

EASTER SUNDAY

the
Resurrection
of the
Lord

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
March 31, 2024

Notes from Fr. Steve

Happy Easter! As the dawn breaks on this blessed Easter Sunday, let us gather in the warmth of our faith, united in the eternal promise of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In the quiet of this holy morning, let us reflect on the profound truth that echoes through the ages: death has been conquered, and new life has dawned.

The story of Easter is one of triumph over darkness, of hope reborn in the face of despair. It is a narrative that transcends time and space, inviting us to witness the miraculous power of God's love unfolding before our very eyes. For on this day, the stone was rolled away, and the tomb stood empty, a poignant testament to the victory of life over death.

In the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we find the ultimate expression of divine grace and mercy. Through His sacrifice and triumph, we are granted forgiveness, redemption, and the promise of everlasting life. It is a promise that resonates deeply within our souls, offering solace of uncertainty and guidance in moments of doubt.

As we gather with loved ones and fellow believers today, let us rejoice in the light that shines forth from the empty tomb. Let us embrace the transformative power of Christ's resurrection, allowing it to illuminate our hearts and minds with unwavering faith and unwavering hope.

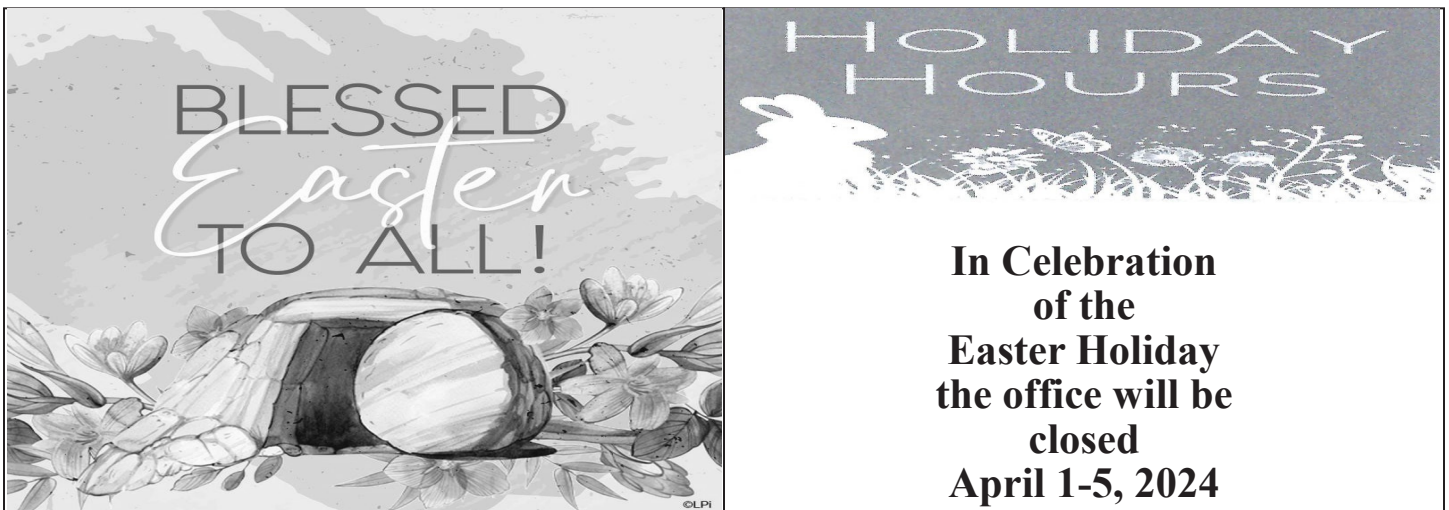
In the midst of a world filled with challenges and trials, may we find strength in the knowledge that we serve a risen Savior, whose love knows no bounds and whose grace knows no end. May His resurrection inspire us to live boldly and love fiercely, knowing that we are called to be agents of His peace and vessels of His light.

Dear sisters and brothers, as we celebrate the miracle of Easter, let us carry its message of renewal and redemption with us always. Let us walk in the footsteps of Jesus, spreading His message of love and salvation to all who cross our paths. And may we never forget the profound truth that echoes through the ages: He is risen, indeed!

As always, I ask you to pray for the parish especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them healing, comfort and peace!

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyous Easter, filled with the abundant grace and boundless love of our risen Lord.

Fr. Steve





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

**Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord**



In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Peter recaps Jesus' mission: to release us from the devil's grip through His good works and sacrifice on the Cross and to send us forth as His missionary disciples to preach the Good News of salvation. In St. John's Gospel, Mary Magdalene arrives first at the empty tomb on that first Easter morning. She then prompts Peter and John to go there. Scripture tells us that upon their arrival, they discover the burial wrappings. St. John saw and believed. This is the beloved disciple who sat at the Last supper, who bravely stood at the foot of the Cross, who, at Jesus' request, took our Blessed Mother Mary as his mother, and, through his faith, was one of the first disciples to believe in the Risen Christ. St. Paul, in his letters, illustrates how Christ has been raised up, raising us along with Him. Like St. John, may the gift of Easter grace strengthen our faith and deepen our relationship with our Lord so we, too, may boldly profess, Jesus is risen. Alleluia! Christ invites us to make Him personal in our lives and commissioned to spread His Good News to everyone we meet. A good place to start is at Alpha or a similar evangelization course at your parish or a neighboring parish.



RCIA 2024

CATECHUMENS

Those to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Holy Eucharist.

- Marissa Ashley**
- Amela Fili**
- Angeleigh Giachetti**

CANDIDATES

Those to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

- Valentino Aliaj**
- Gabrielle Crittendon**
- Danielle Griffor**

CHILDREN

To receive the Sacrament of Baptism

- Raegan Marcelle Ashley**
- Zachary Thomas Ashley**
- Xavier Dallas Ashley**

Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Good and gracious heavenly Father,
we come before you on this Easter Sunday
with full and grateful hearts for the gift
of
the Paschal Mystery that you showed
us
in the life, death, and resurrection of
your Son,
our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.**

**Bless us and all those who profess belief
in your saving love.
Bless also those who have yet to profess
belief in you.
You are God for all.
We ask all this in Christ's name.
Amen.**

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Outside Chicago, there is a small cemetery in the woods behind Mundelein Seminary, where I was a student. One night I was exploring it. I looked up and was shocked to see an imposing seventeen-foot angel towering over me and preparing to blow a trumpet. Adrenaline rushed through me. I gasped and uttered, “Oh my God!” Quickly I realized it was in fact a massive bronze statue. I tried to calm myself down. But it still freaked me out.

As we begin to celebrate Easter today, this image might seem a bit unnerving. But please recall that for the first disciples on the morning of the resurrection, it was precisely that. It wasn’t joyful at first, it was terrifying. It wasn’t peaceful, it was unsettling. In that Jerusalem cemetery, something otherworldly had happened. Angels announced that he was no longer dead, but alive. They had blown their trumpets, so to speak, and Jesus had risen. Soon the disciples’ shock in that dark cemetery would turn into joy.

We all have our own places of the dead, too, don’t we? Deceased loved ones. Our tired patterns of blame. Relationships stuck in resentment. Indifference to the poor. Lost dreams. Despair about our future. Fear of sickness and death. These are our “cemeteries” where we don’t expect much to happen. Today we enter — if we dare — those places with the disciples. See the mighty angel standing there, trumpet ready to blare!

— *Father John Muir*

Everyday Stewardship

A Happy Ending Isn’t the Whole Story

“Is there a happy ending?”

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, “Is there a happy ending?”

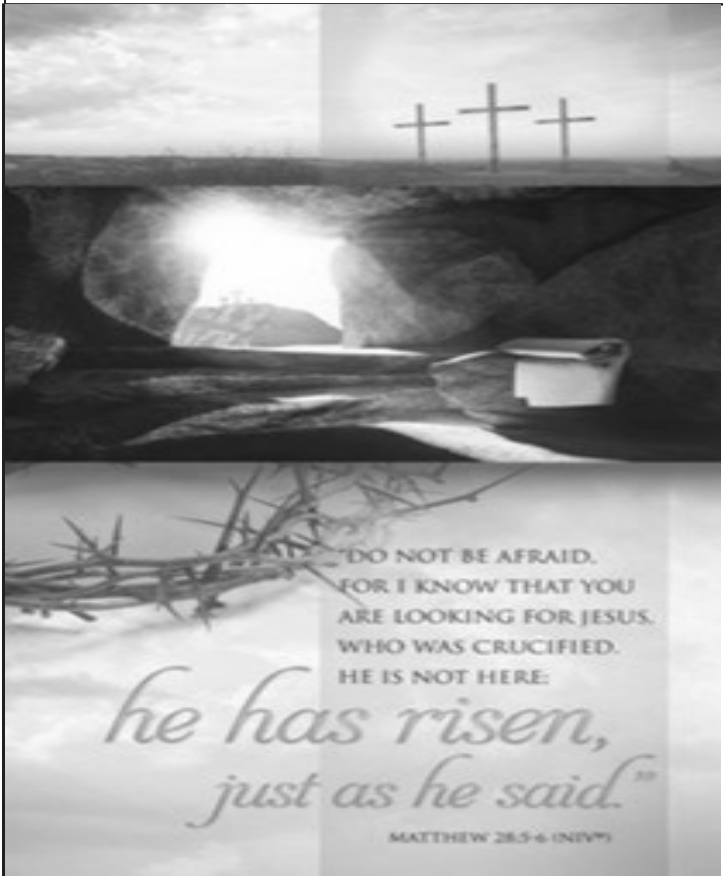
I can’t say I blame them. Don’t we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it’s not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It’s a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It’s the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It’s the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it’s that we can’t press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it’s crucial, isn’t it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn’t happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn’t all that matters.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*



Readings for Easter Sunday

Reading I

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: “You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witness chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reading II

Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Gospel

John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.” So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

Readings for the Week

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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

Monday, April 1, 2024: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 2, 2024: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 3, 2024: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday, April 4, 2024: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 5, 2024: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday, April 6, 2024: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Sunday, April 7, 2024: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Sharon Murawski
+Betty Rizzo
+Chris Vertrees
Santoro Family & Aidan Seaver

Thursday, April 4, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Paul & Marie DelGrasso
Santoro Family & Aidan Seaver
John Moravek

Friday, April 5, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Stella Sabo
Santoro Family & Aidan Seaver

Saturday, April 6, 2024

4:00 p.m.

David Boni
+Steven Herbert
+Fred Schulte
+Rosemarie Calmi
+Mary Carnaghi
+Deceased Members of the Carnaghi & Genna Families
+Felix & Rita Gatt
+Margaret Annette Wichlacz
+Beverly Romeo
+Mary Hackett
+C.S. & Levina Zanardelli
+Franklin Langenstein
Santoro Family & Aidan Seaver

Sunday, April 7, 2024

8:30 a.m.

+John D. Liwo
+Sharon Murawski
+Benito Capajo
Santoro Family & Aidan Seaver

10:30 a.m.

+David Willick
+Theodoros Vergos
+Sandy Kratt
+Kimmy Schanta
+Duane Gavrilek

5:30 p.m.

Healing for Dylan Ventimiglia
Special Intention of Brittany Hicks
+Pedy Palermo



AN EASTER PROCLAMATION

The hosts of heaven exult and sing aloud in mighty triumph!
Let the earth be glad as glory alights and night reigns no more.
Let the Church rejoice at the victory of her Lord and Master,
Who paid the debt of Adam,
Who frees those doomed to die,
Who heals the broken-hearted and bind up their wounds,
Who forgives the sinner and raises up the lowly,
Who destroys death forever,
Whose Kingdom shall have no end.
God our Father, eternal is your love for us!
Christ the Son, in victory you reign!
Holy Spirit, set the Easter fire ablaze in our hearts.
Together you live and reign and ransom your people,
one God forever and ever.
Amen.

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@MIKOF.C.ORG or visit KOF.C.ORG. Please scan the QR code and use the code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY to join and get 12 free months of membership.

Jelly Bean Prayer

Red is for the blood He gave.
Green is for the grass He made.
Yellow is for the sun so bright.
Orange is for the edge of night.
Black is for the sins we made.
White is for the grace He gave.
Purple is for His hour of sorrow.
Pink is for our new tomorrow.

An egg full of jellybeans,
colorful and sweet
is a prayer, is a promise,
is an Easter treat!



Please Remember
St. Rene Goupil Parish
In Your Will

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for April 6 & 7

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Tim
Lector	Steve Szeliga	Louis Youkhana	Thess Monterio	Paul Hornung
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Karin Nieto	Owen Brink	
Eucharistic Ministers	G Labinski L Youkhana Open	Open Open Open	T Monterio H DeVera Open	Open Open Open
Ushers	<u>Tom Pluta</u> Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Nick Rieser Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli	<u>Tom Dutkiewicz</u> Luis Nieto Al Gyenese Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski	<u>Terry Shaughnessy</u> Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chrisie Fish Chris Norris	<u>Paul Hornung</u> Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
Sacristan	K Moravek	G Wiklanski	M Buffmyer	V Jennings



**RESURRECTION SUNDAY
PRAYER FOR TODAY**
He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. -Matthew 28:6

Heavenly Father, Thank You for Jesus, our Risen Savior, in whom we rejoice with Him today for He has risen! Hallelujah! With Jesus, we celebrate new life, new beginnings, new hope and new joy. May His risen glory shine through us in all that we do and say. We praise You Father God for raising up Jesus and for giving us the gift of His eternal presence. In Jesus' name. Amen.



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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 www.guardianangel.net 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

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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.



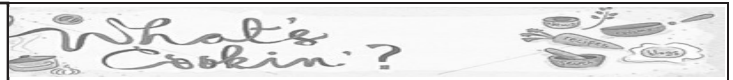
The St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is in need of the following items:

laundry detergent

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.



Fruit Pizza

- 2 pkgs. crescent rolls
- 2 (8 oz.) pkgs cream cheese
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 can pineapple tidbits, drained
- 2 sm. cans mandarin orange slices, drained
- 3 kiwi, quartered
- Strawberries, cut into pieces

Note: Can use any other fruit as desired, such as peaches, grapes or any berry.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Spread crescent rolls out flat to completely cover 12x18 inch cookie sheet. Bake at 350 F for 10 minutes; cool.

Blend together cream cheese, sugar and vanilla. Spread over cooled crust. Combine all fruit, except kiwi slices, in strainer and mix together. Spread over cream cheese mixture. Place kiwi as desired; chill.

The **PROMISES** of ...

I keep my **E**yes always on the Lord. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8

"Do not be **A**fraid, for I know you are looking for Jesus. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said." Matthew 28:5-6

"For **S**o loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

I can do all **T**hings through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

Above all, love **E**ach other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8

"I am the **R**esurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die." John 11:25



*Happy Easter
Wishing you a Blessed
and Holy Easter!*



**Our Sunday Offering
March 23 & 24
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.





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!**

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Rev. Mr. John Ball, Deacon
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Weekend Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

Weekday Mass

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 a.m.

Confessions

3:00 p.m. every Saturday

WELCOME

If you have attended Mass at St. Rene and would like to become a member, please visit our parish office where you can register and discuss all of the wonderful ways to grow in faith through Christian Service, Worship, Youth Ministry, Outreach, Faith Formation, and in our Adoration Chapel. For more information call 586-939-7500.

St. Rene Mission Statement

St. Rene Goupil Parish is a Catholic Community, dedicated to strengthening the faith and love of its people. Our mission is to proclaim that Jesus is Lord, to celebrate His Presence, and to reach out to others in His name.

Parish Registration:

Welcome to all new families/individuals. Please register as soon as possible. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage. Registration is also required before the parish can issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be a sacramental sponsor. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated the third Sunday of the month at 12:00 p.m. A parent preparation class is mandatory. Classes are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Call the Parish Office during weekday office hours to register for a class.

Penance: Saturday 3:00 p.m. Special schedules for Advent and Lent.

Marriage:

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

Anointing of the Sick:

On request or by appointment through the Parish Office.

Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

