

1st Sunday OF ADVENT

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
December 1, 2024

Notes from Fr. Steve

As we begin our celebration of Advent I wanted to give you some background information beforehand so you could better appreciate this beautiful season. Advent, a season of hope, reflection, and preparation, unfolds over four weeks, each marked by its own profound meaning. This cherished tradition invites us to journey towards the celebration of Christ's birth while deepening our faith. Each week carries a unique theme, symbolized by the lighting of a candle, which illuminates the spiritual path leading to Christmas.

The first week of Advent centers on **hope**, represented by the Prophet's Candle. This candle reminds us of the Old Testament prophecies foretelling the coming of the Messiah. It's called to anticipate Christ's arrival with joyful expectation, knowing that His presence brings light to the darkest corners of life.

The second week brings the **peace** of God's promise. The Bethlehem Candle, lit during this week, symbolizes the peace that Jesus brings as the Prince of Peace. It encourages us to quiet our hearts and reflect on the tranquility and unity He offers in a divided world.

Joy radiates in the third week, represented by the Shepherd's Candle, which is often pink to reflect a lighter mood. This week recalls the angels' message to the shepherds: "I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people" (Luke 2:10). It is a celebration of the glad tidings of Jesus' birth and the rejoicing it brings.

The final week of Advent focuses on **love**, symbolized by the Angels Candle. It represents the boundless love of God, who sent His only Son for our redemption. This love invites us to extend grace and compassion to others, embodying the spirit of the Christmas season.

Advent is a season of both inward preparation and outward expression. Through hope, peace, joy, and love, we are drawn closer to God and reminded of His promises. As the light of each candle grows brighter with every passing week, so too does our anticipation for the arrival of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

This Advent, let the meanings of each week inspire a deeper connection to your faith and a renewed appreciation for the gifts of Christmas.

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!



**Penance Service
Monday
December 9, 2024
at 7:00 p.m.**

Fr. Steve



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). 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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Waiting is not always so easy. If you lack patience, like me, you probably want whatever is going to happen to just happen already. I remember waiting on the births of my children. There was the time I sat with my dying father in the hospital. One year, we waited to see if our oldest child got into the college of his choice, or any college at all, which seemed quite nerve-wracking.

So, to make the time pass more easily, and because it is prudent and wise, we make preparations. We put together nurseries, go over last will and testaments, and look through endless college mailings. Then, when the event finally happens or our fate is unveiled, the preparation ends. Either you have prepared well for that moment, or you realize your actions didn't prepare you at all.

Advent comes every year. So, unlike events in our lives that only happen once, we have been through Advent many times before. Even though this is the case, when Christmas arrives many of us will think we missed it again, and next year will be the year we really get into Advent. Of course, not to sound morbid, but there is no promise of next year. What if you knew this was your last Advent ever?

I read a book some years ago about how to live your life as if you only had one year to live. The author said that doing this provides incentive for a real commitment to living life to its fullest. You notice things for the first time. You make those plans that you always put off. You tell people what you always wanted to say.

I hope all who read this have many wonderful years ahead of them. However, let's approach this Advent like it is our last. I bet Christmas will seem that much sweeter. And who knows, we may find a new and improved way to live all year long.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



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National Religious Retirement Office Announces Annual Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

DETROIT, Oct. 31, 2024 — The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) is announcing the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection, scheduled in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit on the weekend of Dec. 7-8.

In 2023, parishioners contributed \$455,779.85 to the collection. From this collection, the Basilian Fathers received a total of \$94,928.65 in financial support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Mr. John Knutsen, NRRO director, expresses gratitude for the "profound generosity" of U.S. Catholics, emphasizing the importance of ensuring the "comfort and dignity" of those who have served tirelessly. "As we prepare for this year's collection," Knutsen stated, "we invite all Catholics to join us in honoring the legacy of these dedicated women and men by contributing to their well-deserved care."

Escalating healthcare costs and a lack of traditional retirement plans have created financial challenges for many religious communities. The Retirement Fund for Religious addresses this need, supporting more than 20,000 religious over the age of 70. In 2023, the average annual cost for their care was roughly \$59,700 per person. With skilled nursing care, the average cost was \$90,700.

Since its establishment in 1988, the collection has raised over \$1 billion, with nearly \$870 million distributed for direct care and over \$103.5 million allocated to self-help projects.

In 2023, the appeal raised \$29.3 million, providing financial assistance for the retirement needs of 286 U.S. religious communities. Beyond financial aid, the collection supports educational programs, empowering religious communities to plan for their long-term needs.

About the NRRO

The NRRO coordinates the annual national appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious and distributes financial assistance to eligible religious communities. It is sponsored by the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, the Council of Major Superiors of Women Religious, the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

For more information, visit retiredreligious.org, or contact Robin Cabral, Campaign Director, by phone at (508) 685-8899 or by email at robincabral@retiredreligious.org.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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

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

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

Everyday Stewardship

Preparing the Manger

Where do you fall in the “Christmas-songs-in-November” debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There’s no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it’s not everyone’s cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It’s hard to miss that point — Lent doesn’t even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It’s harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — “advent” — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, “so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap.”

So let us not forget — our master’s advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?

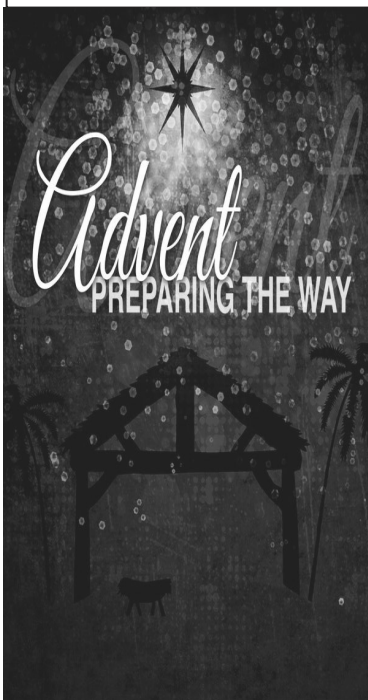
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



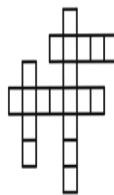
Just a reminder that all gifts must be returned by Sunday, December 8th. Please check the tags for “wrapped” or “unwrapped.” Please attach the tags back on the gifts when you return them. Thank you for your generosity this season.

First Sunday of Advent

As we begin this holy season of Advent, we should consider taking inventory of our lives. In today’s Gospel from the evangelist St. Luke, Jesus tells of the signs associated with the end times. For faithful disciples, though, Christ reassures us: But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. In other words, stand firm in your faith before the Lord when He comes again in glory and power. St. Paul reminds the Thessalonian community, and us, that our Lord strengthens us to love God and one another — to be blameless in holiness before Him. Faithful stewards acknowledge that expressing evangelization through stewardship as a way of life deepens our quest for holiness. As we prepare for Christ’s birth, avoid the busyness of the “holiday season” by making time to read Scripture daily and attend Mass frequently to receive Holy Communion.

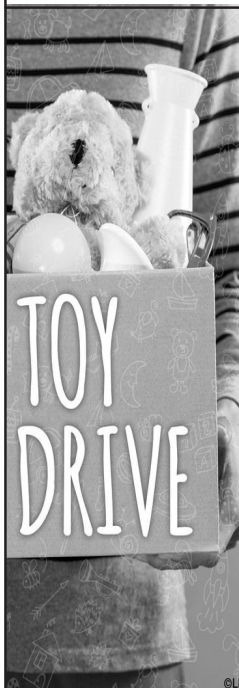
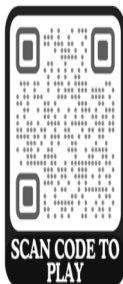


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ONLINE PUZZLE PAGE



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TOY COLLECTION

Would you like to put a smile on a little child’s face? You can make this happen by donating NEW, unwrapped toys during the weekend of Nov. 30th & Dec. 1st & Dec. 7th and Dec. 8th.

The toys will be distributed to needy children in the inner city. Please do not bring violence related toys. A table will be set up by the parish office for the toys.

Thank you for your loving support!

Readings for First Sunday of Advent

Reading I

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice."

Reading II

Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen. Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God—and as you are conducting yourselves—you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

Gospel

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

Readings for the Week

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Sunday, December 1, 2024: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday, December 2, 2024: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 3, 2024: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 4, 2024: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 5, 2024: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 6, 2024: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 7, 2024: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 8, 2024: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

MASST INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Medi Maroto
+Delphine Knowles
Marlo Vital

Thursday, December 5, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Marilynn Swindlehurst
+Celi Esmana

Friday, December 6, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Walter Hyso (60th R.A.)

Saturday, December 7, 2024

4:00 p.m.

+Joan Herbert
+Rosemarie Calmi
Parishioners of St. Rene
+Felix & Rita Gatt
+Josephine & Stanley Mroz
+Maybelle Koehler
+Fred Schulte
+Franklin Langenstein
+Barbara Borowski
+Robert Newberry
+Ronald Schornack

Sunday, December 8, 2024

8:30 a.m.

+Sharon Murawski
+Henrietta Lopinski
+Geraldine Hatcher

10:30 a.m.

For the intentions of the Knights of Columbus-St. Nicholas Council and families

+Giuseppe & Concetta DiStefano
+James Quirk
+Visitacion Acosta
+Kriemhild Blaha
Africa Vital
Librada Vital
Tess Vital
+Walt Kalcevic
+Rose Zappa
+Sam Zappa
+Mary Ellen (Korki) Hopkins

5:30 p.m.

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene



GOSPEL MEDITATION

1st Sunday of Advent

When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, "Don't be afraid." She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, "Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen." A few days later she died.

Christians face the ending of our personal various "worlds" in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves **"fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world"** (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to **"look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."** He then compares what's coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That's what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you're troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: "Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming."

— *Father John Muir*



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

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

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

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

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

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for December 7 & 8

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Juraj	Fr. Steve	Fr. Tim
Lector	Barbara Kiernan	Barbara Wyrwicz	Corina Sison	Virginia Jennings
Altar Servers	Helen DeVera	Karin Nieto	Eli Wing-Nga	
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Moravek L. Nosek	Open Open	C. Sison G. Yeck	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	C. Sison	V. Jennings

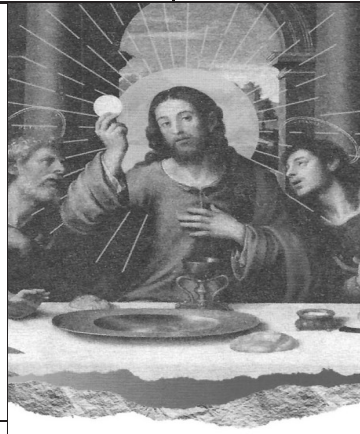
Altar Care Team:

Friday, December
6th

Team 2
Roxann Klee
Karin Nieto
Antonina Notarantonio

Altar Linen:

December:
Denise Link



eucharisticrevival.org

You now can donate to St. Rene Goupil using your cell phone! Just take a picture of the QR code in the gathering space or in the bulletin; it will automatically link you to the St. Rene donation site. Enter the amount you wish to donate, card information and press the "Pay" button. It's that simple! We thank you for your generosity.



SCAN CODE TO DONATE
TO ST. RENE GOUPIL

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 following items are needed for the pantry:

Vegetable oil, salad dressing, fruit in a can, jam, canned potatoes, dehydrated mashed potatoes, dish soap, bar soap, shampoo and hand soap.

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.

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.



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

New Christmas Tradition

Beginning December 1st read one chapter of the book of Luke in the Bible each evening.

There are 24 chapters.

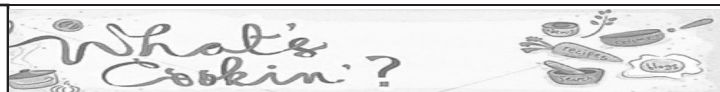
On Christmas Eve you will have read an entire account of Jesus's Life and wake up Christmas morning knowing WHO and WHY we celebrate!!



**Our Sunday Offering
November 23 & 24
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.



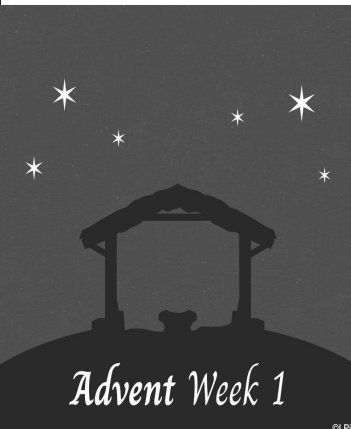
Holiday Trifle

- 2 pkg. ladyfingers or pound cake or sponge cake
- 2 cans cherries packed in juice—drained (not pie filling)
- 2 cans custard or vanilla pudding
- 4 bananas (sliced and placed in lemon/sugar mixture to keep from browning—drain before layering)
- 1/4—1/2 cup Harvey's Bristol Cream sherry (or your favorite liquor)
- 1 large container Cool Whip
- Sprinkles (red dots and green long pieces to form holly)

Use trifle bowl for presentation purposes. Place split ladyfingers (pound cake or sponge cake) on bottom of bowl. Line split ladyfingers around the bowl standing up. Place layer of cherries that have sat in the sherry or liquor for several hours; layer of custard; layer of bananas; layer pieces of ladyfinger or cake; layer of cherries; layer of custard; layer of bananas; thick layer of Cool Whip. Place red dots on top of Cool Whip and add two green sprinkles to form leaves (looks like holly). Chill overnight. Makes a lovely presentation. Use a large spoon and go to bottom of bowl to get a little bit of everything.

Prayer for the first week of Advent Prayer of Expectation

Dear God,
As we prepare for Your arrival,
align our hearts and homes to
Your will.
Pour into us Your grace, as we
wait in joyful expectation.
Amen.



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

*Let us walk
in the light
of the Lord*



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.



We are in need of Sacristans and Eucharistic Ministers. If anyone is interested, please contact the parish office at (586)939-7500.

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 Servers

We are in need of Altar servers, young or adult who would like to serve, please contact the parish office at (586)939-7500. Please come serve at the Altar!

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
Friday 4pm
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
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Rev. Mr. John Ball, Deacon Emeritus
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Director of Evangelization & Education
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Director of Worship & Music

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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

