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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
March 23, 2025

Notes from Fr. Steve

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation, on the Feast of the Annunciation, Christians around the world commemorate a pivotal moment in history—the announcement to Mary by the Archangel Gabriel that she would conceive and give birth to Jesus, the Son of God. This feast, observed annually on March 25th, holds profound significance beyond its historical narrative. It serves as a beacon of hope and a testament to the power of faith.

The story of the Annunciation is not merely a recounting of events but a profound example of divine grace intersecting with human humility. Mary, a young woman from Nazareth, receives the news with courage and faith, despite the uncertainties and challenges it presents. Her response — “Let it be done to me according to your word” — exemplifies trust in God’s plan.

In commemorating this feast, believers are reminded of the profound implications of Mary’s “yes” to God. It marks the beginning of the fulfillment of salvation, as foretold by prophets and waited for generations. The Incarnation of Christ through Mary signifies God’s profound love for humanity — a love so great that He chose to enter the world as one of us, to share in our joys and sorrows.

The Feast of the Annunciation also underscores the importance of openness to God’s will in our lives. Like Mary, we are called to listen attentively to God’s voice amidst the noise of the world, to trust in His guidance, and to respond with faith and obedience. It challenges us to reflect on how we, too can say “yes” to God’s invitations, however unexpected or challenging they may seem.

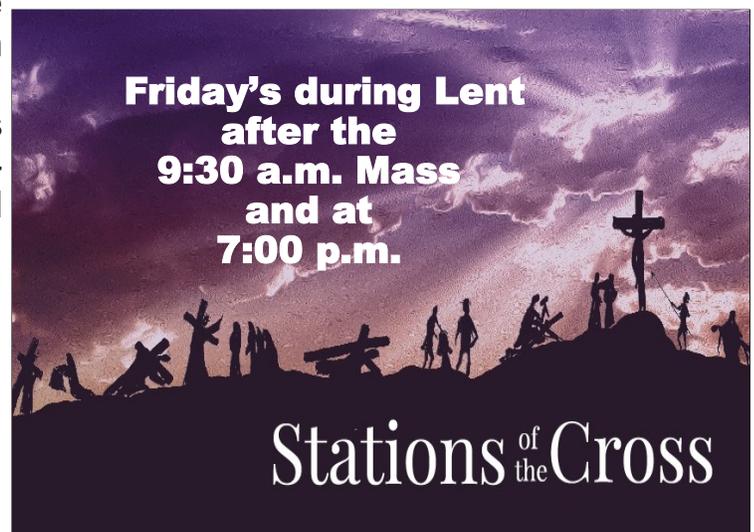
As we celebrate this feast, let us contemplate the example of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and strive to follow her profound trust and obedience. Let us renew our commitment to live out our faith with courage and humility, knowing that God’s plans for us are always filled with hope and purpose.

In the spirit of the Annunciation, may we find inspiration to embrace God’s will in our lives and to journey ever closer to Him who brings light and salvation to the world.

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!

In planning ahead please look at Holy Week, please plan on attending mass Holy Thursday evening at 7pm, we will have the washing of the Feet, Procession with the Eucharist, and Adoration to follow. Good Friday services begin with Stations of the Cross acted out by the young people of the community at 12 Noon, and the Easter Vigil will begin at 4 pm.

Fr. Steve



God, I pray for my prayer life to become vibrant and strong in this season of Lent. I pray that Your voice, even though a whisper, would ring loud and true in my life.

I pray for the courage and boldness to follow wherever You lead me, to love and serve whomever and however You invite me.

Amen.



LENTEN TOWEL DRIVE



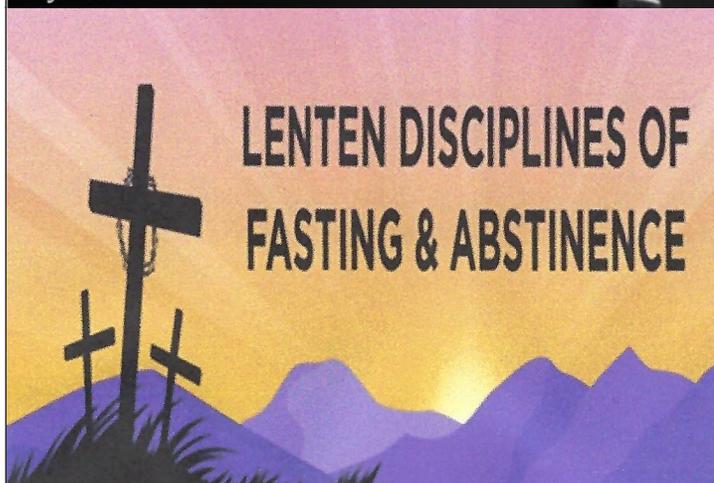
It is that time of year again...time for our annual Lenten Towel Project. We will be collecting brand-new bath towels and washcloths during the Lenten season; from Ash Wednesday until Good Friday. These may be placed in the wooden bin near the library. These shelters are so appreciative of the help we provide every year.

The towels and wash-clothes will once again be distributed to the Salvation Army's MATTs (Macomb's Answer To Temporary Shelter) and Turning Point (a shelter for abused women and children).

Lent is a wonderful time of prayer and sacrifice. Please pray to see if it is in your heart to give a little to help these people who need so much.

May God bless you this Lent.

LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Catholics who observe fasting during Lent follow these general rules:

1. **Fasting**—Required on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** for Catholics aged **18 to 59**. This means consuming only **one full meal** and up to **two smaller meals** that together do not equal a full meal.
2. **Abstinence from Meat** - Required on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent** For Catholics aged **14 and older**. This means avoiding meat from land animals (such as beef, pork, and chicken), but fish and other seafood are permitted. Exceptions are made for those with health conditions, pregnant women, manual laborers, and others with special circumstances.



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

Mr. Michael Kraydich

Readings for The Third Sunday of Lent

Reading I

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian. Leading the flock across the desert, he came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There an angel of the LORD appeared to Moses in fire flaming out of a bush. As he looked on, he was surprised to see that the bush, though on fire, was not consumed. So Moses decided, "I must go over to look at this remarkable sight, and see why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw him coming over to look at it more closely, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses! Moses!" He answered, "Here I am." God said, "Come no nearer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers," he continued, "the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. But the LORD said, "I have witnessed the affliction of my people in Egypt and have heard their cry of complaint against their slave drivers, so I know well what they are suffering. Therefore I have come down to rescue them from the hands of the Egyptians and lead them out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey." Moses said to God, "But when I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' if they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?" God replied, "I am who am." Then he added, "This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you." God spoke further to Moses, "Thus shall you say to the Israelites: The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. "This is my name forever; thus I am to be remembered through all generations."

Reading II

Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, and all of them were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was the Christ. Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were struck down in the desert. These things happened as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil things, as they did. Do not grumble as some of them did, and suffered death by the destroyer. These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

Some people told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with the blood of their sacrifices. Jesus said to them in reply, "Do not think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all others Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did! Or those eighteen people who were killed when the tower at Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than everyone else who lived in Jerusalem? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?' He said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down.'"

Readings for the Week

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Sunday, March 23, 2025: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9, *Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday, March 24, 2025: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday, March 25, 2025: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, March 26, 2025: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 27, 2025: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 28, 2025: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 29, 2025: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 30, 2025: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32, *Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

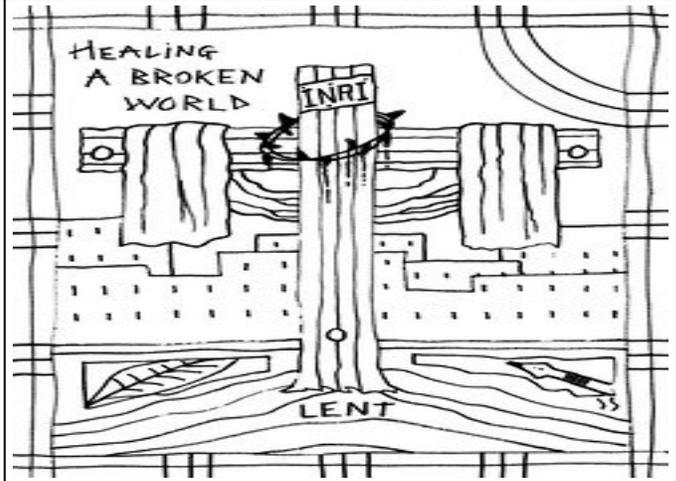


Loving God, I offer you today
all I think and do and say.

I offer it with what was done on
earth by Jesus Christ, your son.



Amen



LENT

How many can you find?

Find your way to church

40 DAYS

MY PROMISE FOR LENT

How many can you find?

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:4-5

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

3rd Sunday of Lent

John 4:5-42

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "**For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me**" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

— *Father John Muir*

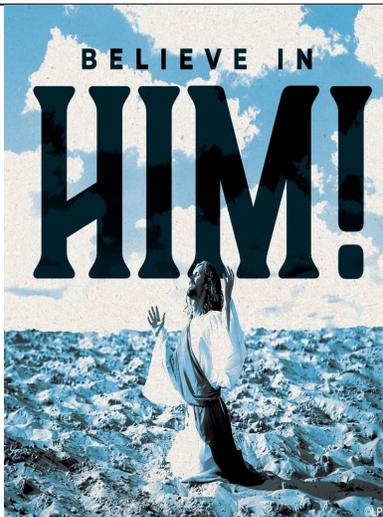
Prayer of Lent

Dear God,

As I fast, may Your presence be my sustenance.

As I pray, continue to reveal Yourself to me.

As I give to others, may I know You even more deeply.
Amen.



Devotions, Explained!
Taizé

Mini Explanation

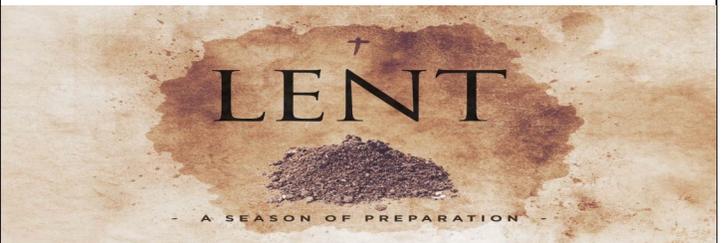
Taizé is an ecumenical Christian movement that is known for its distinctive style of music and prayer. Taizé devotees have carried its music and traditions to Catholic and Christian communities throughout the world.

Taizé, Explained

Taizé originated in France during World War II. It takes its name from the small town just southeast of Paris where Brother Roger Schutz, a Swiss Protestant, founded the community in the hopes of serving both Christian and Jewish refugees of the German-occupied country. In the years following World War II, Christian men from various traditions — Catholic and Protestant — came to live at Taizé and participate in Brother Roger's vision of ecumenism, social justice and peace, eventually forming a community of about 80 brothers from nearly 30 countries.

Today, Taizé continues to be a place of pilgrimage, particularly for young people, who visit the community in the tens of thousands each year.

Taizé has also become well-known for its style of music and prayer, which emphasizes silence, contemplation and stillness. Taizé devotees have carried its music and traditions to Catholic and Christian communities throughout the world.



New!
Check out the
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Experience LENT like never before!

SOUP & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

5:45 PM

TEEN LED BIBLE STUDY (for all ages)

6:00 PM

TEEN LED STATIONS OF THE CROSS (for all ages)

7:00 PM



THREE FRIDAYS OF LENT
March 14th, April 4th & April 11th
@ St. Rene Goupil Parish



"For you have been born again, through the living and enduring Word of God."

1 Peter 1:23

• Bible study based on 3 tenants of Lent: prayer, fasting, almsgiving

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FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025: FISH FRY, 4:00-7:00 P.M. @ ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL

World Youth Jubilee pilgrims will work at the fish fry

@ St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Sterling Heights, MI

World Youth Jubilee is in Rome: July 27- August 3, 2025



SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025: TIMOTHY AWARDS, 1:00 PM @ OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

2025 recipients: **Abbi Friedrich, Danielle Griffor, Phuong Le, Lilian Nguyen**

Past recipients: Elizabeth Galadik, Jaise Bergmoser, Valentina Mansour, Dennis Surhigh, Isabelle Gonzales, Sienna Roberts, Kimberly Storen, Aaron Amano, Madison Santiago



SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025: 4:00 PM Mass @ ST. RENE GOUPEL

World Youth Jubilee Pilgrims will be introduced and take donations after mass

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025: HOLY BROTHS! Fundraiser 5:00-7:00 PM @ ST. RENE GOUPEL

Jubilee Pilgrims will host a Soup and Salad Saturday Spectacular

- Soup, Salad, and stix meal (\$10/person, \$20/family)
- Soup sampling and "Best of Soup" competition
- A variety of gift baskets for raffle (additional cost)
- 50/50 raffle (additional cost)



SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 5:00 PM Masses @ ST. RENE GOUPEL

World Youth Jubilee Pilgrims will be introduced and take donations after all masses



Thank You For Supporting Our World Youth Jubilee pilgrims!!!

ADULT CHAPERONES: Michael, Jack, Jessica, Annette, Michelle, Andrew, Karen, Jennifer, Kevin, Johannes

YOUTH PILGRIMS: Carlie, Parker, Anna, Sean, Sienna, Kiera, Emma, Owen, Dennis, Abbi, Val, Charlee, Jessica, Farrah

MASST INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Fr. Bob Williams
Special Intention Helen Strbenac
Sabah Kama (Healing)
Majdolin Kama (Healing)
Special Intention of the Kamas & Torres Families

Thursday, March 27, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Patricia & William Cassabon

Friday, March 28, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Anthony DeBene

Saturday, March 29, 2025

4:00 p.m.

+Rosemarie Calmi
Parishioners of St. Rene
+Edwin Wagner
+Maybelle Koehler
+Franklin Langenstein
+Bob Wisniewski
+Walter Broski
+Joan Herbert
+Kathryn Kolacz
+Fred Austria
+Ray Powers

Sunday, March 30, 2025

8:30 a.m.

+James Testa
+Flordesita Cochiosue
+Benito Llemit
+Maria Llemit

10:30 a.m.

+James Reaume Sr.
+James Reaume Jr.
+Charles Reaume
+Stephanie Reaume
+Wilhemia Reaume
+Helen Karash
+Leo Karash
+Leon Karash
+Phillip Karash
+Claude Fedders
+Josephine Martineau
+David Willick
+Linda Tittjung
+Belen Olaes

5:30 p.m.

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Stoking the Lenten Fire

I think we all can acknowledge that there's a certain fatigue that comes over us all as we near the end of the Lenten season. Next week is Laetare Sunday, and I find that as soon as those pink vestments start coming out of storage, our collective motivation begins to wane.

I get that. Maybe you're fatigued — I am, too. Maybe you're doing well in your resolutions and devotions but you're in danger of coasting. Or maybe, like many of us this year or in past years, you don't feel that you have even really begun your Lenten journey.

Either way, chances are that the fire that was in your belly on Ash Wednesday is burning a bit low. All fires eventually do, once they consume whatever fuels them. So here we would do well to remember what fuels our Lenten fire.

Sometimes we make resolutions that have the appearance of being spiritual, but also have an earthly motive. We give up chocolate hoping to lose weight. We stop gossiping so our friends may like us more. There is nothing wrong with these sacrifices — just with their motivations.

As Moses removes his sandals to approach the burning bush, he sees that the fire burns brightly, strongly — but does not consume. It is propelled by something inexhaustible, something which is not of this world.

Is your Lenten fire fueled by God? Are you daily surrendering yourself to the same voice that boomed from the bush in Genesis — the voice that commanded the Israelites to do what seemed like the impossible?

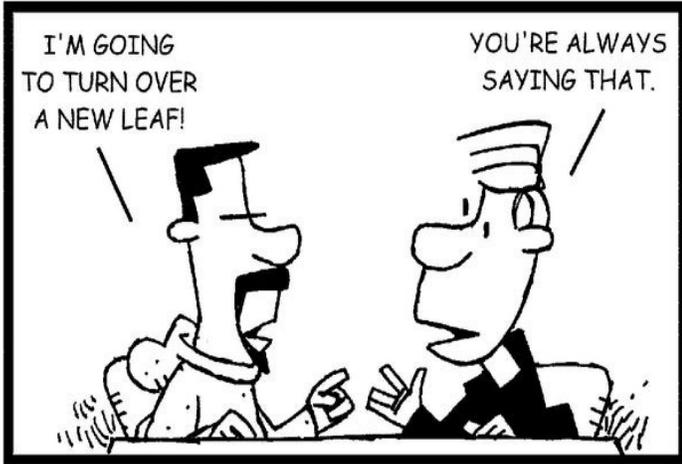
— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.
May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.
Amen.



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



THE NEED FOR ONGOING REFORM

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – THE PATIENT GARDNER

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: What I love most about our Savior is that he didn't — doesn't — give up on us. "Give me more time," he says to the Master. "I can still fix this one."

The Patient Gardener

I have garden beds on the side of my house that I don't deserve.

When we bought the property, this was one of the features that was highlighted in the listing. "Professional landscaping! Tri-level garden beds that bask in the southern exposure!"

But I'm so terrible at weeding these garden beds — they become overgrown quickly, and I shudder to imagine what the previous owners would think of me if they drove by. I'm afraid they would write me off as lazy or disinterested, when really I'm just exhausted and busy. Every time I try to garden, one of my little assistant gardeners runs near the road and I must abandon the project to save them.

So, my husband, bless his heart, is the savior of these garden beds. He goes out there in the cool of the evening to pluck up the weeds that threaten to overtake this beautiful little garden. Patiently and tenderly, he restores it to a presentable state. Without him, they would be lost.

Perhaps I love these garden beds so much because I identify with them. If I were a garden, I would also be a mess, and people who have no time for messes would write me off as hopeless. We all need a savior to stick up for us, to come and quietly prune the unsightly growths that have taken root in our souls and turn the soil that has sat undisturbed for too long.

What I love most about our Savior is that he didn't — doesn't — give up on us. "Give me more time," he says to the Master. "I can still fix this one."



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 March 29 & 30				
	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	Louis Youkhana	Ricky Yulo	Flor Sitchon	Dorothy Arche
Altar Servers	Phat Le Phong Le	Karin Nieto	Paul Havern	Open
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Youkhana G. Labinski	Open Open	T. Monteiro E. Monteiro	Open Open
Ushers	<u>Tom Pluta</u> Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Nick Rieser Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli Don Sundstrom	<u>Tom Dutkiewicz</u> Luis Nieto Al Gyenese Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti	<u>Terry Shaughnessy</u> Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chrisie Fish Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro	<u>Paul Hornung</u> Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
Sacristan	L. Youkhana	K, Nieto	T. Monteiro	Open

Weekday Liturgy Schedule for March

Week	Tuesday, March 25, 2025	Thursday, March 27, 2025	Friday, March 28, 2025
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
Lector	B. Wyrwicz	M. Peterson	M. Peterson
Sacristan	K. Nieto	K. Nieto	K. Nieto
Eucharistic Minister	L. Youkhana	L. Youkhana	L. Youkhana

<p>Altar Care Team: Friday, March 28th Team 3 Teresita Bugante Helen DeVera Ofelia Cunanan Divina Divina Marietta Martinez</p>
<p>Church Vacuuming : Friday, March 28th Jim Moravek</p>
<p>Altar Linen: March: Aiby Sales</p>



We're Searching for Volunteers

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.

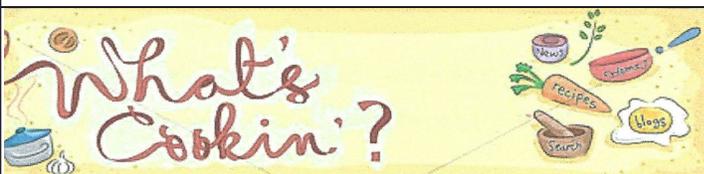
Thank you in advance for volunteering!
God Bless!

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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.



Shrimp Scampi

- 1/4 c. shallots, finely diced
- 2 tbsp. garlic, finely minced
- Shrimp (3 to 4 per person)
- 1 c. heavy cream
- Parsley, finely chopped
- 2/3 c. white wine (Chardonnay)
- Salt and pepper

Saute the shallots in butter. Add the garlic and quickly add the shrimp as to not burn the garlic. Season the shrimp lightly and make sure your heat is at medium. Lightly dust with flour, then deglaze pan with white wine. Let simmer for 2 minutes, then fold in the cream and let it thicken. Garnish with chopped parsley.

Third Sunday of Lent

In today’s Scripture readings, from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians and St. Luke’s Gospel, a theme of repentance emerges. St. Paul advises the Corinthian community to not repeat the sinful ways of their ancestors in the wilderness with Moses. Due to their evil actions and refusal to repent, many of the ancient Israelites did not reach the Promised Land. In the Gospel, Jesus is very clear about the need for repentance. We can be assured that God extends compassion, mercy, and patience to sinners, but Jesus warns us in His parable of the fig tree, a “tree” that fails to produce the fruit of repentance is cut down. Good and faithful stewards acknowledge Lent as a time of repentance, a time to celebrate God’s gift of forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Never be afraid to seek the love and mercy of God, who proclaims to Moses in the Book of Exodus, *I am Who am*. Experience Jesus’ healing grace this Lent through



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March 15 & 16
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.



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!



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.

THE 12 PILGRIMAGE SITES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT:

- Basilica of Ste. Anne, Detroit
- Blessed Solanus Casey Center, Detroit
- Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Detroit
- Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield
- National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak
- Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Riverview
- Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, Brownstown Township
- Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel (Madonna University)
- Shrine of Jesus the Divine Mercy, Clinton Township
- Shrine of St. John Paul II, Orchard Lake
- St. Joseph Shrine, Detroit
- Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pontiac

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
Thursday 9 am & 10 am
TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!

**SAINT RENE GOUPIL
Catholic Church**

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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
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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.

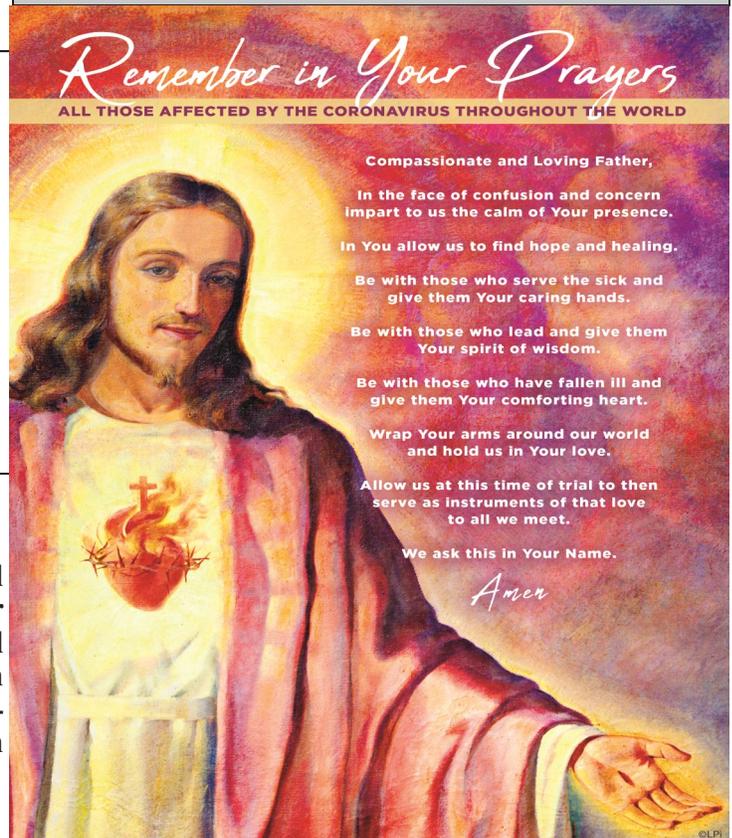
Penance: Saturday 3:00 p.m. Special schedules for Advent and Lent.

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