



December 7, 2025

St. Rene Goupil

Catholic Community
Sterling Heights

second sunday of
ADVENT



Notes from Fr. Steve

As we enter the Second Sunday of Advent, the Church shifts our attention to one of the boldest, most unforgettable figures in Scripture—John the Baptist. His voice echoes across the Judean desert and into our hearts today: *“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”*

Let’s imagine a simple conversation—a dialogue that could easily take place in the quiet of your prayer this week.

You: *“Why does Advent bring John the Baptist into the picture so soon? I thought Advent was about preparing for Christmas.”*

John the Baptist: *“Christmas? Yes. But not just the day—the Person. The Lord is coming. And before He arrives, the heart must be cleared, straightened, made ready.”*

You: *“But my life is messy. My schedule, my sins, my distractions—it all feels crooked.”*

John: *“Then hear my call again: Repent. Repentance is not about shame; it is about freedom. It is about clearing away what blocks God’s grace from reaching you.”*

You: *“What does repentance even look like during Advent?”*

John: *“Bear fruit. Not someday—now. Let your actions match your desire for God. Let mercy, patience, forgiveness, prayer, and sacrifice grow in your life. Advent is a season of small, holy choices.”*

You: *“But in the Gospel, you speak so strongly, especially to the Pharisees and Sadducees. Why the harsh tone?”*

John: *“Because complacency is a silent danger. Do not rely on your past, your tithes, or your comfort. God is doing something new. The One coming after me is mighty. His fire purifies, restores, and transforms. Do not fear that fire—welcome it.”*

You: *“So Advent isn’t just a countdown to Christmas...it’s a call to conversion.”*

John: *“Exactly. Prepare not just your home, but your heart. Make room for the Messiah.”*

Matthew 3:1-12 invites us into a spiritual honesty that Advent quietly demands. Before we rejoice at Bethlehem, we must first admit what needs to change within us:

- Are there grudges we’re still holding on to?
- Are there places where pride or fear still rule?
- Are we too comfortable with “just enough” faith?

John the Baptist reminds us that Advent is not passive waiting—it’s active preparation. It’s a season to turn, to simplify, to listen, and to let God reshape our hearts.

A simple Advent practice for this week. Choose one area of your life where you feel God nudging you toward change.

Name it.

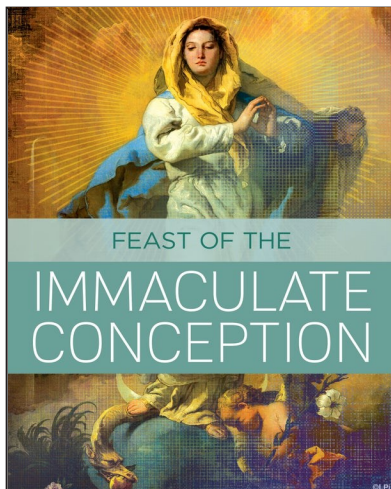
Pray about it.

Take one concrete step to “make straight the path” for the Lord.

Let this Second Sunday of Advent be more than a moment. Let it be a movement—toward Christ, toward renewal, toward the holy fire that heals and transforms.

Please remember the parish in your prayers this week, especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers being them healing, comfort and peace! Come Lord Jesus into our lives, this second week of Advent!

Fr. Steve



**Monday,
December 8th
is a
Holy Day
of
Obligation
Mass
will be
celebrated
at
9:30 a.m.
&
7:00 p.m.**



**DONUT
SUNDAY
NEXT SUNDAY**

Join us for
faith & fellowship
after the
10:30 am Mass
Sunday, December 14, 2025

Readings for the Week

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Sunday, December 7, 2025:Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday, December 8, 2025:Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 9, 2025:Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 10, 2025:Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 11, 2025:Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 12, 2025:Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday, December 13, 2025:Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 14, 2025:Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Giving Tree



*The Giving Tree is set up in the gathering area this weekend. The tags represent the various groups in need of our help. All gifts **MUST be returned by Sunday, December 7th.***

*Please only take a tag if you are able to purchase the gift and return it by **December 7th.** It is necessary as the charities will be picking up the gifts on **December 8th,** So they can deliver them to the needy by Christmas.*

NOTE: *If you can't get to mass to pickup a tag, but still wish to help with the tree and do not want to shop, please feel free to purchase gift certificates to **Walmart** and drop them off in the parish office or you can send/drop off cash/checks (made out to St. Rene) in the office marked "**Giving Tree Gifts.**" I will gladly do the shopping for you.*

Thank you so much for your generosity, especially during this most trying year. May God bless you all.

Theresa Wilson, OFS
Coordinator of Giving Tree Project

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Would you like to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, or First Communion in the Catholic faith?

Do you want to explore and grow in your faith life?



The St. Rene Goupil R.C.I.A. program begins soon and concludes at the Easter Vigil, April 4, 2026.

For more information contact Mike Novak @ 586-939-7500 ext. 109



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

Ms. Judy Holland

Advent Reconciliation

Other Services in the Area:

Monday, December 22nd
10 am-12 Noon & 6-9 pm
St. Cyril & Methodius
(there will be multiple Priests available)



Readings for the The Second Sunday of Advent

Reading I

Isaiah 11:1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his lips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reading II

Romans 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: *therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.*

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."



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DECEMBER 7, 2025: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3: 1-12

JOHN THE BAPTIST TOLD PEOPLE TO TURN BACK TO GOD AND BE READY FOR JESUS. HE BAPTIZED PEOPLE IN THE RIVER AS A SIGN THAT THEY WANTED TO CHANGE AND FOLLOW GOD. JOHN ALSO SAID THAT JESUS WAS COMING SOON, AND HE WOULD BE EVEN GREATER THAN JOHN. JESUS WOULD BAPTIZE PEOPLE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

The Second Week of Advent reminds us to prepare our hearts for Jesus by sharing His peace with others.



PEACE

COLOR THE IMAGE ABOVE FOR
THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT



FAMILY ACTIVITY PEACE BUILDERS

Read together that the second week of Advent is about peace. Talk about ways Jesus brings peace into our lives and how we can share it with others. For the activity, give each family member small building blocks, paper, or craft materials and have them create something that represents peace—a heart, a dove, or a small “peace tower.” As each person builds, talk about actions that spread peace, like helping, listening, or saying kind words. Place all the creations together to make a “peace village” as a reminder to share Jesus’ peace with everyone.

DEAR JESUS,
THANK YOU FOR
BRINGING PEACE TO THE
WORLD. HELP ME TO BE
KIND, SHARE YOUR PEACE,
AND MAKE OTHERS FEEL
LOVED. AMEN.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: It is so, so beautiful to be culturally Catholic. But actions, rituals, traditions, sentiments, nostalgia — none of it matters unless it bears the fruit of a transformed heart.

Culturally Catholic

Catholic culture is so thick, you could spread it on a scone. Or a baguette. Or a slice of ciabatta bread. Or naan (Wait, do you put butter on naan? I would, because I'm Midwestern, but I sense that this is, perhaps, incorrect).

Okay, maybe my comparison is imperfect, but what I'm saying is this: Catholic culture is delicious, it's versatile, and it's nourishing. It's the same everywhere, even though it also looks and feels totally unique in every place. The Day of the Dead in Mexico, Simbang Gabi in the Philippines, St. Patrick's Day in Ireland, Meskel in Ethiopia, Semana Santa processions in Spain: these are all touchstones of Catholic culture.

It is so, so beautiful to be culturally Catholic. But today, when I hear John the Baptist's words to the Pharisees and the Sadducees, I am reminded that Catholicism is so much more than just cultural expression.

The Pharisees and Sadducees were loyal sons of Abraham and scrupulous observers of the law of Moses. Their culture, you could say, was strong. But John the Baptist is telling them — and he's telling us — that culture isn't enough.

Actions, rituals, traditions, sentiments, nostalgia — none of it matters unless it bears the fruit of a transformed heart.

It's something to remember especially as we approach Christmas, a time when culture and cultural rituals become so (beautifully) prominent. In the cultural practice of Christmas, we are like the Wise Men approaching the manger, bearing our gifts. But how terrible would it have been if the wise men had hurried away, their culture expressed, their ritual complete, and gone back to the world unchanged by the gaze of the Infant?

So be culturally Catholic. Bring these gifts to the Christ Child — but linger there. Reflect. And then when you return to the world, you will bring Catholic culture with you.

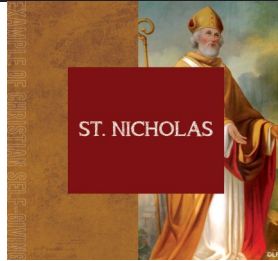


Would you love to put a smile on a little Child's face? You can make this happen by donating NEW, unwrapped toys during the weekend of Nov. 29th & 30th and Dec. 6th & 7th.

The toys will be distributed to needy children in the inner city. Please do not bring violence related items. A table will be set up by the parish office for the toys.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Devotions, *Explained!* St. Nicholas



Mini Explanation

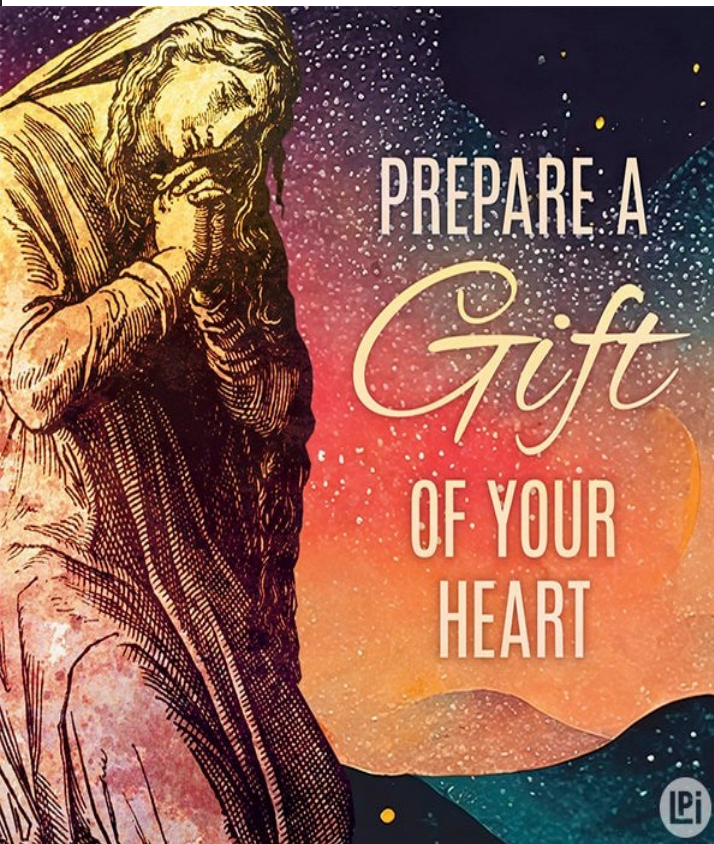
St. Nicholas is sometimes merged with the modern figure of Santa Claus in the collective imagination. But St. Nicholas was a real-life bishop, a follower of Jesus whose example of Christian self-giving endures hundreds of years after his death.

St. Nicholas, *Explained!*

St. Nicholas was a fourth-century Christian bishop who lived in modern-day Turkey. There is minimal historical scholarship dating to the period of his life, but stories and traditions that developed after his death emphasize his profound spirit of generosity, especially towards the poor.

One particularly famous oral tradition tells that St. Nicholas saves three young women from a life of destitution and ruin by secretly giving them a dowry so they could marry. His popularity increased in the centuries following his death, and by the medieval period he was a beloved model of Christian charity invoked in a particular way during the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

On his feast day, Dec. 6, children often wake up to find small gifts or treats in their shoes or Christmas stockings, a tradition which has variations across different ethnic groups. In the United States, St. Nicholas gift-giving practices are especially popular in places where large numbers of German and Dutch immigrants settled.



GOD
DOES NOT
ABANDON US

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Dec. 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Matthew 3:1-12

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating “**locusts and wild honey**” (**Mark 1:6**). It’s not just a strange historical detail. It’s a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we’re each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it’s time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It’s time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That’s the honey. Savor it!

John didn’t avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we’ll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

— *Father John Muir*

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, December 8, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Karin Nieto
+Barbara Liwo

7:00 p.m.

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene Parish

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Celi Esmana
+Mary Hackett

Thursday, December 11, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Chris Vertrees
+Karin Nieto
+Marge Lewandowski

Friday, December 12, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Karin Nieto
+Frances Rozolosky

Saturday, December 13, 2025

4:00 p.m.

+Steven Herbert
+Ronald Tash (37th R.A.)
+Marian Kobus (32nd R.A.)
+Lottie Kobus
+Franklin Langenstein

Sunday, December 14, 2025

8:30 a.m.

+Karin Nieto
+Amanda Layou
Thanksgiving for Brendo Cochiasue
Healing for Felecia Rice
Grover Scott (Healing)
+Joanne Mull

10:30 a.m.

+Rose Marie Sobota
Members of the Caudal Family
Members of the Feliciano Family
+Marian Calverley
+Walt Kalcevic
+Rose Zappa
+Sam Zappa

5:30 p.m.

48th Wedding Anniversary of Isaac & Emilia Austria



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Jesus Is Headed Your Way

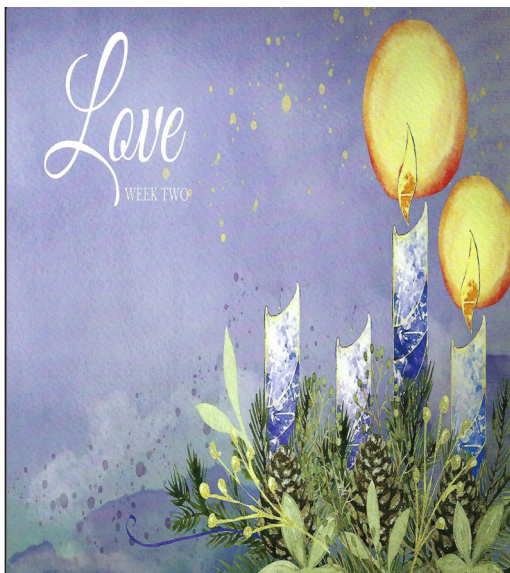
One day, we heard the news that a possible tornado was heading our way. We live off of a highway, and it was traveling along that very road. My wife and kids huddled in the downstairs bathroom. Not many tornadoes surface in North Carolina, so our children were particularly worried because it was something they had never contemplated happening before. The tornado never did come into our neighborhood, but it did cause one of our sons to express that he needed to go to Confession as soon as possible. He hadn't done anything too over the top sinful, but coming face-to-face with a tornado had caused him to have some second thoughts about his preparedness for meeting God. Hopefully, a tornado doesn't make a path through your city or town this Advent.

Sometimes, reminders of our mortality find their way into life. The passing of a loved one, a car accident, or a health scare can all cause us to reflect on where we are in our relationship with God. Without those moments, we can find ourselves living daily without a mindfulness of where God is in our life and if our actions are pleasing to Him ... or if they drag us further away into the world.

Advent is the time to take inventory of where we are with God. How are we living as good stewards and mature disciples? What do I need to make amends for in the healing power of the sacrament of Penance? A tornado may not be coming, but Jesus will be returning someday. Hopefully, you will run outside of your home to meet him, and he won't find you huddled up afraid in your bathroom.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

REMEMBER in your prayers



In a year of racial unrest and civil division, LOVE seems hard to find.

But even as the world seems dark around us, God offers mercy – thanks to the love of God's Son that we await even today.

We see Christ's love in many ways—in the gentle hand of the health care worker; the hands that deliver food to those quarantined by illness; the hands that reach out to our sisters and brothers regardless of race, and as together we seek understanding and justice for all. Loving one another in this way is how we experience the God of Love.

Today's reading from Psalms 85:8 promises steadfast love and faithfulness to those who turn to God. So, we open our hearts, awaiting with joy and anticipation the love that is to come.

Knowing Joy invites us to be joy for others, knowing Hope invites us to be hopeful. Knowing Love invites us to love others.

We light the candle of Love today and pray that all people learn, in the words of Catherine of Siena, "to love and serve my neighbors gratuitously, by helping them spiritually and materially as much as I can...."

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>

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

How Much Is Enough?

I've got some great news for some of you: Jesus Christ doesn't care what name you bear. He doesn't care where you were born, and he doesn't care what your family tree looks like. He doesn't care where you grew up or where you went to school.

I've also got some bad news for some of you: See above.

It's so easy to take our salvation for granted. The mercy of God makes it so. Look at John the Baptist — he was pouring water on everybody who wanted it. Everybody but one group: those who expected it. Those who thought it was a given because of who they were, because of what they were. Those who had no intention of doing the work of repentance.

Sometimes, because God is so faithful, we make the mistake of forgetting that He is also just.

I am baptized, we think. I made my First Communion, and I was Confirmed. That's enough.

I went to Catholic school. I know all the Ten Commandments and I can tell you anything you want to know about the Popes. That's enough.

I'm on parish council. I put money in the basket, and I volunteer. That's enough.

None of it is enough. It would never be enough. And before we look upon the Pharisees and Sadducees with too much judgment, we need to remember: the work of repentance is ongoing. It is a process that we must commit to within ourselves, continuously.

God is the missing element to this equation. He is the one who raises children to Abraham from the stones. If we rely only on our own abilities, our own merits, our own offerings, it will never be enough.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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 December 13 & 14

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Libor	Fr. Steve	Fr. Tim
Lector	Dorothy Arche	Rob Wilson	Dori Fooy	Jovita Engalan
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Rom Beltran	Phat Le Phong Le	Open
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Nosek G. Labinski	Open Open	G. Yeck P. Yeck	Open Open
Ushers	<u>Tom Pluta</u> Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli Don Sundstrom	<u>Tom Dutkiewicz</u> Luis Nieto Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti Rom Beltran Vicki Beltran	<u>Terry Shaughnessy</u> Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro	<u>Paul Hornung</u> Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
Sacristan	R. Kranson	R. Beltran	G. Yeck	Open

Weekday Liturgy Schedule for December

Week	Tuesday, December 9, 2025	Thursday, December 11, 2025	Friday, December 12, 2025
Celebrant	Fr. Steve	Fr. Libor	Fr. Steve
Lector	D. Monterosso	M. Peterson	L. Hance
Sacristan	B. Wyrwicz	J. Carlisle	J. Carlisle
Eucharistic Minister	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana	L. Youkhana

Monday, December 8, 2025—Immaculate Conception Mass

Mass at 9:30 a.m. Celebrant: Fr. Steve Lector: B. Wyrwicz Eucharist Minister: M. Peterson Sacristan: R. Beltran	Mass at 7:00 p.m. Celebrant: Fr. Juraj Lector: Ana Divina Eucharistic Minister: K. Moravek Sacristan: K. Moravek
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Altar Care Team:
Friday, December
12th
Team 1
Bibiane Gagnon
Gloria Cruz
Suong Le

Church Vacuuming :
Friday, December 12th
OPEN

Altar Linen:
December
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!

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 your Smartphone. If you need further assistance, contact *Formed* at www.help.formed.org or toll-free at 844-367-6331.

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. **PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED: laundry soap, hand soap, dish soap, toothpaste and toilet paper.**



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

Banana Muffins

- 1 1/2 c. flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 3/4 c. sugar
- 3 bananas, mashed
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 c. melted margarine or butter
- 1 egg
- 1/2 c. nuts (optional)

Mix together until blended. Bake at 400 F for about 15 to 20 minutes.



**Our Sunday Offering
November 29 & 30
Thank you for your
generous response.
God Bless you!**

WHERE TO FIND THE BULLETIN

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!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God is
making
a way

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

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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

**Monday @ 12 Noon, Wednesday @ 1:00 p.m.,
Thursday @ 8:00 a.m. and Friday @ 9:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 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
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.



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.

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