

A wooden cross is positioned on the left side of the image. A crown of thorns, made of dry, spiky branches, is draped diagonally across the center. The background is a solid, deep purple. The text "FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT" is centered in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. A faint, semi-transparent cross shape is visible behind the text.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
March 30, 2025

Notes from Fr. Steve

During this Lenten season, we are invited to reflect on the state of our hearts. Especially in our relationships with others. The parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) beautifully illustrates the transformative power of repentance, mercy, and forgiveness.

In this story, we witness the younger son's change of heart. After squandering his inheritance, he finds himself lost and broken. In humility, he returns to his father, hoping for mere survival, yet he is met with unexpected love. The father, representing God's boundless mercy, runs to embrace him, restoring him as his beloved son.

But there is another heart in need of transformation—the older brother's. He harbors resentment, unable to celebrate his brother's return. Like him, we sometimes struggle to forgive those who have wronged us, clinging to bitterness instead of grace. This parable challenges us to ask: Do we truly embrace God's forgiveness? And do we extend that same mercy to others?

Lent is a time to let go of grudges, soften hardened hearts, and seek reconciliation. If we have been the prodigal, let us return to God in repentance. If we have been the older brother, let us open our hearts to forgiveness. When we do, we will experience the joy of the Father, who celebrates every heart that is healed and restored in love.

This Lent, may we all embrace a change of heart and walk in the freedom of God's mercy. Please remember to pray for the parish, especially the sick and the suffering. Your prayers bring them healing, comfort and peace! I will add, at this time we have many people who are critically ill, the support of your prayers would mean a great deal to them.

I want to thank all of you who participated in the Holy Broth Soup and Salad fundraiser for the youth group, last Saturday. It was a great success! Thank you to one and all!

Fr. Steve



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**

• **Stations Of The Cross featuring a personal encounter with Christ**

• **Attend all 3 evenings and receive a gift prize upon completion**

• **Register online at [JWJCatholicAcademy](http://JWJCatholicAcademy.com) to receive a free journal**



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.

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.

Readings for The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Reading I

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth of the month. On the day after the Passover, they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. On that same day after the Passover, on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.

Reading II

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who was reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable: "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here I am, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

Readings for the Week

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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

Monday, March 31, 2025: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, April 1, 2025: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, April 2, 2025: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, April 3, 2025: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday, April 4, 2025: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, April 5, 2025: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, April 6, 2025: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY KID'S CORNER



MARCH 30, 2025: FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, JESUS TELLS A STORY ABOUT A FATHER AND HIS TWO SONS. THE YOUNGER SON ASKED FOR HIS SHARE OF MONEY, THEN SPENT IT ALL AND BECAME VERY HUNGRY. HE DECIDED TO GO BACK TO HIS FATHER, WHO FORGAVE HIM AND THREW A BIG PARTY. THE OLDER SON WAS UPSET, BUT THE FATHER SAID THEY SHOULD CELEBRATE BECAUSE THE LOST SON HAD COME HOME. THE STORY SHOWS THAT GOD WILL ALWAYS WELCOME US WITH LOVE AND FORGIVENESS, NO MATTER WHAT.

WORD SEARCH FOR TODAY'S GOSPEL

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FIND THESE WORDS

IN THE WORD SEARCH ABOVE

PARABLE, SONS, FATHER,
MONEY, LOST, HUNGRY,
HOME, WELCOME,
FORGIVENESS, LOVE,
CELEBRATION, BROTHER



FAMILY ACTIVITIES

CREATE WELCOME SIGNS

Have each family member create a "Welcome Home" sign or card for someone else in the family. Give it to that person when they come home. Discuss how we can always make others feel welcome and loved, just like God always makes us feel welcomed and loved.

MEMORY BOX OF LOVE

Make a family memory box where everyone can place notes of kindness, love, and forgiveness for each other. When someone is feeling down or has made a mistake, they can open the box to read one of the messages as a reminder of the love they have in their family.

DEAR GOD,

THANK YOU FOR LOVING US NO MATTER WHAT WE DO. JUST LIKE THE FATHER IN THE STORY, YOU ALWAYS WELCOME US BACK WITH OPEN ARMS WHEN WE MAKE MISTAKES. HELP US TO FORGIVE OTHERS AND SHOW KINDNESS, JUST LIKE YOU FORGIVE US. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ENDLESS LOVE AND FOR ALWAYS BEING THERE FOR US. AMEN.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

4th Sunday of Lent

John 9:1-41

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!" A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. *Something* had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.

When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities? We shouldn't be surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day.

Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, "**You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?**" (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

Lenten challenge: Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it.

— Father John Muir

Devotions, Explained!

Novena

Mini Explanation

A novena is a nine-day period of prayer focused on a specific topic, saint, or devotion. There are four basic categories of novenas — novenas of preparation, of mourning, of prayer, and of indulgence. This 9-day period of prayer can be traced back to the Acts of the Apostles.

Novena, Explained

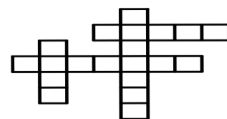
The word *novena* comes from the Latin word, *novem*, for nine. A novena is a nine-day period of private or public prayer. There are four basic categories of novenas — novenas of preparation, of mourning, of prayer, and of indulgence.

The nine days of prayer format comes directly from scripture where we read in the book of Acts that it was nine days after the Ascension that the Holy Spirit descended onto the Apostles. During that time, the faithful men and women "devoted themselves to constant prayer," (Acts 1:12-14) waiting for the Lord.

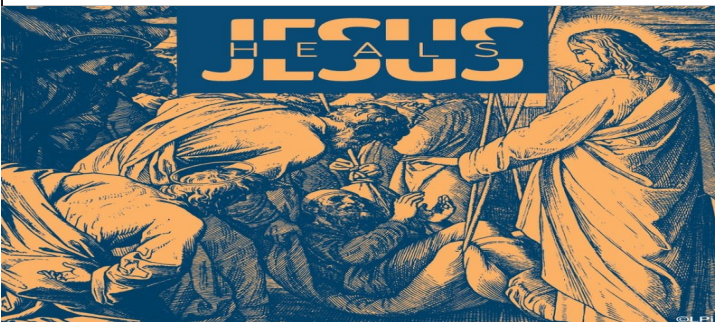
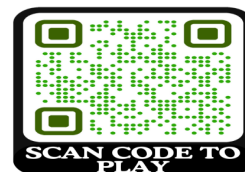
Today, Catholics can find hundreds of novenas to pray about a plethora of topics. Many Catholics pray novenas in times of need or in devotion to a specific saint. Although a saint's novena may traditionally begin or end on the saint's feast day, while others, like the "Novena for Adopted Children" or the "Novena for Vocations," can be prayed any time of the year, there is flexibility here for those wanting to pray. The faithful may choose to pray a private novena on any topic at any time! Want to pray a novena to St. Francis but it's not his feast day? Go ahead!



New!
Check out the
ONLINE PUZZLE PAGE



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**Thank you for supporting our
Soup and Salad Fundraiser
for World Youth Jubilee 2025**



**Best of Soup 2025
Sonya Mansour
Chicken Lemon Rice**



**Youth Minister Michael Novak
and teens, young adults who
will be attending the Jubilee**

**A special thank you to Annette Tash and
Genie Labinski for chairing this event!
We raised \$1330 for our pilgrimage!**



THANK YOU!

**Parishioners of St. Rene Goupil
Your donations after masses
this past weekend raised \$1271
for our Jubilee trip to Rome to
see the pope.**

MASS+ INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Evelyn Verschaeve

Thursday, April 3, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Frances Rozolosky

Helen Strbenac

Friday, April 4, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Dee Mullaney

Intention of Tom Butler

Saturday, April 5, 2025

4:00 p.m.

+Rosemarie Calmi

+Felix & Rita Gatt

+Maybelle Koehler

+Mary Carnaghi

Deceased Members of the Carnaghi & Jenna Families

+Franklin Langenstein

+Steven Herbert

+Fred Austria

Sunday, April 6, 2025

8:30 a.m.

+Benito Capajo

+John D. Liwo

10:30 a.m.

+Christine Laubach

+William O'Neill

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

+Walt Kalcevic

+Rose Zappa

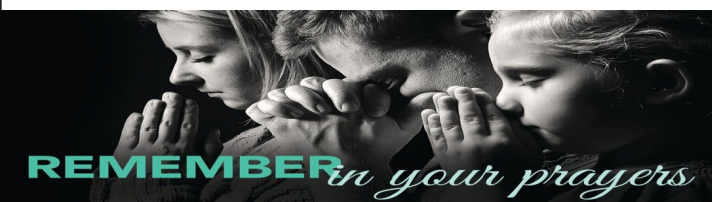
+Sam Zappa

+David Willick

+Rudy Pomper Jr. (Birthday)

5:30 p.m.

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Face on God's Brochure

When a church is raising funds for a new building or a diocese is launching a stewardship appeal, there is usually someone — or several someone's — who serves as the face of the campaign. Maybe it's a married couple, or a family, or a group of folks who have been particularly active in the community and can speak to the worthiness of whatever endeavor is being undertaken.

Oftentimes, for better or worse, we fill that role for God. We are the face on the front of His promotional brochure. If we call ourselves Christians, that means that people will meet Christ through us. That's what being an Everyday Steward is — a steward, everyday; someone who conducts his Master's business when the Master is not seen.

It can be intimidating because we have so much baggage and no capabilities of our own. But then we remember that we are offered reconciliation through Christ — that “the old things have passed away, (and) new things have come” (2 Corinthians 5:17). We remember that we are the prodigal sons, and the fattened calf has been slaughtered on our behalf.

But it's a role that requires commitment. The story of the prodigal son is only compelling and only means something because the son, presumably, embraced his reconciliation to his father. He didn't go on to abandon him again.

So let us think to ourselves each day, “Whoever I encounter will meet Christ's ambassador. I was dead and have come to life again. How can I speak to the worthiness of that reconciliation? How can I make others desire it?”

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Prayer for Lent



Father of my soul,
I know Your love for me is
limitless beyond imagining.
You care for me as
a loving parent.

Through my smallest Lenten
sacrifices, help me to
become less selfish and
more aware of Your ways.
Fan the flame of my desire to
draw ever closer to You.
Guide me to seek your love.

Amen



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – THE APOLOGY

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: God doesn't need our repentance. We need our repentance.

The Apology

I like to imagine the Prodigal Son practicing his apology in the mirror.

He wouldn't have, of course. Mirrors weren't exactly a dime a dozen back then. But I imagine him anyway, rehearsing the words as he contemplates his own gaunt reflection: "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. Treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."

In other words, I have done wrong. I deserve nothing from you. But please, don't let me starve. Save me.

The apology wasn't necessary to move the heart of the father. We know that because before they meet, before anything is said, the father is overcome with compassion — not because he got his satisfaction, that long-awaited "I'm sorry, I was wrong." No, he's simply overjoyed to see his son alive. Even without apology, we know the father will beg his son to stay.

So why does the son apologize?

The father doesn't need the "I'm sorry." He isn't starving and lost. He knew all along it was a bad idea. He doesn't need to learn any lessons.

But what a tragedy it would have been, if the son had never said he was sorry. Undoubtedly, his father would have let him stay as a hired worker, and he would have had food to eat. He would have survived. But he wouldn't have been what he was born to be.

I often think of the son's apology as I am kneeling in the confessional, awkwardly reciting sins God already knows and is eager to forgive. *Why are you doing this?* some people would ask. *God doesn't need this.*

It's the apology, you see. The apology means everything. The Prodigal Son was dead. The apology brought him back to life.

God doesn't need our repentance. *We need our repentance.*



Lord, hear my prayer;
listen to my plea for mercy.

--Psalm 86:6 (HCSB)



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.



eucharisticrevival.org

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for April 5 & 6

	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	Wendi Lillie	Corina Sison	Ana Divina
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Karin Nieto	Eli Wing-Na	Open
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Youkhana G. Labinski	Open Open	C. Sison F. Sithon	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	C. Sison	Open

Weekday Liturgy Schedule for March

Week	Tuesday, April 1, 2025	Thursday, April 3, 2025	Friday, April 4, 2025
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
Lector	M. Peterson	D. Monterosso	L. Hance
Sacristan	B. Wyrwicz	K. Nieto	K. Nieto
Eucharistic Minister	L. Youkhana	H. Devera	L. Youkhana

Altar Care Team:

Friday, April
4th
Team
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Bibiane Gagnon
Joyce Fackler

Church Vacuuming :

Friday, April 4th
Ralph Fackler

Altar Linen:

April:
Denise Link



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 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.



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ST. RENE GOUPIL
PARISH
IN YOUR WILL**

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



**Our Sunday Offering
March 22 & 23
Thank you for your
generous response.
God Bless you!**

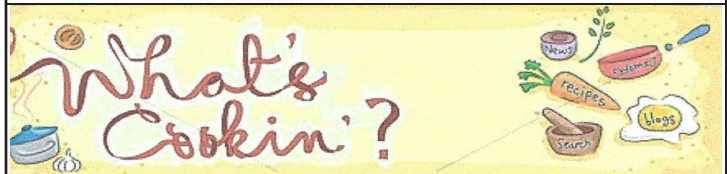
If you wish to read the bulletin it can be found online at Parishesonline.com then search by zip code.

You can go online to the [aod.org/live masses](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!

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.



Fresh Fruit Crisp

1/2 c. quick cooking oats
1/2 c. brown sugar, packed
1/4 c. flour
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
Dash of salt
1/4 c. margarine
5 c. fresh peeled, sliced peaches (or may use apples, pears, or blueberries)

Mix together oats, brown sugar, flour, cinnamon, and salt. Cut in margarine until mixture is crumbly. Set aside. Place fruit in a 10x6x2 inch baking dish. Sprinkle oat mixture over fruit. Bake at 350 F until fruit is tender, about 40 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream, frozen yogurt or Cool Whip.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

An “exodus” theme weaves together today’s Scripture readings. To culminate the long exodus to freedom from the oppression of slavery, Joshua and the ancient Israelites celebrate their first Passover in the Promised Land. The evangelist St. Paul, in his First Letter to the Corinthian community, states: *Whoever is in Christ is a new creation*. Those Corinthians bound by sin repent and pursue freedom—a new life through Christ’s abundant mercy, forgiveness, and love. The well-known parable found only in St. Luke’s Gospel tells of the Prodigal Son who recognizes his addiction to sinful behavior, need for repentance, and longing to return home. With open arms, his father runs out to welcome him back and pardons him. This once-lost son is now free to begin life anew. Christian stewards welcome Lent as a time to be released from the bondage of sin through repentance—to become Christ’s new creation. Make an effort this Lent to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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)
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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!

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

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Rev. Mr. John Ball, Deacon Emeritus
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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

