

Notes from Fr. Steve

You will notice that we are now reading from Cycle-B in the Lectionary at Mass. At this current time we will be reading from the Gospel of Mark. So, I thought a little background on the Gospel of Mark would be interesting, and give you deeper insight into the Word of God.

The Gospel of Mark is one of the four canonical gospels in the New Testament and is widely regarded as the earliest gospel written. This gospel provides a unique perspective on the life, teachings, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Its origins, authorship, and historical context offer valuable insights into the early Christian community and the development of Christian theology.

Traditionally, the Gospel of Mark is attributed to John Mark, a companion of the Apostle Peter. This attribution is based on early Christian writings, particularly the works of Papias, a bishop of Hierapolis in the early 2nd century. According to Papias, Mark served as Peter's interpreter and recorded his recollections of Jesus' life and ministry. This association with Peter lends credibility to the gospel's eyewitness accounts, even though the author himself was not a direct disciple of Jesus.

Scholars generally date the Gospel of Mark to around 66-70 CE. This period was marked by significant upheaval, including the First Jewish-Roman War (66-73 CE) and the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple in 70 CE. The gospel's urgency and emphasis on the suffering of Jesus can be seen as reflective of the turbulent times in which it was written.

The exact place of composition is not definitely known, but Rome is often suggested as a likely location. This is based on the connection between Mark and Peter, who is believed to have spent his final years in Rome. Additionally, the gospel's use of Latin terms and explanations of Jewish customs for a Gentile audience support the idea of a Roman origin.

The Gospel of Mark emphasizes the humanity and suffering of Jesus, portraying him as the "Suffering Servant" prophesied in Isaiah. This focus on Jesus' suffering serves to encourage and strengthen early Christians facing persecution. Additionally, Mark's portrayal of the disciples is often unflattering, highlighting their misunderstanding and failures. This may have been intended to provide comfort to believers by showing that even Jesus' closest followers struggled with doubt and fear.

The gospel also places a strong emphasis on the "Messianic Street," the motif where Jesus frequently instructs those he heals and his disciples to keep his identity as the Messiah hidden. This theme underscores the mysterious and paradoxical of Jesus' mission, which culminates not in earthly triumph but in the crucifixion.

The Gospel of Mark has had a profound influence on Christian thought and literature. Its themes, structure, and narrative style have shaped the other synoptic gospels, Matthew and Luke, which both drew heavily from Mark in their compositions. Mark's emphasis on the suffering and humanity of Jesus continues to resonate with believers facing hardship and persecution.

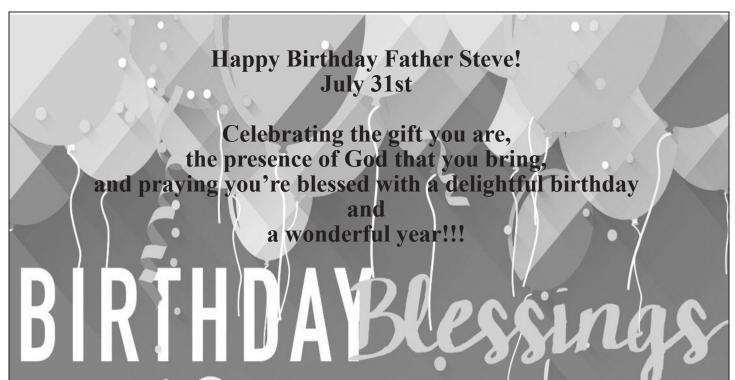
The Gospel of Mark stands as a testament to the early Christian community's faith and resilience in the face of adversity. Its vivid portrayal of Jesus' life and ministry offers a powerful narrative that has inspired generations of Christians. By understanding the historical context and theological emphases of this gospel, we gain deeper insight into the foundations of Christian faith and the enduring message of hope.

The Gospel of Mark's rich history and profound themes make it a cornerstone of the New Testament and a vital resource for understanding the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. It's message of hope, perseverance, and the transformative power of faith continues to inspire and guide Christians around the world.

Please remember to pray for the parish, especially for the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them healing, comfort and hope.

A gentle reminder that the parish has not made its CSA Target yet. If you have not yet given, please do so. God bless you and those you love!

Fr. Steve





Thank you to the parishioners who have already pledged their support. The ministries, programs, and services funded by the Catholic Services Appeal help in our parish and throughout southeast Michigan and beyond. If you are still prayerfully considering your sacrificial gift to this year's CSA, you may send your completed pledge card in the pre-addressed envelope you received in the mail. You are also encouraged to make your pledge and gift to out parish's campaign online at GiveCSA.org or you can scan the QR code and donate to CSA, just make sure to put CSA in the note section when you submit your donation online.



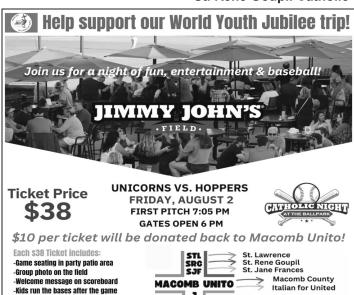
GOSPEL MEDITATION 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The world is filled with people whose basic needs aren't met, whether for clean water, nutrition, safety, education, meaningful work, stable family life, basic medical resources, religious freedom, and the right to life. So how can we possibly believe what Psalm 145 says to us this week, "The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs"? Does he? What about the countless poor? Can't we identify at least a few unmet needs in our own lives right now? Is the Bible promoting wishful thinking and laziness in helping others?

No. The psalm flows from Israel's experience of God's relentless fidelity again and again —especially in the Passover from Egypt. This divine providence is recalled when Jesus feeds the needy multitudes in the Gospel of John. Passover arrives once again, and the people are hungry like the ancient Israelites on the wilderness journey. What is new is that in Jesus God not only provides for their needs, but He learns what it's like to have those human needs. He shares them too. He feeds them bread and fish; and even more, He hungers to provide them, and us, much more than just that kind of perishable food.

Our deepest need is for God. Like the multiplied bread, all earthly provisions ultimately fail, for we all finally die. Of course, our obligation to meet the needs of the poor is basic. But Christ promises to feed us with the one bread that never fails: God Himself. He is humanity's eternal food. If we eat this bread, we taste the faithfulness of God who answers all our needs, even when every earthly thing fails.

— Father John Muir



-Meet JJ the Field General, the bat dog

-Meet & Greet with a team mascot

-Fireworks Spectacular postgame!

Premium Hot Dogs. Slow Roasted BBO

Pulled Chicken, Fresh Pasta Salad, Coleslaw,

Food is served starting when the gates open

soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea, and water.

for 90 minutes. Each guest will receive unlimited

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Baked Beans, Potato Chips, and Cookies.

-PLUS an All American BBQ Buffets

Lord uses the prophet Elisha as His instrument to supply nourishment for 100 men from 20 barley loaves. In St. John's Gospel, the evangelist tells of a time near Passover, when Jesus multiplies a few loaves and fish to accommodate more than 5,000 followers. Both passages point towards Christ's institution of the Eucharist at His Last Supper with His disciples. The Holy Eucharist is the "source and summit" of our faith. We become what we consume—receiving Christ frequently in Holy Communion can bring us to a deeper relationship with Him. St. Paul reminds us that we have received a calling from the one Lord in one faith and one Baptism. In a spirit of evangelization, we respond to this invitation to discipleship by personalizing Jesus in our life and then sharing our Eucharistic joy with Anchor shows that the cross everyone we meet. Please read Archbishop Allen is the anchor of our faith Ticket purchases Vigneron's pastoral letter, Unleash the Gospel, at support all three https://www.unleashthegospel.org to learn more about parishes: St Lawrence evangelization in our Archdiocese. St. Rene Goupil

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Scripture reading focus on God miraculously

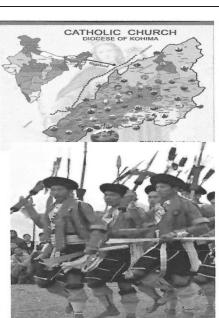
feeding the hungry. In the Second Book of Kings, the

The diocese of Kohima, covering the entire state of Nagaland, at the extreme northeast of India bordering Myanmar, is relatively new mission territory. The diocese is inhabited by 17 major tribes of Mongoloid race, who are collectively known as "Nagas" each having its own distinct dialect, traditions and customs. The Naga culture is rich in values like communitarian living, hospitality, openness, hard work, sincerity, etc.

Color on Jubilee logo Represents water

The Catholic Church began its mission after the Second World War by helping to run the first government hospital, built by the British government as a reward for helping during the Second World War. Two Sisters and a chaplain who came from Spain were forbidden to teach Catholic faith, yet they preached it secretly and reaped its first fruits with the baptism in 1952 before they left the place. The sisters told us that they used to bury small crosses and medals as they visited villages hoping for the growth of the Catholic faith. That was symbolic implanting of the Catholic faith, growing into fullness in the course of time. Today there are over 63000 Catholics in the diocese. It is a fertile ground for vocations to priesthood and religious life. There is much scope for the growth of the Church

Now the specific project the mission appeal is to build a shelter home for the children affected by HIV Aids or Children whose parents died of HIV Aids. As you know the so called the golden triangle of drug smuggling starts from Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar and passes through Northeast to rest of the world. Naturally there many people addicted to drugs and consequently affected by HIV Aids. Many young people die, leaving the children orphans. In the diocese the Carmelite Sisters takes these children and tries to provide them with education and settle them in life.





Now we would like to build a decent shelter home for these orphan children - a place to sleep dormitory, study hall for study, refectory, kitchen and toilet facilities. These children are given opportunity for education and gradually settle in life. The whole shelter home will cost about thirty to forty thousand USD. The money from mission appeal this year goes to build a shelter home. Therefore we appeal to your generosity so that these children may have decent living conditions and settle well in life. We thank you very sincerely in anticipation for your generous help.

Readings for The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the firstfruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, "Give it to the people to eat." But his servant objected, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat. For thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and there shall be some left over." And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said.

Reading II *Ephesians 4:1-6*

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humanity and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Gospel John 6:1-15

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, he said to the disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing is wasted." So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

Readings for the Meek

Sunday, July 28, 2024:2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16)/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Monday, July 29, 2024: Jer 13:1-11/Ps 32:18-19, 20, 21/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Tuesday, July 30, 2024: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday, July 31, 2024:Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday, August 1, 2024: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

Friday, August 2, 2024: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday, August 3, 2024:Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

Sunday, August 4, 2024:Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35



Tuesday, July 30, 2024 9:30 a.m.

+Fr. Larry Jackson

+Fr. Richard Yost

Rorie Grant

+Roberto Bastianelli

Thursday, August 1, 2024 9:30 a.m.

+Leo J. Miller (Birthday)

+Michael Peterson

Friday, August 2, 2024 9:30 a.m.

+Sharon Murawski

Saturday, August 3, 2024 4:00 p.m.

+Joan Herbert

+Rosemarie Calmi

Parishioners of St. Rene

+Felix & Rita Gatt

+Franklin Langenstein

+James Reaume Jr.

+James Reaume Sr.

+Shirley Schima

+Maybelle Koehler

+Marian Kobus

Sunday, August 4, 2024 8:30 a.m.

+Sharon Murawski

10:30 a.m.

- +Christine Laubach
- +Sandy Kratt
- +Theodoros Vergos
- +Kristen Cattini
- +Alan Clemente

5:30 p.m.

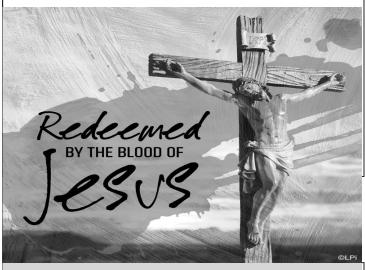
Dylan Ventimiglia (Healing)

You now can donate to St. Rene Goupil using your cell phone! Just take a picture of the QR code in the gathering space or in the bulletin; it

will automatically link you to the St. Rene donation site. Enter the amount you wish to donate, card information and press the "Pay" button. It's that simple! We thank you for your generosity.



SCAN CODE TO DONATE TO ST. RENE GOUPIL



O GOD, ALMIGHTY FATHER,

Grant us the grace to persevere with our eyes fixed on Jesus.

As we share Jesus Christ, the Savior whom You offer, with every human being, we recognize evangelization is a love affair.

It is you who invite all to encounter

Jesus and let their hearts be

captured by Him.

Help us to be generous in assisting the Catholic Services Appeal.

We ask that the Holy Spirit Ignite the fire of generosity so that the Church of southeast Michigan might continue to serve Your mission and bring Your love to the many in need.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

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Weekend Liturgy Schedule for August 3 & 4				
	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	Pat Pluta	Barbara Wyrwicz	Dori Fooy	Virginia Jennings
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Karin Nieto	Phat Le Phong Le	
Eucharistic Ministers	L Nosek M Laubach Open	Open Open Open	E Monterio H Devera Open	Open Open Open
Ushers	Tom Pluta Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Nick Rieser Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli	Tom Dutkiewicz Luis Nieto Al Gyenese Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti	Terry Shaughnessy Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chrisie Fish Chris Norris	Paul Hornung Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
Sacristan	R Kranson	G Wiklanski	T Monterio	V Jennings

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive

St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul will be having a clothing drive on Saturday, August 17th and Sunday, August 18th. A truck from St. Vincent de Paul will be in the church parking lot for your donations. This drive is for clothing only. Please get ready to donate any clothing on this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

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, jam, canned chicken, pancake mix, white rice, toilet paper and spaghetti.

*Please do not donate restaurant condiments.







If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity at St. Rene look no further. We are looking for volunteers for becoming a Lectors, for Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers (both Youth and Adult), Volunteers to join the watering committee (watering the outdoor plants). If you re interested in any of the volunteer areas that are listed, please contact the parish office and we will gladly pass your information on to the person in charge of the assignments and have them contact you.

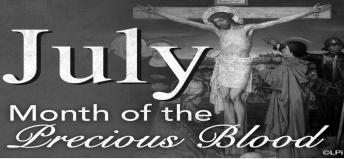
STAY CONNECTED

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:

- 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 | 15 oz. can tomato sauce 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.



PLEASE REMEMBER ST. RENE **GOUPIL PARISH** IN YOUR WILL

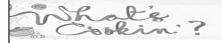




Our Sunday Offering July 20 & 21 Thank you for your generous response.

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.





Quick Taco Bake

1 lb. ground beef

1/2 c. chopped onion

1 pkg. taco mix

1 can whole kernel corn, drained

2 c. shredded Cheddar cheese

2 c. Bisquick

2 eggs

1 c. milk

Heat oven to 350 F. Brown meat and onions; drain. In a 13x9x2 inch baking dish, stir in taco mix (dry), tomato sauce and corn. Sprinkle cheese over meat mixture. In bowl, stir Bisquick, egg and milk. Spread over meat mixture. Bake for 35 minutes.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

You sit down at a restaurant and order drinks and an appetizer. Then you order an entrée with a salad. When all of that has been consumed, you order a dessert. You leave after having had a good time, but your pants don't fit so well now. You are so full you regret ordering all those courses. Your eyes were bigger than your stomach. You ordered what you wanted and not what you needed.

In our daily lives, we find ourselves wanting many things. We desire outcomes and good fortunes that we think will make all the difference. However, oftentimes when we receive these things, we only find ourselves wanting more. Worse yet, if we do not get them, we can see our lives as incomplete.

God always provides what we need. It may not be what we want. Our eyes can deceive us into believing that what we receive is not enough to fulfill us. If we trust in God and seek to only live with what sustains us rather than dive into excess, we will find that we are happier, healthier, and at peace. No one should ever make himself or herself feel overcome by too much of anything. God knows what we need even if we cannot see it for ourselves.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS





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.

BULLETIN UPDATE

With the cost of postage on the rise, if you have returned to Mass and no longer need the Church bulletin mailed to you, please call the parish office and let us know! We would appreciate it.

You can find our bulletin online each week at strene.org our parish website.



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:

MSgt. Jason Bialy, Air Force 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

Maj. Eric Olson

Sgt. Joseph Kucharek (Army)

Sgt. Chris Libecki Mark Locricchio (Army) Sgt. Sean McDowell (Army) LCPL Miguel Menzer SPC Matthew Muellenhagen 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.



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 a 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** Friday 4pm TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!

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Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Closed 12 Noon—1:00 p.m. Lunch
Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Steven Koehler, Pastor Rev. Joy Chakian, Associate Rev. Mr. John Ball, Deacon Emeritus Rev. Mr. Kevin Tietz, Deacon Michael Novak, Director of Evangelization & Education Alexander Sunga Director of Worship & Music

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Joseph White, Grand Knight, K of C

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.

