A photograph of a wooden cross and a crown of thorns against a purple background. The cross is on the left, and the crown of thorns is on the right. The text "FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT" is overlaid in the center.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
March 9, 2025**

Notes from Fr. Steve

As we journey through the sacred season of Lent, it is a time not just of solemn reflection but also of profound joy in walking closely with Jesus. Lent invites us to emulate Christ's forty days in the wilderness, a period of spiritual preparation and renewal. It's a season where we can deepen our connection with God through prayer, fasting, and acts of compassion.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, where we are reminded of our mortality and our dependence on God's grace. It's a humbling moment that sets the tone for the journey ahead. As we embark on this path with Jesus, we are invited to examine our lives, seeking forgiveness and reconciliation where needed. This introspection isn't meant to weigh us down but to lift us up, as we experience the liberating power of God's love and mercy.

In our modern world, the idea of sacrifice can seem daunting. Yet, Lent shows us that true joy can be found in self-denial. When we give up something that distracts us from God—whether it's a habit, a luxury, or even our time—we make space for deeper communion with Christ. This sacrifice isn't about punishment but about prioritizing what truly matters in our lives.

Jesus' journey to the cross was marked by compassion and selflessness. During Lent, we are called to emulate his example by reaching out to those in need. Acts of charity and kindness not only alleviate suffering but also bring us closer to the heart of Jesus. Whether it's volunteering at a soup kitchen, supporting a local charity, or simply being present for someone in need, every act of love reflects God's abundant grace.

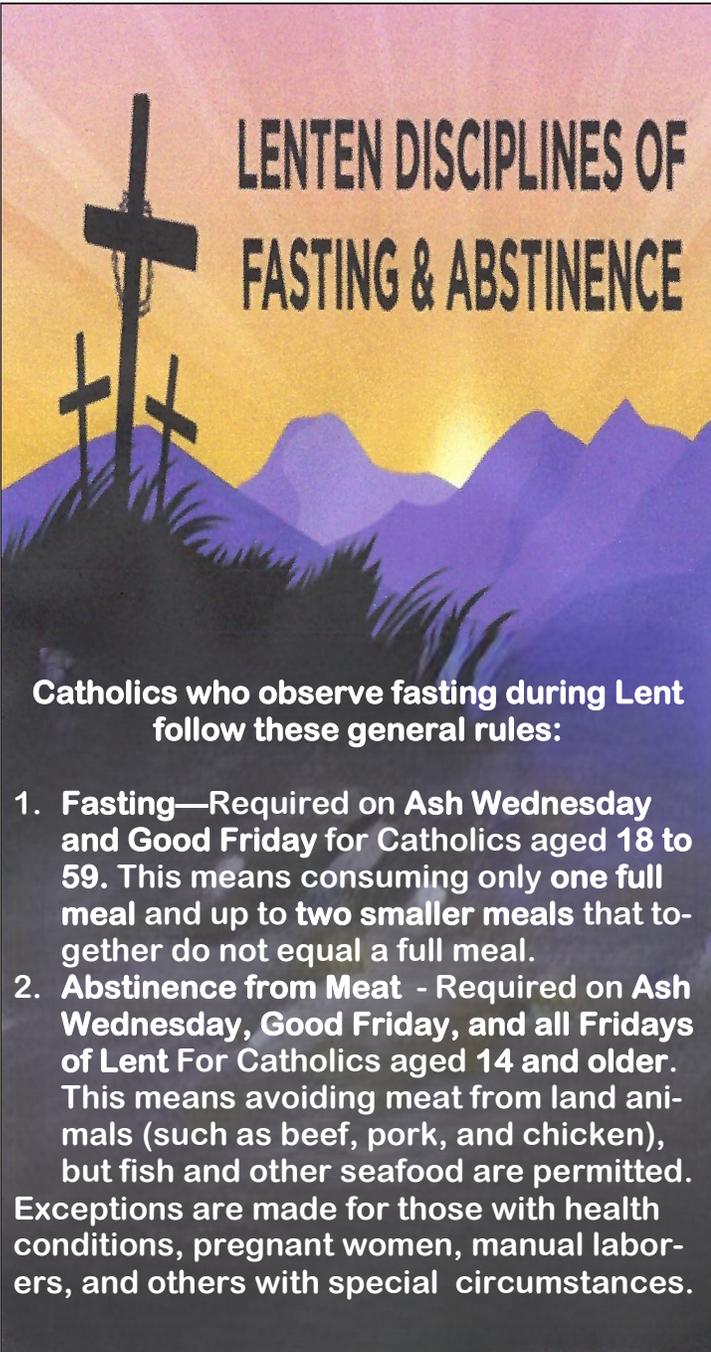
While Lent is a season of penance, it culminates in the joyous celebration of Easter—the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This pivotal event reminds us that our Lenten journey is not just about suffering and sacrifice but about the promise of new life. As we walk with Jesus through Lent, we anticipate the joy of Easter morning, when death is conquered, and hope is renewed.

Walking with Jesus during Lent is a spiritual journey filled with joy, reflection, and transformation. It's an opportunity to deepen our relationship with God, grow in faith, and embrace the abundant life that Christ offers. As we navigate this season, may we open our hearts to God's presence., finding joy in every step we take with Jesus by our side.

Please remember to keep the parish in your prayers, your prayers bring them healing, comfort and peace! God bless you!

Fr. Steve





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.



JOIN US FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT OUR PARISH

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

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.



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

Mrs. Heide Almocera

Ms. Patricia Cusick

Ms. Jo Ann Collins



Daylight Savings Time Begins On Sunday, March 9, 2025

Readings for The First Sunday of Lent

Reading I

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "The priests shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God. Then you shall declare before the LORD, your God, 'My father was a wandering Aramean who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as an alien. But there he became a nation great, strong, and numerous. When the Egyptians maltreated and oppressed us, imposing hard labor upon us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and he heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. He brought us out of Egypt with his strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders; and bringing us into this country, he gave us this land flowing with milk and honey. Therefore, I have now brought you the firstfruits of the products of the soil which you, O LORD, have given me.' And having set them before the LORD, your God, you shall bow down in his presence."

Reading II

Romans 10:8-13

Brothers and sisters: What does Scripture say? *The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart*—that is, the word of faith that we preach—. For, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the scripture says, *No one who believes in him will be put to shame*. For there is no distraction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, enriching all who call upon him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, *One does not live on bread alone*." Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this is yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: *You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve*." Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone*." Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test*." When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

Readings for the Week

Sunday, March 9, 2025: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday, March 10, 2025: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, March 11, 2025: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 12, 2025: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, March 13, 2025: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday, March 14, 2025: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, March 15, 2025: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, March 16, 2025: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-

GOSPEL MEDITATION

1st Sunday of Lent
 Luke 4:1-13

One of the most fascinating moments in American history is when George Washington could have become the king of the newly liberated United States and didn't. At the height of his power and fame, on Dec. 23, 1783, he resigned his commission as Commander-in-Chief, and went home. The astonished King of England remarked that in doing so, Washington was "the greatest man in the world." Greatness is often defined by what we could do but don't. Greatness is measured by the temptations we overcome.

Jesus' greatness is revealed in his victory over temptations, too. The three offered him by the devil contain, we might say, all potential possible temptations: food, power and fame. They correspond to the triple human needs of body, soul and spirit. In overcoming these three, he says "no" in essence to every and even the greatest temptation. We see that every desire of his humanity — body, soul and spirit — is perfectly united to God, to love. This is a power available to each member of his body. It is the path to true greatness. How can we, who so easily fall into even small temptations, find the power to overcome large ones? By entering into the great dynamics of Jesus' temptations.

Lenten challenge: This first week of Lent, list some concrete ways you can overcome temptations that correspond with your desires. For example, you may give up snacks between meals, choose not to participate in an activity of which you are an expert, and decide to reduce social media posting by 50%. It may not seem like much, but by saying "no" to the tyranny of food, power, and fame (in this example), you'll discover true greatness.

— *Father John Muir*



This Lent, we invite you to join us for spiritual opportunities to rekindle your relationship with our Lord. All are welcome!



PRAYER,
 FASTING,
 AND
 ALMSGIVING

Prayer for Lent

Dear Jesus,

This is the first Sunday of Lent, and I want to commit myself more deeply to you this season. Inspire me with the Lenten penances you most desire, the ones that help me to grow ever nearer to you.

Amen.

TAKE UP
 THE
 CROSS
 AND
 FOLLOW ME

PRAYER
 FOR LENT

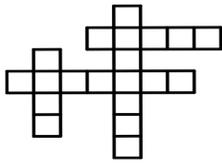
Dear Jesus,

During this season of Lent, let me remember all that you have done for me.

Help me to reflect upon the ultimate sacrifice and pain that you went through for us. As I make a few of my own sacrifices, help me to stay strong and committed to this Lenten journey and use my efforts as an opportunity to deepen my relationship with you. In moments where I struggle, remind me of the incomparable sacrifice and struggles that you endured. Guide my heart and mind to stay focused on your love and glory.

In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

New!
Check out the
ONLINE PUZZLE PAGE



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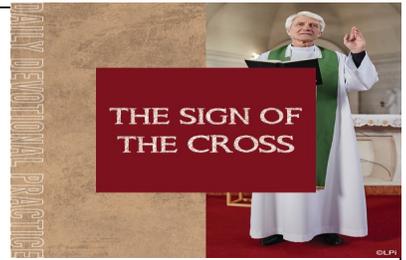


First Sunday of Lent

Today, in St. Luke’s Gospel, Jesus reacts to one of Satan’s temptations in the desert, professing: It is written: *You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve.* The evangelist St. Paul, in his letter to the Roman community, urges them, and us, to believe *Jesus is Lord.* In the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses, in spirit of gratitude, offers the harvest’s first fruits to the priest. The Lord invites Christian stewards to return to Him our “first fruits” in prayer, service, and generosity. Contribute to your parish food pantry or spend time at a local soup kitchen as a gift of your stewardship to those in need.



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!



Devotions, Explained!
The Sign of the Cross

Mini Explanation

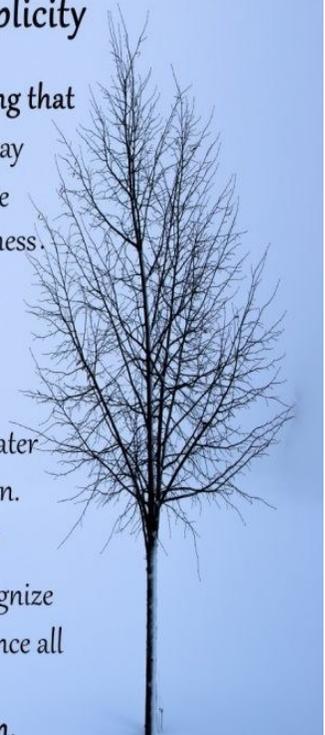
Christians have been making the sign of the cross since ancient times. It is not only an important component of formal liturgies and sacramental rites, but also a daily devotional practice whereby the faithful invoke the blessing and protection of God.

The Sign of the Cross, Explained

“I claim you for Christ by the sign of his cross.” These words from the Rite of Baptism, spoken as the priest traces a cross on the infant’s forehead, perfectly communicate the significance of that simple, familiar action. In signing the cross, we claim ourselves again and again for Christ, unite ourselves with His sacrifice on Calvary, and confess his victory over death. Christians have been making the sign of the cross since ancient times, as evidenced by writings from Tertullian, Hippolytus and St. Cyprian. The ritual action is not only an important component of formal liturgies and sacramental rites, but also a daily devotional practice whereby the faithful invoke the blessing and protection of God. In the Latin rite, it is made either with a movement of the full hand from one’s forehead, breast and shoulders (going right to left) or with the thumb tracing the cross on the forehead, lips and breast.

A Prayer for Lenten Simplicity

Free me, Lord Jesus, from anything that obstructs my way to you. Clear away the clutter of petty grudges. Remove smudges of resentment and bitterness. Cleanse me of thoughts filled with anger envy, or self-pity. Create space in my life for more kindness and less spitefulness, greater generosity and stronger compassion. Enlarge my heart with a spirit of gratitude this Lent, so that I recognize the simple gifts that lay in abundance all around me. In your sacred name, I pray. Amen.



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 JWJCatholic.Academy to receive a free journal

MASSt INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Grayson (Healing)
+Lucila Evangelista
+Evelyn Hood
+Celi Esmana

Thursday, March 13, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Joseph Testa

Friday, March 14, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Kelly Patterson

Saturday, March 15, 2025

4:00 p.m.

+Rosemarie Calmi
Parishioners of St. Rene
+Beverly Romeo
+Maybelle Koehler
+Fred Schulte
+Franklin Langenstein
+Giuseppe & Concetta DiStefano
+Joan Herbert
+Rita Abraham

Sunday, March 16, 2025

8:30 a.m.

+Ann McCloy
+Alfred Ostrowski

10:30 a.m.

+Nhi (Nee) Vu
+Brandon Telly (4th R.A.)
+Walt Kalcevic
+Rose Zappa
+Sam Zappa
+David Willick
+Rita Abraham

5:30 p.m.

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Filling the Basket This Lent

Lent calls us into deeper everyday stewardship because it beautifully creates opportunities to be mindful of the call of Christ in even the most mundane moments of our day.

Many of us will participate in the time-honored tradition of doing penance, or “giving something up” for Lent. When we do this, we are mimicking the Israelites who filled their baskets with the first fruits of their harvest, “and having set them before the Lord, your God, (bowing) down in his presence” (Deuteronomy 26:10).

What are we going to bring before the Lord this Lent? What are our first fruits?

If you’re struggling with ideas for how to “fill your basket,” it can help to come at the problem from the opposite side. Take a look at the six characteristics of Everyday Stewardship and think about the moments in your day when you fail to fulfill the virtues to which they call you.

What is keeping you from being mindful of the call of Christ throughout your day? I promise you, if you listen, you’ll hear it more than once.

What is keeping you from being prayerful? When you have set your first fruits before the Lord, what keeps you from bowing down in His presence to finish the offering?

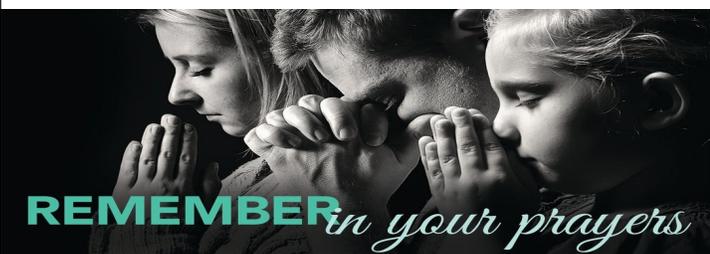
What keeps you from being grateful — especially of the small things that so often go unnoticed?

What keeps you from being gracious, from leaving people smiling as they walk away?

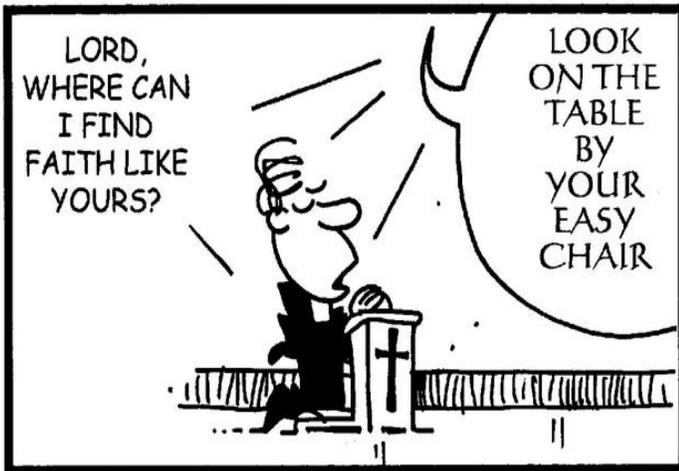
What keeps you from being committed and accountable? Where do your excuses come from and what makes you indulge them?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

PRAY
IS LOVE FOR GOD
FAST
IS LOVE FOR YOURSELF
GIVE
IS LOVE FOR OTHERS



1st SUNDAY OF LENT



((PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – WHAT THE DEVIL DOESN'T HAVE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: The devil knows that Jesus is human, so he uses all the best tricks he has for getting humans to break. The devil will try these things with us, too — this Lent, and throughout our lives. But how can we resist? We're only human. What do we have that the devil doesn't have?

What the Devil Doesn't Have

The devil knows all the rules. The devil knows all the Bible verses. He probably knows them better than you do (certainly better than I do).

He knows them so well that here, in today's Gospel, he thinks he can outsmart the Son of God. He thinks he can out-argue him.

See, the thing you need to know about the devil is that he could have a master's degree in theology. Maybe even a doctorate. But have you ever met a master's student, or even a doctoral one, who doesn't have a particular passion for what they're studying? I sure have.

The devil didn't rebel against God because he didn't understand God's will. He rebelled because he understood God's will perfectly — and he didn't like it.

The devil knows that Jesus is human, and so in today's Gospel he employs all the very best tricks he has for getting humans to break. Physical hunger. Insecurity and a desire for power. The yearning to appear learned and wise.

The devil will try these things with us, too — this Lent, and throughout our lives.

It doesn't work with Jesus, because, of course, Jesus is not *just* human. He can feel temptation, but he will not submit to it. But how are we supposed to do the same? We're not divine. We're just human.

Well, here's the thing. We may be only human, but as Christians, we have a secret weapon. (No, it's not a master's degree in theology. Some of you may have that, but it probably doesn't make you holier.)

We have a love of what the devil has renounced — those things belonging solely to God. Truth. Joy. Humility. Sanctifying sacrifice.

Let the love of those things carry you through this Lent, and beyond.



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.



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Weekend Liturgy Schedule for March 15 & 16

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Tim
Lector	Barbara Kiernan	Rob Wilson	Dorothy Arche	Ana Divina
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino	Karin Nieto	Phat Le Phong Le	Open
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Youkhana G. Labinski	Open Open	A. Sitchon F. Sitchon	Open Open
Ushers	<u>Tom Pluta</u> Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Nick Rieser Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli Don Sundstrom	<u>Tom Dutkiewicz</u> Luis Nieto Al Gyenese Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti	<u>Terry Shaughnessy</u> Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chrisie Fish Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro	<u>Paul Hornung</u> Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
Sacristan	L. Youkhana	K. Nieto	H. DeVera	Open

Weekday Liturgy Schedule for March

Week	Tuesday, March 11, 2025	Thursday, March 13, 2025	Friday, March 14, 2025
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
Lector	M. Peterson	M. Peterson	L. Youkhana
Sacristan	B. Wyrwicz	K. Nieto	K. Nieto
Eucharistic Minister	K. Nieto	L. Youkhana	M. Peterson

<p>Altar Care Team: Friday, March 14th Team 3</p> <p>Bibiane Gagnon Joyce Fackler</p>
<p>Church Vacuuming : Friday, March 14th Ralph Fackler</p>
<p>Altar Linen: March: Aiby Sales</p>



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!

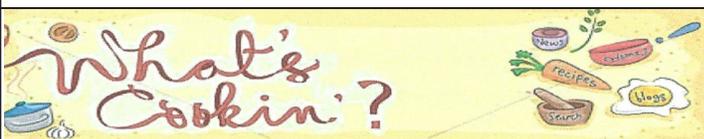
STAY CONNECTED

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.



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.



Pierogi

- 2 cups flour
- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3 Tbsp. to 1/4 cup water

Mix all ingredients in bowl until mixture forms a ball. Knead briefly on a floured surface. Roll into a log, then slice 1” pieces. Roll into a ball in your hand, and then roll out a flat circle. Place about 1 Tbsp. filling in center. Fold over and crimp edges shut. Cook in boiling water until they float to the top (about 3 to 5 minutes). Serve with butter and sour cream. (Makes about 14).

Optional cooking: May be deep-fried or baked after boiling, or fried with butter and onions until crisp on each side.

Fillings: Traditional is mashed potatoes (with sour cream or cheddar or onions), sweetened farmer’s cheese, or sauerkraut. Fruit fillings may also be used. Be sure fillings are cold when filling your circle.

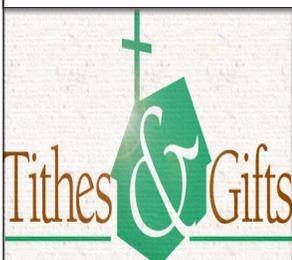


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SCAN CODE TO DONATE TO ST. RENE GOUPIL



**Our Sunday Offering
March 1 & 2
Thank you for your generous response.
God Bless you!**

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



JOHN 3:16



Prayer for Family Unity

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

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

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

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

Christopher Grubby (Navy)
 Pfc. Kevin Heath
 Lt. Christopher Kerr
 Pfc. Paul Koss (Marines)
 Lt. Joseph Kraft
 Sgt. Joseph Kucharek (Army)
 Sgt. Chris 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
Wednesday 2pm & Friday 9am
TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!

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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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ORGANIZATIONS & SERVICES

Legion of Mary
Mary Peterson (586) 979-1469
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Clinton Twp. (586) 416-2300
St. Vincent de Paul (Poverty Help)
(586) 718-4523
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Weekend Liturgy Schedule

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

Weekday Mass

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

Confessions

3:00 p.m. every Saturday

WELCOME

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

St. Rene Mission Statement

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

Parish Registration:

Welcome to all new families/individuals. Please register as soon as possible. Membership is a condition for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Marriage. Registration is also required before the parish can issue a sponsorship certificate for those asked to be a sacramental sponsor. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

Baptism:

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

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

Marriage:

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

Anointing of the Sick:

On request or by appointment through the Parish Office.

Remember in Your Prayers
ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Compassionate and Loving Father,
In the face of confusion and concern
impart to us the calm of Your presence.
In You allow us to find hope and healing.
Be with those who serve the sick and
give them Your caring hands.
Be with those who lead and give them
Your spirit of wisdom.
Be with those who have fallen ill and
give them Your comforting heart.
Wrap Your arms around our world
and hold us in Your love.
Allow us at this time of trial to then
serve as instruments of that love
to all we meet.
We ask this in Your Name.
Amen