EASTER SUNDAY

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> St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community April 20, 2025

Notes from Fr. Steve

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter and welcome to St. Rene! Whether you're a longtime parishioner, a visiting family member, or someone stepping through our doors for the first time in a while, we are overjoyed to have you here with us today. This is a day of celebration, of life, and of hope—and there's no better place to be than together in God's house.

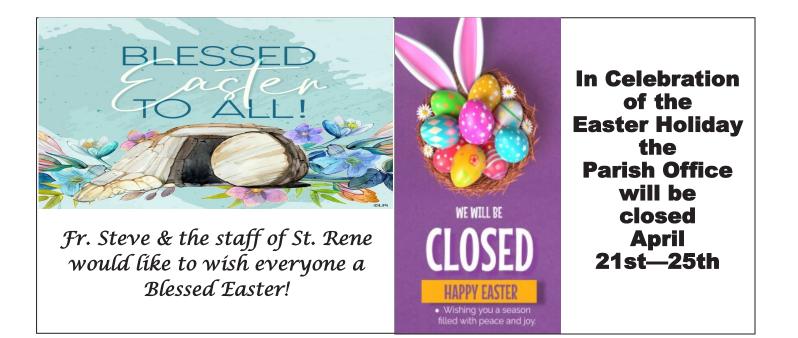
Easter is the heart of our Christian faith. It is the day we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who conquered sin and death so that we may have eternal life. It reminds us that even after the darkest of days, light triumphs. Christ's resurrection is our promise of new beginnings, and it invites us to open our hearts to God's mercy and love.

As we gather to celebrate the risen Lord, we also reflect on the incredible gift of the Eucharist. Each Mass is an opportunity to encounter Jesus personally—in His word, in the community, and most profoundly, in Holy Communion. If it's been some time since you've attended Mass regularly, we warmly invite you to come back. St. Rene is your spiritual home, and we're here for you. The doors of the Church are always open, and so is the heart of Christ.

May this Easter fill you and your loved ones with peace, joy, and the deep assurance of God's love. We pray you continue to walk in faith and return often to share in the beauty and grace of our Catholic life. Wishing you a joyful and blessed Easter!

Please remember the parish in your prayers, especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them healing, comfort and peace! I wish you a joyful and blessed Easter! God Bless you and those you love!

Fr. Steve





on Tuesday, April 22nd at 9 a.m.

Easter Morning Prayer

Gracious God, on this glorious Easter Sunday, we celebrate the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. As the sun rises, may the light of His victory over death shine in our hearts. Fill us with joy and gratitude for the hope and new life found in Him. Amen. Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord



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Readings for Easter Sunday

Reading I

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnessed of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all people, but to us, the witness chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify he is the one anointed by God and judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Reading II Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of that is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Gospel John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simone Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who has arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

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Sunday, April 20, 2025: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 Monday, April 21, 2025: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 22, 2025: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18 Wednesday, April 23, 2025: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35 Thursday, April 24, 2025: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48 Friday, April 25, 2025: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14 Saturday, April 26, 2025: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15 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



DANIELLE TERESE BOBEE to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

NOUR CHIKA to make profession of faith

ARTHUR AMBROSE VICO to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation ALEXIS GUILBAULT to make profession of faith and receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation

SYLVER GRACE BLISKE to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation **JOSEPH SPATAFORE**

to receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation

CASSIDY LYNN FITTS to make profession of faith and receive First Holy Communion and Confirmation MICHAEL VENTURA to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

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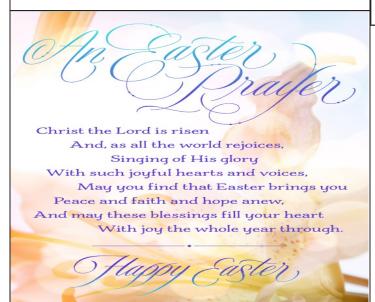
GOSPEL MEDITATION Easter Sunday John 20: 1-9

When I was a young boy, my parents told me about their wedding. Then a few years later, they showed me my mother's wedding dress and my dad's suit. It was astonishing to see and touch garments that connected me to the event that led to my existence. Of course, I already believed they were married based on their word. But these holy garments made the event real and tangible for me.

Something like this is at play when St. John reports encountering in Jesus' tomb, **"the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7)**. Those two separate cloths, for his head and for his body respectively, meant a great deal to St. John and to the early Christians. Some years after the resurrection, there surfaced reports of two cloths with unusual characteristics, one bearing the image of a crucified man's body, another smaller one with the image of a wounded man's face. Some call them the Shroud of Turin and the Veil of Manoppello; they both can be seen today.

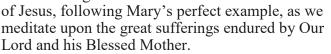
These two cloths have a long and complicated history, and scholars debate aspects of them. If you're curious, I encourage you to read about them. To be clear, I believe in the resurrection of Jesus because of the testimony of eyewitnesses and the gift of faith in the Church. Nevertheless, seeing these two mysterious cloths have made the life-giving event of Jesus' resurrection more real and tangible for me. Maybe they will for you, too.

— Father John Muir



Devotions, *Explained!* Seven Sorrows of Mary Mini Explanation

The Seven Sorrows of Mary helps us to unite our own sufferings with those



Seven Sorrows of Mary, Explained

The Seven Sorrows of Mary refer to seven key events in the lives of Jesus and Mary: the prophecy of Simeon, the flight into Egypt, the loss of the Child Jesus in Jerusalem, the meeting of Jesus and Mary as he carried his cross to Calvary, the Crucifixion and death of Jesus, the removal of the Body of Christ from the cross, and the burial of Jesus.

These events illustrate the great suffering endured by Our Lord and his Blessed Mother, and remind Christians to unite our own sufferings with those of Jesus, following Mary's perfect example.

Devotion to the sorrows of Mary dates to the early centuries of Christianity, with such proponents as St. Ephrem, St. Alphonsus Liguori and St. Bridget of Sweden.

The Seven Sorrows devotion can take the form of seven Hail Mary's, seven Rosaries or a novena, all recited while meditating upon the individual sorrows.

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EASTER from JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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CATECHISM STUDENTS







Tuesday, April 22, 2025 9:30 a.m. +Carolyn Zwierchowski +Barbara Liwo +Christine Vertrees (4th R.A.)

Thursday, April 24, 2025 9:30 a.m. +Mary Hackett +Ann McCloy

Friday, April 25, 2025 9:30 a.m. +Dee Mullaney +Celi Esmana

Saturday, April 26, 2025 4:00 p.m.

+Rosemarie Calmi +Maybelle Koehler +Franklin Langenstein +Jerry Nowakowski +Walter Broski +Anthony Belkowski +Eugene Borowski +Gerald Maciae +James Borowski +Joan Herbert +Mike Stacho

Sunday, April 27, 2025 8:30 a.m. +Barbara Liwo

10:30 a.m.

+James Reaume Sr. +James Reaume Jr. +Charles Reaume +Stephanie Reaume +Wilhemia Reaume +Helen Karash +Leo Karash +Leon Karash +Claude Fedders +Josephine Martineau +Jozef Lulgjuraj +Ricardo DeBelen

Sunday, April 27, 2025 5:30 p.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP Easter Sunday

This Easter, in churches all over the world, people will be fully initiated in the Catholic Church. Those who have come from another Christian denomination have already begun their journey with Jesus Christ. But for those who are baptized at the Easter Vigil, a new reality has come to pass. Each newly baptized man, woman, and child have become new creations in Jesus Christ. They have died and risen with the one who rose on the third day and whose empty tomb we celebrate every Easter. Easter Sunday morning, they awake after many months of RCIA and all have the same question before them: "Now what?"

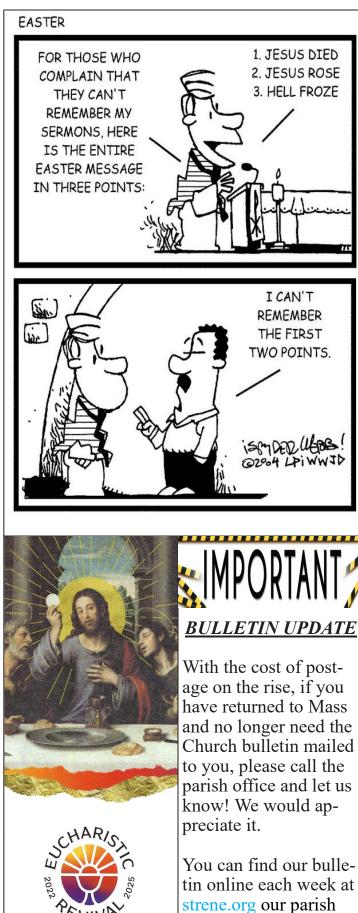
When one finds themselves having journeyed through various thresholds of conversion and now they bear the name of Christian, the time comes to chart the course of life as a disciple. Stewardship is that course of life. How one lives out their life from now on is the life of stewardship. The less one understands true stewardship and the value of their gifts and talents to the Body of Christ, the harder the journey.

Those of us who were baptized many years ago can easily fall into a false sense of comfort. We forget that sense of excitement those coming into the Church experience at the Easter Vigil. However, the story of that empty tomb reminds us of the power behind our baptism. Today, we, too, are called to discipleship and a stewardship way of life. Jesus continues to provide the answer to our, "Now what?"

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



May the Light of risen Lord touch you and Shine on you in every aspect of your Life. May the Spirit of Joy and Renewal bring Goodness in your Life. Happy Easter to you and your family!



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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Everybody's trying to find God. They may not admit it. They may not even know it. But the search defines them, and it defines us.

The Search

Everybody's trying to find God. They may not admit it. They may not even know it. They may talk around it, shy away from saying the name, both to others and to themselves: *God*. But I know for a fact that every person who was ever born into this world spent their lives searching for Him - somewhere, somehow, even if the only place they thought to look was in money or drugs.

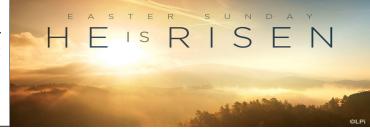
It's a comforting fact, really — a reminder of how alike we all are. Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, atheist, rich, poor, Black, white. When it comes right down to it, the history of humanity is a never-ending Easter morning scene that plays in perpetuity. The sorrow, the shock, the confusion. Again and again, as each newborn baby opens his eyes, the search begins anew. *Where did he go? What has happened? Where can I find him?*

Catechesis isn't enough. Even those who learn about Jesus Christ, who accept his word, hang hesitantly outside the tomb, afraid to go in. Jesus' best friend the disciple whom he loved — ran faster than Peter, so desperate he was to find his Lord. But when he got to the tomb and saw it empty, he got spooked. He froze.

Sometimes, we expect God to be right where we left Him — in a certain parish, with a certain priest, in a certain relationship, at a certain job. We show up, and we're heartbroken to see that our expectations have been turned upside down. *He's left us*, we think dejectedly, but we're wrong.

There is no one who has been abandoned by God. There are only those who stop looking for Him.

Don't let the empty tombs define you. It's the search that defines you.



Weekend Liturgy Schedule for April 26 & 27				
	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Libor
Lector	Louis Youkhana	Jovita Engalan	Thess Monteiro	Alex Sitchon
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Karin Nieto	Phat Le Phong Le	Open
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Youkhana L. Nosek	Open Open	T. Monteiro E. Monteiro	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	L. Youkhana	K. Nieto	T. Monteiro	Open

Weekday Liturgy Schedule for April				
Week	Tuesday, April 22, 2025	Thursday, April 24, 2025	Friday, April 25, 2025	
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	
Lector	Barbara Wyrwicz	L. Youkhana	M. Peterson	
Sacristan	K. Nieto	K. Nieto	K. Nieto	
Eucharistic Minister	L. Youkhana	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana	

Altar Care Team: Friday, April 25th Team 1 Bibiane Gagnon	We're Searchi Voluntee	If you are looking for a volunteer opportuni- ty at St. Rene look no further. We are look- ing for volunteers for becoming a Lector, Sacristan, (Lectors & Sacristans for the 5:30 p.m. Mass) Eucharistic Ministers, Al- tar 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 look- ing for Lectors, Sacristans for our weekday	
Church Vacuuming Friday, April 25th Ralph Fackler	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		
Altar Linen: April: Denise Link	them contact you. Thank you in advance for volunteering! God Bless!		

STAY CONNECTED

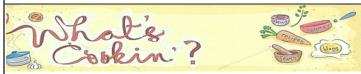
I encourage you to sign up for this resource and make use of the Bible studies, faith formation opportunities, and Catholic movies available. Signing up only takes a few easy steps:

- Visit www.formed.org and click "Sign up." 1.
- 2. Click "I belong to a Parish or Organization."
- 3. Type "Faith at Home Detroit" in the center box under Create New Account. (You'll see it populate from the drop-down menu.) Click "Next."
- 4. Enter your first and last name as well as your email.
- 5. Now you're registered! You can also download the app on you Smartphone. If you need further assistance, contact Formed at www.help.formed.org or toll-free at 844-367-6331.

St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul helps with utility bills, clothing, household items, food and in certain cases evictions. If vou 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.



Jewish Coffee Cake

1/4 lb. soft butter (1 stick) 1 cup sugar 3 eggs 2 cups all purpose flour 1 tsp. baking soda 1 tsp. baking powder 1/2 pint sour cream

In separate bowl mix: 3/4 cup brown sugar 1 cup ground walnuts 2 tsp. vanilla 3 tsp. cinnamon 1/2 stick melted butter

Cream soft butter, 2 cups sugar, add 3 eggs and mix. Add 2 cups flour wit baking powder and baking soda. Add sour cream and mix well. Put the above in an angel food cake pan 1/2 at a time and add 1/2 of the brown sugar, nuts, vanilla and melted 1/2 stick butter. Spread the other half on top. Bake at 350 F for 2 hour and 14 minutes.

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PLEASE REMEMBER **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.





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Our Sunday Offering April 12 & 13 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

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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 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 Thursday 9 am & 10 am TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!

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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

