

# THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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#### Notes from Fr. Steve

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. In our journey of faith, we often contemplate the mystery of the Holy Trinity. The doctrine of the Trinity asserts that God is one Being in three persons: the Father, the Son (Jesus Christ), and the Holy Spirit. While this concept may seem abstract, it holds profound spiritual significance that enriches our understanding of God's nature and our relationship with Him.

First, let's reflect on the Father, the Creator of all things. In Genesis, we see the Father's loving intentionality in the act of creation. The spirituality of the Father lies in His role as the source of life and love. Through Him, we come to understand our identity as beloved children, called to live in communion with Him and with one another.

Secondly, we encounter the Son, Jesus Christ, who reveals God's unconditional love and mercy. Jesus, fully human and fully divine, walked among us, teaching, healing, and ultimately sacrificing Himself for our salvation. His spirituality embodies selflessness, humility, and obedience to the Father's will. Through Christ, we find redemption and restoration, invited to participate in His divine life through faith and discipleship.

Lastly, we experience the Holy Spirit, the Advocate and Comforter sent by the Father and the Son. The spirit dwells within us, guiding, empowering, and sanctifying us on our spiritual journey. The spirituality of the Holy Spirit is dynamic and transformative, leading us to deeper intimacy with God and empowering us to bear fruits of love, joy, peace, and unity in the world.

The mystery of the Trinity invites us into a relationship of love and communion. Just as the three Persons of the Trinity exist in perfect unity, so too, are we called to live in unity with one another, mirroring the divine community of love.

As we delve deeper into the spirituality of the Holy Trinity, let us embrace the mystery with humility and awe, allowing it to inspire and transform our lives. May we grow in our love for the Father, follow the example of the Son, and be guided by the Holy Spirit in all that fills our lives!

Please remember the parish in your prayers, especially the sick and the suffering. You bring them healing, comfort and peace. May the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless you!

Fr. Steve



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



The Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day!



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#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**

#### The Most Holy Trinity

Once I was at a meeting with representatives of various religions. On a coffee break, a man from another religion mused to me: "You know, with all our differences, all religions are really about being good people." I lowered my cappuccino and said as warmly as I could, "That's not what mine's about." His quizzical look begged for clarification. "Mine is about plunging into the life of God," I said.

Just before Jesus ascends into heaven, he commands the eleven apostles, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20). The word "baptize" means "to immerse in, to plunge into." It presupposes the use of water. But what does it mean to be immersed in God's name? In the Bible, God's name is identical to God Himself. So, to be baptized into water, using Jesus' formula, is to be plunged into the life of God. Said another way, it is to die with Jesus and rise with him as a member of his body.

The Trinity isn't a doctrine simply to accept and ponder. It's more like an ocean: a mystery into which we are baptized ... inserted, immersed, dunked, plunged. Baptism gives us power to live our lives as beloved children of God, patterned after Jesus himself, who is always with us, until the end of the ages. Hardly the same as being good people. Stranger, but much better.

— Father John Muir



#### God Doesn't Take a Break

An acquaintance who works in church ministry once told me a story about one of the students she had in Faith Formation. This student informed my friend that his family doesn't come to Mass in summer. "God takes a break in summer, and so do we," he said.

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

There's a lot to unpack here. First, it's tragic to think of anyone voluntarily missing out on the Eucharist for so long. It's also a real problem in the church today that a lot of our folks don't understand the beauty of the Sunday obligation. But if I had to dissect this situation and pinpoint the thing I find most troubling, it's the idea of God taking a break.

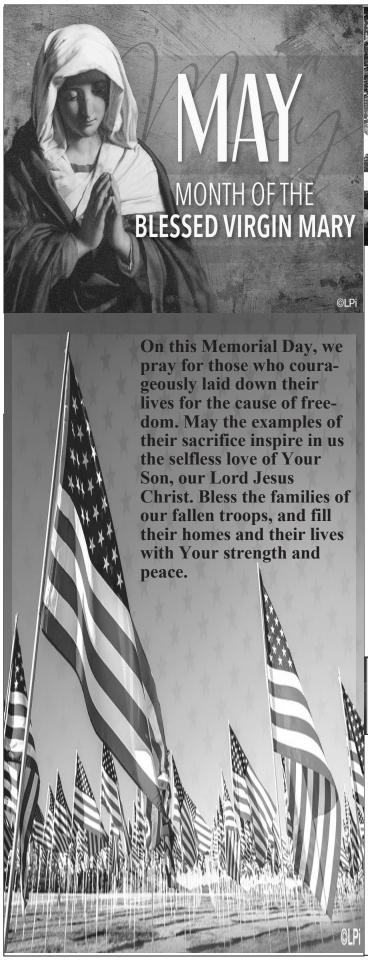
I hope it's starting to look like summer where you are. We've still got a few weeks left before it's official, but the school year should be winding up for most kids, the birds should be chirping a little louder, and hopefully your lawn is starting to green up nicely. You're probably daydreaming about the annual cabin getaway weekend or waterskiing on the Fourth of July.

All in all, summer is going to be a nice break, even if — like typical Americans — our break is full of productive work.

Thank God — literally — that He doesn't take a break, even if we do. Can we try to remember that, even in the midst of our many wonderful distractions? Let's enjoy this summer. Let's live it to the full. But let's see it for the gift that it is — and remember the thanks we owe the Giver.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS







#### **Everyday Stewardship**

My wife and I have used the same baptismal gown for all 3 of our children. It is a very long traditional gown made with fabric taken from my wife's first communion dress and my mother-in-law's wedding gown. It is a symbol not just of each child being washed clean by the sacrament, but also of family and how faith has been passed down through generations. Faith is a gift and that gown shows how this family has taken seriously the cultivation of that faith and the sharing of it with those we love the most.

By our baptism we are called to a discipleship that compels us to share our faith with others. It is not always easy, but it would be wrong to horde that faith and not let it shine for others to see. When we think about a stewardship way of life, we sometimes focus on material goods, our talents and skills, or our time. But faith is a gift that needs to be treated in a similar way. We are heirs with Jesus Christ to this rich tapestry of faith and the Church. If all of us were to hide that faith and not seek to share it with others, that lineage would end with us.

We live during a time in history where in some lands people are finding Jesus in huge numbers, while in other places the numbers of people in the pews is declining sharply. We can spend all our time talking about these realities or we can choose to respond to our baptismal call. Jesus commanded us to go forth and make disciples of all nations. Maybe we can begin with our neighbor.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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

Kevin & Jindy Vaz Daniel & Dalier Bassir

#### **Readings for** The Most Holy Trinity

Reading I

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses said to the people: "Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created man upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other; Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live? Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by testing, by signs and wonders, by war, with strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great terrors, all of which the LORD, your God, did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever."

## Reading II Romans 8:14-17

Brothers and sisters: Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, their heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

## **Gospel** *Matthew 28:16-20*

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus has ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

Sunday, May 26, 2024: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

Monday, May 27, 2024: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27 **Tuesday, May 28, 2024:** 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday, May 29, 2024: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 10:32-45

**Thursday, May 30, 2024:**1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/Mk 10:46-52

Friday, May 31, 2024: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

**Saturday, June 1, 2024:** Jude 17, 20b-25/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 11:27-33

Sunday, June 2, 2024:Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



### Tuesday, May 28, 2024 9:30 a.m.

+Joyce Clashman G. Santoro Family

A. & A. Seaver Hong Tran

+Jeffry Opoy Cabrera

+Teresa Szczomak

+Pawel Szczomak

### Thursday, May 30, 2024 9:30 a.m.

+Wilfred Cassabon G. Santoro Family A. & A. Seaver

### Friday, May 31, 2024 9:30 a.m.

+Josephine Kuhlman G. Santoto Family A & A. Seaver +Ninfa Davison

### Saturday, June 1, 2024 4:00 p.m.

+Terry Koehler

+Steven Herbert

+Fred Schulte

+Rosemarie Calmi +Jerry Gronson

+Felix & Rita Gatt

+Margaret Annette Wichlacz

+Beverly Romeo

+Franklin Langenstein

+Elizabeth Schaff (20th R.A.)

G. Santoro Family A & A. Seaver

+Walter Broski (5th R.A.)

### Sunday, June 2, 2024 8:30 a.m.

+Jose Paunan

+John S. Liwo

+Sharon Murawski

G. Santoro Family

A & A. Seaver

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+Barbara Montrose (6th R.A.)

#### 10:30 a.m.

Helen Strbenec

+Oscar Abuel

+Christine Laubach

+Roger DeVera

+Sam Zappa

+Rose Zappa

+Walt Kalcevic

+Lito Ylen

+Michael Buffmyer

+Alex One

#### 5:30 p.m.

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene Parish

Pray For...

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

A Trinitarian theme—three persons in one God connects today's Scripture readings. In the First Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses proclaims that God's unique greatness should inspire people to follow His commandments. According to St. Paul's Letter to the Roman community, the Spirit invites us to become adopted children and heirs through Christ— Roman society held adopted children in high esteem. In a powerful evangelization message from St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus commissions His Apostles: Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father. Son. and Holy Spirit. Do we, as faithful stewards, realize our baptismal call, our gift of discipleship from the Lord? Moved by the Holy Trinity, do we witness our discipleship in a spirit of evangelization by welcoming home our brothers and sisters who have left the faith, and those who do not know Christ? Please read Archbishop Allen Vigneron's pastoral letter, Unleash the Gospel, at https://www.unleashthegospel.org. to review the guideposts for evangelization.

O GOD, ALMIGHTY FATHER.

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

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

It is you who invite all to encounter

Jesus and let their hearts be

captured by Him.

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

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

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.





Weekend Liturgy Schedule for June 1 & 2				
	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Tim
Lector	Steve Szeliga	Rob Wilson	Dori Fooy	Virginia Jennings
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Karin Nieto	Phat Le Phong Le	
Eucharistic Ministers	M Passalacqua L Youkhana Open	Open Open Open	E Monterio H DeVera OPen	Open Open Open
Ushers	Tom Pluta Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Nick Rieser Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli	Tom Dutkiewicz Luis Nieto Al Gyenese Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski	Terry Shaughnessy Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chrisie Fish Chris Norris	Paul Hornung Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
Sacristan	K Moravek	G Wiklanski	C Sison	V Jennings



St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul helps with utility bills, clothing, household items, food and in certain cases evictions. If you know of anyone who needs help, please have them call (586)718-4523. They do not need to be parish members. All information is kept strictly confidential.



The St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is in need of the following items:

Canned fruit, pancake syrup, laundry detergent, dish soap, toothpaste, green peas, cooking oil and spaghetti sauce in a jar.

\*Please do not donate restaurant condiments.





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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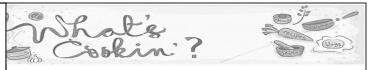
#### **STAY CONNECTED**

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 <a href="https://www.help.formed.org">www.help.formed.org</a> or toll-free at 844-367-6331.



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REMEMBER
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#### **Uncle Eddie's Chicken Ready**

Take a 2 inch high casserole pan. Place as many pieces of chicken breasts and thighs in it, skin side up, as you need. Take a packet for every 2 pieces of chicken of Lipton dry mushroom soup. Sprinkle the dry soup liberally on top of the skin in a thin layer. Pour enough beer to fill half the casserole so that the chicken is almost submerged. Drink the leftover beer. Seal tightly with Reynolds wrap. Cook for about 1 hour or so in a 375 F oven. Serve with rice and vegetables.

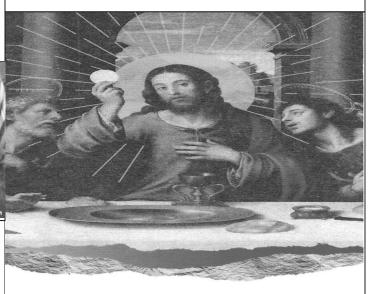
#### **Prayer in Times of Darkness**



Dear Jesus,

When I feel troubled, alone, frightened, be with me. Be a flicker of flame in this darkness. Help me to know you in the stark seasons as I do in times of elation. You are the light I seek.

Amen.





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Our Sunday Offering May 18 & 19 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.



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 Gordon Yeck at (810)343-2954.

We are in need of Ushers at the 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses. If you are interested in Ushering, please see one of the Ushers.

**Altar Server training** 

Anyone young or adult who would like to serve at the altar is invited to a training session. Please come serve at the altar!

Date & Time to be announced!

#### Please Pray for the Family Members of our Parishioners serving in the Military:

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 Libecki Mark Locricchio (Army) Sgt. Sean McDowell (Army) LCPL Miguel Menzer

SPC Matthew Muellenhagen Maj. Eric Olson

Chief Daniel Przybylinski

(Navy)

Justin Quinn (Marines) Anthony Roszko (Army)

Lt. Greg Siuta Maj. Allison Stewart Sgt Tomas R. Studholme, Jr.

ISG Robert Sutton Sgt. Matthew Sweetman Joel Vasquez, (Navy Seal)

#### **Prayer for Those Serving in the Military**

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us.

Bless them and their families for their selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.

Amen



### **Adoration Chapel**

In the documents of the Second Vatican Council, the Church Fathers describe the Eucharist as: "The source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates in the Greek word Eucharistia, meaning thanksgiving.

"Take; this is my body" Mark 14:22

- 1. The real presence of Christ in the Eucharist is real, true and substantial.
- 2. "It is called the Eucharist because it is an action of thanksgiving to God." (CCC. No. 1328)
- 3. "Jesus awaits us in the sacrament of love." (St. John Paul II, Dominicae cene, no. 3)
- 4. Eucharist makes the one present sacrifice of Christ the Savior." (CCC, no. 1330)

If you would like to take the opportunity to be still and listen to God (without worldly interruptions), we have a need for almost every hour to have a second adorer, thereby making less the need for a substitute. It is a sacrifice being Catholic in our world today, you need contemplation and the grace to make you holy. Please call Mary Peterson to sign up at (586)979-1469 or (586)738-1154.

Uncommitted Hours Wednesday 1pm & 2pm, Friday 9am & 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
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**

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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.

