

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community  
April 27, 2025

• 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY) •

**DO NOT BE  
UNBELIEVING,  
BUT BELIEVE.**

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## Notes from Fr. Steve

As we mourn and remember Pope Francis a man of faith and compassion, it is a solemn moment that resonates deeply with millions around the globe, Pope Francis, the 266th pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church, passed away at the age of 88. His life was a testament to unwavering faith, profound compassion, and a relentless dedication to social justice.

Born Jorge Mario Bergoglio in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Pope Francis took on the papacy in 2013, bringing a fresh perspective characterized by humility and a commitment to serving the marginalized. His faith was not just a set of beliefs but a guiding principle that shaped his every action. From washing the feet of prisoners to advocating for environmental stewardship, Pope Francis embodied the teachings of Christ in a way that inspired Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Throughout his papacy, Pope Francis championed dialogue and reconciliation, seeking to bridge divides within the Church and beyond. His efforts towards interfaith dialogue and promoting peace earned him respect across religious boundaries. He emphasized the need for a Church that is inclusive and merciful, reaching out to those on the peripheries of society with love and compassion.

Pope Francis's legacy extends beyond doctrinal matters; he leaves behind a Church that is more engaged with contemporary social issues, from economic inequality to climate change. His encyclicals, such as *Laudato si'*, have urged global action on environmental issues, calling for a responsible stewardship of the Earth.

As we mourn the loss of Pope Francis during this solemn season, we also celebrate the joy of the Easter season. Easter, the cornerstone of the Christian faith, reminds us of the promise of resurrection and renewal. It is a time of hope and spiritual rebirth, resonating deeply with Pope Francis's message of mercy and love.

In the words of Pope Francis himself, "Let us not close our hearts, let us not lose confidence, let us never give up: there are no substitutions which God cannot change, there is no sin which He cannot forgive if only we open ourselves to Him."

As the Church prepares to select a new leader, Pope Francis's enduring legacy of faith, humility, and compassion will continue to guide and inspire generations to come, reminding us all of the transformative power of love and the enduring hope found in the Easter message.

Please remember the late Pope Francis in your prayers for the happy repose of his soul. We also mourn the passing of Lottie Kobus who led the rosary before the 4pm mass each Saturday. Lottie was a woman of tremendous faith! Pray also, for the happy repose of her soul! As always I ask you to remember the parish in your prayers, especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them healing, comfort and peace. May the Risen Lord Bless you and those you love!

Fr. Steve



MAY THE SOULS *of*  
*the* FAITHFUL DEPARTED,  
THROUGH *the* MERCY  
*of* GOD, REST IN PEACE.



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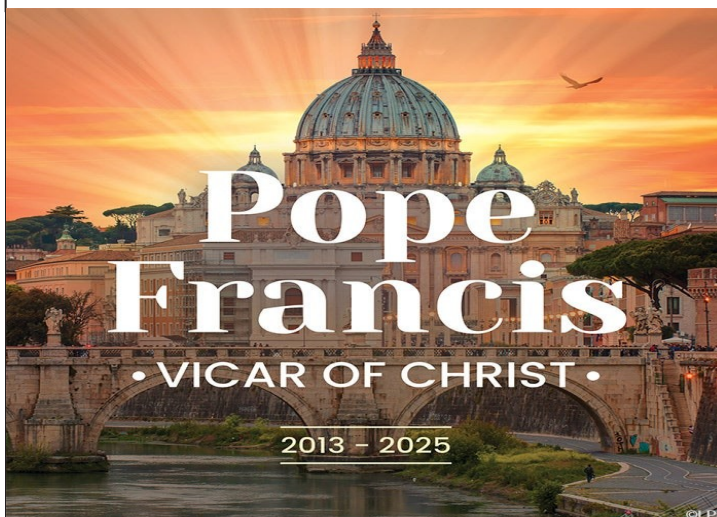


### A Prayer for Divine Mercy

O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy-to Your compassion, O God; and it is with its mighty voice of misery that it cries out: Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth's exiles! O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, who are acquainted with our misery through and through and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You, anticipate us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our life and at death's hour. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation's enemies, that we may with confidence as Your children, await Your final coming-that day known to You alone. And we expect to obtain everything promised us by Jesus in spite of all our wretchedness. For Jesus is our Hope; through His merciful Heart as through an open gate, we pass through to heaven. Amen.

### Prayers of the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

1. **The Sign of the Cross:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
2. **Opening Prayers:** (Optional): You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for our souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world. O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelope the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.  
O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of mercy for us, I trust in You!  
(three times)
3. **The Our Father:** Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.
4. **The Hail Mary:** Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.
5. **The Apostles' Creed:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, war crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell, on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty: from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.
6. **On the "Our Father" bead before each decade:** Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.
7. **On the "Hail Mary" beads of each decade:** For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
8. **Repeat "Eternal Father" and "For the Sake of His Sorrowful Passion":** (*Number 6 & 7*) Prayers for four more decades.
9. **After 5 decades, the concluding doxology (three times):** Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.
10. **Closing Prayers (optional):** Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless, and the treasure of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us, and increase Your mercy in us, that in difficult moments, we might not despair, nor become despondent, but with great confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy Itself. Amen.



### Prayer at the Passing of Pope Francis

Dear God,

We thank You for the years of service Pope Francis gave to our Church: his encyclicals, his prayers, his pilgrimages, his work for a brighter tomorrow. May his life and service remind us of our ultimate goal — You and You alone.

Amen.



## Readings for Divine Mercy Sunday

### Reading I *Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16*

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

### Reading II *Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19*

I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus. I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, "Write on a scroll what you see." Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest. When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards."

### Gospel *John 20:19-31*

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he has said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it in my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

## Readings for the Week

**Sunday, April 27, 2025:** Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31  
**Monday, April 28, 2025:** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8  
**Tuesday, April 29, 2025:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15  
**Wednesday, April 30, 2025:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21  
**Thursday, May 1, 2025:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36  
**Friday, May 2, 2025:** Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15  
**Saturday, May 3, 2025:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14  
**Sunday, May 4, 2025:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNION CLASS OF 2025

**Miguel Agbuya**

**Joseph Jarecki**

**Seandre Ferrer**

**Agatha Jeroso**

**Ian Gabasa**

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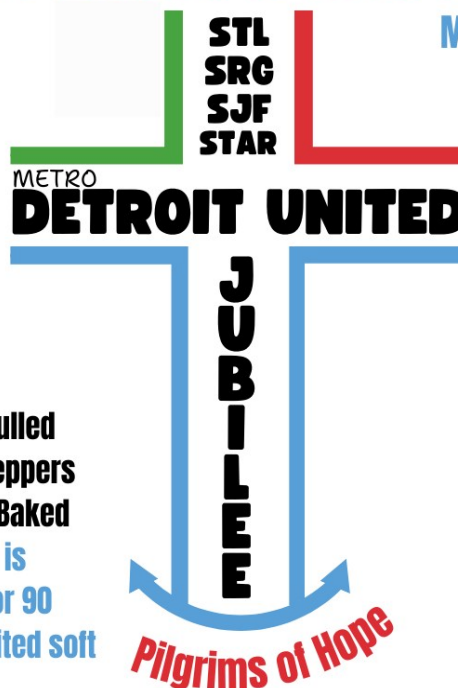
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 Karen, Jennifer, Kevin

### TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMS

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

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## Devotions, Explained! Sprinkling Rite Mini Explanation

The rite of sprinkling, also called the Asperges rite, recalls the new life we receive in the waters of our baptism. Though most common during the Easter season, this rite can take place on any Sunday and is used in place of the penitential act.

### Sprinkling Rite, Explained

The rite of sprinkling, also called the Asperges rite, describes the act of sprinkling the congregation with holy water, an action which recalls the new life we received in the waters of our baptism.

If this rite is performed during Mass, it takes the place of the penitential act.

The sprinkling rite usually takes place on Sundays during the Easter season but is permitted on any Sunday. When it is completed, the congregation sings the Gloria.

The name “asperges” comes from the first line of Psalm 51, a penitential psalm that begins with the words “Have mercy on me.” In the Extraordinary Form of the Mass, the Asperges rite is done before each principal Mass, except on Palm Sunday.

The tool used by the priest to sprinkle the congregation is called the aspergillum, and the bucket containing the water is called the aspersorium.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter John 20:19-31

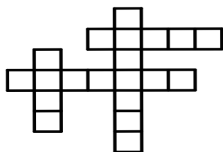
It's common for Catholics to hear the question, “Why do I have to go to a priest to have my sins forgiven?” I've never liked that question because not only is it clunky (confession is the ordinary way for the pardoning of serious sins, not lesser ones). But it misses the larger context: the wonderful origins of the sacrament itself. And this context is deeply Jewish.

Ancient Jews associated forgiveness of sins with priests offering sacrifices in the Jerusalem temple. It was a solemn, public, and tangible way to access God's mercy. So when the risen Jesus breathes on the Apostles and says, **“Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained” (John 20:23)**, the upshot is remarkable: he is the new temple and his Apostles are the new priests. Jerusalem is no longer the place to find forgiveness from sin. Jesus' body, the Church, is.

So why should we go to the Sacrament of Confession? For the same reason ancient Jews went to the temple in Jerusalem: to experience the intimacy, joy, and life-giving power of God's eternal forgiveness.

— *Father John Muir*

## New! Check out the ONLINE PUZZLE PAGE



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“Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms.”

**POPE FRANCIS**  
1936 – 2025

# MASS+ INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, April 29, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Antoinette Iafrate

**Thursday, May 1, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Betty Eschrich

**Friday, May 2, 2025**

**9:30 a.m.**

+Lottie Kobus

**Saturday, May 3, 2025**

**4:00 p.m.**

+Rosemarie Calmi

+Felix & Rita Gatt

+Maybelle Koehler

+Franklin Langenstein

+Joseph Testa

+Virgencita Andron (5th R.A.)

+Steven Herbert

+Jim Kiernan

Alex Sunga

+Lottie Kobus

**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

**8:30 a.m.**

+Eugene Weingartz

+Barbara Liwo

**10:30 a.m.**

+William O'Neill

Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus-St. Nicholas Council and their families

+David Willick

+Loretto Gagnon

**5:30 p.m.**

Livign & Deceased Members of St. Rene Parish

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

2nd Sunday of Easter

After my mother passed away, my sister and father had a falling out of sorts. When he moved to be closer to me, she told me that she didn't ever want to speak to him again, saying, "Even if he is on his death bed, do not call me." My father was in his late 70's, and the pain he would have felt if he knew her wishes would have been too much to bear. Because of this, I made a decision to not tell him. This also put a strain on my relationship with my sister as I cared for the one person in this world she seemed to despise the most.

Of all the gifts God has given us, time and family are at the top of the list to be cherished. Also, both are finite gifts. Our family members will not walk in this world forever, and each day that slips away cannot be restored. Still, we build up walls of fear, doubt, resentment, anger, and pain, not allowing ourselves to forgive and be good stewards of what we have been given.

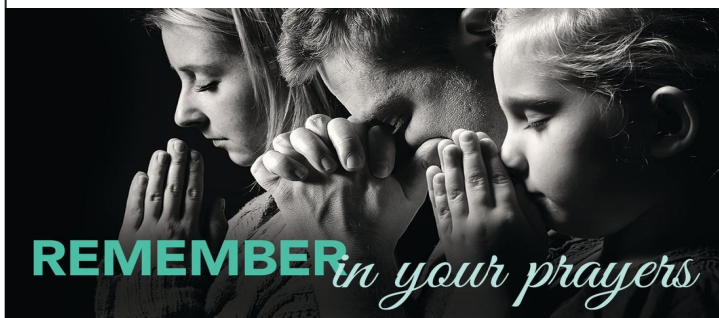
On Divine Mercy Sunday, God's mercy is overflowing through all the earth. There is no excuse for you and me to not be reconciled with God and accept this profound compassion. In turn, there is no excuse to not extend that mercy and reconcile with those who have hurt us.

I always believed I would have a renewed relationship with my sister when my father's death would come to pass. Two weeks after he passed, my sister suddenly died as well. There is no rewind of time. Yes, good stewards, today is the day!

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

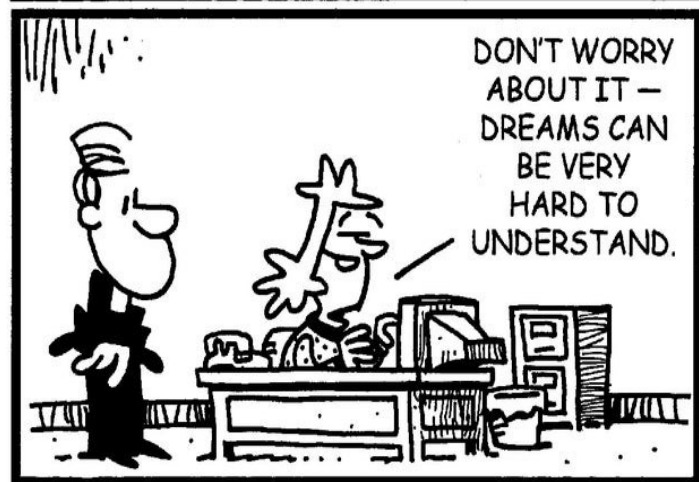
**Our desire  
for God  
can only  
grow when  
we place  
ourselves in  
His presence.**

-Pope Francis





## 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**Mini Reflection:** It does sound unbelievable, the story of the Resurrection. But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true. Take Thomas' example: stay close to the people you trust. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you.

**Wonder, Don't Wander**

My daughter recently asked me if it's okay to "wonder if all the Jesus stuff is true."

I wasn't surprised by her question. I've expected it, in fact. If you're raising a child to be a critical thinker, you don't want them to accept everything you tell them simply because it comes from your lips. I have promised my children that I will always give them the truth about God. But that's all I can do — give it to them. Whether or not they accept it, ultimately, is their own choice.

"I know it's true," she told me. "But sometimes it just all sounds so...unbelievable."

She's not wrong. It *does* sound unbelievable that an all-powerful God could create us for no reason other than sheer love, that He could be generous enough to give us free will to accept that love, that he could be merciful enough not to destroy us when we reject that love, and finally that he could be faithful enough in that love to become flesh and die in order to save us from the consequences of our own poor choices.

But lots of things are unbelievable. That doesn't mean they're not true.

When Jesus says, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," he isn't calling Thomas a fool for questioning something that sounds a little outrageous. He's just highlighting the fact that Thomas is afforded a luxury that none of the Christians born after him, my daughter included, will have: he gets to see proof with his own eyes.

I told my daughter it's fine to wonder — just don't wander. Take Thomas' example. Stay close to the people you trust. Return to the warmth of the upper room. Be willing to recognize Jesus when he's in front of you. Never be afraid to believe.



## 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](http://strene.org) our parish website.


[eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)


### Weekend Liturgy Schedule for May 3 & 4

	<b>Saturday 4:00PM</b>	<b>Sunday 8:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Sunday 5:30 PM</b>
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr.
<b>Lector</b>	Pat Pluta	Barbara Wyrwicz	Alex Sitchon	Jovita Engalan
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Lance Tolentino	Karin Nieto	Phat Le Phong Le	Open
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	L. Youkhana G. Labinski	Open Open	C. Sison A. Sitchon	Open Open
<b>Ushers</b>	<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 Gyenes Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti	<u>Terry Shaughnessy</u> Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro	<u>Paul Hornung</u> Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
<b>Sacristan</b>	R. Kranson	K. Nieto	C. Sison	Open

### Weekday Liturgy Schedule for April & May

<b>Week</b>	Tuesday, April 29, 2025	Thursday, May 1, 2025	Friday, May 2, 2025
<b>Presider</b>	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
<b>Lector</b>	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana	L. Hance
<b>Sacristan</b>	B. Wyrwicz	K. Nieto	K. Nieto
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	K. Nieto	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana

#### **Altar Care Team:**

Friday, May  
2nd

Team  
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Roxann Klee  
Karin Nieto  
Antonina Notarantonio

#### **Church Vacuuming :**

Friday, May 2nd  
Jim Moravek

#### **Altar Linen:**

May:  
Khristine Cochiosue



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!

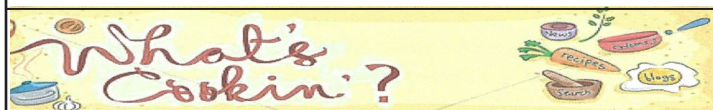


## STAY CONNECTED

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](http://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](http://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.



### SAVORY OVEN CHICKEN WITH RICE

1 whole chicken (about 1/2 lb.)  
 1/4 lb. butter or margarine  
 2 Tbsp. lemon juice  
 1 tsp. salt  
 1 1/2 tsp. paprika  
 1/4 tsp. garlic powder  
 Packaged rice

Cut chicken into pieces. In a 9x13 pan melt butter; stir in remaining ingredients to blend. Turn chicken in the mixture to coat on both sides. Bake at 350 F oven for 1 1/2 hours. (Serves 4-6) Prepare rice as directed on package. After chicken is done; pour juices from chicken over cooked rice and mix. Serve with a vegetable and hot rolls.

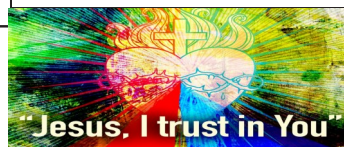


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You now can donate to St. Rene Goupil using your cell phone! Just take a picture of the QR code in the gathering space or in the bulletin; it will automatically link you to the St. Rene donation site. Enter the amount you wish to donate, card information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



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**Second Sunday of Easter  
(Divine Mercy Sunday)**

Today's Scripture readings narrate the Apostles' actions after Christ's Resurrection. In the Acts of the Apostles, Peter shows compassion when he heals the sick, which results in a number of conversions to Christ. In the Book of Revelation, John, detained on the island of Patmos for his witness to Jesus, describes to Christ's followers his heavenly vision, encouraging them to keep the faith. In St. John's Gospel, the evangelist retells of Jesus' appearances after His Resurrection to the Apostles on consecutive Sundays. They are jubilant; Thomas indicates he now believes in Christ risen by proclaiming: *My Lord and my God!* Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit upon them and gives them authority to forgive sins. Beginning with our Baptism, we, too, are called to discipleship in the Lord. As Christian stewards, we strive to express this discipleship through our sharing in prayer, service, and generosity with our parish and our brothers and sisters in need. Today, on Divine Mercy Sunday, learn to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet on your rosary.



**Our Sunday Offering  
April 19 & 20  
Thank you for your  
generous response.  
God Bless you!**

If you wish to read the bulletin it can be found online at [Parishesonline.com](http://Parishesonline.com) then search by zip code.

You can go online to the [aod.org](http://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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Fax (586) 939-7839

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

### Pastoral Staff

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

### ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

**Legion of Mary**  
*Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469*  
**Divine Mercy**  
*Karin Nieto (586) 447-6927*  
**Ushers**  
*Al Gyenese (586) 808-3128*  
**Perpetual Adoration**  
*Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469*  
**Catholic Social Services  
of Macomb**  
*Clinton Twp. (586) 416-2300*  
**St. Vincent de Paul (Poverty Help)**  
*(586) 718-4523*  
**Joseph White, Grand Knight, K of C**  
*(586) 556-2122*

### 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

