



Fifth Sunday of Lent

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
April 6, 2025

Notes from Fr. Steve

It's not too late to experience the joy and spirituality of Lent. As we find ourselves midway through the season of Lent, it's easy to feel like we may have missed the opportunity to fully embrace its spiritual significance. However, Lent is not merely a countdown to Easter it's a profound journey of introspection, repentance, and spiritual renewal that can be embarked upon at any point with sincerity and dedication.

Lent invites us to pause amidst the busyness of life, to reflect on our faith, and to realign our priorities. It's a time to turn inward, acknowledging our imperfections and seeking forgiveness. This introspection isn't about dwelling on guilt but rather about embracing the opportunity for growth and transformation.

One of the core elements of Lent is fasting, not just from food but also from distractions that distance us from our spiritual path. Whether it's giving up a habit, reducing screen time, or abstaining from certain foods, these practices create space for deeper contemplation and connection with our faith.

Lent also calls us to extend our focus beyond ourselves through acts of charity and service. This can range from volunteering in our communities to supporting those in need through donations or simply offering a listening ear to someone who needs it. These acts of kindness not only benefit others but also enrich our own spiritual journey.

Central to Lent is prayer, which allows us to communicate with the divine and find solace in moments of doubt or difficulty. Whether through traditional prayers, meditation, or journaling, carving out time for reflection helps us nurture a deeper relationship with our spirituality.

As Lent progresses, it becomes a beacon of hope, reminding us of the promise of Easter and the renewal of faith it brings. Each step taken, each prayer offered, and each act of kindness performed brings us closer to experiencing the profound joy and peace that Lent offers.

In essence, it's never too late to embrace the joy and spirituality of Lent. Whether you've been actively participating or feel you've yet to begin, there's still ample opportunity to immerse yourself in this transformative season. By embracing spiritual practices, reflecting on your faith, and reaching out to others, you can find renewed purpose and a deeper connection to your spirituality, making this Lent a truly enriching experience.

As we journey through the remaining days of Lent, let us embrace this time of growth, renewal, and spiritual awakening, knowing that each step brings us closer to the joyous celebration of Easter.

I would like to welcome all of the new families who have joined the parish! Please remember, every time you come here to Church, your coming home, to the House of the Lord! As always, I ask all of you to remember to pray for the sick, your prayers bring them healing and hope! Have a blessed week!

Fr. Steve



St. Rene Goupil Catholic Church

Holy Week Schedule 2025

Palm Saturday, April 12: 4:00pm

Palm Sunday, April 13: 8:30am, 10:30am, and 5:30pm

Holy Thursday, April 17: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00pm
followed by the Altar of Repose until 11:00pm

Good Friday, April 18: Stations Noon
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 1:00pm



Holy Saturday, April 19: Blessing of Food Baskets 11:00am
Easter Vigil 4:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 20: 8:30am and 10:30am

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



Experience the Spirit of Palm Sunday!

Join next Palm Sunday for a vibrant celebration of faith and community at St. Rene! This special day commemorates Jesus Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, a pivotal event in Christian history. We invite you to join us as we wave palm branches and rejoice in the arrival of our Savior.

Why Attend? Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, a time of reflection and spiritual preparation leading up to Easter. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, connect with your faith, and experience the uplifting atmosphere of our church family.

Invite Someone Special! We encourage you to bring a friend or family member along to share in this meaningful experience. Whether they are new to the faith or looking to reconnect, Palm Sunday at St. Rene promises to be a memorable and welcoming event for all.

Let's celebrate the start of Holy Week together! See you there!

**Friday's during Lent
after the
9:30 a.m. Mass
and at
7:00 p.m.**



Stations of the Cross



**DONUT
SUNDAY
NEXT SUNDAY**

Join us for
faith & fellowship
after the
10:30 am Mass
Sunday, April 13, 2025

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) 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.

Readings for The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reading I *Isaiah 43:16-21*

Thus says the LORD, who opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters, who leads out chariots and horseman, a powerful army, till they lie prostrate together, never to rise, snuffed out and quenched like a wick. Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers. Wild beasts honor me, jackals and ostriches, for I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink, the people whom I formed for myself, that they might announce my praise.

Reading II *Philippians 3:8-14*

Brothers and sisters: I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel *John 8:1-11*

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. SO he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

Readings for the Week

Sunday, April 6, 2025: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 *Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday, April 7, 2025: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday, April 8, 2025: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, April 9, 2025: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, April 10, 2025: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday, April 11, 2025: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, April 12, 2025: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, April 13, 2025: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49



JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY KID'S CORNER



APRIL 6, 2025: FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, JESUS HAD A FRIEND NAMED LAZARUS WHO WAS VERY SICK, AND HE DIED. WHEN JESUS ARRIVED, HE TOLD EVERYONE THAT LAZARUS WOULD LIVE AGAIN. HE PRAYED TO GOD, AND THEN CALLED LAZARUS OUT OF THE TOMB. TO EVERYONE'S SURPRISE, LAZARUS WALKED OUT ALIVE! JESUS SHOWED THAT HE LOVES US AND CARES DEEPLY FOR US. EVEN WHEN THINGS SEEM HOPELESS, JESUS CAN BRING HOPE AND NEW LIFE. WE CAN TRUST IN HIM TO HELP US THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES.

SCRAMBLED WORDS FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL

1: RZLAAUS 2: VIEAL 3: MTOB
4: ADDE 5: SUEJS 6: EOIVC
7: EMOC 8: NOTES 9: ROLGY

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FAMILY ACTIVITIES

NEW LIFE OBSTACLE COURSE

Set up an obstacle course that represents the "tomb" and "coming to life" moment. For example, have a blanket over chairs that family members crawl through, and then, when they reach the end, they "come to life" by jumping out excitedly. This activity emphasizes the joy and life that Jesus brings!

LIFE GIVING PRAYER TIME

Gather as a family and write down things you want to pray for—things that need hope or life, like a sick friend or family member. Then, one by one, pray for these needs, trusting that God brings life, healing, and hope to any situation, just like He did with Lazarus.

DEAR JESUS,
THANK YOU FOR SHOWING US THAT
YOU HAVE THE POWER TO BRING
LIFE AND HOPE. HELP US TO TRUST
YOU WHEN WE'RE AFRAID OR SAD,
KNOWING YOU ARE ALWAYS WITH
US. THANK YOU FOR LOVING US AND
MAKING ALL THINGS POSSIBLE.
AMEN.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

5th Sunday Lent

John 8:1-11

“The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle” (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community’s identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

Once you understand this, you’ll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is **“left alone before him.”** A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ’s forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.

— Father John Muir

Prayer in Lent

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

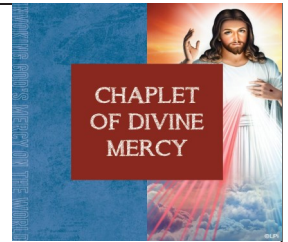
Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: Grant that by faith in Him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of His victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Devotions, Explained!

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Mini Explanation



Prayed with an ordinary five-decade Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer invoking God’s mercy on the world, utilizing words drawn from the text of The Diary of St. Faustina Maria Kowalska.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Explained

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer invoking God’s mercy on the world, utilizing words drawn from the text of The Diary of St. Faustina Maria Kowalska. St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions of Christ imploring her to spread the message of his Divine Mercy, specifically through the recitation of this chaplet.

Prayed with an ordinary five-decade Rosary, the chaplet opens with a recitation of the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Apostle’s Creed. The beads usually used for the Our Father are used to recite this prayer:

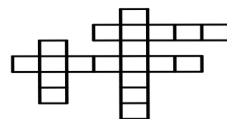
“Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world,” followed by ten Hail Marys and the words “Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”



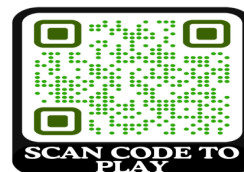
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ONLINE PUZZLE PAGE



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3 1 5 9 8 4 6 5
5 8 3 1 7 3



Experience LENT like never before!

SOUP & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

5:45 PM

TEEN LED BIBLE STUDY (for all ages)

6:00 PM

TEEN LED STATIONS OF THE CROSS (for all ages)

7:00 PM



THREE FRIDAYS OF LENT
March 14th, April 4th & April 11th
@ St. Rene Goupil Parish



"For you have been born again, through the living and enduring Word of God."

1 Peter 1:23

+ Bible study based on 3 tenants of Lent: prayer, fasting, almsgiving

+ Stations Of The Cross featuring a personal encounter with Christ

+ Attend all 3 evenings and receive a gift prize upon completion

+ Register online at JWJCatholicAcademy to receive a free journal



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Join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship & baseball!



Ticket Price
\$38

BEAVERS VS. UNICORNS

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

FIRST PITCH 1:05 PM

GATES OPEN @ NOON



\$10 per ticket will be funded to Metro Detroit United!

Each \$38 Ticket includes:

- Game seating in party patio area
- Group photo on the field
- Welcome message on scoreboard
- Kids run the bases after the game
- Meet JJ the Field General, the bat dog
- Meet & Greet with a team mascot
- Free Parking

-PLUS an All American BBQ Buffet!

Premium Hot Dogs, Slow Roasted BBQ Pulled Chicken, Sliced Smoke Sausage with peppers & onions, Fresh Pasta Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, and Cookies. Food is served starting when the gates open for 90 minutes. Each guest will receive unlimited soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea, and water.



Meet our Jubilee Pilgrims:

ADULT CHAPERONES

Michael, Jack, Jessica, Annette, Michelle, Andrew, Karen, Jennifer, Kevin

TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMS

Carlie, Parker, Anna, Sean, Sienna, Kiera, Emma, Owen, Dennis, Abbi, Val, Charlee, Jessica, Farrah

Ticket purchases support all 4 parishes:

St. Lawrence
 St. Rene Goupil
 St. Jane Frances
 Star of the Sea

To purchase tickets visit: jwjcatholicacademy/jubilee

MASS+ INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Fr. Francis Weingartz

+Dee Mullaney

Thursday, April 10, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Mary Hackett

+Frances Janick

Friday, April 11, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Nadine Koehler

+Celi Esmana

Saturday, April 12, 2025

4:00 p.m.

+Rosemarie Calmi

+Maybelle Koehler

+Marilyn Cavataio

+Franklin Langenstein

+Joan Herbert

Intention of Suzanne Canales

Sunday, April 13, 2025

8:30 a.m.

+Annette Bachiu

+Donald Trudeau

10:30 a.m.

+Fred Schulte

+William O'Neill

+David Willick

+Jozef Lulgjuraj

5:30 p.m.

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Make a Way

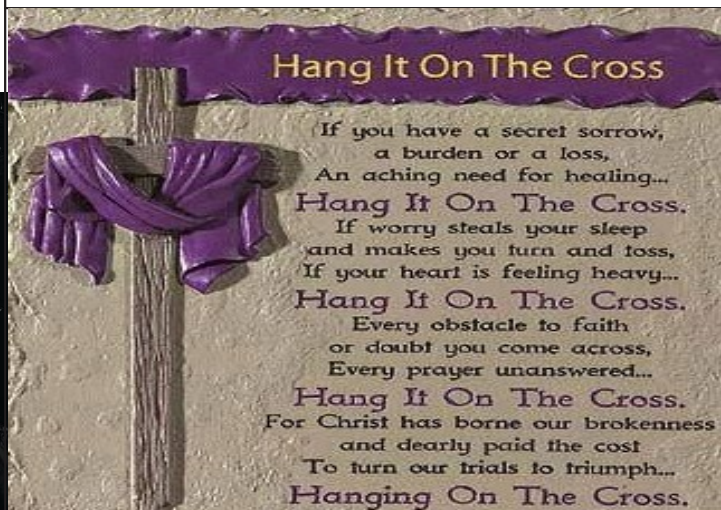
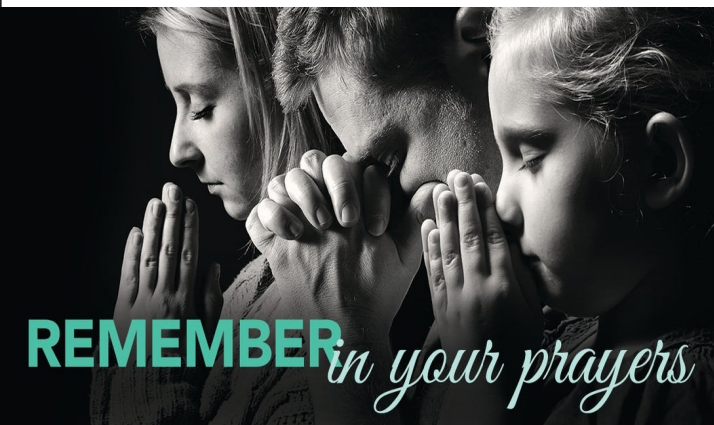
What's your comfort zone: emotionally, professionally, personally? We all have one. But did you realize that you can have one spiritually? Think about what you like and what you don't particularly enjoy when it comes to church, prayer, and liturgy. We all have "those songs" we crinkle our noses at, either because they're too modern or too old-fashioned. We all have "those people" in our parish whose ideas we aren't so sure about, whether that's because they're trying to change too much or because they seem always to be looking toward the past. Also, when was the last time you sat on the OTHER side of the church during Mass?

As much as we may not want to admit it, even (and especially) as people of God, we get deeply attached to our own personal comfort zones — and we tend to view those outside with distrust.

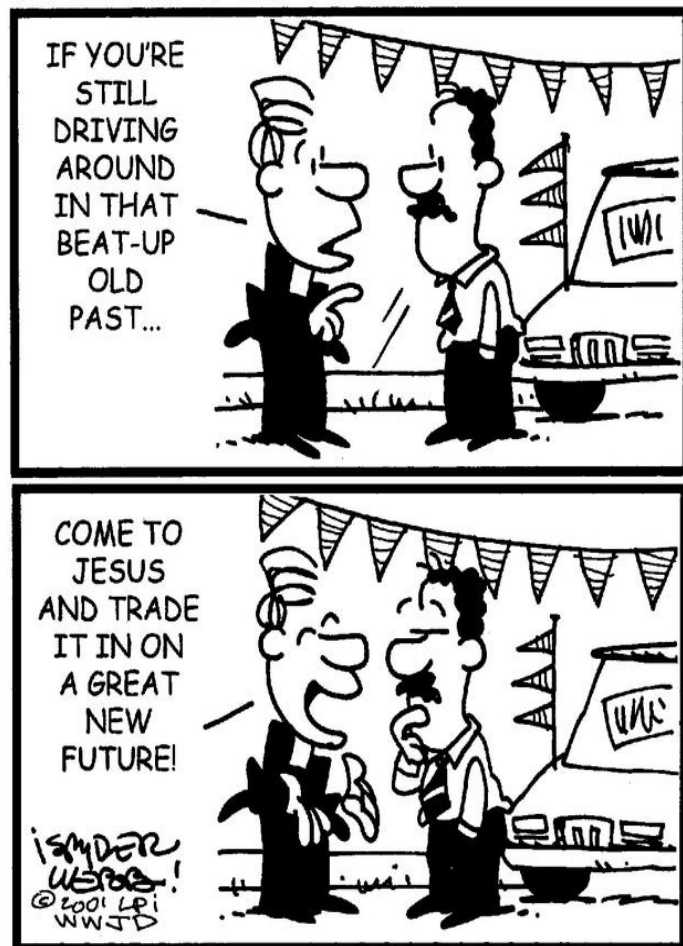
But what if God had a comfort zone? What if He viewed us, in our sin and our misery, as too "far away" from Himself to reach? Thankfully, our God is a God who "opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters." Our God is a God who does "something new."

The call to stewardship demands that we look outside of ourselves. Our thoughts, our opinions, our preferences — these things are not important to the steward. Even if there is a vast, dry desert of discord, or a seemingly endless wasteland of opposing views between us and our neighbor, God challenges us to "make a way" out of our comfort zone, that together we may announce His praise.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



5th SUNDAY OF LENT



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: Too often, we don't care about righteousness or truth. We just care about being right. We have a terrible tendency to see only decisions, and in doing so we dehumanize the people behind them. But when God looks at us, he sees more than the worst decisions we've ever made.

The Allure of Being Right

It wasn't a real question.

"The law of Moses says we should stone her. What do you say?" the Pharisees asked Jesus as they brought the adulterous woman before him. But they weren't *really* asking. They didn't care what Jesus' answer was. They didn't ask his opinion because they wanted to know. They asked because they wanted to use his words against him.

Righteousness, truth — that wasn't the goal. The goal was being right.

And in the middle of the whole scene, dragged before Jesus, used as a literal prop in this staged drama, is a woman. A real flesh-and-blood woman.

I find myself wanting to know more about her. She had been "caught in the act," they claimed, but I wonder what that even means. With whom was this act committed, and what were the reasons for her participation in it? Was she coerced? Was she scared? Was she confused? Was it really a cut-and-dry, black-and-white situation of adultery, of lust, of making the wrong decision?

We will never know the answers to these questions, and it doesn't matter — it's not our business. God knows the answers. God knows the truth of the matter: what she did, what she chose, what she felt. Because she wasn't a prop to Him. She was a person.

When God looks at us, he sees more than the worst decisions we've ever made.

I worry that we use one another as props even today, when we try like the Pharisees to illustrate "What is Right." We have a terrible tendency to see only decisions, and in doing so we dehumanize the people behind them.

Too often, we don't care about righteousness or truth. We just care about being right.



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


Weekend Liturgy Schedule for April 12 & 13

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Libor
Lector	Lorraine Doyle Barbara Kiernan	Rob Wilson Barbara Wyrwicz	Marv Laubach Dorothy Arche	Jovita Engalan Ricky Yulo
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Karin Nieto	Phat Le Phong Le	Open
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Youkhana L. Nosek	Open Open	T. Monteiro E. Monteiro	Open Open
Ushers	<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 Gyenes Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti	<u>Terry Shaughnessy</u> Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chrisie Fish Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro	<u>Paul Hornung</u> Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
Sacristan	L. Youkhana	K. Nieto	T. Monteiro	Open

Weekday Liturgy Schedule for April

Week	Tuesday, April 1, 2025	Thursday, April 3, 2025	Friday, April 4, 2025
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
Lector	M. Peterson	D. Monterosso	L. Hance
Sacristan	B. Wyrwicz	K. Nieto	K. Nieto
Eucharistic Minister	L. Youkhana	H. DeVera	L. Youkhana

Altar Care Team:
Friday, April
11th
Team
2
Roxann Klee
Karin Nieto
Antonina Notarantonio

Church Vacuuming :
Friday, April 11th
Jim Moravek

Altar Linen:
April:
Denise Link



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!
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.



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PARISH
IN YOUR WILL**

You now can donate to St. Rene Goupil using your cell phone! Just take a picture of the QR code in the gathering space or in the bulletin; it will automatically link you to the St. Rene donation site. Enter the amount you wish to donate, card information and press the "Pay" button. It's that simple! We thank you for your generosity.



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**Our Sunday Offering
March 29 & 30
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God Bless you!**

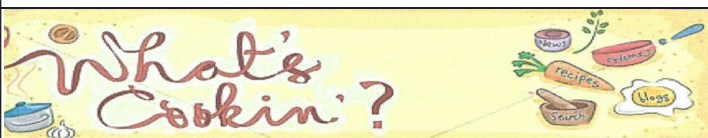
If you wish to read the bulletin it can be found online at Parishesonline.com then search by zip code.

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!

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.



Pastel Cookies

3 1/2 cups flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 1/2 cups butter or margarine
1 cup sugar 1 pkg. Jello, any flavor
1 egg
1 tsp. vanilla

Mix flour and baking powder. Cream butter, gradually add sugar and Jello, beating well. Beat in egg and vanilla. Gradually add flour mixture, mixing well. Force dough through cookie press onto greased cookie sheets. Sprinkle with additional Jello. Decorate if desired. Bake at 400 F for 8 minutes or until edges are golden brown. (Approx. 10 doz. cookies)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

The topic of conversion links today's Scripture passages. While in prison, St. Paul writes to the Philippians community. *For His sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish.* After His death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Jesus speaks forcefully to Paul on the road to Damascus. Paul experiences a profound conversion from his former life of sin, including the persecution of Christians. In his new life, the evangelist proclaims the Lord's message of salvation to the Gentiles. In St. John's Gospel, Jesus does not judge or condemn the woman charged with adultery, but asks her to sin no more and convert to a life free of this sin. A conversion from sinful ways produces a change of heart and mind, drawing us deeper into our discipleship with the Lord. As faithful stewards, we strive for a more intimate relationship with Christ. As we continue to progress through Lent, are we able to forgive those who have "trespasses against us," as Jesus asks, by communicating, forgiving, and reconciling with an estranged family member or friend?



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

THE 12 PILGRIMAGE SITES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT:

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

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

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

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

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

Prayer for Those Serving in the Military

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



Adoration Chapel

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

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

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

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

Uncommitted Hours
Thursday 9 am & 10 am
TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!

SAINT RENE GOUPIL Catholic Church

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Office Hours
Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Closed 12 Noon—1:00 p.m. Lunch
Friday 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Steven Koehler, Pastor
Rev. Joy Chakian, Associate
Rev. Mr. John Ball, Deacon Emeritus
Rev. Mr. Kevin Tietz, Deacon
Michael Novak,
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Alexander Sunga
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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

