



March 22, 2026

St. Rene Goupil

Catholic Community
Sterling Heights



Notes from Fr. Steve

For Christians, the celebration of Easter is the heart of our faith. From the earliest centuries, believers gathered not only to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, but also to remember the sacred events that led to it—His suffering, death, and rising to new life. By the fourth century, the Church had developed a special three-day celebration called the **Easter Tridium**. The word *Tridium* comes from Latin and simply means “three days.”

These three days form one single, continuous liturgy that tells the central story of our salvation. Beginning on the evening of Holy Thursday and concluding with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday, the Church invites us to walk with Jesus through the final moments of His earthly life and to rejoice in His victory over death.

Palm Sunday marks Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The crowds welcomed Him as a king, waving palm branches and shouting “Hosanna!” Yet within a few days those same voices would call for His crucifixion. At Mass we hold palms and hear the Passion of the Lord. It reminds us how quickly human hearts can change and invites us to remain faithful to Christ even when the path leads through suffering.

The Tridium formally begins on Holy Thursday evening. On this night we remember the Last Supper, when Jesus gathered with His disciples and gave us two extraordinary gifts: The **Eucharist** and the **priesthood**. He took bread and wine and said, “This is my body...this is my blood,” giving us a way to remain united with Him for all time.

During the Mass we also recall Jesus washing the feet of His disciples, a powerful sign that Christian leadership is always rooted in humble service. After Mass, the Blessed Sacrament is carried to a place of repose, and the altar is stripped, symbolizing the loneliness and suffering Jesus would soon endure.

Good Friday is a solemn day when the Church gathers to remember the crucifixion and death of Jesus. There is no Mass celebrated on this day. Instead, we listen to the Passion according to the Gospel of John, pray for the needs of the whole world, venerate the cross, and receive Holy Communion consecrated the night before.

Standing before the cross reminds us that God’s love is stronger than sin, suffering, and even death itself.

Holy Saturday is a quiet day of waiting. The Church reflects on Christ resting in the tomb while the world waits for the promise of resurrection.

After nightfall the Church gathers for the **Easter Vigil**, the most beautiful and important liturgy of the entire year. A new fire is kindled, the Paschal Candle is lit, and the dark church slowly fills with light as the flame is shared from person to person. We listen to readings that tell the story of salvation—from creation to resurrection. New members of the Church are baptized and welcomed into the faith, and together we joyfully proclaim: *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

On Easter Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. The tomb is empty. Sin and death no longer have the final word. Christ has conquered the grave, and through Him we are given the promise of new life.

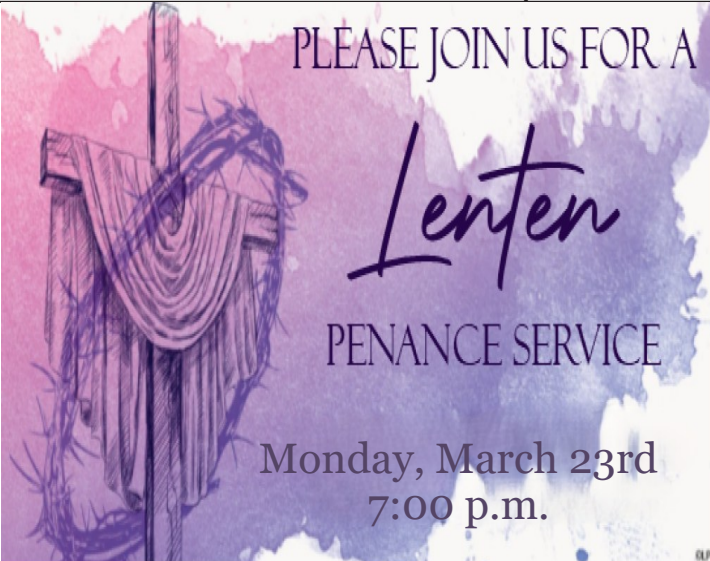
The Easter Tridium invites us not just to remember these events, but to enter into them—to walk with Christ through suffering and to share in the joy of His resurrection. It is the holiest time of the year, when the Church proclaims the greatest truth of our faith:

Jesus Christ is risen, and because He lives, we too shall live.

Please come and invite your family and friends to come to services with you during Holy Week and Easter. It is an excellent way to add some life to people’s faith life!

As always I ask you to pray for the parish, especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them healing, comfort and hope. God Bless You!!!

Fr. Steve



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Lenten

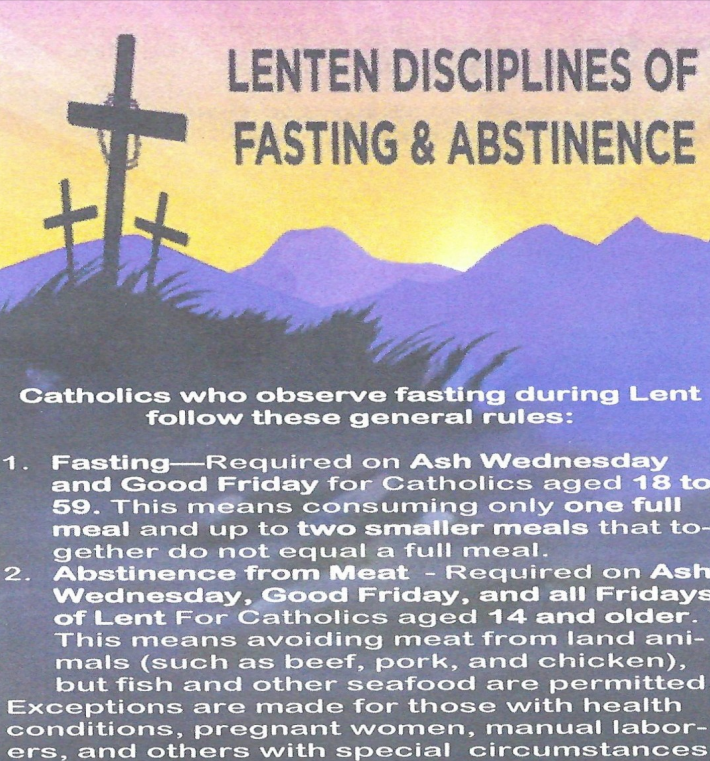
PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, March 23rd
7:00 p.m.



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

Stations of the Cross



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.

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Church

Holy Week Schedule 2026

Palm Saturday, March 28: 4:00pm
Palm Sunday, March 29: 8:30am, 10:30am, and 5:30pm

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

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



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

Easter Sunday, April 5: 8:30am and 10:30am
May the Spirit of the Risen Christ live within you now and always

LENTEN TOWEL DRIVE



It is that time of year again...time for our annual **Lenten Towel Project**. We will be collecting **brand-new bath towels and washcloths** during the Lenten season; **from Ash Wednesday until Good Friday**. These may be placed in the wooden bin near the library. These shelters are so appreciative of the help we provide every year.

The towels and wash-clothes will once again be distributed to the Salvation Army's MATTS (Macomb's Answer To Temporary Shelter) program and Turning Point (a shelter for abused women and children).

Lent is a wonderful time of prayer and sacrifice. Please pray to see if it is in your heart to give a little to help these people who need so much.

May God bless you this Lent.

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We thank you for your participation in being compliant with our Safe Environments requirements. As a reminder all volunteers who are giving their time to the Church are required to take Protecting God's Children, have a criminal background check conducted, and sign a Code of Conduct in order to volunteer or be employed in any parish or school within the Archdiocese of Detroit. With you working in partnership with our due diligence, we are ensuring that all members of the Church are creating an environment of awareness for all forms of maltreatment to our children and vulnerable adults. This is for the protection of those among us and for us to continue to have healthy boundaries with all active members within our community.

Should you have any questions around this program, please contact The Archdiocese of Detroit's Safe Environment Manager, Maegan Pierson via email at: protectchildren@aod.org

In Christ,

Maegan

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT RE-CERTIFICATION
POLICY
(Revised January 2026)

To work or volunteer in the Archdiocese of Detroit, all clergy, staff, and volunteers:

- Must attend original 3 hr. VIRTUS® "Protecting God's Children" Adult Awareness Session,
- Must re-certify every three years on/or before the expiration date on the face of their current certificate. See the sample dateline below. The participant has 30 days after their expiration date to complete the recertification; if not, they must be inactivated in VIRTUS and will not be able to work or volunteer until completion of training.

<u>"Protecting God's Children" Training</u>	<u>1st Recertification Year</u>	<u>2nd Recertification Year</u>
2023	2026	2029
2024	2027	2030
2025	2028	2031
2026	2029	2032

Option #1 Retake VIRTUS® 3 hr. "Protecting God's Children."

Option #2: VIRTUS® 30 minute "Teaching Boundaries and Safety Online Module 2.0" Recertification

Participants whose current certificate has not yet expired may attend 30 minute. "Teaching Boundaries and Safety Online Module 2.0" recertification. This module is an online training that provides best practices for employees, volunteers, caring adults and parents, equipping them on how to be better protectors of children, and on how to teach children to better protect themselves. This online module builds from the foundation of the Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide™, and provides easy conversation starters, bulleted tips and quick summaries of pertinent information.

Important Notice

Participants must keep their original VIRTUS® Protecting All God's Children and any additional recertification certificates as proof of compliance, which can be located when logging into the VIRTUS platform. Only a "copy" of the certificate should be given to the parish/school where you work or volunteer.

★ St. Rene Volunteers ★

We will be hosting a **Protecting God's Children** class here
at St. Rene on

May 05, 2026 from 6 pm - 9 pm

This class is for any volunteers that have not taken the
class and need to do so to continue to volunteer.

A light meal will be served.

(This is mandatory for ALL volunteers per the AOD)

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

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



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

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

or Contact Jeannie Novak at JWJCatholic@gmail.com

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

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

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

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

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

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

Sincerely in Christ.

Archbishop Weisenberger

Archbishop of Detroit

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul, remind me of the grace and simplicity.

May this season be grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen.



Tuesday, March 24, 2026

9:30 a.m.

+Dee Mullaney
+Shirley Schima
+Barbara Zolnierczak
Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Thursday, March 26, 2026

9:30 a.m.

+Mary, Matthew & Rosie Chakian
+Dinil Dominic
Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Friday, March 27, 2026

9:30 a.m.

+Joyce Clashman
Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families

Saturday, March 28, 2026

4:00 p.m.

+Jerry Gronson
+Franklin Langenstein
+Marian & Lottie Kobus
+Alan Diolazo Obra
Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families
+Christine Slanski

Sunday, March 29, 2026

8:30 a.m.

+Dinil Dominic
Soul of Flordesita Cochiosue
Agocs, Santoro & Seaver Families
+Elizabeth Gura
+Zenaida Ardaniel

10:30 a.m.

+Marion Calverley
+Rose Marie Sobota
+Josephine Martineau
+Katherine Domienik
+Aristo Vaz (4th R.A.)
Deceased Members of the Maloles Family
+Tullio Iannucci
+Iole Puzzouli
+John Pagnani

5:30 p.m.

+Milagros Sunga





JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY KID'S CORNER

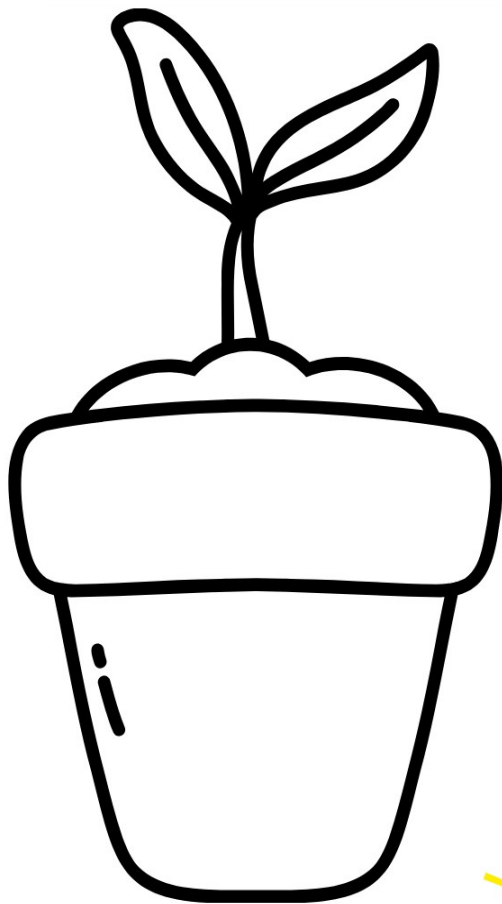


MARCH 22, 2026: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-42

LAZARUS, A FRIEND OF JESUS, BECAME VERY SICK AND DIED. JESUS CAME AND WAS SAD WITH LAZARUS'S SISTERS. THEN JESUS CALLED LAZARUS OUT OF THE TOMB, AND LAZARUS CAME BACK TO LIFE. THIS SHOWED THAT JESUS HAS GOD'S POWER AND GIVES LIFE.

The fifth week of Lent helps us get ready for Easter by remembering Jesus' love and power, even over death, and inviting us to trust Him more.



COLOR THE IMAGE ABOVE FOR
THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT
LENT IS MEANT TO REMIND US OF
GROWTH AND REBIRTH.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Let each child fill a pot with soil and plant a seed.

Talk About Life: As you water the seeds, explain that just like Jesus made Lazarus alive again, He can help our hearts grow and give new life.

Decorate the Pot: Have the kids draw pictures or write messages about Jesus' love and life on the pots.

Watch and Reflect: Each day, watch the seeds grow and remind the children that Jesus brings life & hope.



**DEAR JESUS,
THANK YOU FOR
YOUR LOVE AND
POWER. HELP US
TRUST YOU.
AMEN.**

Everyday Stewardship

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Committed

I remember Jim Valvano, Jimmy V to many, saying the iconic words, “Don’t give up; you can never give up.” The former coach of the NC State men’s basketball team was dying of cancer, yet he refused to throw in the towel and give in to his disease. His words exemplified the best of the human spirit we all share. Sometimes, living out those words seem much more difficult than saying them.

These words are also important for our faith life. The life Jesus calls us to is not easy. When working toward a life of greater generosity and surrender of all to God, we are prone to fall flat on our face many times. We are not called to this life only when we are strong. It is how we respond when times are the most difficult that truly defines us as disciples and stewards. The world may think we are down for the count, but rising again gives testimony that in Christ we are stronger.

Commitment takes a willingness to do the things needed to get stronger and build our spiritual muscles. We cannot expect to find success in the spiritual life unless we continue to work on our resolve and grow in our knowledge of the faith. A marathon runner would never be able to make it to the finish line unless they have trained and prepared in advance. We must work hard to stay the course and prepare for the race at hand. No matter what this life may have in store for us, we are called to not give up. God will never give up on us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Readings for the Week

Sunday, March 22, 2026: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday, March 23, 2026:Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 24, 2026:Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-3

Wednesday, March 25, 2026:Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

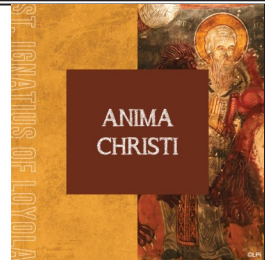
Thursday, March 26, 2026:Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 27, 2026:Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, March 28, 2026:Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

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

Devotions, Explained!
Anima Christi



Mini Explanation

Traditionally said after or before receiving the Eucharist, the Anima Christi dates to the 14th century and was a favorite prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Anima Christi, Explained

The Anima Christi prayer takes its name from its opening lines: *Soul of Christ* — “*Anima Christi*” in Latin. In this prayer, the faithful invoke the image of Christ crucified, calling upon the salvific elements of his wounds, his Body and his Blood to strengthen them, imploring him to save them from “the malicious enemy” and to bring them, in their final hour, to his presence.

The author of this prayer is unknown, but it originated in the 14th century and was referenced in St. Ignatius’ *Spiritual Exercises*. It is traditionally said after or before receiving the Eucharist.

**REQUEST FOR
2025 CONTRIBUTION
STATEMENT**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

ENVELOPE NUMBER _____



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

Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Jackson & Family

Mr. & Mrs. Brendan Labadie & Family

Virtues, Explained! **Faith**



Mini Explanation

The virtue of faith is “man’s response to God, who reveals himself and gives himself to man.” (CCC 26). Faith is encouraged by the complementary virtues of hope and love, and through the gift of understanding our faith grows and strengthens.

Faith, Explained!

“Nobody reaches God’s presence until he has learned to believe that God exists, and that he rewards those who try to find him.” (Hebrews 11:6)

So how do we learn to believe? Through the theological virtue of faith — which is “man’s response to God, who reveals himself and gives himself to man.” (CCC 26). Faith, then, is embarking on the journey to find God. By faith “‘man freely commits his entire self to God.’ For this reason, the believer seeks to know and do God’s will.” (CCC 1814)

But it is not enough for faith to simply be within us, as a lit match burns in a dark room. We are compelled to fan those flames. We must encourage them with the complementary virtues of hope and love, and we must ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of understanding so that our faith will grow and strengthen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: Jesus could have raised any random person from the dead on this, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. So if it could have been anyone, why was it Lazarus?

What Lazarus Wanted

“It must be so crazy, being God,” one of my friends said in high school. “Does it feel like playing The Sims all day? Just making people do stuff because you want to see what happens?”

I think we all sometimes fall into this warped manner of thinking about God’s omnipotence. It’s understandable, to a degree. The flimsiness of our own agency in this world, our real ability to impact or change anything ... well, it all feels especially puny when you put it next to the power of the Creator. “Oh God, thy sea is so great,” goes the old fisherman’s prayer. “And my boat is so small.”

But today, in the raising of Lazarus from the dead, we are reminded that God is all about giving us agency.

Jesus could have raised any random person from the dead on this, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. His intention was clear: to foreshadow his own passion, death and resurrection, and to exhibit the closeness of God to those who mourn. “This illness is not to end in death,” he tells his companions. “But is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” (John 11:4)

So if it could have been anyone, why was it Lazarus?

I think the answer has to be that this was something Lazarus agreed to. Perhaps not in an explicit way, for he didn’t know the mind or the plans of God. But in his friendship with Jesus, in the strength of his faith and the depth of his devotion to God, in every prayer he ever uttered — “Lord, let your will be done” — he was agreeing to it. Over and over, in what he said and what he did, Lazarus, beloved friend of Christ, said, “Lord, I love you. Lord, use me.”

In this last full week of Lent, let us say it with him: “Lord, I love you. Lord, use me.”

PRAYER – FOR EVERYDAY AND EVERYBODY

Blessing for New Life

God, in Your goodness, restore our hope.
 Where we feel imprisoned, break our chains.
 Where we feel discouraged, bring us light.
 Where the ground feels dry, break through with life anew.
 Amen.



Detroit Catholic

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

March 22, 2026
5th Sunday of Lent
John 11:1-45

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus’ voice cuts through the silence: **“Lazarus, come out!” (John 11:43)** The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, **“Untie him and let him go” (John 11:44).**

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ’s voice breaks through, anyway.

Lenten challenge: Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

— *Father John Muir*



BULLETIN UPDATE

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

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



eucharisticrevival.org



If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity at St. Rene look no further. We are looking for volunteers for becoming a Lector, Sacristan, (**Lectors & Sacristans for the 5:30 p.m. Mass**) Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers (**both Youth and Adults for the Saturday at 4:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Mass**).

We are also looking for Lectors, Sacristans for our weekday Masses. Volunteers to join the watering committee (watering the outdoor plants). Volunteers to help vacuum the Church on Friday’s after Mass. If you’re interested in any of the volunteer areas that are listed, please contact the parish office and we will gladly pass your information on to the person in charge of the assignments and have them contact you.

Thank you in advance for volunteering!

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for March 28 & 29

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Enno
Lector	Lorraine Doyle Barbara Kiernan	Rob Wilson Barbara Wyrwicz	Dorothy Arche Marv Laubach	Ana Divina Ricky Yulo
Altar Servers	Phat Le Phong Le	Rom Beltran	Eli Wing-Nga	Open
Eucharistic Ministers	G. Labinski K. Moravek	Open Open	M. Laubach G. Yeck	Open Open
Ushers	Tom Pluta Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli Don Sundstrom	Tom Dutkiewicz Luis Nieto Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti Rom Beltran Vicki Beltran	Terry Shaughnessy Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro	Paul Hornung Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
Sacristan	G. Labinski	R. Beltran	G. Yeck	Open

Altar Care Team: Friday, March 27th Team 1 Bibiane Gagnon Gloria Cruz Suong Le	Weekday Liturgy Schedule for March			
	Week	Tuesday, March 24, 2026	Thursday, March 26, 2026	Friday, March 27, 2026
Church Vacuuming : Friday, March 27th OPEN	Celebrant	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
	Lector	L. Youkhana	M. Peterson	M. Peterson
Altar Linen: March Aiby Sales	Sacristan	R. Beltran	J. Carlisle	J. Carlisle
	Eucharistic Minister	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana	M. Peterson

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

If you wish to access the readings, you may do so at the following web-site.


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

Lenten Prayer

Loving God your Son Jesus showed us how to light up the world with compassion, justice and love. Be with us in a special way during this time of Lent so that we can be strong and faithful followers of Jesus. Help us to be shining examples of honesty, generosity and kindness.

Show us how we can be bathed in the light of Christ so that we may treat others just as Jesus would.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ Our Lord.
Amen.



Our St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul conference is a small group, always looking for new members. The meetings are open to interested visitors on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7PM at the parish. Please join us. We believe in the intrinsic value of every person – to serve and be served. Please join us in fostering the common bond of humanity to bring wholeness and healing for all. Contact George Downey at (586) 904-5171 for information on how to attend the meeting or for more information. Our conference helps with utility bills, clothing, household items, food and in certain cases evictions. If you know if anyone who needs help, please have them call (586)718-4523. They do not need to be parish members. All information is kept strictly confidential.



Apple Pie Cake



- 1 3/4 c. sugar
- 1 c. oil (your choice)
- 3 whole eggs
- 2 c. flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 c. chopped nuts (optional)
- 2 sliced apples

Beat sugar, eggs and oil well and add flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon to above and add vanilla. Fold in apple slices as for pie. Add nuts. Pour into greased and floured square or oblong pan, 9x13 inches. Bake at 350 F for 45-60 minutes.



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

WHERE TO FIND THE BULLETIN

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

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

You can go online to the [aod.org/live masses](http://aod.org/live-masses) to find Weekday and Weekend Masses that can be watched.



**Our Sunday Offering
March 14 & 15
Thank you for your
generous response.
God Bless you!**

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



SCAN CODE TO DONATE
TO ST. RENE GOUPIL

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



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



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



THE 12 PILGRIMAGE SITES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT:

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



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

MSgt. Jason Bialy, Air Force
 Josey Blades (Air Force)
 Captain Curtis Bradley (Army)
 Airman 1st Julie M. Chervon
 Spc. Shaen Connery (Army)
 P.O. 1st Dale A. Foglyano
 Nicholas Foglyano (Army)
 P.O. 2nd Nicolas Fooy (Navy)
 Lt Col David Fries
 Maj. Laura Geldhof

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 @ 8:00 a.m. and
Friday @ 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.
TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!

SAINT RENE GOUPIL Catholic Church

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

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Steven Koehler, Pastor
Rev. Joy Chakian, Associate
Rev. Mr. John Ball, Deacon Emeritus
Rev. Mr. Kevin Tietz, Deacon
Michael Novak,
Director of Evangelization & Education

Director of Music

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Weekend Liturgy Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

Weekday Mass

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 a.m.

Confessions

3:00 p.m. every Saturday

WELCOME

If you have attended Mass at St. Rene and would like to become a member, please visit our parish office where you can register and discuss all of the wonderful ways to grow in faith through Christian Service, Worship, Youth Ministry, Outreach, Faith Formation, and in our Adoration Chapel. For more information call 586-939-7500 or go to our web site at strene.org.

St. Rene Mission Statement

St. Rene Goupil Parish is a Catholic Community, dedicated to strengthening the faith and love of its people. Our mission is to proclaim that Jesus is Lord, to celebrate His Presence, and to reach out to others in His name.

Parish Registration:

Welcome to all new families/individuals. Please register as soon as possible. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage.

Registration is also required before the parish can issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be a sacramental sponsor. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated the third Sunday of the month at 12:00 p.m. A parent preparation class is mandatory. Classes are held on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Call the Parish Office during weekday office hours to register for a class.

Penance: Saturday 3:00 p.m. Special schedules for Advent and Lent.

Marriage:

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

Anointing of the Sick:

On request or by appointment through the Parish Office.



Prayer for Archdiocesan Restructuring

Come, Holy Spirit.

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

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

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

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