



Fifth
Sunday
of Lent

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
March 17, 2024

Notes from Fr. Steve

As we journey through the season of Lent, we are called to reflect deeply on our relationship with God and how we can glorify Him in all aspects of our lives. In John 12:20-33, we find valuable insights into glorifying God during this sacred time of spiritual growth and reflection.

The passage begins with some Greeks seeking Jesus. They approach Philip, expressing their desire to see Jesus. This event signifies the universal appeal of Christ's message, extending beyond the boundaries of any particular group or ethnicity. Likewise, during Lent, we are reminded of the inclusive nature of God's love and are called to embrace and share this love with all people, regardless of their background or circumstances.

In response to the Greeks' request, Jesus speaks about his impending death, using powerful imagery of a grain of wheat falling to the ground and dying to produce much fruit. This metaphor teaches us about the necessity of self-sacrifice and surrendering our own will to the will of God. Lent provides us with an opportunity to examine our lives, identify areas where we need to die to self, and allow God to bring forth new life and fruitfulness in us.

Jesus then speaks about the path of discipleship, emphasizing the importance of following Him wholeheartedly, even in the face of trials and challenges. He declares, "Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me." (John 12:26, NIV) This reminds us that glorifying God requires a commitment to walking in His footsteps, living lives characterized by humility, obedience, and service to others.

The passage culminates with Jesus acknowledging the inner turmoil he experiences as he contemplates the cross. He wrestles with the agony of the impending suffering yet submits himself to the Father's will, declaring, "Father, glorify your name!" (John 12:28, NIV) In this pivotal moment, Jesus exemplifies perfect obedience and trust in God's plan, ultimately glorifying God through his sacrificial death and resurrection.

As we meditate on John 12:20-33 this Lent, let us be inspired to glorify God in our lives by embracing the universality of His love, surrendering ourselves fully to His will, and faithfully following in the footsteps of Christ, even in the midst of trials and suffering. May we echo Jesus' prayer, "Father, glorify your name," as we seek to honor God in all that we do during this sacred season and beyond.

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

Also, please plan on attending our Penance Service March 18th at 7:00 pm in the church. Individual confessions can be celebrated at our family parish Monday, March 25th 10-12 pm and 6-9 pm. God bless you!

Fr. Steve



St. Rene Goupil
Monday, March 18, 2024
7:00 p.m.

St. Cyril & Methodius
Monday, March 25, 2024
10-12 noon & 6-9 p.m.



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

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Through the Prophet Jeremiah, God made a new covenant with the Israelites: I will be their God, and they shall be my people...I will...remember their sin no more. The Second Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Christ is the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him. Jesus is the model of obedience to God the Father. Jesus professes, in St. John's Gospel, that the Father will honor those who follow and serve Him. This is an encouraging message to faithful stewards who discern what God wants in their lives, then strive to fulfill His will by completely losing themselves in love and service to God and neighbor. St. Teresa of Calcutta displayed this during her life. Take time to read her story and let her great faith inspire you.

In today's Gospel, St. John tells the story of Lazarus dying and Jesus raising him from the dead. This miracle prefigures Jesus' own death and Resurrection. Our Lord demonstrates His glory and power by returning the gift of life to Lazarus. The Scripture readings from both the prophet Ezekiel and St. Paul's Letter to the Roman community proclaim that the Spirit of God lives in us and raises us to a life void of the death of sin. The Church has consistently embraced the sanctity and preservation of all human life, from her earliest days when Christians saved abandoned Roman children left to perish in the elements. As faithful stewards, we recognize the teaching of the Church that life in all its forms is a God-created gift, in contrast to secular society's "culture of death." This culture promotes the destruction of life at all stages, beginning with embryonic stem cell research, then abortion, and finally euthanasia. This Lent, participate in a prayer vigil for life outside an abortion mill.

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

5th Sunday of Lent

A middle-aged woman sat on the couch in my parish office and recounted to me a shocking list of terrible calamities in her life: addictions, terminal illnesses, financial loss, broken relationships, and so on. She smiled as she did so. "Please forgive me," I asked, "but you seem to be smiling as you share this." She said, "Father John, I am totally overwhelmed. But I'm smiling because I just can't wait to see what good things God does with this mess." She expected God would manifest His glory when she most needed it.

This week in the Gospel, God speaks from heaven for the third and final time in Jesus' earthly ministry. It's at a tough moment. Gentiles seek Jesus, who announces his terrible suffering, and then boldly prays, "**Father, glorify your name!**" John then writes: **Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again."** Was the task of drawing the whole non-Jewish world to himself overwhelming? Or was it the terrible specter of crucifixion? Whatever it was, the crushing weight triggers his turning to the Father with an unshakeable *expectation* of divine glory to burst through. And indeed, it did on Easter Sunday. In our burdens, our greatest strength is to turn to God and boldly ask Him for His glory.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to list out everything which is a burden to you. Write it down. Then add these words: "Father, glorify Your name in all these things!" Put that paper in your pocket or purse when you come to Holy Week liturgies next week. You might smile at the most unlikely times.

— *Father John Muir*

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,
 May the wind be always at
 your back.
 May the sun shine warm upon
 your face,
 The rains fall soft upon your
 fields.
 And until we meet again,
 May God hold you in the palm
 of his hand.

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.



SCAN CODE TO DONATE TO ST. RENE GOUPIL

Everyday Stewardship

During the Lenten season we observe certain practices of sacrifice and self-denial as an offering to God and as good spiritual training for this race we are engaged in called life. These things are good for us but they should not remain only in Lent. In fact, we should always be about working towards a complete surrender of ourselves to the will of God.

Jesus taught that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it cannot bear fruit. It will remain the same always and will not lead to any type of growth. We are the grains of wheat that need to die to ourselves in order to be born again. However, many of us are the same today as last Lent and the many Lents before that. We have not moved forward to a more mature faith that makes it possible for us to be transformed.

Surrender is not easy. But we need to see our observance of Lent as a way to move forward. No athlete lifts the same weight forever. No dieter finds satisfaction in losing the same 5 pounds year after year. We must work to always be moving toward holiness. This is the commitment of an everyday steward. We are called to pray more today than yesterday. We are called to give more today than yesterday. We are called to love more today than yesterday. Standing still is not an option. Our God is calling us to grow in our discipleship and stewardship for the benefit of our souls and the health of the Body of Christ. May this Lent be a time of moving forward and may we all draw ever closer to our God who calls us to leave it all behind and follow Him.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

St. Patrick's Day Prayer
(Based on the "Breastplate Prayer of St. Patrick")

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me...
Infuse me with your presence, Jesus,
and encircle me with your grace.*

*Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me...
Walk with me along life's uneven paths, Jesus,
and heal me with your gentle touch.*

*Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger...
Solidify my trust in you, Jesus,
and shine your light upon me.*

*Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
Show your face in all those I meet, Jesus,
and help me to embrace both friend and foe.*

May the prayer of your servant, Patrick, shield my heart from cynicism and enlarge my capacity to love.

In your gracious name, Jesus, I pray.

Amen.



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.

5th Sunday of Lent

Are you asleep?

Today Jesus is called to the grave of a dear friend who had recently died. Martha cries out that if Jesus were closer, her brother Lazarus would not have died.

Remember from the First Sunday in Lent that death and sin are connected and that life is seen as living a faith-filled life? That is what is happening in this Gospel. Living as a disciple of Christ can give us the ability for a life everlasting in the presence of God.

What in our lives needs to be uncovered, as Lazarus is unwrapped of his burial clothes and returned to live with his loved ones?

As we move closer to Easter Sunday, let us ask God to unwrap or unbind that which needs to be healed so that we may live a life that is pleasing to God.

Readings for Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reading I

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Reading II

Hebrews 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel

John 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgement on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, March 18, 2024: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 19, 2024: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday, March 20, 2024: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, March 21, 2024: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 22, 2024: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, March 23, 2024: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, March 24, 2024: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Giuseppe & Concetta DiStefano
 +Brandon Telly (3rd R.A.)
 +Emmanuel Raphael
 +Fr. Dan Trapp

Thursday, March 21, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Sharon Murawski

Friday, March 22, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Frank Finazzo
 +Linda Hohmann

Saturday, March 23, 2024

4:00 p.m.

+Mary Jean Calmi
 +Terry Koehler
 +Franklin Langenstein
 +Steven Herbert
 +Walter Broski
 +Rosemarie Calmi
 +Jerry Nowakowski
 +Adrian Gonska
 +Edward Koehler
 +James Koehler
 +Carolyn Bette
 +Efren Arbolleras
 +Adriana Perez
 +Gerardo Perez

Sunday, March 24, 2024

8:30 a.m.

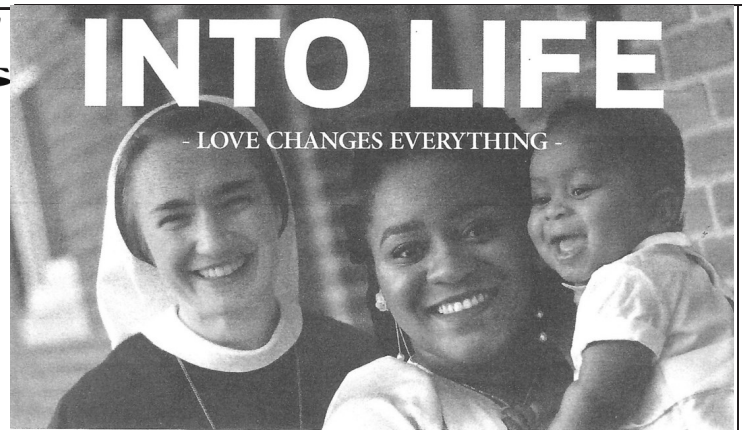
+John Wyrwicz
 Special Intention of Victoria & Tim Roddy
 +Santa DiForti
 +Sharon Murawski
 +Flordesita Cochiosue

10:30 a.m.

Special Intention Helen Strbenec
 +Edward Koehler
 +James Koehler
 +Linda Tittjung
 +Michael Buffmyer
 +David Willick
 +Felecia Graczyk

5:30 p.m.

Healing for Dylan Ventimiglia
 Special Intention Brittany Hicks
 +Milagros Sunga



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 -
 1) February 27, 2024
 2) March 5, 2024
 3) March 12, 2024
 4) March 19, 2024

TIME: 7:00PM- 8:00 PM

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 women 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.

Brought to you by:

ST. PATRICK

FEAST DAY
MARCH 17

An Old Irish Blessing

May love and laughter light your days, and warm your heart and home. May good and faithful friends be yours wherever you may roam. May peace and plenty bless your world with joy that long endures. May all life's passing seasons bring the best to you and yours!

Please Remember
 St. Rene Goupil Parish
 In Your Will

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for March 23 & 24

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Alex
Lector	Lorraine Doyle Barbara Kiernan	Rob Wilson Barbara Wyrwicz	Jovita Engalan Dorothy Arche	Virginia Jennings Ricky Yulo
Altar Servers	Isabella Gonzales Nathan Gonzales	Karin Nieto	Owen Brink	
Eucharistic Ministers	K Moravek M Passalacqua Open	Open Open Open	E Monterio T 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	L Youkhana	K Nieto	G Yeck	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



JWJ Catholic Academy
Sterling Heights, MI

Cradles to Crayons

WE ARE COLLECTING NEW OR GENTLY USED CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

SIZE NEWBORN – 12 YEARS OLD

One of our students will be driving them to Chicago as her Spring Break!

Clothes must be placed here before Friday, March 22, 2024.

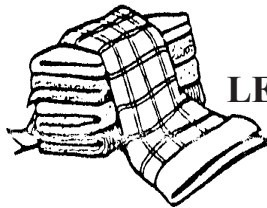
PLEASE HELP THIS GREAT CAUSE!

YOUR DONATIONS MAY BE PLACED IN THE WOODEN BOX IN THE GATHERING AREA!! THANK YOU!!

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.



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.

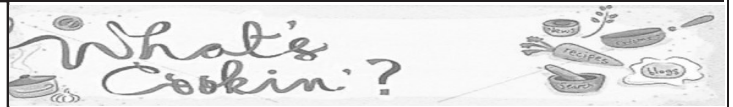
May God bless you this Lent.



**Our Sunday Offering
March 9 & 10
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.



Raisin Bran Muffins

4 eggs, slightly beaten
3 c. sugar
1 c. oil
1 qt. buttermilk
Mix together and beat thoroughly.

Add:
1 (15 oz.) box Raisin Bran Flakes

Then Add:
5 c. flour
1 1/2 tsp. salt
5 tsp. baking soda
Stir well and add:
1 c. chopped nuts

Bake in a greased muffin tin at 400 F for 15 to 20 minutes; check at 20 minutes. Left over batter may be refrigerated up to 6 weeks and bake as needed. Makes 4 dozen.

CALLING ALL MEN – YOU ARE NEEDED!!



The Knights of Columbus is looking for men who want to help this world be a better place and make themselves better men. The Knights of Columbus is an international Catholic order who supports unborn children and their mothers, the mentally and physically impaired, our priests and deacons and seminarians, our veterans and our communities at large. You must be a practicing Catholic man over the age of 18 (or 17.5) to join the order. Our council, 7011, is having an entrance exemplification on April 1st at 5:30pm at Fr, Mikus Hall at SS Cyril and Methodius Catholic Church. This event will last about 30 minutes, and will be immediately followed by our family night, which is a dinner and fellowship open to all members of the Council. Your wife and children are invited to join you and watch

you make one of the best decisions of your life. Questions? Please call Grand Knight Eric Suchland at (614)571-0791 or GK7011@MIKOFCC.ORG or visit KOFCC.org. Please scan the QR code and use the code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY to join and get 12 free months of membership.





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 a 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 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

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Rev. Joy Chakian, Associate
Rev. Mr. John Ball, Deacon
Rev. Mr. Kevin Tietz, Deacon
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Alexander Sunga
Director of Worship & Music

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(586) 718-4523
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(586) 556-2122

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:

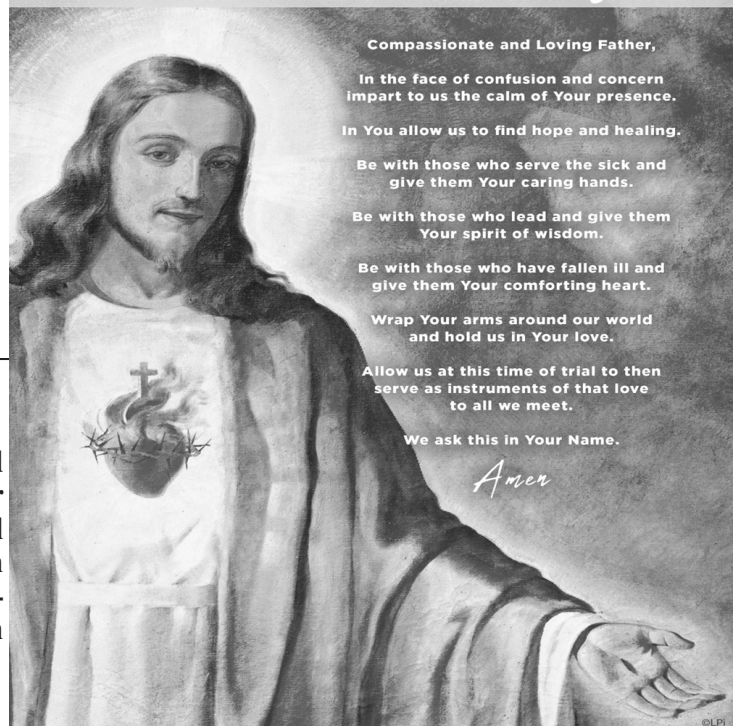
Arrangements must be made through the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. One person of the couple must be an active, registered member of St. Rene Goupil Parish for six months.

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