

2nd Sunday OF ADVENT

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
December 10, 2023

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Notes from Fr. Steve

As the second week of Advent unfolds, our hearts are drawn towards the beautiful light of the second candle of the Advent Wreath, symbolizing peace. In a world often marked by chaos and uncertainty, the theme of peace resonates profoundly during this season of anticipation and reflection.

The Advent season serves as a spiritual journey, inviting individuals to prepare their hearts for the arrival of hope, joy, love, and peace. Week by week, we light a new candle, each representing a distinctive aspect of the divine narrative. In Week Two, our focus shifts to Peace, the Peace God alone can give.

Peace is more than the absence of conflict; it is the presence of God in our lives, along with harmony, tranquility, and well-being. In the midst of our bustling lives, we are beckoned to reflect on the importance of peace, both in our personal lives and on a global scale. The world yearns for the soothing balm of peace, and Advent prompts us to be active participants in its pursuit.

In contemplating peace during this second week, let us draw inspiration from the timeless message of hope embedded in the Christmas story. The biblical narrative speaks of a world in turmoil awaiting the arrival of the Prince of Peace. The prophecy of Isaiah reminds us of the transformative power of the Messiah: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6, NKJV).

As we reflect on the promise of the Prince of Peace, we are called to emulate the qualities of peace in our daily lives. It begins within, as we cultivate a peaceful spirit through mindfulness, gratitude, and acts of kindness. Simultaneously, we are urged to extend this tranquility to our communities, fostering understanding and cooperation.

During this week, let us take a time to pray and consider how you can actively contribute to peace. Perhaps it is through fostering reconciliation in strained relationships, supporting charitable endeavors, or advocating for justice and equality. Each small act contributes to the collective pursuit of a more peaceful world.

As we light the second candle on our Advent wreaths, may it serve as a reminder that peace is not a passive state but an active pursuit. In our home, communities, and the broader world, let us embody the spirit of peace, becoming beacons of hope and catalysts for positive change.

This Advent, let peace reign in our hearts, homes, and beyond, as we eagerly await the celebration of the ultimate embodiment of peace—the birth of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ.

I wanted to thank all of you for donating over 1000 books for the Children with Cancer Book Drive, our mission of mercy project.

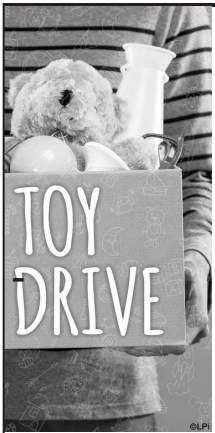
The hospital once again extended their gratitude for your kindness.

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

Fr. Steve



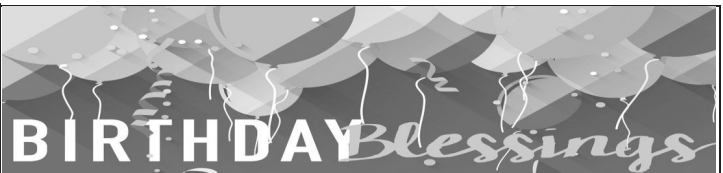
Penance Service
Monday,
December 11, 2023
at 7:00 p.m.



TOY COLLECTION

All donations of **NEW, UNWRAPPED**, toys must be returned by **THIS weekend December 10th**.

Thank you for your loving support!



God bless you on your birthday!!
Fr. Joy Chakian



Just a reminder that all gifts must be returned by this weekend Sunday, December 10th. The gifts will be picked up on December 11th by all the charities.

Thank you for your generosity this season.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Are you interested in exploring the Catholic Faith, becoming Catholic, or receiving Sacraments in the Catholic Church?

Do you know someone who might be interested in becoming Catholic?

Classes begin this November at St. Rene Goupil.
Call (586) 939-7500, extension 109 for more information or to talk to RCIA coordinator Michael V. Novak.

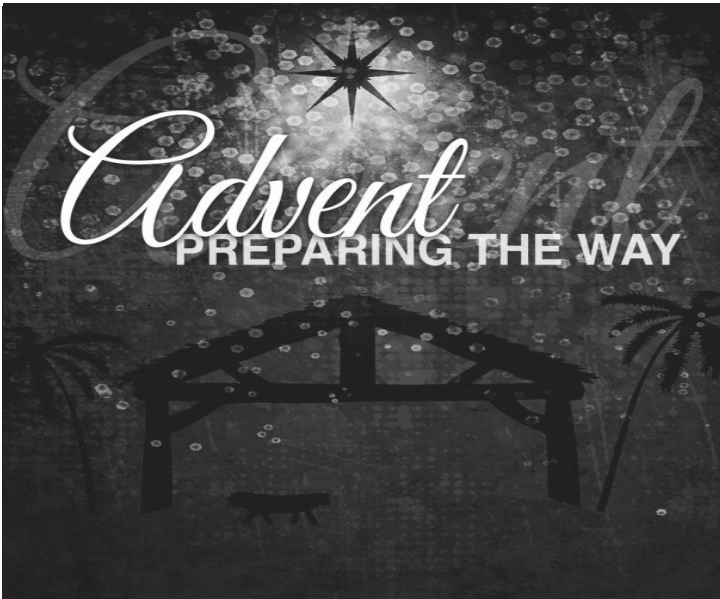
Advent Scripture Reflection Second Sunday in Advent

In our First Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, he announces, A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the Lord! In St. Mark's Gospel, the evangelist echoes these words through St. John the Baptist. Jesus' cousin announces, a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in preparation of One mightier than I is coming after me. The Baptist goes on to state, I have baptized you with water; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit. What a tremendous gift! St. Peter further instructs us to prepare ourselves to meet the Lord. During this Advent season, are we being faith-filled stewards by asking the Holy Spirit to prepare our hearts, minds, and souls—to seek a closer union with God as we ready ourselves for Christmas? Then, in turn, share Christ's joy and peace with our family members. To learn more about evangelization through the work of the Holy Spirit, go to <https://www.unleashthegospel.org>.

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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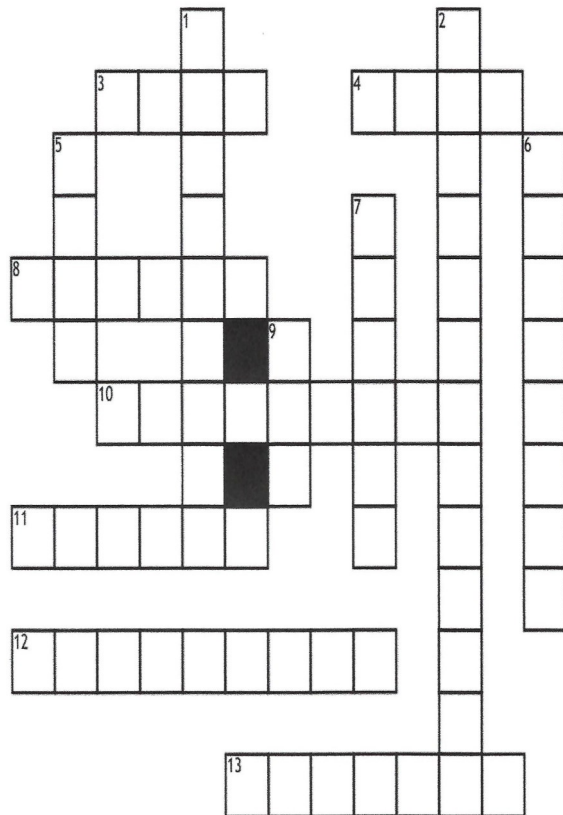


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CANDLE OF Peace



The second candle, also purple, represents peace. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

Liturgical Calendar & Gifts of the Holy Spirit



Across

- 3. Aside from purple, what other color is used during Advent?
- 4. Stations of the Cross are put on during which season?
- 8. What color is used for both Advent & Lent?
- 10. which gift grants the ability to know the difference between right and wrong and then to choose what is good?
- 11. What comes after Holy Week?

Down

- 1. Which gift grants the ability to comprehend the basic meaning and message of Jesus?
- 2. Which gift grants the ability to comprehend how a person must live her or his life as a follower of Jesus?
- 5. How many candles does the advent wreath have?
- 6. After Christmas, what liturgical season do we go into?
- 7. During which season do we prepare for the Birth of Christ?
- 9. What color do the Priest wear during Pentecost?

Advent Word Search



Words to Find

Words can be found left to right and up and down.

- Advent
- Wreath
- Candles
- Purple
- Hope
- Peace
- Joy
- Love
- Mary
- Joseph
- Jesus



Readings for The Second Sunday of Advent

Reading I

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up onto a high Mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord God, who rules by his strong arm; here is the reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

Reading II

2 Peter 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay”, but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the element’s will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way. A voice of one crying in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”* John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water, he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, December 11, 2023:Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 12, 2023:Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday, December 13, 2023:Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 14, 2023:Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 15, 2023:Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 16, 2023:Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 17, 2023:Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

9:30 a.m.

- +Richard Calverly
- +Joan Reuss
- +Jose Cepeda
- +Delfin Divina
- +Guadalupe Divina

Thursday, December 14, 2023

9:30 a.m.

- +Philip Roberti

Friday, December 15, 2023

9:30 a.m.

- +Deacon Donald Quigley

Saturday, December 16, 2023

4:00 p.m.

- +Steven Herbert
- +Felix & Rita Gatt
- +Mary Jean Calmi
- +Marian Kobus (30th R.A.)
- +Ronald Tash(35th R.A.)
- +Franklin Langenstein
- +Terry Koehler

Sunday, December 17, 2023

8:30 a.m.

- +Robert Bramlage
- +Sharon Murawski
- Thanksgiving Mass for Brendo & Khristine Cochiosue
- +Antonio Andrion

10:30 a.m.

- +Leonarda Oraiz
- +Theodoros Vergos
- +Sandy Kratt
- +Michael Pastue
- +Ernesto Cabagay

5:30 p.m.

Healing of Dylan Ventimiglia
Special Intention of Brittany Hicks



Please Remember
St. Rene Goupil Parish
In Your Will

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Jubilation to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

GOSPEL MEDITATION

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We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "**The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**" It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

— Father John Muir

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for December 16 & 17

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr.	Fr. Steve	Fr. Tim
Lector	Steve Szeliga	Alex Sitchon	Jovita Engalan	Paul Hornung
Altar Servers	Isabella Gonzalez Nathan Gonzalez	Karin Nieto	Phat Le Phong Le	
Eucharistic Ministers	R Fisher G Labinski Open	Open Open Open	P Yeck M Laubach Open	Open Open Open
Ushers	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
Sacristan	R Kranson	K Nieto	T McWilliams	V Jennings

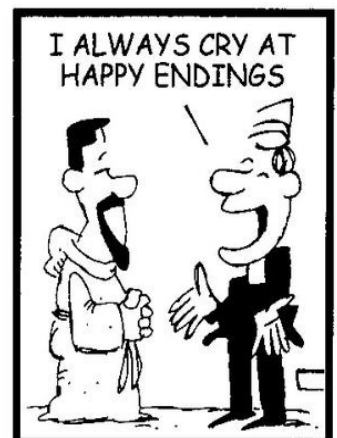
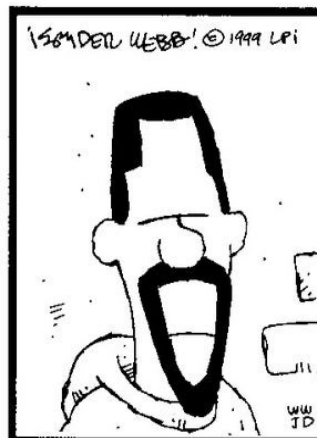
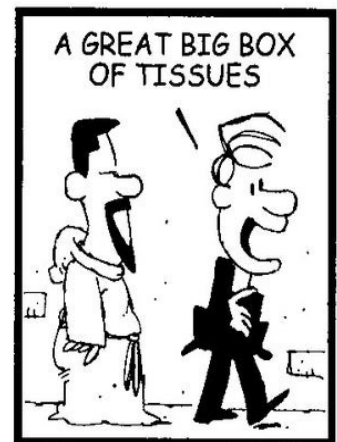


St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul helps with utility bills, clothing, household items, food and in certain cases evictions. If you know of anyone who needs help, please have them call (586) 718-4523. They do not need to be parish members. All information is kept strictly confidential.

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

Tuna, cereal, pasta sauce in Jars, pancake syrup, white rice and spaghetti.

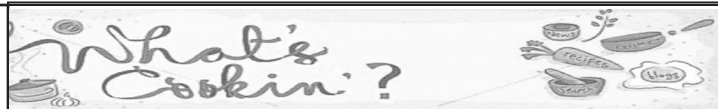
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STAY CONNECTED

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.



Sticky Buns

- 1 (3 1/2 oz) pkg. regular (not instant) butterscotch pudding
- 1 cup crushed pecans or walnuts
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 stick butter or margarine (melted)
- 2 loaves frozen bread dough

Mix dry ingredients and set aside. Cut partially thawed dough into 16 slices (8 slices per loaf). Place 8 slices in a 9x13 pan. Pour half of the melted butter and half of the dry ingredients over the dough. Place remaining dough in spaces. Pour the rest of the butter and dry ingredients over it. Cover and refrigerate the day before. Bake at 350 F for 30 minutes. Serve while warm.



In a year of racial unrest and civil division, LOVE seems hard to find.

But even as the world seems dark around us, God offers mercy – thanks to the love of God’s Son that we await even today.

We see Christ’s love in many ways—in the gentle hand of the health care worker; the hands that deliver food to those quarantined by illness; the hands that reach out to our sisters and brothers regardless of race, and as together we seek understanding and justice for all. Loving one another in this way is how we experience the God of Love.

Today’s reading from Psalms 85:8 promises steadfast love and faithfulness to those who turn to God. So, we open our hearts, awaiting with joy and anticipation the love that is to come.

Knowing Joy invites us to be joy for others, knowing Hope invites us to be hopeful. Knowing Love invites us to love others.

We light the candle of Love today and pray that all people learn, in the words of Catherine of Siena, “to love and serve my neighbors gratuitously, by helping them spiritually and materially as much as I can...”

**God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is Your
greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of Your love.
Help us walk in that love
during the weeks of Advent,
as we wait and prepare
for His coming.
We pray in the name of
Jesus, our Saviour.
Amen.**



**Our Sunday Offering
December 2 & 3
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 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

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Al Gyenese (586) 808-3128
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Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469
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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:

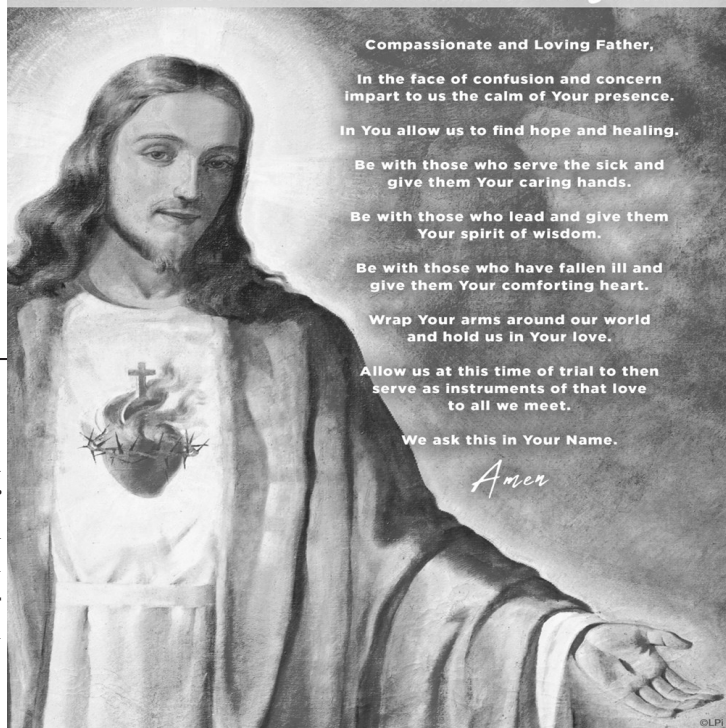
Arrangements must be made through the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. One person of the couple must be an active, registered member of St. Rene Goupil Parish for six months.

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