see goodness around us. Also, let us help each other to remove sin so that we might see God more clearly.

## **Everyday Stewardship**

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. John 3:16

When I first saw each of my three children, I loved them with a love that I did not realize existed in me. These were flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone, and were the result of the love between their mother and me. This made them mine.

My love for them continues to be so strong as they grow older and I cannot fathom ever losing them. Then I look around and see friends of mine who have lost a child. It makes me want to hold them tighter and not let go.

But as I have continued to grow in this stewardship way of life, I realize that these three wonderful human beings are not really mine. They belong to God. They are entrusted to me in this world, but they belong truly to the One who loves them even more than I do. Yet, it is not easy to offer them back to God, especially due to tragedy. If that day ever were to come, how could I handle it?

Not only did God offer his Son to the world, the offering was done with full knowledge that the Son would die a brutal death. God loves us so deeply he placed Himself in the very position that any parent dreads the most. So this Lent I will look at my children and I reflect on the depth of love a parent has for a child and the even more profound love God has for us.

-- 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 Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Reading I** 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple, which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its places afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled." In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King of Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus the king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house, in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

# **Reading II** *Ephesians 2:4-10*

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved—, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

# Gospel John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

# Readings for the Meek

**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

Monday, March 11, 2024:Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024:**Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 13, 2024:Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday, March 14, 2024:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 15, 2024: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday, March 16, 2024:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday, March 17, 2024:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 *Scrutiny:* Ez

37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

# MASSIONS

# Tuesday, March 12, 2024 9:30 a.m.

- +Fr. Janusz
- +Joseph Testa
- +Deceased Members of the Martineau Family Maria Valera, Healing

# Thursday, March 14, 2024 9:30 a.m.

- +Annette Bachiu
- +Frances Rozolosky
- +Gerald Hurley

# Friday, March 15, 2024 9:30 a.m.

+Julieta Simbulan

# Saturday, March 16, 2024 4:00 p.m.

- +Felix & Rita Gatt
- +Mary Jean Calmi
- +Franklin Langenstein
- +Joan Herbert
- +Fred Schulte
- +John & Margaret Kompier
- +Rosemarie Calmi

Parishioners of St. Rene

- +Robert A. Serocki
- +Efren Arbolleras

# Sunday, March 17, 2024 8:30 a.m.

+Sharon Murawski Special Intention of Victoria & Tim Roddy

#### 10:30 a.m.

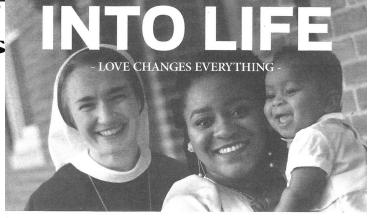
- +Walt Kalcevic
- +Rose Zappa
- +Sam Zappa
- +Michael Buffmyer
- +Efren Arbolleras
- +David Willick

## 5:30 p.m.

Healing for Dylan Ventimiglia Special Intention of Brittany Hicks

- +Milagros Sunga
- +Magdelena Austria





A 12-part original series on accompanying a woman into life.

# NO COST-Sponsored by the Family of the Good Shepherd /Walking with Moms Ministry

LOCATION: Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church (Overflow room)

DATES: 4 Weeks (Tuesdays)

3 videos (10 min. each)/week With discussion time

- February 27, 2024
   March 5, 2024
- 3) March 12, 2024
- 4) March 19, 2024 TIME: 7:00PM-8:00 PM

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CONTACT: babate@saintcyrils.church

Rooted in the wisdom of the Sisters of Life, this series introduces participants to new ideas for building a culture of life and solidarity, offers the opportunity for prayer and reflection, and develops and refines skills for accompanying women through an unexpected pregnancy.

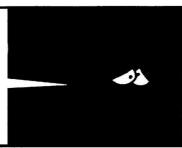
#### Who is this program for?

- People who want to learn how to better accompany wome through an unexpected pregnancy.
- People who desire to reflect on and live a spirituality of life.
- People who want to discover a new way to engage pro-life issues beyond political polarization.
- · Anyone who is curious about a pro-life vision of the world.



#### 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

FATHER,
I'M SO
ASHAMED
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JUST WANT
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MOST OF
THE TIME.







Please Remember St. Rene Goupil Parish In Your Will

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for March 16 & 17				
	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	Louis Youkhana	Alex Sitchon	Dori Fooy	Thess Monterio
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Karin Nieto	Phat Le Phong Le	
Eucharistic Ministers	L Nosek G Labinski Open	Open Open Open	T McWilliams M Laubach 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 McWilliams	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:

laundry detergent





It is our mission to ensure that each, and every patient and family we service is carefully cared for and given the utmost priority. Our dedicated hospice team will provide the necessary skilled services carefully designed to meet the unique needs of each patient.

Our qualified clinicians go above and beyond to render a gentle, encouraging, and supportive hands to patients in the safety and comfort of their home, or facility.

We are looking to add to our team, individuals who are available to volunteer their time, energy and skills to service our hospice patients and families. I am making an appeal to you to convey to your congregation our need for volunteers.

Please feel free to visit us at <a href="www.guardianangel.net">www.guardianangel.net</a> for more information. We look forward to partnering with you and your congregation in providing hospice volunteers to serve those faced with advanced illnesses.

Sincerely, John Anderson, Guardian Angel Hospice, Volunteer Coordinator

# **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 <a href="https://www.help.formed.org">www.help.formed.org</a> 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 March 2 & 3 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.

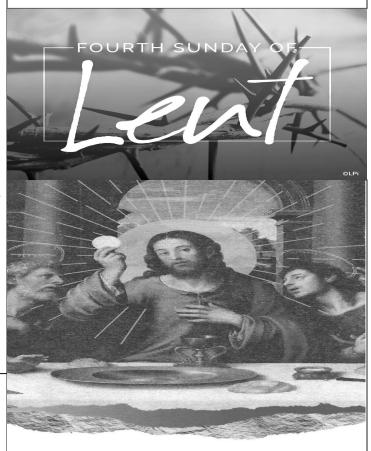




# **Shrimp Soup**

- 1 large potato, diced
- 7 carrots, sliced
- 2 pkgs. Salad size shrimp or larger
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 1 bunch broccoli
- 2 shakes Tabasco sauce
- 1 qt. half & half
- 2 cans cream of potato soup

Sauté shrimp in butter and Tabasco sauce for 5 minutes. Add cream (half & half) and simmer 5 more minutes. Add vegetables and canned soup and let simmer on low to thicken.





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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:

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 Libecki 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.



# **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 & 1pm, Friday 4pm TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!

# SAINT RENE GOUPIL Catholic Church

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Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Closed 12 Noon—1:00 p.m. Lunch
Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon

## **Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Steven Koehler, Pastor Rev. Joy Chakian, Associate Rev. Mr. John Ball, Deacon Rev. Mr. Kevin Tietz, Deacon Michael Novak, Director of Evangelization & Education Alexander Sunga Director of Worship & Music

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(586) 718-4523
Joseph White, Grand Knight, K of C

# **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.

