

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
January 19, 2025

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**“DO WHATEVER
HE TELLS YOU.”**

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Notes from Fr. Steve

This past week on Friday we celebrated the Feast of St. Anthony, so I thought it might be timely to share something here about his life and spirituality. St. Anthony of Padua, born Fernando Martins de Bulhoes in Lisbon, Portugal, in 1195, is one of the most beloved saints in the Catholic Church. Known as the “Hammer of Heretics” and the “Wonder Worker,” his life and spirituality continue to inspire countless individuals worldwide.

Fernando grew up in a wealthy and devout family, receiving an excellent education. At the age of 15, he entered the Augustinian monastery in Lisbon to deepen his spiritual life and devotion to God. However, inspired by the martyrdom of Franciscan missionaries in Morocco, Fernando was moved to join the newly formed Franciscan Order in 1220, taking the name Anthony in honor of the Desert Father, St. Anthony of Egypt.

Anthony’s desire to preach the Gospel and imitate Christ lead him to Morocco, but illness forced him to return. Providentially, his ship was blown off course, and he landed in Sicily, eventually settling in Italy, where his eloquence and holiness would make him renowned.

Anthony’s exceptional talent for preaching was discovered somewhat unexpectedly at a gathering of Franciscans and Dominicans. His profound knowledge of Scripture and theology, combined with his humility and deep faith, captivated his audience. He soon became a powerful preacher, traveling extensively throughout Italy and France to combat heresy, call people to repentance, and bring them closer to God.

He was so effective that Pope Gregory IX referred to him as the “Ark of the Testament.” His sermons were marked by clarity, simplicity, and compassion, which made profound theological truths accessible to both the educated and uneducated alike.

St. Anthony is renowned for the many miracles attributed to him during his life and after his death. Stories of healing, protection, and even the restoration of life to the dead surround his legacy. Perhaps the most famous is the miracle of the mule, where a disbeliever was converted after his mule knelt before the Blessed Sacrament.

In popular devotion, St. Anthony is invoked as the patron saint of lost items. This stems from an incident where a novice who had stolen a book of psalms returned it after being confronted by Anthony’s prayers.

St. Anthony’s spirituality was deeply rooted in the Franciscans tradition, emphasizing poverty, humility, and charity. He encouraged others to live the Gospel fully, particularly through acts of service to the poor and marginalized. His writings reflect a profound love for Christ and a desire for union with God.

Anthony’s life exemplified trust in divine providence and a commitment to spreading the Good news. He urged his listeners to seek a deep personal relationship with Christ and to allow their lives to be transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

St. Anthony of Padua passed away on June 13, 1231, at the age of 36, in Arcella, Italy. He was canonized less than a year later by Pope Gregory IX, a testament to his widespread impact. His tomb in Padua has become a major pilgrimage site, and he was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1946 by Pope Pius XII.

St. Anthony’s of Padua’s feast day on June 13 is a time for Catholics to reflect on his example of holiness and dedication to God. His life reminds us of the transformative power of faith, the importance of humility, and the call to serve others with love and compassion.

Through his intercession, may we grow closer to Christ and live out the Gospel in our daily lives. Please remember the parish in your prayers, especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them healing, comfort and peace. May God bless you and your family!

Fr. Steve

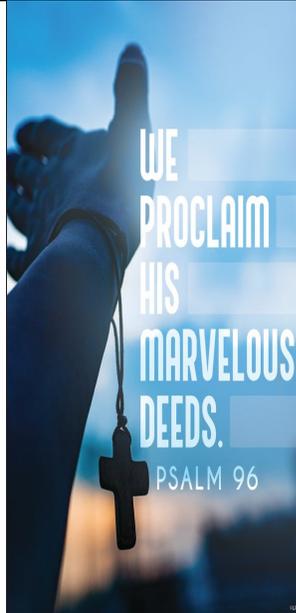
Everyday Stewardship

There are close to 7.6 billion people currently on earth. That is a lot of people! If you try to estimate how many people have collectively been born since the beginning of time, a good guess is 108 billion! It is hard to contemplate that many distinctly different human beings created by our God. In the midst of all those people, where do you and I fit? Can we really be created to make a difference in the world? One can feel very small and insignificant when reflecting on the numbers.

We render ourselves insignificant when we make the mistake of seeing ourselves as being just like everybody else. However, when looking at the numbers, how can one honestly think we are all the same? Another way we become insignificant is believing the lie that one person in the midst of so many does not have the power to make an impact. However, we all spend time reading books, watching movies, or listening to news about singular people who made all the difference in some part of the world. Imagine your own world without a few key people who have touched you and made a difference.

We are all created with unique gifts. We have those gifts that have been part of us from birth and those that have been imparted to us by the Holy Spirit. St. Paul tried to get the Corinthians to understand that reality when he explained to them the many gifts of the Spirit. Perhaps some of his audience back then thought they were insignificant. The message then remains the message today: God is counting on you to use what He has given you. If you don't, who will?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Prayer For A Return To Faith

St. Anthony, God chose you for a mission of mercy to those who had fallen away from our Catholic faith. I entrust to you my concerns for (insert name) who does not presently worship at Mass or receive the Sacraments regularly. Speak to their heart, and lead them to want to know God better, to praise God often in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, and to offer their time and talents in the dedicated service of a welcoming, holy, faith-filled Catholic parish community. Grant them the joy, the privilege, and the power of a committed personal relationship with Our Lord, Jesus Christ, and His Body, the Church. Guide me with patience and wisdom to be a worthy example of faith to all.
Amen.

Council of Catholic Women

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To Father Steve, Theresa Wilson, and the parishioners of St Rene Goupil Parish,

On behalf of the The Council of Catholic Women, I would like to thank you for your continued and generous support of Operation Layette.

Operation Layette has been an outreach program of the Council for over 50 years and with donations like yours, we were able to distribute over 500 layettes in the past year! Fifty-six layettes were prepared and distributed in October alone! Layette includes all the items that a mom needs to bring her new baby home.

I would like to give special thanks for the beautiful handmade items. I know that so much love goes into your creations.

With your help, we feel that in a small way, we are able to Walk With Moms in Need. May God bless you all for your generous hearts!

For more information about The Council of Catholic Women or Operation Layette, contact Jan Popowich at janp2@wowway.com.

Have you recently moved or changed your phone number?

In order to keep our records as current as possible please notify the parish of any address or phone number changes.

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket, at the parish office or in the mail!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP It Takes All Kinds

“If every flower wanted to be a rose,” wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, “spring would lose its loveliness.”

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of “varieties of tongues” might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, “Do whatever he tells you,” her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God’s instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God’s word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We witness God’s power in today’s Scriptures passages. In his Letter to the Corinthian community, the evangelist St. Paul recognizes that different spiritual gifts, forms of service, and workings are derived from the power of the one Trinitarian God. These blessings are bestowed for the good of the common Corinthian community. In St. John’s Gospel, Jesus, at His Mother Mary’s encouragement, miraculously changes water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, manifesting His glory and power. As Christin stewards, we acknowledge that all blessings arise from god’s tremendous love for us. In heartfelt gratitude, let us use our gifts in prayer, service, and generosity to spread the Good News of salvation. Every parish has an unlimited need for parishioners to help at the food pantry, read at Mass, serve on the Evangelization or Stewardship Commission, or volunteer in the school or faith formation program. Can your family offer a few hours a week in service to the Lord?



THANK YOU!

Thank you for including Mary's Children in
your Giving Tree this year.
Your support is greatly appreciated.
Have a happy and healthy 2025!

God Bless,
Lindsey Wichmann and the Staff and
Students at Mary's Children Family Center

Readings for the Week

Sunday, January 19, 2025: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday, January 20, 2025: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday, January 21, 2025: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday, January 22, 2025: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday, January 23, 2025: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday, January 24, 2025: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday, January 25, 2025: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Sunday, January 26, 2025: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Readings for The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

Reading II

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

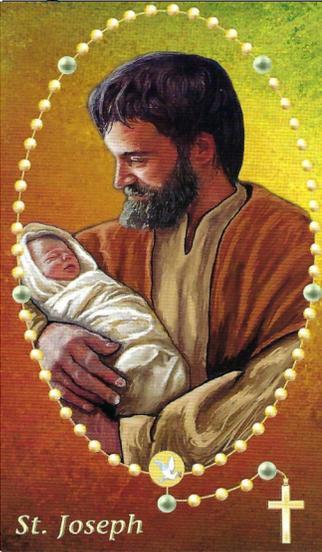
Brothers and sisters: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom; to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit; to another, mighty deeds; to another, prophesy; to another, discernment of spirits; to another, varieties of tongues; to another, interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

Gospel

John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from—although the servers who had drawn the water knew—, the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.





St. Joseph

Prayer to Saint Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil.

Amen.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

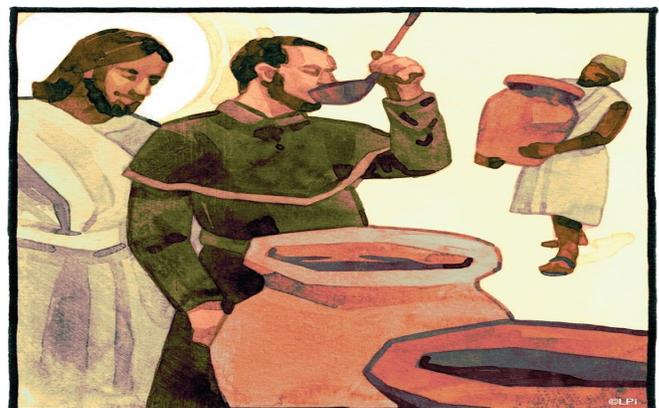
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time John 2:1-12

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, *blah*.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just *blah*.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then... an inferior one" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "But you have kept the good wine until now." This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste *that* amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

— Father John Muir



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Dear St. Rene Parishioners,

Because of your kindness and generosity, a survivor's life will be changed. Thank you for your huge donation of hygiene items, household items, cleaning items, toys and so many need items! We truly appreciate your continued support of our mission, and on behalf of our survivors thank you!

Our wonderful community of donors, and their collective support helps provide survivors with Turning Point's comprehensive services including: An Emergency Shelter, Housing programs, Trauma Advocacy and Counseling, a 24-Hour Hotline, Personal Protection (PPO) order assistance, Legal Advocacy, a Forensic Nurse Examiner Program, First Response Advocacy and Community and Prevention Education and Human Trafficking.

We are committed to supporting survivors on their journey of healing. Turning Point has established housing programs, and today we are grateful to say almost 50 families are safe, secure and thriving without the threat of violence. Recently we have expanded our services to also support survivors of Human Trafficking, with emergency shelter, transitional housing, as well as all of our comprehensive services.

2024 marks Turning Points 44th year of providing free, comprehensive services to survivors. Together with the collective generosity and support of our donors and community partners, we have been able to serve over 125,000 survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Know that every day survivors benefit from the great work we're doing together. The success of our mission is possible because of your support—we are truly grateful. Enclosed is our 24-Hour Hotline card, sharing this card could change someone's life.

Sincerely,

Sharnan Davenport
Sharnan Davenport, Ph.D.
President and CEO

We are truly grateful for all of you! Thank you!

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SAVING A SEAT FOR YOU





JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY KID'S CORNER



JANUARY 19, 2025: RETREAT WEEKEND

THIS WEEKEND, THE JWJ YOUTH GROUP WILL BE GOING ON A RETREAT CALLED "THE EDGE" IN PORT SANILAC, MI. THE RETREAT WILL BE LED BY OUR THREE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY AND CREATIVELY TO CREATE A PROGRAM TO INSPIRE AND EMPOWER OUR TEENS. EVEN THE LOGO FOR THE RETREAT WAS CREATED BY ONE OF OUR SENIORS, DANIELLE. WE ASK THAT YOU KEEP OUR YOUTH IN YOUR PRAYERS AS THEY EMBARK ON THIS VENTURE.

LIST OF RETREATANTS TO PRAY FOR:

ADULT CHAPERONES

MICHAEL
JENNETTA
ANNA
JACK

YOUNG ADULTS

ANDREW
SIENNA
MADISON
ISABELLE

TEENS

DANIEL	MADS
JAISE	LIBBY
AARON	ELIZABETH
DANIELLE	PHUONG
DENNIS	VAL
LILIAN	PHAT



LORD, AS OUR YOUTH EMBARK ON THIS RETREAT,
OPEN THEIR HEARTS & MINDS TO YOU.
HELP THEM LISTEN TO YOUR VOICE & FIND PEACE IN YOUR PRESENCE.
GUIDE THEM IN THEIR JOURNEY OF FAITH,
STRENGTHEN THEIR SPIRITS, AND RENEW THEIR SOULS.
HELP THEM GROW IN LOVE, KINDNESS, AND UNDERSTANDING,
AND TEACH THEM TO LIVE AS YOU'VE CALLED THEM TO.
MAY THIS TIME OF REFLECTION BRING THEM CLOSER TO YOU,
AND HELP THEM CARRY YOUR LIGHT INTO THE WORLD. AMEN.

MASS+ INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Helen Pomper

+Betty Eschrich

Thursday, January 23, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Annette Bachiu

+Celi Esmana

Friday, January 24, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Fr. Edward Baumgartner

+Fr. Ron Kurzawa

Saturday, January 25, 2025

4:00 p.m.

+Rosemarie Calmi

+Edwin Wagner

+Maybelle Koehler

+Elena Laboga

+Franklin Langenstein

+Lottie Roman

Sunday, January 26, 2025

8:30 a.m.

+Sharon Murawski

+Maria Teresa Ferrante

Janice Podlaski (Healing)

Robert Urick (Healing)

10:30 a.m.

+James Reaume Sr.

+James Reaume Jr.

+Charles Reaume

+Stephanie Reaume

+Wilhemia Reaume

+Helen Karash

+Leo Karash

+Leon Karash

+Phillip Karash

+Claude Fedders

5:30 p.m.

+Louise Hornung



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Sometimes we forget, or even refuse, to bring small concerns and inconveniences to God because we think we should be able to handle them on our own. What a ridiculous attitude that is — as if we could handle anything on our own.

Do Whatever He Tells You

I once ran out of pizza at my kid's birthday party.

Everyone told me it wasn't a big deal but come *on*. It was a disaster. I had invited all these people over. They showed up with presents and sang "Happy Birthday" and stood around patiently while my kid ripped through his cache of gifts. The very least they were expecting was to be fed sufficiently.

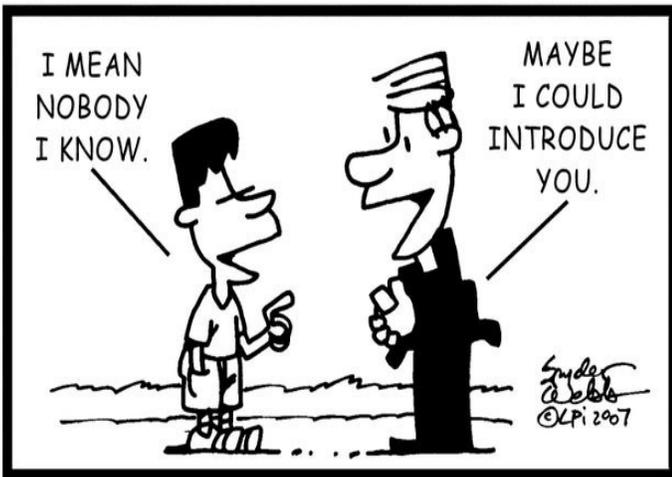
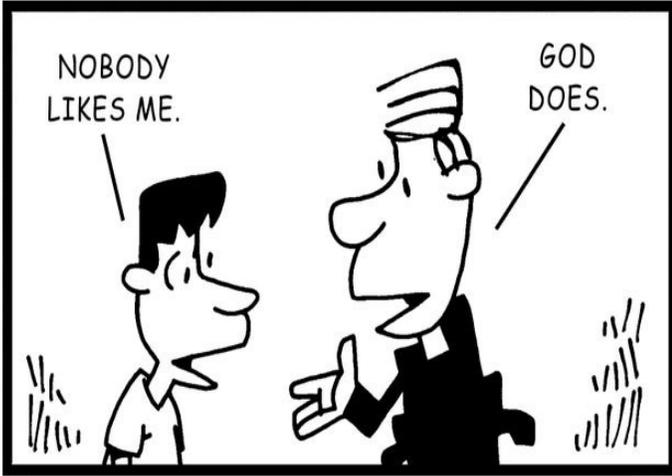
I'll tell you what, I sure could have used the Blessed Mother that night.

I love the story of the wedding at Cana because it's such a silly little miracle. I don't mean to be disrespectful — of course it's an incredibly important moment in Christ's public life. But it's not healing a leper. It's not raising the dead. It's not even walking on water. It's saving a young couple from embarrassment.

I think sometimes we forget, or even refuse, to bring small concerns and inconveniences to God because we think we should be able to handle them on our own. What a ridiculous attitude that is — as if we could handle anything on our own. It's so fitting that Mary, ever the observant Mother, is the one to bring the matter to Jesus' attention. He asks her what this problem has to do with him. She doesn't answer him, because, between you and me, I don't think he's asking her. I think he's asking us. All she does is tell the waiters what I consider to be the best piece of advice in all of Scripture: "Do whatever he tells you."

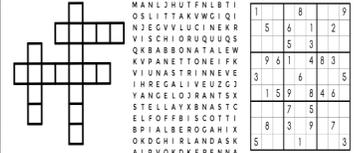
I'm so quick to throw up my hands and feel sorry for myself when I encounter a barrier in my life. What I should be doing is taking the matter to God, and then doing whatever He tells me.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Francis de Sales

New! Check out the **ONLINE PUZZLE PAGE**



Devotions, Explained!
The Angelus

Mini Explanation

The Angelus is an ancient devotion whose practice developed over the course of several centuries. It is composed of three antiphons that tell the story of the annunciation, each followed by a Hail Mary. It is usually said daily at noon.

The Angelus, Explained

The incarnation of Christ changed the life of every Christian person who ever lived. Reflecting on that moment in salvation history is an opportunity for grace, growth and peace. Who wouldn't want that every day, or even three times every day? The Angelus is composed of three antiphons which narrate the annunciation, each followed by the recitation of a Hail Mary (a prayer that itself contains the "angelic greeting" of the angel Gabriel). Its name is derived from the first words of the prayer in Latin. This devotion was developed over the course of several centuries and is rooted in the ancient practice of saying three Hail Marys in the evening. Historically, people were called to prayer by the ringing of church bells — "the Angelus bells." Most people who recite the Angelus do so daily at noon, though it is often said in the morning, at noon and in the evening.



IMPORTANT
BULLETIN UPDATE

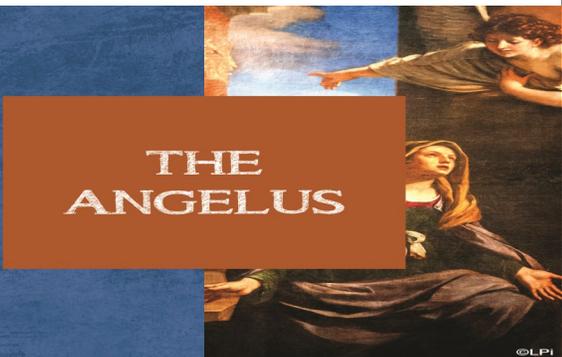
With the cost of postage on the rise, if you have returned to Mass and no longer need the Church bulletin mailed to you, please call the parish office and let us know! We would appreciate it.

You can find our bulletin online each week at strene.org our parish website.



eucharisticrevival.org

THE STORY OF THE ANNUNCIATION



Weekend Liturgy Schedule for January 25 & 26

	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	Louis Youkhana	Jovita Engalan	Dorothy Arche	Ricky Yulo
Altar Servers	Paul Havern	Karin Nieto	Eli Wing-Na	
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Youkhana L. Nosek	Open Open	C. Sison H. DeVera	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	C. Sison	Open

Weekday Liturgy Schedule for January

Week	Tuesday, January 21, 2025	Thursday, January 23, 2025	Friday, January 24, 2025
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
Lector	Barb Wyrwicz	Louis Youkhana	Mary Peterson
Sacristan	Karin Nieto	Karin Nieto	Karin Nieto
Eucharistic Minister	Karin Nieto	Mary Peterson	Louis Youkhana

Altar Care Team:

Friday, January
24th
Team 3
Teresita Bugante
Helen DeVera
Ofelia Cunanan
Divina Divina
Marietta Martinez



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 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.

Altar Linen:

January:
Khristine Cochiosue

Thank you in advance for volunteering!
God Bless!

STAY CONNECTED

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

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

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.



Items needed for food pantry:

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

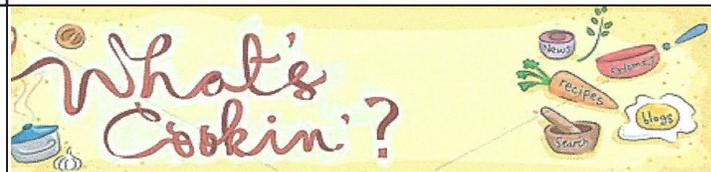


**PLEASE
REMEMBER
ST. RENE GOUPIL
PARISH
IN YOUR WILL**

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.



SCAN CODE TO DONATE TO ST. RENE GOUPIL



Pound Cake

1 lb. butter or margarine (I use 1/2 of each)
1 lb. sifted powdered sugar
Cream these two ingredients together until smooth.

Add:
6 eggs—one at a time (beat well after each one)
3 cups flour (add gradually)
Mix well.

Add:
1 tsp. vanilla
1 tsp. Almond extract

Bake at 325 F for 1 hour and 20 minutes. Makes a large tube pan cake or two loaf pans.



**Our Sunday Offering
January 11 & 12
Thank you for your
generous response.**

God Bless you!

If you wish to read the bulletin it can be found online at Parishesonline.com then search by zip code. You can go online to the [aod.org/live masses](http://aod.org/live-masses) to find Weekday and Weekend Masses that can be watched.



If you have borrowed a Pyx from the Church office and are no longer in need of using it; could you please return it to the office.
Thank You!



Prayer for Family Unity

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.

O holy St. Anthony, I fervently ask for your heavenly intercession on behalf of my family. Fill our hearts with mutual love, compassion, and understanding. Help us to be forgiving of each other's mistakes and failures, so that our family may reflect God's presence in our homes and in our lives. Grant us family harmony, unity and peace. Amen

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

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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
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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