



St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
November 17, 2024

**"HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL PASS AWAY, BUT MY
WORDS WILL NOT PASS AWAY." - MK 13:31**

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Notes from Fr. Steve

This past week we celebrated the feast of St. Martin of Tours, his life is interesting and inspirational so, I thought I would share his biography with you here today.

Saint Martin of Tours, the soldier who became a saint: November 11 marks the feast day of Saint Martin of Tours, one of the most beloved saints of the early Christian church and the patron saint of soldiers, beggars, and the poor. Saint Martin's life is celebrated not only for his conversion to Christianity and dedication to monastic living, but also for his kindness, humility, and commitment to helping those in need.

Early life and military service: Born in 316 AD in what is now Hungary, Martin was the son of a Roman soldier and was named after Mars, the Roman god of war. Despite his pagan upbringing, he encountered Christianity at a young age, feeling drawn to its teachings. When he was just a teenager, he was required by Roman law to join the military, and he soon became known for his integrity and courage on the battlefield.

One of the most famous stories from Martin's life occurred during his time as a soldier. On a cold winter day, Martin saw a beggar shivering at the city gate. Moved by compassion, he cut his own cloak in half and gave it to the beggar. That night, Martin dreamed of Jesus wearing the half-cloak he had given away. This encounter deeply affected Martin, prompting him to leave the military and dedicate his life to God.

A life of service: After leaving the military, Martin was baptized and began a life of Christian devotion, eventually becoming a monk. His reputation for kindness and humility spread throughout the region, and he was later elected Bishop of Tours in France. Martin initially resisted this honor, preferring the simple life, but he accepted the role of a sense of duty. As bishop, he continued his mission of serving the poor and spreading Christianity, traveling throughout Gaul (modern-day France) to preach and convert many people.

Martin is also remembered for his commitment to ending idolatry in his region. He worked to destroy pagan shrines and convert former worshippers to Christianity, yet he did so peacefully, often befriending those he encountered instead of condemning them.

Legacy and fest day: Saint Martin of Tours is remembered as one of the first non-martyr saints and as a symbol of humility, generosity, and compassion. His feast day on November 11 is celebration of his life and teachings and is recognized in many countries across Europe. The holiday, known as Martinmas in some areas, is often marked with processions, feasts, and charitable acts.

Through his life and legacy, Saint Martin of Tours inspired people to show compassion, serve the poor, and live humbly, just as he did. His story reminds us that true strength lies not in power or wealth but in kindness, empathy, and a willingness to help those in need.

Next week we will celebrate the feast of Thanksgiving, please plan on coming to Mass Thanksgiving morning, to thank God for all of the blessings you have received. Mass will be Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Please remember the parish in your prayers, especially the sick and the suffering. Your prayers bring them healing, comfort and peace. Also, please consider following the example of St. Martin of Tours, and remember to keep in mind, the needs of the less fortunate. God bless you and those you love!

Fr. Steve





If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity at St. Rene look no further. We are looking for volunteers for becoming a Lector, Sacristan, (**Lectors & Sacristans for the 5:30 p.m. Mass**) Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers (**both Youth and Adults for the Saturday at 4:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Mass**). We are also looking for Lectors, Sacristans for our weekday Masses. Volunteers to join the watering committee (watering the outdoor plants). If you're interested in any of the volunteer areas that are listed, please contact the parish office and we will gladly pass your information on to the person in charge of the assignments and have them contact you.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Giving Until it Hurts

In the time of Christ, sacrifice was nothing new to the Jewish people. The Israelites were experts at sacrifice. So, after centuries of every kind of offering imaginable, what was so special about Christ's? What made it so different from the sacrifices offered by the Levitical priests for centuries before his death?

Well, to adequately answer that question would consume whole volumes. And, of course, the first and most important reason is that Christ was the son of God and the savior of the world, not a random (if "unblemished") lamb offering. It was only by the blood of Christ that we could be redeemed.

But another answer is this: Christ's sacrifice cost him. In fact, it cost him everything. The offerings made by the Israelites through their priests cost them too, of course. They gave of their flocks, of their household stores, of their wealth. But Christ gave differently. He gave of himself. He gave until it was all gone.

Such is the highest form of stewardship: the gift of self to the point of discomfort. It can take a multitude of forms and I am not saying we are all called to be nailed to the cross. In fact, for most of us, our gifts will not involve physical discomfort at all. But certainly, stewardship demands discomfort. It demands that we go against our human nature of putting ourselves first, of thinking primarily of our own needs and desires. And most of all, it demands love. For that, above all else, distinguished the gift Christ gave us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Scripture readings from the Prophet Daniel and St. Mark's Gospel refer to the end times—Christ's glorious second coming. The Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus' sacrifice once for sins and His seating at the right hand of God, waiting for judgement. At that time, we will be asked to render a final account of our stewardship of God's gifts to us. Daniel is especially clear that those who embrace evangelization of their brothers and sisters through their Christian stewardship by leading *many to justice shall be like the stars forever*. Consider joining a local chapter of St. Paul Street Evangelization to learn how to bring back those who have left the Church, or invite those who do not know Christ to the Church.

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

SOCK DRIVE



It's time again for our "Annual Sock Dive." We are collecting men's warm socks ("NEW" socks only) for the homeless. These socks will be distributed to the less fortunate to help keep their feet warm this winter. (Long white tube socks are especially needed).

There will be a container in the gathering area for the collections. The sock drive will run through the end of November.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

God Bless!

Everyday Stewardship

The ancient Greek dramatist, Euripides, wrote, "No one can confidently say that he will still be living tomorrow." We seldom focus on that reality and often act like we are confident of a tomorrow. However, we all know names of those who died suddenly, maybe in tragedy or simply in the quiet of sleep. Calling those names to mind will probably still not force most of us to contemplate our own mortality tonight before placing our head on the pillow, but perhaps it should.

We don't need to obsess about dying or fear the unknown, but realizing the gift of today and reflecting on the possibility that it may be our last day can cause us to act differently. We might forgive more easily, argue less, and embrace one another. Rather than procrastinate, we might act now. We could become more mindful of our surroundings, see the needs in people, and reach out to those who are lost.

I write these Everyday Stewardship reflections every Sunday. You might read them in your parish bulletin, on a website, or in social media every Sunday. Just in case this is the last Sunday you ever have a chance to read these reflections, what is God calling you to do now before it's too late. If you are still here next Sunday after taking all this seriously, you might wonder at what it was to live more fully and to give of yourself more freely. Don't let a single day pass you by without truly loving others and your God. One thing you can be confident about: This day will never come again.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

THANK YOU

For the Children's Books!

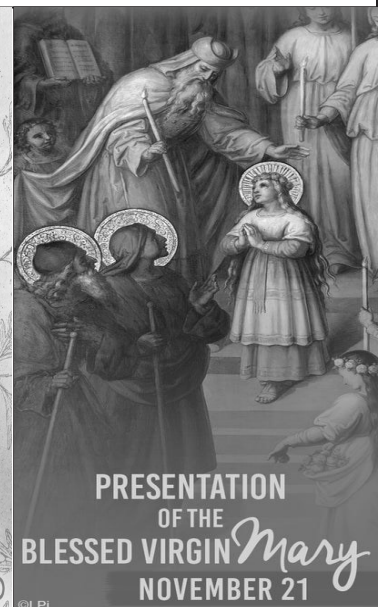
Thank you also for your generous outpouring for the patients in the Pediatric Cancer Unit at Children's Hospital. The final count this year was 1,012 books! The nurses are always so happy to receive these, as they really cheer the children up.

God bless all of you who gave so generously!

Theresa Wilson, OFS

St. Rene Goupil would like to welcome the newest members of our Parish Family!

Emmalie Cunanan
Deacon Kevin & Denise Tietz
Nour Chika
Concetta Parrino
Rene Bobee
Antoniette Miller
Mark Goulus



New!
Check out the
ONLINE PUZZLE PAGE

"Why did St. Cecilia climb a ladder?"

"She wanted to hit the high notes."

Fun Fact!
St. Cecilia is the patron of musicians, composers, instrument makers, and poets. Her feast day is November 22.

Prayer of Seasons

As the seasons change,
be with me.
As my life shifts and
shapes, be with me.
As I face what the future
holds, be with me.
As I seek the beauty to
be found today, help
me to find you there.
Amen.

Readings for The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I *Daniel 12:1-3*

In those days, I, Daniel, heard this word of the Lord: "At that time there shall arise Michael, the great prince, guardian of your people; it shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. At that time your people shall escape, everyone who is found written in the book. "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace. "But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever."

Reading II *Hebrews 10:11-14, 18*

Brothers and sisters: Every priest stands daily at his ministry, offering frequently those same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But this one offered one sacrifice for sins, and took his seat forever at the right hand of God; now he waits until his enemies are made his footstool. For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer offering for sin.

Gospel *Mark 13:24-32*

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heaven will be shaken. "And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky. "Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of the day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

Readings for the Week

Sunday, November 17, 2024:Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32
Monday, November 18, 2024:Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday, November 19, 2024:Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday, November 20, 2024:Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday, November 21, 2024:Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44
Friday, November 22, 2024:Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday, November 23, 2024:Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
Sunday, November 24, 2024:Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Shirley Schima

+Emmanuel Raphael

Thursday, November 21, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Ciriaco Ganir (6th R.A.)

Friday, November 22, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Chris Vertrees

Saturday, November 23, 2024

4:00 p.m.

+Joan Herbert

+Walter Broski

+Rosemarie Calmi

+Jerry Nowakowski

+Adrian Gonska

Parishioners of St. Rene

+Maybelle Koehler

+Franklin Langenstein

+Rafael Simbulan (1st R.A.)

+Suzanne Myslinski

+Anna Filipiak

+Edward Filipiak

Sunday, November 24, 2024

8:30 a.m.

+Josephine Martineau

+Sharon Murawski

10:30 a.m.

+Bob & Camille Keyes

(69th Wedding Anniversary)

+Laura Mastracci

+James Reaume Sr.

+James Reaume Jr.

+Charles Reaume

+Stephanie Reaume

+Wilhemia Reaume

+Helen Karash

+Leo Karash

+Leon Karash

+Phillip Karash

+Claude Fedders

+Rose Zappa

+Sam Zappa

+Walt Kalcevic

+James Quirk

+Ciriaco Ganir

Marlo Vital

Africa Vital

Librada Vital

+Michael Buffmyer

5:30 p.m.

Dylan Ventimiglia (Healing)

GOSPEL MEDITATION

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

I recently moved into a new neighborhood. On my first evening I went grocery shopping and could not find my usual favorite Greek yogurt. Strangely, my heart started to race. All the losses of my previous life hit me. So many of my old friends, habits, comforts, and predictable experiences had fallen away. There I stood, a grown man, crying like a little boy whose world was falling apart in the dairy aisle.

This week, Jesus describes what to do when one world ends, and another begins. Does it apply to the end of time? Yes. Does it apply to the end of our individual lives? Yes. It also applies to every “world” we inhabit throughout our lives, in school, family, friendships, work, play and so on. First, the sun, moon, and stars fall. The old, familiar ways of running things suddenly stop working. Light fades. Things fall apart. It’s awful. But, second, Christ comes **“in the clouds.”** Jesus, the Son of Man, replaces those old powers with himself as the prime governing principle. Third, he sends out his angels to **“gather his elect from the four winds.”** He re-integrates the fragments into a new integrated whole. **“Summer is near,”** he concludes. A new world begins.

Is your world crumbling? Are your sun, moon, and stars falling from the sky? Learn to discern the pattern of the Cross and Resurrection at work in it. This is the power we touch in the Mass. Jesus is coming precisely in this transition from the old to the new world. It doesn’t make our losses easy. But it does make it possible to glimpse the dawning of a summer, a new beginning, the life of the world to come.

— *Father John Muir*

**O Lord, we are the
people who long to
see your face.**



**Presentation of
the Blessed Virgin
Mary, Nov 21**

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for November 23 & 24

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Libor	Fr. Steve	Fr. Tim
Lector	Lorraine Doyle	Rob Wilson	Thess Monteiro	Paul Hornung
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Karin Nieto	Eli Wing-Nga	
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Youkhana L. Nosek	Open Open	T. Monteiro E. Monteiro	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	T. Monteiro	V Jennings

Altar Care Team:
Friday, November
22nd

Team 3
Tita Bugante
Helen DeVera
Divina Divina
Ofelia Cunanan
Marietta Martinez

Altar Linen:

November:

A. Sales



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.



BULLETIN UPDATE

With the cost of postage on the rise, if you have returned to Mass and no longer need the Church bulletin mailed to you, please call the parish office and let us know! We would appreciate it. You can find our bulletin online each week at strene.org our parish website.

STAY CONNECTED

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

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



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

**"THE MORE I REFLECT
ON THE GRACES I HAVE
RECEIVED, THE MORE
THEY ASTONISH ME."**

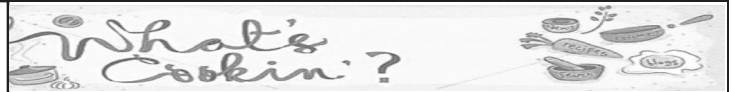
—ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE



**Our Sunday Offering
November 9 & 10
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.



Make Ahead Mashed Potatoes

8 lg. potatoes, pared
1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
1/4 c. sour cream
Salt and pepper, to taste
Butter
Paprika

Boil potatoes in salted water until tender, drain and mash. Add cream cheese, sour cream, salt and pepper, mixing well. Put in greased 2 quart casserole or baking dish. Top with pats of butter; cover. Potatoes may be stored in refrigerator for several days. Before serving, sprinkle with paprika and bake uncovered in a 350F oven for 30 to 35 minutes or until heated through. Makes 8 servings.

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





The names for the prayer list for the sick is now done by personal intercession. Please drop the names of those needing prayers for healing in the petition box in the gathering area. We are asking that you take 2 names from the basket and pray for those people by name every day for four weeks. If an emergency comes up please call the parish office and we will get members of the community to pray and offer intercessions for them at daily mass.



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

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

Altar Servers

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

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

MSgt. Jason Bialy, Air Force
Josey Blades (Air Force)
Airman 1st Julie M. Chervon
Spc. Shaen Connery (Army)
P.O. 1st Dale A. Foglyano
Nicholas Foglyano (Army)
P.O. 2nd Nicolas Fooy (Navy)
Lt Col David Fries
Maj. Laura Geldhof
Joe Gill, Navy
Staff Sgt. Nicole R. Grenon

Christopher Grubby (Navy)
Pfc. Kevin Heath
Lt. Christopher Kerr
Pfc. Paul Koss (Marines)
Lt. Joseph Kraft
Sgt. Joseph Kucharek (Army)
Sgt. Chris Libeck
Mark Locricchio (Army)
Sgt. Sean McDowell (Army)
LCPL Miguel Menzer
SPC Matthew Muellenhagen
Maj. Eric Olson

Chief Daniel Przybylinski (Navy)
Justin Quinn (Marines)
Anthony Roszko (Army)
Lt. Greg Siuta
Maj. Allison Stewart
Sgt Tomas R. Studholme, Jr.
ISG Robert Sutton
Sgt. Matthew Sweetman
Joel Vasquez, (Navy Seal)

Prayer for Those Serving in the Military

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us.
Bless them and their families for their selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need.
Amen.



Adoration Chapel

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

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

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

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

**Uncommitted Hours
Wednesday 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

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Ushers
Al Gyenese (586) 808-3128
Perpetual Adoration
Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469
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of Macomb**
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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

