"EVERYTHING WRITTEN ABOUT ME IN THE LAW OF MOSES AND IN THE PROPHETS AND PSALMS MUST BE FULFILLED." —LK 24:44

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St. René Goupil Catholic Community April 14, 2024

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Notes from Fr. Steve

In the Gospel of Luke 24:35-48 today, we find the account of Jesus appearing to his disciples after his resurrection. This passage not only signifies the reality of Christ's resurrection but also carries significant messages about faith, understanding, and mission.

The scene opens with two disciples recounting their encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. As they share their experience, Jesus suddenly appears among them, greeting them with peace. However, rather than reacting with joy and celebration, they were startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost. Jesus, ever compassionate, invites them to touch him, to see that he is indeed flesh and bone. This moment is pivotal, as it reaffirms the physical reality of Jesus' resurrection. It is not a mere spiritual apparition but a bodily resurrection, demonstrating the power and triumph of God over death.

Jesus then goes on to open the disciples' minds to understand the Scriptures. He reminds them of the prophecies concerning the Messiah and how everything that happened to him was foretold. This act of teaching underscores the importance of Scripture in deepening our faith and understanding of God's plan. It emphasizes the continuity between the Old Testament and the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through the Scriptures, we gain insight into God's redemptive work throughout history, leading us to a deeper relationship with Him.

Furthermore, Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnessed of these things. They are called to proclaim repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. This commission is not exclusive to the disciples present at that moment but extends to all believers throughout history, including us today. We are called to bear witness to the reality of Christ's resurrection, to share the message of repentance and forgiveness, and to participate in God's mission of reconciliation.

As we reflect on this passage, let us be reminded of the transformative power of encountering the risen Christ. Let us seek to deepen our understanding of Scripture, allowing it to shape our faith and guide our actions. And let us embrace our role as witnesses, boldly proclaiming the good news of salvation to all whom we encounter.

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

If you are new to St. Rene, we are so happy you have chosen St. Rene as your dedicated community of worship. You can join on line or by calling the parish office. We are grateful for your presence here in the faith community. Our mission to help you grow in faith and that you would come to know Jesus Christ" in the breaking of the bread".

May the peace of the risen Christ dwell within us, empowering us to live out our faith with joy and conviction.

Fr. Steve



Eucharist is the true body and blood of Christ for the nourishment of the soul.

Explaining the Catholic belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist can be done in a simple and age-appropriate manner.

1. **Start with basics:** Catholics believe that Jesus is truly present in a special way during the celebration of the Mass.

2. **Use Simple Language:** Break down the concept using simple language that others can understand. You can say something like, "Just like how Jesus was with his disciples long ago, we believe he is still with us today in a special way when we gather to pray."

3. **Bread and Wine:** During Mass, the priest takes bread and wine and asks God to bless them. We, as Catholics, believe something miraculous happens during this part of the Mass.

4. **Transformation:** Through the power of God, the bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Jesus. Even though it still looks like bread and wine, we believe that Jesus is truly there with us under the appearance of bread and wine.



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Mary's acceptance of her pregnancy made her the first to believe in Jesus and, thus, the first Christian. 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 in-

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong late-arriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re -think the Mass in its light.

The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: *Word*, followed by *Eucharist*. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word *so that* we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

– Father John Muir

### Everyday Stewardship

If you ask me to tell you about one of my sons, my daughter, or my wife, I could spend quite some time elaborating on them as individuals and my interactions with them throughout the years. An authentic relationship leads each party into a rich knowledge of the other. If I have little to say about someone other than some incidental information or gossip, I cannot claim to really know him or her.

Indeed, every relationship has expectations. If we do not know the needs of the other or the responses expected in living out the relationship, we easily create division and separation. I do certain things for my children because I am a parent. I respond in certain ways to my wife based upon her needs. If I am oblivious, or just don't care, the relationship will move on a path toward hurt, pain, and in some instances, permanent separation.

To know Jesus is to love Jesus. The key is you actually have to know him. Knowing him is listening to his words and keeping his commands. Just like in all relationships, we will fall short at times. However, because we know the expectations we can then make amends and continue to grow together. So if I asked you to tell me about this friend of yours named Jesus, what would you say?

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

"LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore" - "Praise be to you, my Lord". In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.

So opens Pope Francis' letter to the whole world on the importance of protecting and healing our natural world. As we approach this day, let us each commit to doing one thing to celebrate creation.

Let us pray ...

Good and gracious God of all created things, seen and unseen.

You created all things in this world for our use, and charge us with protecting that creation. Help us to see in all things the reflection of a parent's love for a child. When we see your goodness in the face of the moon, we see our sister.

When we feel the warmth of the sun on our face, we feel the love of a brother.

We ask for your strength to give us wisdom and courage to protect our earthly environment

from destruction and overuse.

Help us to share the goodness and generosity of the earth with every living person.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, our brother and savior. Amen.

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## **Readings for** Third Sunday of Easter

Reading I Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

#### **Reading II**

1 John 2:1-5a

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is explation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. That we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

Gospel Luke 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." And as he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."



Sunday, April 14, 2024: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48 Monday, April 15, 2024: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29 **Tuesday, April 16, 2024:** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35 Wednesday, April 17, 2024: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40 Thursday, April 18, 2024: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51 Friday, April 19, 2024: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59 Saturday, April 20, 2024: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69 Sunday, April 21, 2024: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



**Tuesday, April 16, 2024 9:30 a.m.** Santoro Family & Aidan Seaver

Thursday, April 18, 2024 9:30 a.m. Santoro Family & Aidan Seaver

Friday, April 19, 2024 9:30 a.m. +Emmanuel Raphael Santoro Family & Aidan Seaver

Saturday, April 20, 2024 4:00 p.m. +Steven Herbert +Walter Broski +Rosemarie Calmi +Carolyn Bette +Margaret Annette Wichlacz +John & Margaret Kompier +Franklin Langenstein Santoro Family & Aidan Seaver +Virginia Reiss +Ronaldo Sales (6th R.A.)

Sunday, April 21, 2024 8:30 a.m. +Sharon Murawski +Ronaldo Sales (6th R.A.) Santoro Family & Aidan Seaver

#### 10:30 a.m.

+David WIllick +Felecia Graczyk +Theodoros Vergos +Sandy Kratt +John Anhut (3rd R.A.) +Aristo Vaz

**5:30 p.m.** Healing for Dylan Ventimiglia Special Intention of Brittany Hicks

#### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little "Easter eggs" of Jesus' humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, "So, have you got anything to eat?"

It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter "a Satan" when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the Christian — that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian.

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LK 24:35

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– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Please Remember St. Rene Goupil Parish In Your Will

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for April 20 & 21				
	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	Lorraine Doyle	Barbara Wyrwicz	Dori Fooy	Alex Sitchon
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Karin Nieto	Owen Brink	
Eucharistic Ministers	L Nosek G Labinski Open	Open Open Open	E Monterio M Laubach 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	Terry Shaughnessy Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chrisie Fish Chris Norris	<u>Paul Hornung</u> Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
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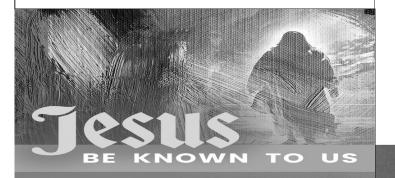
St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul helps with utility bills, clothing, household items, food and in certain cases evictions. If you know of anyone who needs help, please have them call (586)718-4523. They



them call (586)718-4523. They <u>do not need</u> to be parish members. All information is kept strictly confidential.

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

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Please feel free to visit us at <u>www.guardianangel.net</u> 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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## **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 <u>www.formed.org</u> and click "Sign up."
- 2. Click "I belong to a Parish or Organization."
- 3. Type **"Faith at Home Detroit"** in the center box under Create New Account. (You'll see it populate from the drop-down menu.) Click **"Next."**
- 4. Enter your first and last name as well as your email.
- Now you're registered! You can also download the app on you Smartphone. If you need further assistance, contact *Formed* at <u>www.help.formed.org</u> or toll-free at 844-367-6331.

### **Third Sunday of Easter**

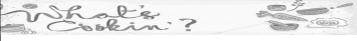
The themes linked in today's Scripture readings encourage us to avoid sin by following the Lord's directives, to repent, and to seek forgiveness. St. Peter, in the Acts of the Apostles, reminds the people, and us, of God's glorification of Christ's passion and death, and that through repentance and conversion, our sins be wiped away. St. John, in his First Letter, tells us that Jesus is an offering for our sins. In St. Luke's Gospel, Jesus appears to His disciples after His Resurrection while two of them recount their encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. They finally recognize Him in the breaking of the bread. The Church has long taught that partaking of the Eucharist strengthens us on our journey as Christ's disciples. Likewise, participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the forgiveness of sins opens us to Christ's grace, bringing us closer to Him, giving us peace in our lives. This week, go to confession and receive Holy Communion to draw into union with Christ.



Our Sunday Offering April 6 & 7 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.



### **Pretzel Jello**

FIRST LAYER: 1 1/2 c. crushed pretzels 4 tbsp. sugar 3/4 c. melted margarine SECOND LAYER: 1 (8oz.) pkg. cream cheese 1 c. sugar 8 oz. ctn. Cool Whip THIRD LAYER: 6 oz. pkg. strawberry Jello 1 3/4 c. water 10 oz. pkg. frozen strawberries, without juice

Combine all first layer ingredients and spread into 9x13 inch pan. Bake for 10 minutes in a preheat 400 F oven; cool. Cream together cream cheese and sugar. Then fold in Cool Whip. Spread over cooled pretzel layer. Be sure to spread over the entire pan to seal the edges. This is to ensure the Jello won't seep through. Slightly that the strawberries, slice and put aside. Combine Jello and boiling water until Jello is dissolved. Gently pour over cream layer. Evenly distribute sliced strawberries over layer; refrigerate.

## Prayer in Times of Darkness



Dear Jesus,

When I feel troubled, alone, frightened, be with me. Be a flicker of flame in this darkness. Help me to know you in the stark seasons as I do in times of elation. You are the light I seek. Amen.





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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)

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#### (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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#### **Pastoral Staff**

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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.

All those affected by the coronavirus throughout the world

