

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT

**St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community**  
**December 3, 2023**

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## Notes from Fr. Steve

As the liturgical calendar brings us into the season of Advent, a period of joyful anticipation and reflection, Christians around the world engage in a spiritual journey marked by hope, peace, joy, and love. The readings during the Week of Advent, particularly from the B Cycle, offer a profound exploration of these themes, guiding believers on a path of spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ.

### Day 1: Hope—The Prophetic Call

The first day of Advent in the B Cycle often begins with readings from the prophets, foretelling the coming of the Messiah. Isaiah's words resonate with hope, promising a future of light and redemption. The day encourages believers to reflect on the hope that Christ's coming brings, inviting them to align their hearts with the anticipation of the promise fulfilled.

### Day 2: Peace—The Annunciation

On the second day, the readings typically focus on the Annunciation, where the angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will conceive the Son of God. This day emphasizes the peace that comes from embracing God's plan, even in the face of uncertainty. Mary's "yes" becomes a model for believers, showing that true peace is found in surrendering to the divine will.

### Day 3: Joy—The Visitation

As the week of Advent progresses, the third day centers around the joyous encounter between Mary and her cousin Elizabeth during the Visitation. This day celebrates the joy that arises from the presence of Christ, as even the unborn John the Baptist leaps in Elizabeth's womb. Believers are invited to share in this joy, recognizing the transformative power of Christ's presence in their lives.

### Day 4: Love—The Genealogy of Jesus

The fourth day often explores the genealogy of Jesus, tracing His lineage through the generations. This day emphasizes the love of God, manifest in the continuity of His plan throughout history. It reminds believers that they are part of a larger story of divine love, connecting them to the enduring legacy of faith.

### Conclusion: Embracing the Advent Journey

This week of Advent from the B Cycle of readings provides a rich tapestry of scripture, weaving together themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. As believers engage with these readings, they embark on a spiritual journey that mirrors the anticipation felt by the ancient Israelites and the early Christians. It is a time of reflection, prayer, and preparation, inviting individuals to open their hearts to the transformative power of Christ's coming.

In embracing the Week of Advent, Christians are called to deepen their understanding of the significance of the Incarnation and to prepare their hearts for the celebration of Christ's birth. The B Cycle of readings offers a roadmap for this journey, guiding believers through the various facets of the Advent season and inspiring them to live out the hope, peace, joy, and love that Christ brings into the world. As the candlelight of the Advent wreath flickers, so too does the light of Christ illuminate the path ahead, beckoning believers to draw near to the manger with hearts full of expectation and gratitude.

A reminder to check the bulletin for the Advent Penance schedule. We will hear confessions here at St. Rene Monday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m. and our Christ the Good Shepherd Parish Family will hear confessions at the St. Cyril Campus on December 19th: 10-12 pm and in the evening from 6-9 pm.

Please remember in your Advent prayers to pray for the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them healing, comfort and peace. Come Lord Jesus!!

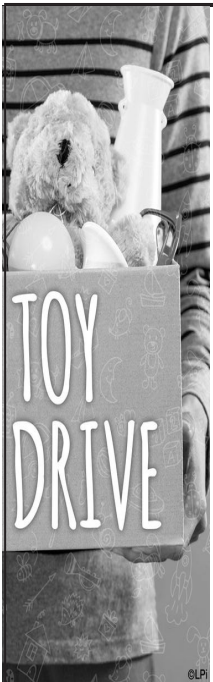
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OF THE *Blessed Virgin Mary* ©LPI

**Holy Day of Obligation**  
**Friday, December 8, 2023**  
**Mass will be Celebrated**  
**at**  
**9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.**



**Penance Service**  
**Monday,**  
**December 11, 2023**  
**at 7:00 p.m.**



### TOY COLLECTION

Would you love to put a smile on a little child's face? You can make this happen by donating NEW, unwrapped toys during the weekend of Dec. 2nd & Dec. 3rd and Dec. 9th & 10th. The toys will be distributed to needy children in the inner city. Please do not bring violence related toys. A table will be set up by the parish office for the toys.

Thank you for your loving support!



Just a reminder that all gifts must be returned by Sunday, Decembre 10th. Please check the tags for "wrapped" or "unwrapped". Please attach the tags back on the gifts when you return them.

Thank you for your generosity this season.

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.



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**JWJ Catholic Academy**  
Sterling Heights, MI

**JWJ Catholic Academy**  
is pleased to announce a new  
**CHILDREN'S YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR**  
@ St. Rene Goupil Parish

*just in time for Christmas!*

**Mrs. Cathy Downey**  
**(248) 321-2949**

*The St. Rene Goupil Children's Choir will be singing  
at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass @ St. Rene*

Rehearsals will be:  
Monday, Dec. 4, 2023 6-7 PM (Choir Room)  
Monday, Dec. 11, 2023 6-7 PM (Choir Room)  
Monday, Dec. 18, 2023 6-7 PM (Choir Room)  
Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023: 10-11 AM (Room 2)

Please call Mrs. Downey to RSVP your child's involvement prior to December 4th.

### Advent Scripture Reflection First Sunday in Advent

Today's Scripture passages express the Advent topics of hope, vigilance, and repentance. From the Book of Isaiah, the prophet expresses his desire for his people (the ancient Israelites who have returned from Babylonian exile) to atone for their sinful ways and turn their hearts back to the Lord. For God has done great deeds for them. In St. Mark's Gospel, the evangelist quotes Jesus' warning to his disciples, Be watchful! Be alert! You don't know when the time will come. Here our Lord and Savior is referring to when He will return at the end of time. St. Paul reminds the Corinthians, and us, that our fellowship in the Lord fortifies us with many spiritual gifts-a timely reminder as we start this Advent season. May we, as faith-filled stewards, put our hope and trust in the Lord, recognize our sins, and seek with contrite hearts, Jesus' mercy and forgiveness. Advent is an excellent time to confess our sins by taking part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The Catholic Church places a significant emphasis on the role of music in the liturgy, particularly during the celebration of the Mass. Music is considered an integral part of the worship experience, and its purpose is multifaceted, aiming to enhance the sacred atmosphere, support the liturgical actions, and facilitate the congregation's active participation. Here are some key aspects of Catholic teaching on the purpose of music at Mass:

1. **Worship and Praise:** Music is seen as a means of expressing praise and adoration to God. Through hymns, chants, and other musical elements, the faithful can unite their voices in giving glory to God and acknowledging His majesty.
2. **Enhancement of Liturgy:** Music is intended to enhance the overall liturgical experience. It adds a dimension of beauty and solemnity to the Mass, helping to create a reverent atmosphere conducive to prayer and reflection.
3. **Scriptural Basis:** Many elements of Catholic liturgical music draw inspiration directly from the Bible. Psalms, in particular, have been traditionally sung during Mass, connecting the liturgy to the rich scriptural tradition of the Church.
4. **Facilitating Participation:** The Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) emphasized the importance of active participation by the congregation in the liturgy. Music is seen as a tool to engage the faithful more fully in the Mass, encouraging them to sing, respond, and actively take part in the worship.
5. **Unity and Communion:** Music helps to foster a sense of unity among the worshipping community. By singing together, the congregation expresses its unity in faith and communion with one another. The communal aspect of music contributes to a sense of belonging and shared identity among the faithful.
6. **Reflecting Liturgical Seasons and Themes:** The choice of music often corresponds to the liturgical season or theme of a particular Mass. For example, during Advent, there may be a focus on anticipation and preparation, reflected in the choice of hymns and chants.
7. **Sacramental Significance:** Music is considered a sacramental, a means through which God's grace is mediated. It can deepen the experience of the liturgy and help individuals connect more profoundly with the sacramental actions taking place during the Mass.
8. **Artistic Expression:** While the primary purpose of liturgical music is worship, it also serves as a form of artistic expression. The beauty of music contributes to the overall aesthetic dimension of the liturgy.

It's important to note that different cultural and regional traditions within the Catholic Church may influence the styles and forms of music used in worship, reflecting the diversity of the global Church while adhering to the principles outlined by the Church authorities. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) and other documents provide guidelines for the appropriate use of music in the Roman Catholic liturgy.

The processional hymn in a Catholic Mass serves several important purposes:

1. **Liturgical Entrance:** The processional hymn is typically sung or played as the clergy, altar servers, and other liturgical ministers enter the church and process down the main aisle to the sanctuary. This hymn marks the beginning of the worship service and creates a solemn and reverent atmosphere.
2. **Liturgical Season or Theme:** The choice of the processional hymn often reflects the liturgical season or a specific theme related to the Mass. For example, during Advent or Lent, the hymn may have themes of preparation and penance, while during joyful seasons like Easter, the hymn may celebrate the resurrection of Christ.
3. **Gathering and Unifying the Congregation:** The processional hymn is an opportunity for the entire congregation to come together in song, expressing a communal spirit of worship. It helps to unify the assembly in a shared musical expression of praise and devotion.
4. **Invocation of the Holy Spirit:** In some cases, the processional hymn may include an invocation of the Holy Spirit, asking for guidance, inspiration, and the presence of God as the worship service begins.
5. **Preparation for the Liturgy of the Word:** The processional hymn sets the tone for the Liturgy of the Word, which follows the entrance procession. It helps to transition the congregation from the gathering phase of the Mass to the proclamation of the Scriptures.
6. **Sacred Atmosphere:** The hymn contributes to the creation of a sacred and worshipful atmosphere within the church. It engages the senses and helps participants focus their minds and hearts on the sacred mysteries being celebrated in the Mass.

In summary, the processional hymn in a Catholic Mass serves as a significant element in the liturgical celebration, helping to mark the beginning of the Mass, set the tone for the worship, and unite the congregation in a communal expression of faith through music.

## Readings for The First Sunday of Advent

### Reading I

*Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7*

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for our sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they have not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to your guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

### Reading II

*1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Gospel

*Mark 13:33-37*

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all; 'Watch!'"

## Readings for the Week

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**Sunday, December 3, 2023:**Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

**Monday, December 4, 2023:**Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023:**Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023:**Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday, December 7, 2023:**Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday, December 8, 2023:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday, December 9, 2023:**Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday, December 10, 2023:**Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

# MASS INTENTIONS



**Tuesday, December 5, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Frank Finazzo  
+Linda Hohmann  
+Leonard Shaner  
+Pauline Filiccia  
+Dolores Mullaney  
+Celi Esmana

**Thursday, December 7, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Alex Fragnoli

**Friday, December 8, 2023**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Giuseppe & Concetta DiStefano  
+Felix & Rita Gatt  
Thanksgiving of Brendo Cochiasoue

**Saturday, December 9, 2023**

**4:00 p.m.**

+Felix & Rita Gatt  
+Mark May  
+Joan Herbert  
+Mary Jean Calmi  
+Josephine & Stanley Mroz  
+Fred Schulte  
+Barbara Borowski  
+Bob Newberry  
+Margaret Kompier  
+Franklin Langenstein  
+Aurelia Korte  
+Terry Koehler

**Sunday, December 10, 2023**

**8:30 a.m.**

Healing of Felecia Rice  
+Sharon Murawski  
Special Intention of Rocky Decolongon  
+Antonio Andrion

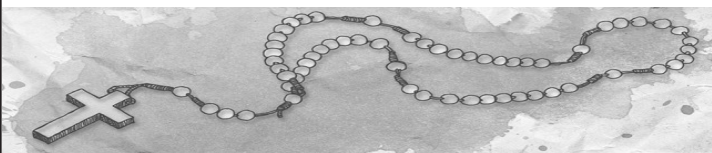
**10:30 a.m.**

Intentions of the Knights of Columbus, St. Nicholas Council and Their Families

+Sam Zappa  
+Rose Zappa  
+Walt Kalcevic

**5:30 p.m.**

Healing of Dylan Ventimiglia



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### In the Unexpected

“What could happen next?” How many times have you asked yourself that question in the past year? Though we most often use that expression when things don’t seem to be going our way, this year it has been an expression of the constant changes to our world which the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought. But we might use the same expression to explain our feelings of being overwhelmed by blessings and good things, when the stars seem to align just right.

No matter what, we can say with certainty that tomorrow will not go exactly as we envisioned. Our lives are influenced by so many factors and the world around us is increasingly complex. Rather than be surprised by the unexpected, maybe we should expect the unexpected.

Living in this manner causes us to cherish more deeply the gifts we have been given. It helps us to live in the present and become mindful of those around us. Our relationships deepen. Our sense of responsibility builds. Our stewardship way of life finds new meaning and purpose.

This Advent will not be the same experience as last Advent. It remains to be seen what the coming days and weeks have in store for each of us. However, no matter what happens, Jesus Christ is there to welcome us to the unexpected. He will celebrate with us in joy and he will even feel our pain. You can count on the unexpected, but you can also count on Him to be there with you. He is now and forever, Emmanuel, “God with us.” He is the expected in all things unexpected.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Lately I’ve been listening to a science-based podcast on healthy daily living. The host frequently discusses the wide range of health benefits of sleep. So, each night I’m trying to get more, and better, slumber, and it’s helping me feel energized. So, why in the world should we follow Christ’s advice this week? **“Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house will come ... lest he find you asleep.”** Isn’t sleep, especially at midnight and cockcrow, a good thing?

Of course, it is. But the wakefulness the Lord calls us to is a deep, personal orientation to Him. A nightly vigil is therefore a metaphor for this, but it’s not just that. We should give up real sleep in order to pray, too. This difficult practice is a time-tested way to foster wakefulness of heart. When we give up sleep to pray, it focuses us. We learn that life is not an endless series of days. You and I belong to the Lord — awake or asleep, in life and in death. Sooner or later, even our need for our physical sleep will pass away. And our attentiveness to God — that is, whether we are awaiting Him to meet us — will be all that matters.

May I challenge us this week and this Advent to intentionally give up at least one hour of sleep each week for prayer? Stay up later, wake up in the middle of the night, or an hour earlier, and pray. Will we be a bit more tired the next day? Yes. But we’ll be amazed at the spiritual wakefulness that results, too.

— Father John Muir

**Weekend Liturgy Schedule for December 9 & 10**

	<b>Saturday 4:00PM</b>	<b>Sunday 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 5:30 PM</b>
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Tim
<b>Lector</b>	Louis Youkhana	Barbara Wyrwicz	Flor Sitchon	Virginia Jennings
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lance Tolentino	Karin Nieto	Eli Wing-Nga	Rohan Go
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	G Labinski K Moravek Open	Open Open Open	A Sitchon F Sitchon Open	Open Open Open
<b>Ushers</b>	Tom Pluta Bill Broaddus 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	Paul Hornung Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
<b>Sacristan</b>	M Laubach	K Nieto	C Sison	V Jennings

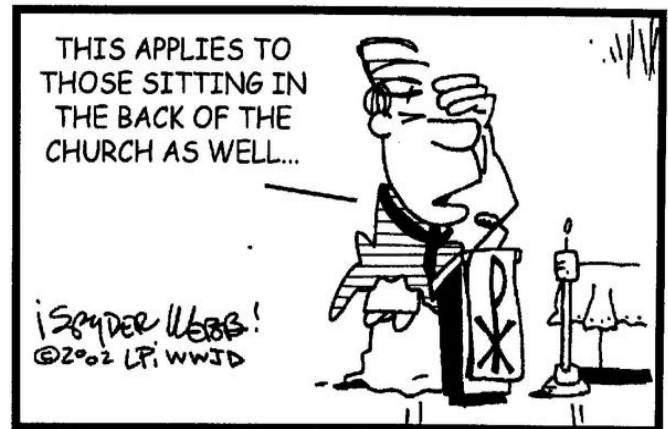


St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul helps with utility bills, clothing, household items, food and in certain cases evictions. If you know of anyone who needs help, please have them call (586)718-4523. They do not need to be parish members. All information is kept strictly confidential.

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

**Sugar, vegetable oil, crackers, canned fruit, small ketchup, small mustard and small syrup.**

**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

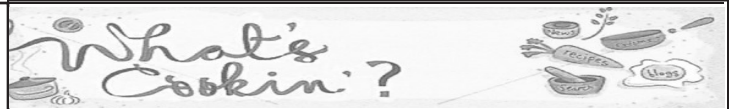


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**STAY CONNECTED**

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](http://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](http://www.help.formed.org) or toll-free at 844-367-6331.



**Chicken and Sausage Stir-Fry**

- 2 to 3 garlic cloves
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 3 or 4 c. green peppers
- 2 tsp. red wine vinegar
- 1 tsp. basil
- 1 tsp. oregano
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 2 lbs. Italian Sausage
- 2 lbs. boneless, skinless chicken
- Favorite pasta, cooked to directions
- 1/2 lb. sliced mushrooms (optional)
- 2 onions
- 1 c. chicken broth

Brown garlic in olive oil 2 to 3 minutes. Sauté diced/ sliced peppers and onions 3 to 5 minutes. Add spices and optional mushrooms. Cover and simmer with 1 cup of broth. Separately cook sausage and chicken. Add everything to casserole (2 quart) dish; mix well. Serve over favorite pasta.

Note: Include juices from sausage and chicken.



“This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life.” — Psalm 119:50

This scripture from the book of Psalms is HOPE in this time of pandemic. Despite illness, despite pain, the Psalmist finds life in the promise of God’s love.

In this time of illness, loneliness, and frailty, not only can we find comfort in God’s love, but we can also bring hope to those around us by our own loving actions. By wearing a mask – offering those around you the hope that you wish them safety and good health. By making a phone call or a safe visit, bringing the hope of friendship. Or by running an errand for your neighbors, giving them hope of avoiding the virus.

As we light the first candle of Advent, we pray in hope in the words of the Psalmist from today’s scripture:

*Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.* Psalms 80:19

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**OH MARY,  
CONCEIVED  
WITHOUT SIN,  
PRAY FOR US  
WHO HAVE  
RECOURSE  
TO THEE.**



**Our Sunday Offering  
November 25 & 26  
Thank you for your  
generous response.**

**God Bless you!**

If you wish to read the bulletin it can be found online at [Parishesonline.com](http://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.



**Please Remember  
St. Rene Goupil Parish  
In Your Will**





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

## SAINT RENE GOUPIL Catholic Church

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Office Hours  
Monday - Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 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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**Divine Mercy**  
*Diane Broaddus (586) 977-1978*  
**Ushers**  
*Al Gyenese (586) 808-3128*  
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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:

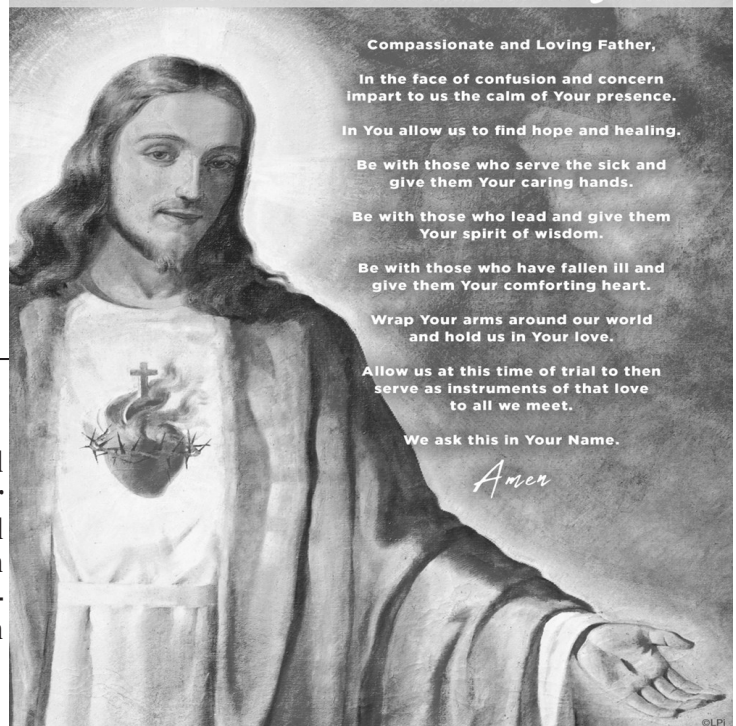
Arrangements must be made through the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. One person of the couple must be an active, registered member of St. Rene Goupil Parish for six months.

### 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



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*