



St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
January 26, 2025

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.
- Lk 4:18

Notes from Fr. Steve

Often Catholics are questioned: “Why are you Catholic?” I wanted to give you for your own edification and for a response to “why are you Catholic?” 10 reasons to answer that question. As Catholics, our faith is a source of deep joy, purpose, and connection. Here are ten reasons why being Catholic is such a rich and rewarding experience:

1. **The Eucharist**
At the heart of our faith is the Eucharist, the real presence of Jesus Christ. This sacred sacrament is a profound encounter with God’s love and grace.
2. **A Universal Church**
The Catholic Church spans the globe, uniting over a billion people from diverse cultures in worship and mission. Wherever you go, the Mass is a familiar and comforting experience.
3. **Rich History and Tradition**
Our faith is built on centuries of spiritual wisdom, sacred art, music, and architecture, providing a tangible connection to the apostles and early Christians.
4. **The Communion of Saints**
Catholics have a “heavenly family” in the saints, who inspire us with their lives and intercede for us in prayer.
5. **Sacraments for Every Season of Life**
From Baptism to Anointing of the Sick, the sacraments guide us through life’s joys and challenges with God’s grace.
6. **Devotion to Mary**
As our spiritual mother, Mary teaches us how to follow Jesus with faith, humility, and love. Devotions like the Rosary help deepen our connection to her and her Son.
7. **A Commitment to Social Justice**
Catholic social teaching emphasizes human dignity, care for the poor, and stewardship of creation, encouraging us to live out the Gospel through acts of service.
8. **A Sense of Community**
Parishes are vibrant centers of fellowship where we pray, serve, and grow in faith together. The bonds formed in the Church often feel like an extended family.
9. **Guidance in Morality and Faith**
The Church provides clear teachings and spiritual guidance to help us navigate the complexities of modern life with confidence and integrity.
10. **Hope of Eternal Life**
Our faith points us towards the promise of heaven, offering hope and comfort in the face of life’s trials and uncertainties.

Being Catholic is a profound blessing that offers countless opportunities to grow closer to God and live a life full of meaning and love. Let us cherish these gifts and share them with the world!

Last we had our annual “Corporation Meeting” with the Archdiocese of Detroit. The purpose of this meeting is to meet the State of Michigan’s requirement for legal corporations. To prepare for the meeting I had to prepare a “President’s Report”. This includes everything from how much we have in the bank, to do we have grounded electric plugs in the bathrooms near the sinks. The meeting went very well, the Bishop mentioned right off that the Presidents Report was well written and thorough. Concluding, that Mike Feclyn from the Finance Office of the Archdiocese complimented the parish for being financially sound and well run. I want to thank Kris Moravek who is our board member on the corporation,, as well as she serves on the Parish Finance Commission, for her serving on both committees.

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

Fr. Steve

Everyday Stewardship

Remember that time when you arrived at school to take a test or quiz on material you failed to read? Maybe it was on a classic book or a chapter in a science textbook. Did your blood pressure go sky high and the sweat start to show on your forehead? Squirming in the seat, you wondered what you could have done to avoid feeling this way. Then it came to you: you should have read what you were supposed to read!

Procrastination, indifference, poor scheduling of time, and stubbornness are all reasons why we fail to be prepared for a situation that arises in our lives. We lack commitment in doing what we are asked to do or what we know we should do. This is certainly true in our spiritual lives as well. We may choose to bear the label of disciple or good steward, but we don't really prepare ourselves for the daily journey of life.

Sacred Scripture can prepare us more fully for the circumstances of life, but not if we fail to read it. The words contained there are Spirit and life for us. They help us to understand where we fit into the Body of Christ and how we are to respond to the daily call of Christ. Everyday Stewards should be committed to reading and reflection of the Word of God. We know we should spend time with God's Word, but too often we fail to do so due to the same reasons already mentioned. When we failed to read in school, perhaps we failed the test and it hurt our grade. When we fail in life due to lack of preparedness, sometimes the consequences are more severe.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Prayer For A Return To Faith

St. Anthony, God chose you for a mission of mercy to those who had fallen away from our Catholic faith. I entrust to you my concerns for (insert name) who does not presently worship at Mass or receive the Sacraments regularly. Speak to their heart, and lead them to want to know God better, to praise God often in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, and to offer their time and talents in the dedicated service of a welcoming, holy, faith-filled Catholic parish community. Grant them the joy, the privilege, and the power of a committed personal relationship with Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and His Body, the Church. Guide me with patience and wisdom to be a worthy example of faith to all.
Amen.



**REQUEST FOR
2024
CONTRIBUTION
STATEMENT**

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Have you recently moved or changed your phone number?

In order to keep our records as current as possible please notify the parish of any address or phone number changes.

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

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Please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket, at the parish office or in the mail!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today, from the Book of Nehemiah and St. Luke's Gospel, God's Word proclaimed to the people. Although the assembly in the Old Testament embraces Ezra's declaration, Jesus' profession that He is the anointed One does not go as well in His hometown. We can embrace our relationship with Christ by absorbing and reflecting on the readings proclaimed before the Eucharistic celebration at Mass, and by personally reading the Bible as several of our Holy Fathers have encouraged over the years. Read a few Scripture verses daily to allow the power of the Holy Spirit to open the meaning of the Word to you. Consider the *Lecito Divina* exercise of Scripture study to inspire you to evangelize—to spread the Good News—through your stewardship actions.



St. Rene Goupil would like to welcome the newest members of our Parish family!

Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Sobota

Mrs. Lilia Myers

Mr. & Mrs. Jay Mercado

Mr. & Mrs. Mikael Moutgalias

Readings for the Week

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Sunday, January 26, 2025:Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday, January 27, 2025:Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 28, 2025:Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 29, 2025:Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 30, 2025:Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 31, 2025:Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, February 1, 2025:Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, February 2, 2025:Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Readings for The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book of daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it—for he was standing higher up than any of the people—; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, “Amen, amen!” Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to the people: “Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep”—for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: “Go eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!”

Reading II

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, “Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body,” it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, “Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body,” it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, “I do not need you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I do not need you.” Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this. But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy. Now you are Christ's body, said individually part of it. Some people God has designated in the church to be, first, apostles; second, prophets; third, teachers; then, mighty deeds; then gifts of healing, assistance, administration, and varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work mighty deeds? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

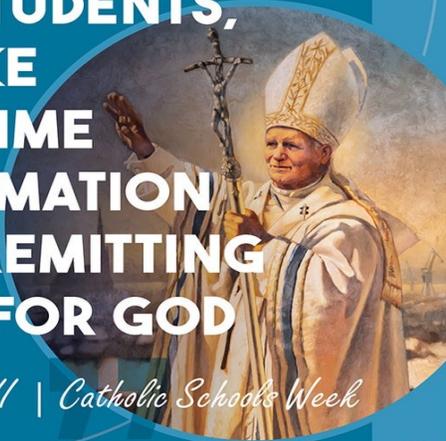
Gospel

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

I ENCOURAGE YOU,
DEAR STUDENTS,
TO MAKE
YOUR TIME
OF FORMATION
AN UNREMITTING
QUEST FOR GOD

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

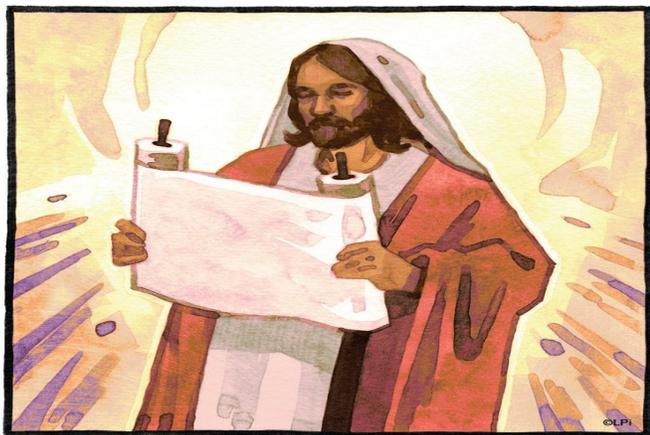
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

A young couple in my parish told me they were expecting their second child, a baby boy. I knew that their five-year old only child Emma had been desperately wanting to be a big sister for years, so I said, “Emma must have been so happy when you told her the news.” “Actually,” they said, “she burst into tears. She wanted a baby *sister!*” How often in life God wonderfully fulfills our desires and we are sad because we don’t approve of the way he does it. We want to control the gift and the delivery method.

The same thing occurs in the Gospel this week when Jesus announces in his hometown that the promise of an Anointed One bringing glad tidings to the poor is “fulfilled in your hearing” (Luke 4:21). After a moment of elation, his fellow townsfolk realize *this man* is the way God is fulfilling his promises, and they erupt into a violent outburst. So Jesus departs. How sad for them.

Every single Sunday at Mass, including this one, some version of this happens to many of us. God’s word announces the fulfillment of God’s promises in Christ, and we easily overlook or disdain it. His way is almost never according to our narrow expectations. What’s required of us is to set these aside, and to embrace a new openness to God’s gifts, no matter how he wishes to give them. God is fulfilling his promises the way He likes — why be sad?

— Father John Muir



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The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor...
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

— Lk 4:18a, 19

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The Eucharist is the sacrament
of love: it signifies love,
it produces love

- ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

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SAVING A
SEAT FOR
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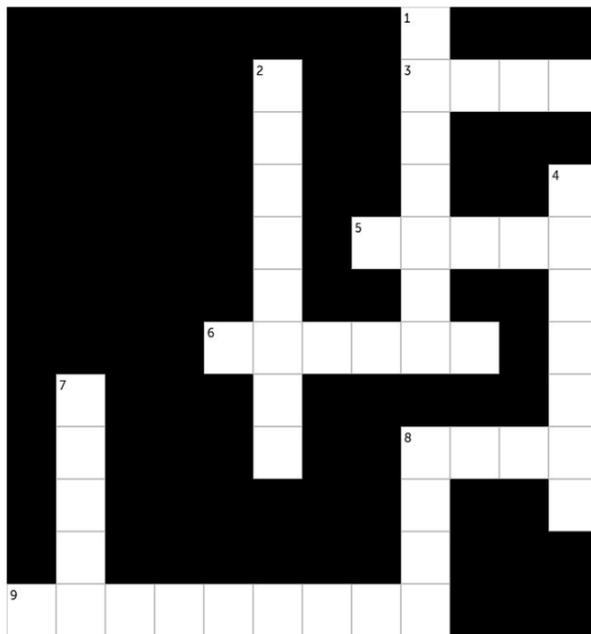
JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY KID'S CORNER



JANUARY 26, 2025: 3RD SUNDAY-ORDINARY TIME

TODAY, LUKE EXPLAINS WHY HE IS WRITING A BOOK ABOUT JESUS. HE SAYS THAT MANY PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY TOLD STORIES ABOUT JESUS, BUT HE WANTS TO MAKE SURE HIS STORY IS CLEAR AND TRUE. THE GOSPEL STORY SHOWS THE START OF JESUS' WORK AS A TEACHER. AFTER JESUS WAS FILLED WITH GOD'S SPIRIT, HE BEGAN TEACHING PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT PLACES. ONE DAY, HE WENT BACK TO HIS HOMETOWN, NAZARETH, AND WENT TO THE SYNAGOGUE. THERE, HE READ A SPECIAL VERSE FROM THE BIBLE THAT TALKS ABOUT SOMEONE GOD WOULD SEND TO HELP PEOPLE. AFTER READING IT, JESUS TOLD EVERYONE THAT HE WAS THE ONE WHO CAME TO DO ALL THOSE THINGS, LIKE HELPING THE POOR AND SETTING PEOPLE FREE. THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF JESUS TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT GOD'S LOVE.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 3. JESUS CAME TO HELP THE ____
- 5. JESUS READ FROM WHAT BOOK?
- 6. GOD WAS SENT TO HELP _____
- 8. WRITER OF TODAY'S GOSPEL
- 9. BUILDING JESUS WENT TO

DOWN

- 1. JESUS READ A _____ VERSE
- 2. HOMETOWN OF JESUS
- 4. IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, JESUS STARTED HIS WORK AS A _____
- 7. LUKE'S _____ IS CLEAR AND TRUE
- 8. JESUS BEGAN TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT GOD'S ____

FAMILY ACTIVITY: "Helping Hands" Poster

On a large piece of posterboard, draw or trace everyone's hands. Write "Helping Hands for Jesus" on the poster. Then, together, write down ways you can help others in your community, just like Jesus helped people. Hang it up as a reminder to be kind and share God's love.

DEAR GOD,

THANK YOU THAT JESUS CAME TO BRING HOPE.
PLEASE HELP ME TO SHOW LOVE TO THOSE
WHO ARE SAD OR HURTING. THANK YOU FOR
TEACHING US THAT WITH YOUR SPIRIT, WE
CAN HELP MAKE THE WORLD BETTER.
IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.

MASST INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Paul & Marie DelGrasso

Thursday, January 30, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Souls of Purgatory

Friday, January 31, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Frances Rozolosky

Saturday, February 1, 2025

4:00 p.m.

+Rosemarie Calmi

Parishioners of St. Rene

+Felix & Rita Gatt

+Maybelle Koehler

+Franklin Langenstein

+Umberto Basilisco

+Salvatore & Anna Grassi

Sunday, February 2, 2025

8:30 a.m.

+Norma Ramos

10:30 a.m.

+Christine Laubach

+Kriemhild Blaha

+William O'Neill

+James Fronrath

Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus, St. Nicholas Council & Their Families

+Sally Sobota

+Sophie Hyso

5:30 p.m.

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – THESE EVIL DAYS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Jesus didn't come to fix the brokenness of the world. He came to fix *our* brokenness. He offers us not relief from the trials of life, but an answer to the question of how to live in joy, in love and in purpose in the midst of these evil days.

These Evil Days

“Alas, that these evil days should be mine.”

If you've ever seen “The Lord of the Rings,” you might recognize this quote from “The Two Towers.” The words are spoken by King Theoden at the grave of his only son and heir, as Theoden contemplates the coming war for Middle Earth, a war which has already claimed the life of his son, a war he wants no part of, a war that seems utterly hopeless and unwinnable.

These evil days.

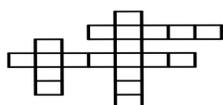
You don't have to be a fantasy enthusiast or even a Tolkien fan to identify with Theoden here. We have all experienced this same feeling of despair, perhaps increasingly in this age of technology and social media, when the ills of the whole world — violence, injustice, moral disorder and chaos — are in our faces, on our phones, looming over our days.

But when we despair like this, we forget an important truth: this is the time of fulfillment, and we are lucky enough to be living through it.

Yes, the world is broken. It was broken two thousand years ago, too, when Jesus stood up in the synagogue on the Sabbath and read the words of the prophet Isaiah: “He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives... and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”

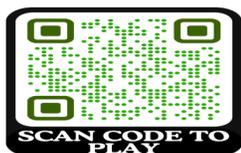
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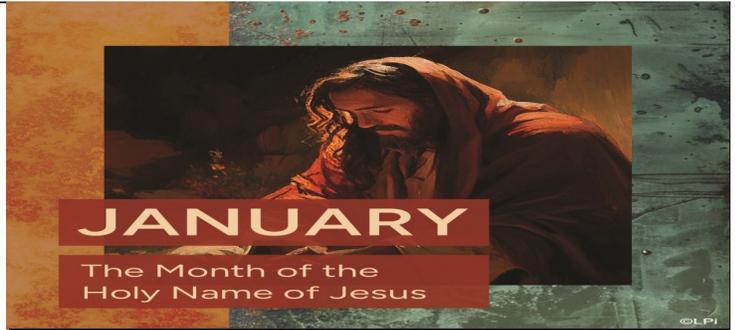
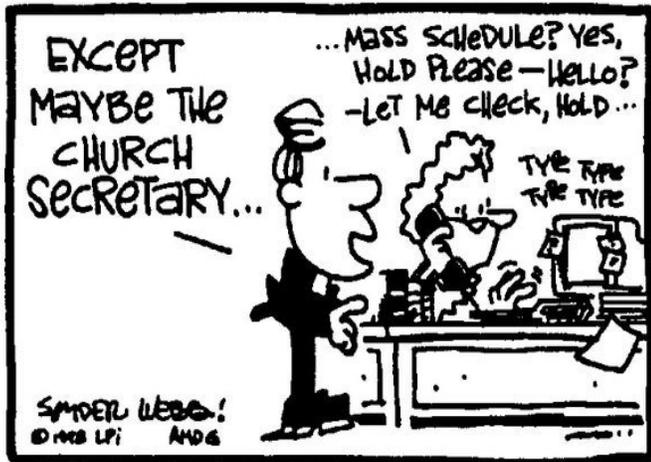


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3 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



If you have borrowed a Pyx from the Church office and are no longer in need of using it; could you please return it to the office.
Thank You!

Devotions, *Explained!* Examination of Conscience

Mini Explanation

The practice of examining one's conscience dates to the very beginning of the Christian faith. It simply calls for reflection on one's actions, making note of lapses in judgment that should be confessed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Examination of Conscience, *Explained*

In Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, the apostle writes that it is imperative for a Christian to reflect on his conscience before he partakes of Holy Eucharist: "Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (1 Corinthians 11:28). The practice of examining one's conscience before seeking the Sacrament of Reconciliation thus dates to the very beginning of the Christian faith and was encouraged as a regular practice by many saints and founders of religious orders as a means of growing in virtue. An examination of conscience, when it relates to the sacrament, simply means reflecting on one's actions (and particularly the intentions behind those actions) since the penitent's last absolution, making note of lapses in judgment that should be confessed. A good basis for this reflection can be the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes and the seven deadly sins.



IMPORTANT

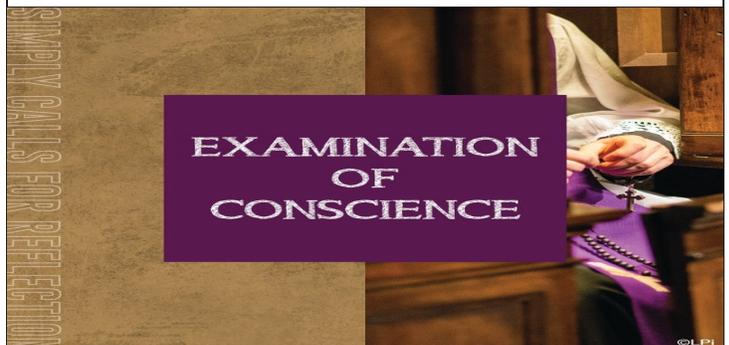
BULLETIN UPDATE

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.



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Weekend Liturgy Schedule for February 1 & 2

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Tim
Lector	Steve Szeliga	Barbara Wyrwicz	Dori Fooy	Paul Hornung
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Karin Nieto	Eli Wing-Na	
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Moravek G. Labinski	Open Open	T. Monteiro E. Monteiro	Open Open
Ushers	Tom Pluta Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Nick Rieser Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli Don Sundstrom	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 Elmor Monteiro	Paul Hornung Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
Sacristan	K. Moravek	K Nieto	T. Monteiro	Open

Weekday Liturgy Schedule for January

Week	Tuesday, January 28, 2025	Thursday, January 30, 2025	Friday, January 31, 2025
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
Lector	B. Wyrwicz	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana
Sacristan	K. Nieto	K. Nieto	K. Nieto
Eucharistic Minister	L. Youkhana	K. Nieto	M. Peterson

Altar Care Team:
Friday, January 31st
Team 1

Bibiane Gagnon
Joyce Fackler



If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity at St. Rene look no further. We are looking for volunteers for becoming a Lector, Sacristan, (**Lectors & Sacristans for the 5:30 p.m. Mass**) Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers (**both Youth and Adults for the Saturday at 4:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Mass**). We are also looking for Lectors, Sacristans for our weekday Masses. Volunteers to join the watering committee (watering the outdoor plants). Volunteers to help vacuum the Church on Friday's after Mass. 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.
Thank you in advance for volunteering!
God Bless!

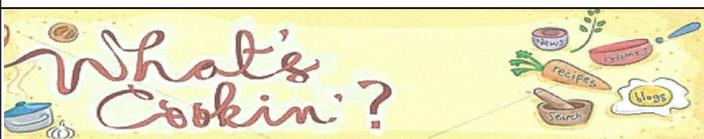
Altar Linen:
February:
Theresa Wilson

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.

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.



Italian Tuscany Soup

- 1 lg. can cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 (14 1/2 oz.) cans chicken broth
- 1 can water
- 1 (14 oz.) can diced tomatoes with juice
- 1 lb. or more sweet Italian sausage with fennel seeds
- 1 lg. onion, diced
- 1 stalk celery, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tbsp. olive oil
- 1 carrot, diced
- 1 lg. potato, diced
- 1/2 pkg. chopped frozen spinach, thawed and drained
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tsp. Italian seasoning
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Remove casing from sausage and crumble. Sauté sausage in skillet until color fades. Remove from pan and set aside. Add olive oil to skillet and sauté onions and celery until soft. Add garlic. Put onion mixture and sausage in large pot. Add broth, water and bay leaf. Cook to boiling point.

When boiling, add potatoes and carrots. Return to boiling for 1/2 hour. Add beans, spices and tomatoes, Italian seasoning and drained spinach. Simmer 3/4 to 1 hour. Serve in bowls with a sprinkle of fresh Parmesan cheese.



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Prayer for Family Unity

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.

O holy St. Anthony, I fervently ask for your heavenly intercession on behalf of my family. Fill our hearts with mutual love, compassion, and understanding. Help us to be forgiving of each other's mistakes and failures, so that our family may reflect God's presence in our homes and in our lives. Grant us family harmony, unity and peace. Amen

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
 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 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
Wednesday 2pm & Friday 9am
TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!

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Closed 12 Noon—1:00 p.m. Lunch
Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon

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Rev. Joy Chakian, Associate
Rev. Mr. John Ball, Deacon Emeritus
Rev. Mr. Kevin Tietz, Deacon
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Weekend Liturgy Schedule

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

Weekday Mass

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

Confessions

3:00 p.m. every Saturday

WELCOME

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

St. Rene Mission Statement

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

Parish Registration:

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

Baptism:

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

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

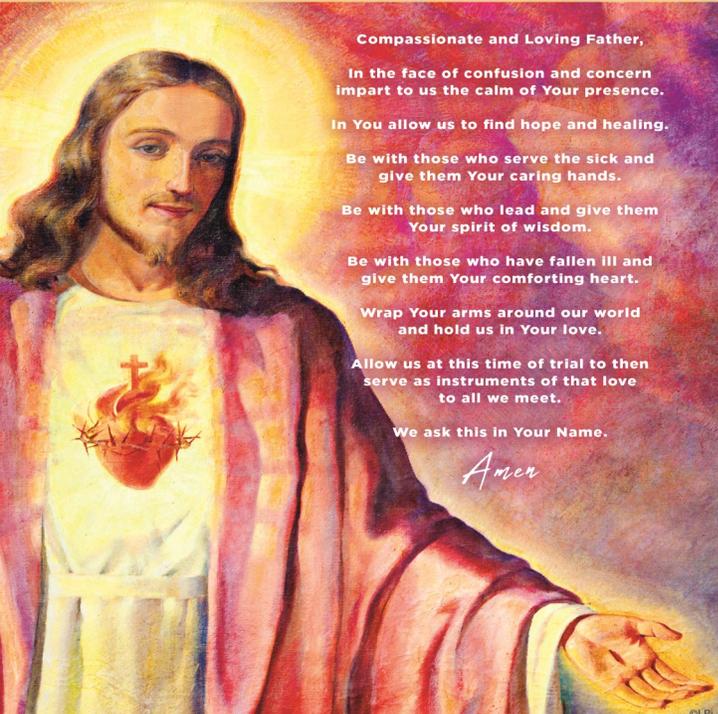
Marriage:

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

Anointing of the Sick:

On request or by appointment through the Parish Office.

Remember in Your Prayers
ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD



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