



Palm Sunday

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
March 24, 2024

Notes from Fr. Steve

Palm Sunday is a time to embrace spiritual renewal and hope. In the Christian calendar, Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, a time of profound reflection, spiritual renewal, and unwavering hope. It commemorates the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey, while crowds waved palm branches and laid them at his feet, shouting "Hosanna!" This event holds deep spiritual significance, not just for Christians, but for all humanity, offering timeless lessons that resonate across cultures and beliefs.

At its core, Palm Sunday symbolizes humility, peace, and the promise of redemption. Jesus hailed as the King of Kings, chose to enter the city not on a majestic steed, but on a humble donkey, exemplifying the power of meekness and the triumph of love over earthly grandeur. His journey into Jerusalem foreshadowed the ultimate sacrifice he would make for humanity's salvation, embodying the divine love and compassion that transcends all boundaries.

The waving of palm branches by the crowd signifies victory, honor, and praise. In ancient times, palm branches were a symbol of triumph and were often used to welcome kings and heroes. By laying down their cloaks and palm branches, the people acknowledged Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah, the fulfillment of ancient prophecies, and the harbinger of a new era of spiritual liberation.

Moreover, Palm Sunday serves as a reminder of the fickleness of human nature. The same crowd that hailed Jesus as their savior would later demand his crucifixion. This duality reflects the complexities of faith and the inherent struggle between worldly desires and spiritual truths. It prompts us to examine our own hearts and motivations, urging us to cultivate steadfast devotion and unwavering faith amidst life's uncertainties.

Beyond its historical context, Palm Sunday holds a profound relevance in our contemporary lives. It invites us to reflect on the nature of power, humility, and the true meaning of greatness. In a world often driven by ambition, materialism, and the pursuit of status, the message of Palm Sunday resonates as a call to embrace humility, compassion, and service to others.

Palm Sunday offers a message of hope in times of adversity and uncertainty. Just as Jesus entered Jerusalem amidst cheers and celebration, knowing the trials that awaited him, we too can find solace in the knowledge that even amidst our darkest hours, there is the promise of resurrection and renewal. It reminds us that through faith, perseverance, and unwavering trust in the divine, we can overcome every obstacle and emerge stronger than before.

In essence, Palm Sunday transcends religious boundaries, offering universal truths that speak to the deepest longings of the human spirit. It beckons us to embark on a journey of inner transformation, to let go of ego-driven pursuits, and to embrace the transformative power of love and grace. As we walk alongside Jesus on his journey to the cross, may we be inspired to live lives of compassion, humility, and unwavering faith, knowing that the ultimate victory belongs to the forces of light and love.

Please, plan on coming to Church on Holy Thursday for the Mass of the Last Supper at 7 p.m. After mass we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10 p.m.

Please remember to pray for the parish especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them healing, comfort and hope. God Bless you and those you love!

Fr. Steve



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

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Church

Holy Week Schedule 2024

Palm Saturday, March 23: 4:00pm

Palm Sunday, March 24: 8:30am, 10:30am, and 5:30pm

Holy Thursday, March 28: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm
followed by the Altar of Repose until 11:00pm

Good Friday, March 29: Stations Noon
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 1:00pm

Holy Saturday, March 30: Blessing of Food Baskets 11:00am
Easter Vigil 4:00pm

Easter Sunday, March 31: 8:30am and 10:30am
May the Spirit of the Risen Christ live within you now and always



**The Adoration Chapel
will close for the
Easter Triduum
on
Wednesday, March 27th
at 5:00 p.m.
and will reopen at
9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 2nd**

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus **"looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve"** (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his *marital* purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

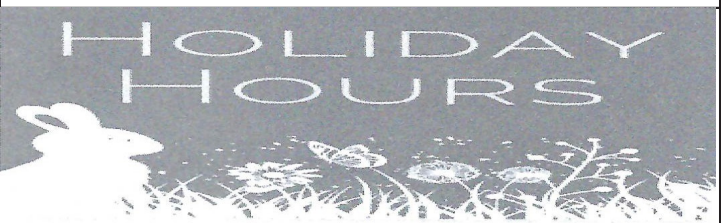
Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

— *Father John Muir*

**Palm Sunday of the Passion
of the Lord**



Today, in St. Mark's processional Gospel passage, the evangelist describes Jesus' glorious and triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Christ's travel on a colt signifies that He is a different leader, not a Roman conqueror or king, but a Messianic King. He is humble, suffering servant Who, as portrayed in St. Mark's Passion account, will sacrifice His life for all seeking eternal salvation. The prophet Isaiah proclaims how the Lord God leads and strengthens all those in difficult situations. St. Paul proclaims how Christ humbly emptied Himself, becoming human and dying for our salvations so God could exalt Him—that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend...and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord! Do we, as faithful stewards, acknowledge God's tremendous gift of His Son by opening our hearts to a personal relationship with Him? Following Palm Sunday Mass, prominently display your blessed palms in your home as a reminder throughout the year of Jesus' invitation to a life of peace and joy with Him.



**In Celebration
of the
Easter Holiday
the office will be
closed
April 1-5, 2024**

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

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.

Hosanna to the Messiah!

While Jesus would not be crowned an earthly king, Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem has many parallels to the Messianic expectations of the Hebrew people. Before entering, Jesus requisitions a donkey from its owner. In the ancient world, kings had this right. Yet the animal that Jesus requests is rare -- a colt upon which no one else has sat yet. Yet, it's a donkey. This is no great war-charger, no magnificent animal. Jesus acts with all the authority of an earthly king, yet his kingdom is one of simplicity and peace. As the disciples throw cloaks over the donkey, the crowd spreads theirs on the road. This ancient gesture dates back to the line of kings descended from David. Not only are these physical kingly gestures, but the crowd of followers cries out in jubilation and praise. The Messiah has come to Jerusalem!

Everyday Stewardship

Walk Every Step with Christ

Holy Week is a week for being mindful. We must set loose the baggage of Lent, and not be deterred by the dazzling sunrise of Easter morning beckoning in the distance.

It's okay for us to be excited for Easter. We've waited so long, after all. In my opinion it's one of the best feelings there is: the yearning we have in our hearts for the Resurrection as we embark on Palm Sunday. And in a purely logical sense, many of us have Easter celebrations for which we are preparing, and practical considerations to contend with. It's going to be a busy week, one likely full of happy distractions.

But my friends, we simply must keep our feet on the ground. Let's not "skip" Holy Week. Resist the urge to flip to the last page of the book, to fast-forward to the final scene of the movie. Don't rob yourself of the journey. This week is a blessed opportunity. It is this week that teaches us who we are. In the span of the Triduum, we have the birthday of the priesthood, the institution of the Eucharist, the sacrifice on Calvary and so many other vivid and meaningful scenes.

It may sound strange, to advise someone to savor the moments of Holy Week. There are so many violent and heartrending moments, after all. But this is the valley of tears, remember — we are not in Heaven yet. And here, in our fallen, sin-filled world, it is the heartrending moments that seem to matter the most.

These are the moments that define us as Catholics. Live them. Cherish them. Be present for each one.

— 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 Palm Sunday

Reading I

Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord God has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Reading II

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

Mark 14:1—15:47

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Readings for the Week

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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

Monday, March 25, 2024: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 26, 2024: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, March 27, 2024: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, March 28, 2024: *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday, March 29, 2024: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday, March 30, 2024: *Easter Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24,35(30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jun 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3,4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

Sunday, March 31, 2024: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Special Intention of Helen Strbenec

Thursday, March 28, 2024 (Holy Thursday)

7:00 p.m.

+Mary Ann Kiernan

+Larry Zakrzewski

+Richard & Nadine Koehler

+Mark May

Friday, March 29, 2024 (Good Friday)

Stations at 12 Noon

Good Friday Liturgy at 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 30, 2024 (Holy Saturday)

4:00 p.m.

+Edwin Wagner

+Terry Koehler

+Franklin Langenstein

+Joan Herbert

+John & Margaret Kompier

+Rosemarie Calmi

+Adrian Gonska

Parishioners of St. Rene

+Milagros Sunga

+Edward Koehler

+James Koehler

+Alex Napolitano

+David Willick

+James Spiteri

+Shelly Ronne

+Dale Kennedy

+Daniel Schilkey

+Patricia Redman

+John & Lynn Morgan

+Barbara Borowski

+Robert Newberry

+Larry Zakrzewski

+Stanley & Bernice Barc

+Evan Gonzales

Sunday, March 31, 2024 (Easter Sunday)

8:30 a.m.

+Delphine Wolk

+James Testa

+Sharon Murawski

+Josephine Martineau

+Benito Llemit

+Maria Llemit

+Marge Wichlacz

Deceased Members of the Lohn Family

Deceased Members of the Quick Family

+Marialuz Sales (4th R.A.)

+Ronaldo Sales (6th R.A.)

+Antonio Andrion

Mass Intentions Cont.

10:30 a.m.

Helen Strbenec

+Walt Kalcevic

+Rose Zappa

+Sam Zappa

+Aristo Vaz

+Michael Buffmyer

+Evan Gonzales

+Theodoros Vergos

+Sandy Kratt

+Michael Pastue

+Joe & Alice Pastue

+Larry Zakrzewski

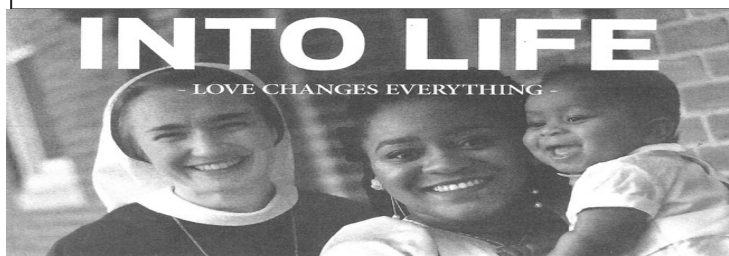
+Walter, Cecile & Roberta Babbish

+Joe & Dorothy Binno

+Diosdado Martinez

+Joanna Vila Magdangal

Living & Deceased Members of the De Vera & Bonrostro Families



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.



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.



Please Remember
St. Rene Goupil Parish
In Your Will

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for March 30 & 31

| | Saturday 4:00PM | Sunday 8:30 AM | Sunday 10:30 AM | Sunday 5:30 PM |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|---------------------------|
| Presider | Fr. Steve | Fr. Joy | Fr. Steve | NO MASS |
| Lector | Lorraine Doyle Marv Laubach | Rob Wilson Barbara Wyrwicz | Dorothy Arche | |
| Altar Servers | Isabella Gonzales Nathan Gonzales | Karin Nieto | Eli Wing-Nga | |
| Eucharistic Ministers | M Passalacqua L Youkhana Open | Open Open Open | E Monterio T Monterio 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 | |
| Sacristan | K Moravek | G Wiklanski | H DeVera | |

Holy Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Lectors: Mike Novak

Good Friday, March 29, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

Lectors: Dorothy Arche & Marv Laubach

Altar Servers: Phat Le & Phong Le



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

St. Veronica

21440 Universal, Eastpointe MI
586-777-0331

Easter Egg Hunt- Palm Sunday, March 24th

The Parish Pastoral Council will be sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, March 24th, after the 9:00am and 11:00am Masses. The hunt will begin inside the gym and continue outside (weather permitting) accompanied by the Easter Bunny. All children age 10 and under may participate in the hunt. Children must be accompanied by a parent during the hunt. There will be a Craft Table for the children to create that special items for Easter. This event is free for the children. Come on over to the gym after Mass for a delicious pancake breakfast and spend some time with your fellow parishioners and enjoy all that we have to offer.

Knights of Columbus Leo XIII Council 3042

Pancake Breakfast

With the Easter Bunny

Palm Sunday, March 24th

Begins at 9:00am until 12:30pm

Breakfast includes: Chocolate Chip, Blueberry, Apple or Plain Pancakes, Cheesy Potatoes, Sausages, Eggs, Milk and Orange Juice.

Adults: \$8.00 Seniors: \$7.00 Children: \$6.00
Children Under 6: FREE

All profits go to the Sister Marcine Food Pantry!

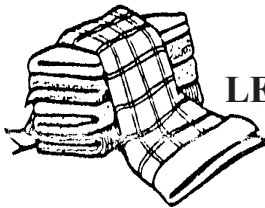
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STAY CONNECTED

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.

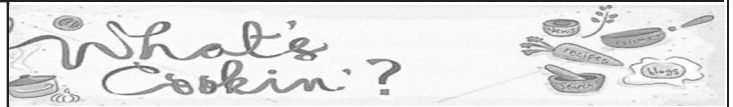
May God bless you this Lent.



**Our Sunday Offering
March 16 & 17
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.



Brunch Egg Casserole

- 8 slices sandwich bread, cut into cubes
- 1 1/2 c. Cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 lb. meat (bacon, ham or sausage), cooked and fat drained off
- 12 eggs
- 2 1/4 c. milk
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- 1/2 c. milk

Grease 9x13 inch pan. Put bread, meat and cheese in pan. Beat the eggs with 2 1/4 c. milk. Pour egg mixture over other ingredients. Let sit overnight in refrigerator. Before baking, top with celery soup diluted with 1/2 cup milk. Bake at 300 F for 1 1/2 hours. (Cover with aluminum foil.) Serves 6 to 8.



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 2pm, Wednesday 12pm & 1pm,
Friday 4pm
TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!**

SAINT RENE GOUPIL Catholic Church

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Fax (586) 939-7839

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

ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

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Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469
Divine Mercy
Karin Nieto (586) 447-6927
Ushers
Al Gyenese (586) 808-3128
Perpetual Adoration
Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469
**Catholic Social Services
of Macomb**
Clinton Twp. (586) 416-2300
St. Vincent de Paul (Poverty Help)
(586) 718-4523
Joseph White, Grand Knight, K of C
(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:

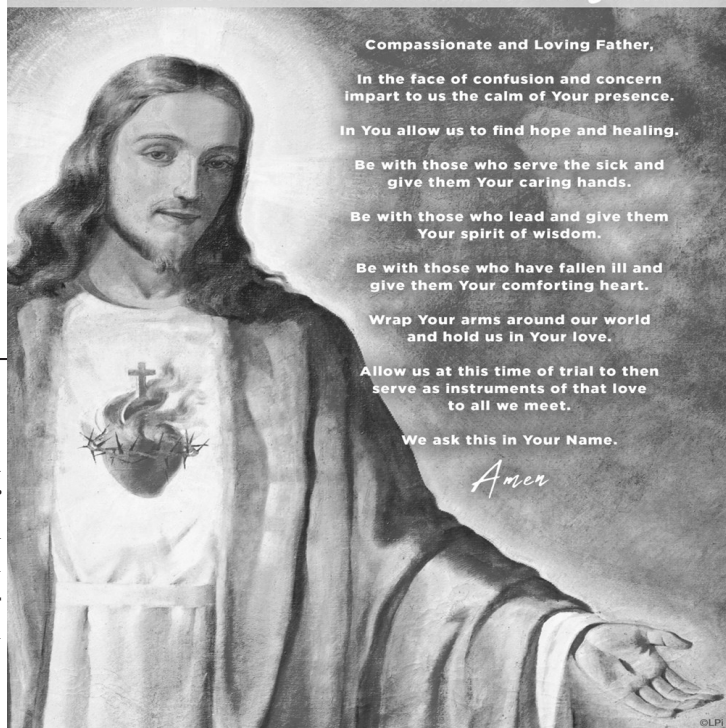
Arrangements must be made through the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. One person of the couple must be an active, registered member of St. Rene Goupil Parish for six months.

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