A photograph of three lit purple candles on a dark background. The candles are lit, with bright yellow flames. In the foreground, there is a gold and purple ribbon, greenery, and some small round objects. The text "3rd Sunday OF ADVENT" is overlaid on the top half of the image.

3rd *Sunday*
OF ADVENT

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
December 15, 2024

Notes from Fr. Steve

The Advent season is a time of preparation, hope, and joyful anticipation of the birth of Christ. Among the many figures who embody the spirit of this sacred season, St. Nicholas stands out as a beacon of charity, faith, and love. Known today as the inspiration behind Santa Claus, St. Nicholas's life and legacy are deeply intertwined with the themes of Advent.

St. Nicholas was born in the 3rd century in Patara, a coastal town in what is now Turkey. Orphaned at a young age, he inherited significant wealth but chose to dedicate his life to God, embracing the teachings of Christ. Nicholas became the Bishop of Myra, a position through which he demonstrated profound generosity and compassion.

One of the most famous stories of his life tells of his secret gift-giving to save three impoverished sisters from slavery or worse. Nicholas, learning of their plight, dropped bags of gold through their window under the cover of night—some versions say down a chimney—providing dowries for their future. This act of anonymous giving is emblematic of his character and laid the foundation for his association with selfless generosity.

St. Nicholas was also a defender of the Christian faith, attending the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD, where he opposed the Arian heresy. His devotion to the poor, his steadfast faith, and his miracles of healing earned him widespread veneration. He passed away on December 6, a date celebrated as his feast day.

St. Nicholas is more than a historical figure; he represents the virtues that the Advent season calls us to embrace:

1. Clarity and Generosity

Nicholas's life of giving echoes the Advent call to serve others, particularly the poor and vulnerable. His secretive, humble giving reminds us that true clarity seeks no recognition but reflects Christ's selfless love.

2. Hope and Preparation

Just as Nicholas brought hope to those in despair, Advent invites us to bring hope into our world. By preparing our hearts for Christ's coming, we emulate St. Nicholas's commitment to living a life of faith and action.

3. Joy and Wonder

Nicholas's acts of kindness sparked joy and awe in those he helped. Similarly, Advent rekindles a sense of childlike wonder as we anticipate the ultimate gift. God's love in the Incarnation.

As we conclude this Advent season, the life of St. Nicholas inspires us to live with open hearts and hands. His example encourages us to reflect on the true meaning of the season: to prepare for the coming of Christ by loving others as Christ loves us. Whether through acts of charity, moments of prayer, or simply spreading joy, we can honor the spirit of St. Nicholas and carry his legacy into our Advent celebrations.

May St. Nicholas remind us all that every act of kindness, no matter how small, is a reflection of God's boundless love—a love that we eagerly await and celebrate during this holy season.

Please remember the parish in your prayers, especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them healing, comfort and peace.



Fr. Steve

Christmas Flower Donations

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| <i>Tom & Stella DiLaura</i> | <i>Rosalie Barrett</i> | <i>Deceased Members of Wilinski</i> |
| <i>Phillip Tallion</i> | <i>Donald Barrett</i> | <i>Family</i> |
| <i>Mary Lou Liptak</i> | <i>Cynthia (Cindy) Barr</i> | <i>John Sopala Sr.</i> |
| <i>Adam Tallion</i> | <i>DeLaCruz Family & Grandchil-</i> | <i>Chester Gorski</i> |
| <i>Margaret Tallion</i> | <i>dren</i> | <i>Members of Sopala Family</i> |
| <i>Antonio Andrion</i> | <i>Robert A. Serocki</i> | <i>Members of Barskaw Family</i> |
| <i>Ronaldo Sales</i> | <i>Eugene S. Nosek</i> | <i>Fred Schulte</i> |
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| <i>Hedy Bernardez</i> | <i>Thomas Urban</i> | <i>Lottie & William Nosek</i> |
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| <i>Renato Redaon</i> | <i>Sam Zappa</i> | <i>Carol Ann Kowalec</i> |
| <i>John Sheeley</i> | <i>Chris Montrose</i> | <i>Norm Kopaczkeski</i> |
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| <i>Arturo Orzame</i> | <i>The Gorski Family</i> | <i>Alfonzo Sunga</i> |
| <i>Jacob Bayuga</i> | <i>The Sopala Family</i> | <i>Umberto & Lucille Cataldi</i> |
| <i>Cathie Anhut</i> | <i>The Bugnacki Family</i> | <i>Antonio & Antonietta Cataldi</i> |
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| <i>Joe & Herta Moravek</i> | <i>Henrietta Lopinski</i> | <i>Edward Prus</i> |
| <i>Chester Gorski</i> | <i>Jeffrey Lopinski</i> | <i>Ted Thompson</i> |
| <i>John Sopala Jr.</i> | <i>Edward & Ruth Schillag</i> | <i>Darlene Thompson</i> |
| <i>Shawn Yost</i> | <i>Arvel & Mark Clark</i> | <i>Martin & Agnes Emmandofer</i> |
| <i>Mark Sopala</i> | <i>Sharon Clark</i> | <i>Harold Emmandofer</i> |
| <i>Frank Pareja</i> | <i>The Piskor Family</i> | <i>Martin W. Emmandofer</i> |
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| <i>Barbara Borowski</i> | <i>James Testa</i> | <i>Frank & Gert Murray</i> |
| <i>Julia Belkowski</i> | <i>Joseph Testa</i> | <i>Ryan Griffin</i> |
| <i>Anthony Belkowski</i> | <i>Peter Formanczyk</i> | <i>In Thanksgiving for My Family</i> |
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| <i>Ruperta Manulusoc</i> | <i>Paul & Wanda Buback</i> | <i>The Wnuk Family</i> |
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| <i>Sylvia Aguilar</i> | <i>Pablo Sr. & Furita Fano</i> | <i>The Quick Family</i> |
| <i>Ernest Kusiak</i> | <i>Julian & Dina Fano</i> | <i>The Lohn Family</i> |
| <i>Alberta Kusiak</i> | <i>Resito & Tess Fano</i> | <i>The Dornoff Family</i> |
| <i>Lucy Matuszewski</i> | <i>Rodolfo Fano</i> | <i>Stanley & Bernice Barc</i> |
| <i>Veronica Rakoczy</i> | <i>Deceased Members of Zielinski</i> | <i>Anna & Jessie Davis</i> |
| <i>Donald Wyniemko</i> | <i>Family</i> | <i>Elizabeth & Daniel Maurus</i> |
| <i>Konicek Family</i> | <i>John M. Mukalla</i> | |

Everyday Stewardship

I wish I were a better steward. I would like to think I am a pretty generous person, and I do work hard to cultivate the characteristics of a good Everyday Steward in my life. However, stewardship is about more than giving. It is also about prudence and wise planning. It is about storing up grain for the lean years and making sure there is enough oil to light your lamps when the power goes out. If I were a better steward, I would have that \$1,000 emergency fund to dip into when I need a car repair. I would save more for retirement and vacation. I would have more food in the garage freezer because I bought more on sale and prepared for when money was a little tighter. In a nutshell, I would be prepared for whatever comes my way, good or bad.

Advent is a time of preparation. We not only prepare for Christmas, but for the day when Jesus Christ returns again. Unfortunately, we too often act like this is the only time to prepare for such events. We should be preparing all throughout the year.

If we only focus on our spirituality at Advent and Lent, then we are poor stewards of our time the rest of the year. The wise steward is always cultivating their faith and working to improve their relationship with God. They know that they need to be prepared for anything at any time. They stand ready, waiting for the call of their God.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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. Thank you in advance for volunteering! God Bless!



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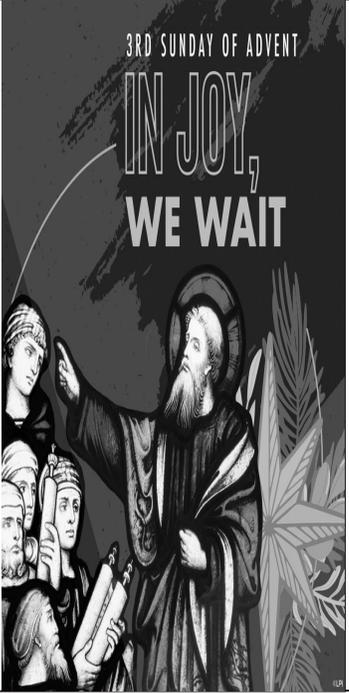
Are you interested in exploring the Catholic Faith, becoming Catholic, or receiving Sacraments in the Catholic Church?

Do you know someone who might be interested in becoming Catholic?

Classes begin soon at St. Rene Goupil. Call (586)939-7500, extension 109 for more information or talk to RCIA coordinator Michael V. Novak.

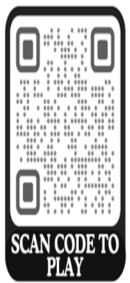
Third Sunday of Advent

In today's Gospel from St. Luke, the crowds seek moral direction from John the Baptist, asking, *What should we do?* In the spirit of giving, which pleases the Lord, John instructs them to be generous with their clothing and food to the less fortunate, and warns tax collectors and soldiers to be true to their positions. The prophet Zephaniah and St. Paul, in his Letter to the Philippians, express joy in the coming of the Lord. During this joyous Advent season, follow St. John's declarations on charity and fairness toward our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. Evangelize through your stewardship, such as donating food to a family in need or participating in a parish "giving tree."



New! Check out the ONLINE PUZZLE PAGE

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Readings for Third Sunday of Advent

Reading I *Zephaniah 3:14-18a*

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgement against you; he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

Reading II *Philippians 4:4-7*

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel *Luke 3:10-18*

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

Readings for the Week

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Sunday, December 15, 2024: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (6)/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday, December 16, 2024: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday, December 17, 2024: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday, December 18, 2024: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Thursday, December 19, 2024: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Friday, December 20, 2024: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday, December 21, 2024: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Sunday, December 22, 2024: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

MASST INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 17, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Isaac & Emily Austria (47th Wedding Anniversary)

Thanksgiving by Brendo & Khristine

Thursday, December 19, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Emmanuel Raphael

Friday, December 20, 2024

9:30 a.m.

+Frances Rozolosky

Saturday, December 21, 2024

4:00 p.m.

+Joan Herbert

+Rosemarie Calmi

+Jerry Nowakowski

Parishioners of St. Rene

+Maybelle Koehler

+Franklin Langenstein

Sunday, December 22, 2024

8:30 a.m.

+Robert Bramlage

+Sharon Murawski

10:30 a.m.

+Jane Pomper DeHart (Birthday)

+James Quirk

+Vistitacion Acosta

+Kriemhild Blaha

5:30 p.m.

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene

 *Pray For...*

COME,
Lord Jesus!



GOSPEL MEDITATION

3rd Sunday of Advent

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, “What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?” The Saint responded, “I’d keep hoeing this row of beans.” Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus’ glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize **“with the Holy Spirit and fire”** (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus’ coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It’s so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don’t know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That’s what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: “Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming.” Then make the appropriate changes.

— *Father John Muir*



As we light the rose-colored candle on Gaudete Sunday, we know that the arrival of Christ is almost upon us. Our hearts are full.

The Gospel acclamation from 1 Thessalonians 5:16 says it simply – Rejoice always.

But how can we rejoice in a world full of sorrow? Amid illness and want, injustice and hate?

St. Dominic found that joy was not only comforting, but life-giving. Walking the fields of France, he was aware of an impending attack by men sent to kill him but continued his songs and prayers. His would-be assassins were so taken aback by his joy that they did not harm him.

Can you find that same life-giving joy in the eyes of someone else, and in the small acts of kindness that surround you?

Remember God is with us. Mary is waiting with us to bring the light of her Son into our darkness. As we light this candle, pray for light and love to come into our hearts.

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for December 21 & 22

| | 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 | Barbara Kiernan | Wendi Lillie | Dori Fooy | Jovita Engalan |
| Altar Servers | Lance Tolentino | Karin Nieto | Paul Havern | |
| Eucharistic Ministers | L. Youkhana L. Nosek | Open Open | H. Devera P. Yeck | 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 | H. DeVera | V. Jennings |

Christmas Liturgy Schedule for December 24 & 25

| | Tuesday 4:00PM | Wednesday 8:30 AM | Wednesday 10:30 AM | Wednesday 5:30 PM |
|------------------------------|---|--|--|------------------------------|
| Presider | Fr. Steve | Fr. Joy | Fr. Steve | NO MASS |
| Lector | Dorothy Arche | Rob Wilson | Marv Laubach | NO MASS |
| Altar Servers | Eli Wing-Nga | Karin Nieto | Phat Le Phong Le | NO MASS |
| Eucharistic Ministers | L Youkhana L Nosek | Open Open | G Yeck M Laubach | NO MASS |
| 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 | NO MASS |
| Sacristan | L Youkhana | K Nieto | G Yeck | NO MASS |

Altar Linen:

December:
Denise Link

Friday, December 20th
Team 1
Bibiane Gagnon
Joyce Fackler

Altar Care Team:

Friday, December 27th
Team 2
Roxann Klee, Karin Nieto
Antonina Notarantonio

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.

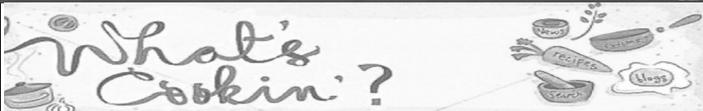


St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul helps with utility bills, clothing, household items, food and in certain cases evictions. If you know of anyone who needs help, please have them call (586)718-4523. They do not need to be parish members. All information is kept strictly confidential.

Pantry items needed:

Vegetable oil, salad dressing, spaghetti, fruit in a can, jam, canned potatoes, dehydrated mashed potatoes, dish soap, bar soap, shampoo and hand soap.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Our Savior will come



Cheesy Potatoes

- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1/2 cup onion—chopped
- 1 can cream of chicken soup—undiluted
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup—undiluted
- 1 pint sour cream
- 5 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 6 lb. pkg. hash browns—thawed

Topping:

- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 7 cups crushed corn flakes

Mix butter, onion, and both cans of soup, sour cream, and cheese. Add potatoes and blend. Pour mixture into greased 3-qt. casserole or 9 x 13 pan. In a bowl mix butter and corn flakes. Cover potatoes with topping and bake at 350 F for 55 minutes or until bubbly.

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!



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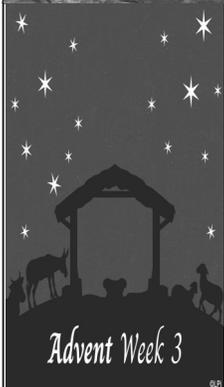
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PLEASE REMEMBER ST. RENE GOUPIL PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Prayer for the Third Sunday of Advent

Dear Lord,
Give us boldness as we move through the motions of the holiday season,
to reflect and remind those around us of Your deep and abiding love for them. Allow them to encounter Your love, through us.
Amen.



**Our Sunday Offering
December 7 & 8
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.



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!

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.

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
Wednesday 2pm & Friday 9am
TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!

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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:

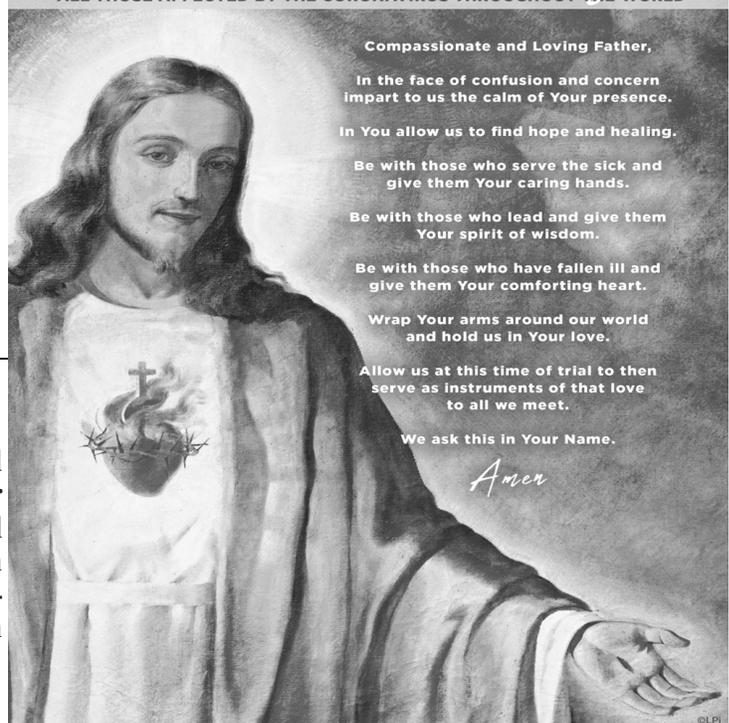
Arrangements must be made through the Parish Office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date. One person of the couple must be an active, registered member of St. Rene Goupil Parish for six months.

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



Compassionate and Loving Father,

In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing.

Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.

Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.

Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name.

Amen