



March 29, 2026

St. Rene Goupil

Catholic Community
Sterling Heights



Notes from Fr. Steve

This Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, Holy Week is the most sacred time in the Christian calendar, commemorating the final days of Jesus Christ's life on earth—His passion, death, and resurrection. This solemn and beautiful week has been observed by Christians since the earliest centuries of the Church. From the triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday to the sorrow of the crucifixion on Good Friday, and finally to the joy of the Resurrection at Easter, Holy Week invites us to walk closer with Christ through suffering into new life.

Each day carries deep spiritual meaning. Holy Thursday recalls the Last Supper and the gift of the Eucharist. Good Friday calls us to reflect on the sacrifice of the Cross. Holy Saturday is a time of quiet contemplation and hope, leading into the celebration of Easter—the victory of life over death.

We invite you to join us for these sacred celebrations:

- **Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM**
- **Good Friday—Stations of the Cross: 12:00 PM**
- **Good Friday—Service of the Lord's Passion: 1:00 PM**
- **Holy Saturday—Blessing of Food: 11:00 AM**
- **Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil: 4:00 PM**

The Easter Vigil is one of the oldest and most important liturgies in the Christian tradition, dating back to the early Church. In ancient times, believers would gather after nightfall on Holy Saturday to keep watch, praying and reflecting as they awaited the Resurrection. The vigil was a time of anticipation and profound symbolism, often lasting through the night until dawn.

The celebration begins in darkness, representing the world before Christ's resurrection. A new fire is kindled, and the Pascal candle is lit—symbolizing Christ as the light of the World. As the light spreads through the congregation, it becomes a powerful reminder of hope overcoming darkness. The Vigil also includes readings that recount salvation history, the celebration of Baptism, and the joyful proclamation of the Resurrection.

Easter itself has been celebrated since the earliest days of Christianity as the greatest feast of the Church—the triumph of life, grace, and redemption. Rooted in ancient tradition, it is a day of joy that has been passed down through generations, uniting believers across time and place.

As we celebrate Holy Week, and especially Easter Sunday. Sharing this invitation is a simple yet meaningful way to spread the hope, joy and beauty of the Resurrection with others.

Please remember the parish in your prayers especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them hope, strength and healing. God Bless you and those you love!

Fr. Steve



**In Celebration
of the
Easter Holiday
the
Parish Office
will be
closed
Friday, April 3rd
at
12 Noon
and will re-open on
Monday, April 13th**



The Adoration Chapel
will close for the
Easter Tridium
on
Wednesday, April 1st
at 7:00 p.m.
and
will re-open at
9:00 a.m.
on
Tuesday, April 7th

Archdiocese of Detroit Restructuring: Moving Forward in Hope

The Archdiocese of Detroit is entering an important new chapter as part of its ongoing mission to respond faithfully to the needs of today's Church. Under the leadership of Archbishop Edward J. Weisenberger, this restructuring effort builds on years of prayer, consultation, and pastoral planning. It reflects a continued commitment to ensure that our parishes are vibrant, sustainable, and well-equipped to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ in a changing world.

This effort is rooted in the recognition that demographics, priest availability, and parish resources have shifted over time. Rather than seeing these changes as obstacles, the Archdiocese is embracing them as opportunities—opportunities to renew parish life, strengthen ministries, and deepen our shared commitment to evangelization. Guided by faith, the Church is responding with courage and vision.

As members of the St. Rene community, you are invited to learn more about how this restructuring will specifically affect our parish. Two informational sessions will be offered:

- **May 11, 7:00–9:00 PM**
- **May 13, 7:00–9:00 PM**

These sessions will provide important insights, answer questions, and help us move forward together with clarity and confidence.

In preparation, parishioners are encouraged to review the Parish Handbook, available online at: restructuring.aod.org

This resource offers valuable background and helps explain the goals and structure of the initiative.

While change can sometimes feel uncertain, it is also a powerful moment of grace. Jesus continually calls His Church to grow, adapt, and carry His message into the future. This restructuring is not simply about organization—it is about renewal, mission, and the opportunity to become an even stronger witness to the Gospel.

Let us approach this time with open hearts, trusting in God's guidance and the promise that He is always leading His Church forward. We look forward to seeing you at one of the sessions and walking this journey together in faith.

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Church

Holy Week Schedule 2026

Palm Saturday, March 28: 4:00pm

Palm Sunday, March 29: 8:30am, 10:30am, and 5:30pm

Holy Thursday, April 2: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm
followed by the Altar of Repose until 10:00pm

Good Friday, April 3: Stations Noon
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 1:00pm



Holy Saturday, April 4: Blessing of Food Baskets 11:00am
Easter Vigil 4:00pm and 7:00 pm (Tagalog)

Easter Sunday, April 5: 8:30am and 10:30am

May the Spirit of the Risen Christ live within you now and always

**There will be no 7:00 p.m. Mass
on Holy Saturday**

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) program 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.

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.

Prayer for Holy Week

Lord God, as we go through this Holy Week, grant us humility to see our sins. Grant us a grateful heart for the redemption that Your Son has won for us. Bestow on us the grace to remember the goodness You have shown us by redeeming us. Through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

May the blessings of the Lord be with you on Palm Sunday and always!

JESUS SUFFERED FOR EACH ONE OF US

Breakfast Clubs

Please Join Pomeroy Living as we Host **St. Rene's Tuesday Breakfast Club**


Breakfast will be on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

NEXT BREAKFAST: TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST

10:00AM-11:30AM

Space is limited to 60 so make sure to reserve your spot today!

RSVP to Kristen in the parish office by: Friday, April 17th







St. Rene Goupil Parish
35955 Ryan Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48310

★ St. Rene Volunteers ★

We will be hosting a **Protecting God's Children** class here at St. Rene on **May 05, 2026 from 6 pm - 9 pm**

This class is for any volunteers that have not taken the class and need to do so to continue to volunteer. A light meal will be served. (This is mandatory for ALL volunteers per the AOD)

This class will be open to all parishes in the AOD and will fill up fast.

Contact Jeannie Novak at JWJCatholic@gmail.com and she will call you to get you added to the class OR fill out the form below.



Protecting God's Children Class here at St. Rene on
May 05, 2026 from 6 pm - 9 pm

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

or Contact Jeannie Novak at JWJCatholic@gmail.com

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

One of my most serious responsibilities as your archbishop is ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable adults and addressing the painful history of abuse within the Church.

I offer my sincere apology to anyone who has been harmed by a member of the clergy. The suffering caused by abuse is real and lasting. What happened should never have occurred, and we must face this history with honesty, humility, and a deep commitment to healing.

While we cannot undo the past, we are working to strengthen safeguards so that our parishes, schools, and ministries remain safe places for all. The Archdiocese continues to enforce strict background checks, safe-environment training, and clear reporting procedures. In addition, **fingerprinting is now required as part of our screening process** for clergy, employees, and volunteers who work with children and vulnerable individuals. These steps help ensure greater accountability and protection.

We remain committed to supporting survivors, cooperating fully with civil authorities, and maintaining transparency in how concerns are handled.

Protecting God's children must always be a priority for the Church. I ask you to join me in praying for those who have been harmed and for the continued healing and renewal of our Church. With vigilance, repentance, and God's grace, we move forward together in hope.

Sincerely in Christ.

Archbishop Weisenberger

Archbishop of Detroit



**Saturday, April 4, 2026 — Holy Saturday
4:00 p.m.**

+Franklin Langenstein
+Marian & Lottie Kobus
+Marie Forman
Healing for Almas Odish
+Munir Odish
Special Intention for Susan Schultz
Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families
+Stanley & Bernice Barc
+Eugene & Priscilla Zielinski
Deceased Members of the Zielinski Family
Deceased Members of the Wilinski Family
Deceased Members of the Stickney Family
+Kelly Patterson
+Al Napolitano

**Sunday, April 5, 2026 — Easter Sunday
8:30 a.m.**

+Benito Llemit
+Maria Llemit
+Antonio Andrion
+Ronaldo Sales
+Mary Grace Capulong
+Dinil Dominic
+Soul of Benito Capajo
Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families
+Sharon Murawski
Living & Deceased Members of the May Family
Living & Deceased Members of the Hurley Family
Living & Deceased Members of the Raona Family

10:30 a.m.

+Marion Calverley
Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus - St. Nicholas Council & Their Families
+Marie Forman
Living & Deceased Members of the Martineau Family
+Walt Kalcevic
+Rose Zappa
+Sam Zappa
+Tullio Iannucci
+Iole Puzzouli
Living & Deceased Members of the Bautista & Mangayayan Families

**5:30 p.m.
NO MASS**



Tuesday, March 31, 2026

9:30 a.m.

+James Testa
+Barbara Zolnierczak
Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Thursday, April 2, 2026 — Holy Thursday

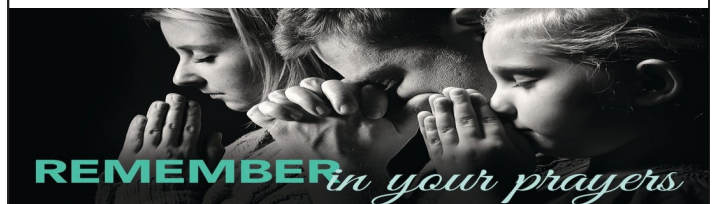
7:00 p.m.

Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families
+Sharon Murawski

Friday, April 3, 2026

12:00 Noon — Stations of the Cross

1:00 p.m. — Good Friday Liturgy





JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY KID'S CORNER



MARCH 29, 2026: PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 26:14-27:66

JESUS WAS ARRESTED, TREATED UNFAIRLY, AND DIED ON THE CROSS BECAUSE HE LOVES EVERYONE. HE FORGAVE THOSE WHO HURT HIM AND SHOWED THE GREATEST LOVE. BUT HE DID THIS SO WE COULD BE CLOSE TO GOD AND HAVE NEW LIFE.

Palm Sunday and Holy Week are meant for us to remember Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, then share His kindness with everyone.

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FAMILY ACTIVITY

Each family member writes or draws something kind they can do for someone else on a construction paper strip (like "share a toy" or "help a friend").

Decorate: Let children color or decorate each strip with leaves, hearts, or crosses.

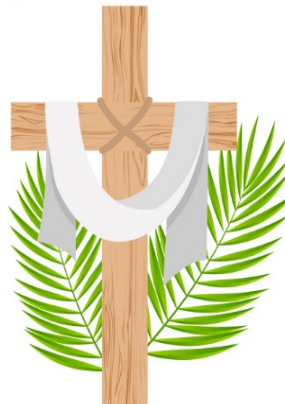
Make a Chain: Connect the strips into a chain to hang somewhere in your home.

Reflect: As you hang the chain, say together:

"Just like people welcomed Jesus with palms, we welcome Him with our love and good deeds!"

FIND THESE WORDS FOR PALM SUNDAY IN THE WORD SEARCH ABOVE

PASSOVER, GETHSEMANE, DISCIPLES, GOLGOTHA, PASSION, TEMPLE, PILATE, SILVER, FAITH, BREAD, CROSS, TOMB



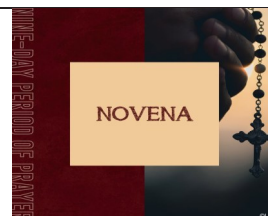
**DEAR JESUS,
HELP US WELCOME
YOU INTO OUR
HEARTS
EVERY DAY.
AMEN**

Hosanna to the Messiah!

While Jesus would not be crowned an earthly king, Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem has many parallels to the Messianic expectations of the Hebrew people. Before entering, Jesus requisitions a donkey from its owner. In the ancient world, kings had this right. Yet the animal that Jesus requests is rare -- a colt upon which no one else has sat yet. Yet, it's a donkey. This is no great war-charger, no magnificent animal. Jesus acts with all the authority of an earthly king, yet his kingdom is one of simplicity and peace. As the disciples throw cloaks over the donkey, the crowd spreads theirs on the road. This ancient gesture dates back to the line of kings descended from David. Not only are these physical kingly gestures, but the crowd of followers cries out in jubilation and praise. The Messiah has come to Jerusalem!



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!

Readings for the Week

Sunday, March 29, 2026: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14,27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday, March 30, 2026:Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, March 31, 2026:Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

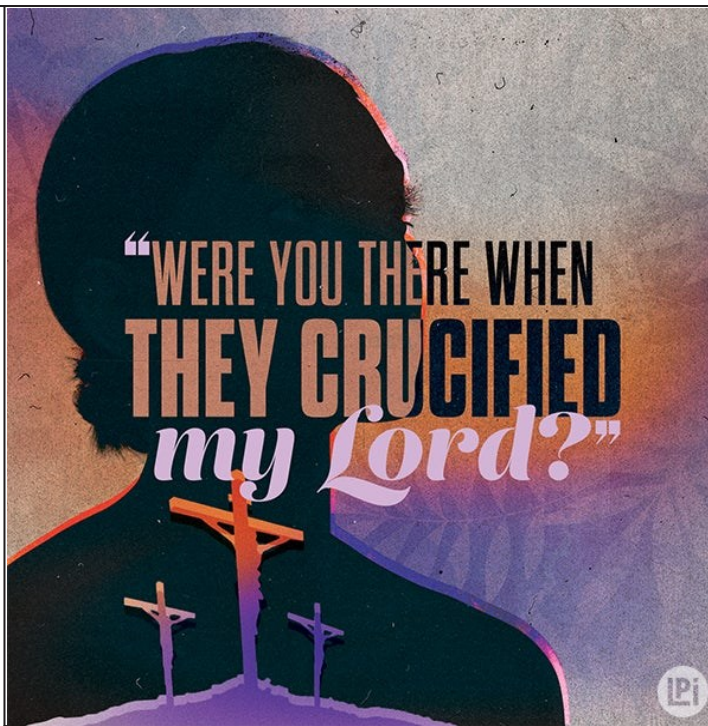
Wednesday, April 1, 2026:Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, April 2, 2026:Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday, April 3, 2026:Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday, April 4, 2026:Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/ Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/ Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/ Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Sunday, April 5, 2026: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 Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35



Virtues, Explained! Prudence



Mini Explanation

The virtue of prudence is like glasses for a soul made nearsighted by original sin. Prudence disposes our practical reason to not only discern what is good, but to choose the right way of achieving that good.

Prudence, Explained!

Those who have the vision condition of nearsightedness need glasses in order to discern objects which are far away. Without the aid of glasses, a nearsighted person's world is small; anything which lies beyond their strength of vision is hidden to them.

The virtue of prudence is like glasses for a soul made nearsighted by original sin. "A prudent man is one who sees as it were from afar, for his sight is keen, and he foresees the event of uncertainties," said St. Isidore of Seville.

The Catechism teaches that prudence disposes our practical reason to not only discern what is good, but to choose the right way of achieving that good. Prudence is "the charioteer of the virtues," guiding the judgment of our conscience and directing our actions in accordance with that judgment (CCC 1806). Without prudence, not only can we not clearly see what is good, but we have no hope of realizing that good.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: The chasm between man and his Creator is an ancient one, and it is driven deep and wide. But this week — this Holy Week — a bridge is built across the chasm. And God reaches out His hand.

The Humanity of Holy Week

We have all sold Jesus out, at one point or another. Some of us have done it more than once, and we've done it for a lot less than 30 pieces of silver.

We have all denied Christ, and we have done it more than three times and under much less pressure than Peter, who feared for his life when he shouted, "I do not know the man!"

We have all struck the face of God — out of anger? Fear? Confusion? All of the above? — screaming, in agony, "Prophesy for me!"

At one point or another, we have all looked at our Lord beaten and betrayed, and we have all said, as Pilate did: "What shall I do with Jesus called Christ?"

And we have all hung on the cross chosen for us, crying out in bewilderment: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Holy Week is a week where we see humanity, in all its vulnerability and ignorance. We see it in the "villains" of the piece, like Judas, and in the morally neutral characters like Pilate and the Jews who have been misled about Jesus. We even see it in the "good guys" like Peter.

In this, the holiest week of the year, we see ourselves at our very worst. The chasm between man and his Creator is an ancient one, and it is driven deep and wide — by the pridefulness of Adam and Eve, yes, but also by every poor choice you and I have ever made.

Every "I don't know the man!"

Every "Prophesy!"

Every "What shall I do with Jesus?"

These cries echo forth from the depths of this chasm.

But this week — this Holy Week — a bridge is built across the chasm. And God reaches out His hand.

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Blessing for Holy Week

Be with us this week, Lord, journeying closer and closer to Your pierced and Sacred Heart. Immerse us in Your intense and undying love. Help us to encounter Your passion in new ways that inform, surprise, and inspire us. Amen.



Detroit Catholic

Because we no longer have the Michigan Catholic, the archdiocese has an on-line web news resource. It is called the “**Detroit Catholic**” please go to Detroit Catholic online and subscribe free of charge! The archbishop prints his thoughts, and records homilies so that they can be shared with all of the people in the archdiocese! Go to <https://www.detroitcatholic.com>

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 29, 2026

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Matthew 26:14-27:66**

Just prior to this week’s Passion narrative in St. Matthew’s Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman’s scandalous action toward Jesus: “**A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head**” (Matthew 26:7). The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year’s wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week?

Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus’ body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: “**She has done a good thing for me**” (Matthew 26:10). Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about.

What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don’t just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

Lenten Challenge: Offer something costly to Jesus this Holy Week — not out of guilt, but love. Your attention. Your forgiveness. Your time. Break the jar. Trust that nothing poured out for him is ever wasted. — *Father John Muir*



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



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!

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for April 4 & 5

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	NO MASS
Lector	Dorothy Arche Marv Laubach Rob Wilson	Barbara Wyrwicz	Thess Monteiro	NO MASS
Altar Servers	Phat Le Phong Le	Rom Beltran	Eli Wing-Nga	NO MASS
Eucharistic Ministers	G. Labinski L. Nosek	Open Open	C. Sison G. Yeck	NO MASS
Ushers	<u>Tom Pluta</u> Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli Don Sundstrom	<u>Tom Dutkiewicz</u> Luis Nieto Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti Rom Beltran Vicki Beltran	<u>Terry Shaughnessy</u> Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro	NO MASS
Sacristan	R. Kranson	R. Beltran	C. Sison	NO MASS

<p>Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026 Mass of the Lords Supper at 7:00 p.m. Lector: Mike Novak Sacristans: Gordon Yeck & Daniel Wois Altar Servers: Eli Wing-Nga</p>	<p>Good Friday, April 3, 2026 Stations of the Cross at 12 Noon Good Friday Liturgy 1:00 p.m. Lectors: Dorothy Arche & Marv Laubach Altar Servers: Phat Le & Phong Le</p>
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<p>Altar Care Team: Friday, April 3rd Team 2</p> <p>Roxann Klee Suong Le Antonina Notarantonio</p>	<p>Weekday Liturgy Schedule for April</p>					
	<p>Church Vacuuming : Friday, April 3rd OPEN</p>	<p>Altar Linen: April Denise Link</p>	<p>Week</p>	<p>Tuesday, March 31, 2026</p>	<p>Thursday, April 2, 2026</p>	<p>Friday, April 3, 2026</p>
<p>Celebrant</p>	<p>Lector</p>	<p>Sacristan</p>	<p>Eucharistic Minister</p>	<p>Fr. Steve</p>	<p>Fr. Joy</p>	<p>Fr. Steve</p>
<p>Fr. Steve</p>	<p>B. Wyrwicz</p>	<p>R. Beltran</p>	<p>L. Youkhana</p>	<p>Fr. Steve</p>	<p>L. Youkhana</p>	<p>Fr. Steve</p>
<p>L. Youkhana</p>	<p>L. Hance</p>	<p>J. Carlisle</p>	<p>J. Carlisle</p>	<p>J. Carlisle</p>	<p>J. Carlisle</p>	<p>J. Carlisle</p>
<p>L. Youkhana</p>	<p>L. Youkhana</p>	<p>M. Peterson</p>	<p>L. Youkhana</p>	<p>L. Youkhana</p>	<p>L. Youkhana</p>	<p>L. Youkhana</p>

Due to licensing through the USCCB, we are no longer able to print the readings each week.

If you wish to access the readings, you may do so at the following website.

<https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>



Our St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul conference is a small group, always looking for new members. The meetings are open to interested visitors on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7PM at the parish. Please join us. We believe in the intrinsic value of every person – to serve and be served. Please join us in fostering the common bond of humanity to bring wholeness and healing for all. Contact George Downey at (586) 904-5171 for information on how to attend the meeting or for more information. Our conference helps with utility bills, clothing, household items, food and in certain cases evictions. If you know if 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.



Potatoes Deluxe



- 2 lb. pkg. frozen hashbrowns potatoes, thawed 30 minutes
- 1 c. diced onions
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 16 oz. ctn. Sour cream
- 1 stick margarine, melted
- 2 c. (1/2 lb.) Cheddar cheese
- 2 c. cornflakes or potato chips, crushed
- 1/4 c. melted margarine

Place first 4 ingredients in a large bowl. Salt and pepper to taste; mix well. Pour into 9x13 inch baking dish. Bake for 1 hour @ 350 F. Have crushed flakes or chips and margarine ready to sprinkle on top and bake for another 10 to 15 minutes.



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

WHERE TO FIND THE BULLETIN

You can find St. Rene's bulletin on our website at strene.org

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.



**Our Sunday Offering
March 21 & 22
Thank you for your
generous response.
God Bless you!**

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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Archdiocesan Restructuring QR Code/Link
Strengthening the Church for the Next Generation
<https://www.restructuring.aod.org>



**If you have
borrowed a Pyx
from the Church Of-
fice and are no long-
er in need of using it;
please return it to
the office, so that
others may
borrow them.
Thank you!**



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



THE 12 PILGRIMAGE SITES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT:

- Basilica of Ste. Anne, Detroit
- Blessed Solanus Casey Center, Detroit
- Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Detroit
- Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield
- National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak
- Our Lady of Fatima Shrine, Riverview
- Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, Brownstown Township
- Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel (Madonna University)
- Shrine of Jesus the Divine Mercy, Clinton Township
- Shrine of St. John Paul II, Orchard Lake
- St. Joseph Shrine, Detroit
- Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pontiac



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

<p>MSgt. Jason Bialy, Air Force Josey Blades (Air Force) Captain Curtis Bradley (Army) 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</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>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)</p>
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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 @ 8:00 a.m. and
Friday @ 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. , 1:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.
TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!

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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,
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Director of Music

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Joseph White, Grand Knight, K of C
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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 or go to our web site at strene.org.

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.



Prayer for Archdiocesan Restructuring

Come, Holy Spirit.

Make your presence known
as we restructure the parishes and ministries
of our archdiocese.

Be our light on the path we walk together.
Help us hear your voice
in the quiet of our own hearts,
in the wisdom of others,
and in the world around us.

We know you are with us
in every step of the process.
Give us clarity, understanding, and direction.
In all things, help us share the light of your love. Amen.

Ste. Anne, pray for us.
Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.