



St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
February 2, 2025

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

**“Behold, this child is destined for the
fall and rise of many in Israel.” - Lk 2:34**

Notes from Fr. Steve

Why do we recite the profession of faith at mass every Sunday? Catholics around the world stand together at Mass to recite the Profession of Faith, also known as the Nicene Creed. This sacred tradition isn't just a ritualistic recitation; it is a powerful moment of communal declaration and individual affirmation of our faith. But have you ever paused to reflect on why we do this week after week?

The Creed is a summary of the core beliefs of our faith—our belief in God the Father, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church, and the promise of eternal life. By proclaiming it, we renew our commitment to the teachings of the Church and remind ourselves of what it truly means to live as followers of Christ.

The Nicene Creed dates back to the Councils of Nicaea (AD 325) and Constantinople (AD 381), where the early Church clarified and defended its beliefs against heresies. When we recite the Creed, we connect ourselves to centuries of Christians who stood firm in these truths, bridging the past, present, and future of our faith.

The Creed is not just about personal faith—it is about the faith of the Church as a whole. As we say it together, we unite as one body, professing the same truths. It is a beautiful reminder that we are part of a global and timeless community of believers.

The recitation of the Creed follows the Liturgy of the Word, where we listen to Scripture and reflect on God's message. By professing our faith immediately afterward, we declare our belief in the Word we have heard and prepare our hearts to enter into the Liturgy of the Eucharist, where we encounter Christ Himself.

In a world where faith is often questioned or misunderstood, reciting the Creed strengthens our resolve. It equips us to live and share the Gospel boldly. By internalizing the truths of the Creed, we become better witnesses to Christ in our daily lives.

Each time we stand and proclaim, "I believe," we are renewing our baptismal promises and reaffirming our identity as Christians. It is more than a repetition—it is a weekly renewal of our covenant with God, a reaffirmation of the truths that guide our lives, and an act of unity with the Church.

So, the next time you say the Profession of Faith at Mass, take a moment to let the words resonate deeply. Speak them with conviction, knowing that they are more than words—they are the foundation of your faith.

Please remember the parish in your prayers, especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them healing, consolation and hope. God bless you and those you love!

Fr. Steve



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

Mr. & Mrs. Gregg Bieniek



As shepherds of our
flocks, we pledge
amid such uncertainty
to promote unyielding
support and respect
for the human dignity
of all migrant people
in our midst.

– A Pastoral Note to Migrants from the
Catholic Bishops in Michigan

Read more at micatholic.org/immigration

Everyday Stewardship

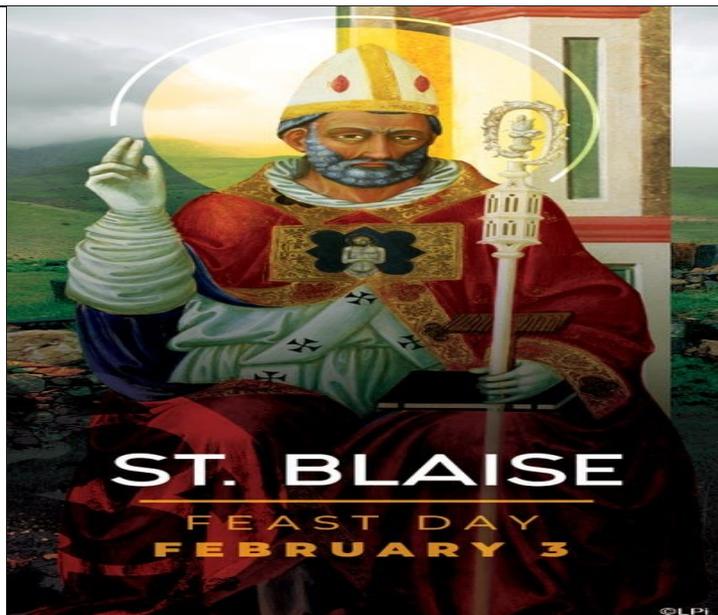
Healing Our Blindness

The value of stewardship living is difficult to see unless we are experiencing that way of life for ourselves. You can read 100 Everyday Stewardship reflections and go to church every Sunday, but unless you are actively growing in faith and trying to live a life of generous stewardship, you cannot see the power of such a lifestyle. Like most things, we need direct, purposeful experiences to really understand.

I worked in a stewardship parish for over 20 years, but it was only after I started treating all I have as God's, and began to actively offer all I am to Him for His glory, that I really got the message. That doesn't mean I am a perfect steward. Far from it! However, the stress and anxiety that comes with life has greatly diminished because all is in God's hands. I choose to act more generously than before, which provides me with a sense of fulfillment and joy. How I act towards my family, friends, and even people I meet daily has changed. Now I am more mindful of their presence, and I seek to give them a part of me that just might change their day and bring them a little closer to Christ. I am transforming into a disciple who seeks to use all I have been given to transform all that is around me.

It would be a shame to be blind to the important things for an entire life. Today, consider taking a path of life-changing stewardship. Give it all to God. In the midst of all you have been given, you just might find God in a profound way. You may even find the real person God created you to be.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Catholic Teaching on Immigration

February 2025

What does the Church say about illegal immigration and undocumented migrants?

The Catholic Church affirms the rule of law and encourages the use of lawful immigration pathways. The Church does not encourage unnecessary or irregular migration. “Ideally, unnecessary migration ought to be avoided; this entails creating in countries of origin the conditions needed for a dignified life and integral development” (*Fratelli tutti*, no. 129). The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that “immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens” (No. 2241).

Does the Catholic Church advocate for “open borders”?

No. The Catechism clearly states that political authorities “may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions” (No. 2241). This includes a sovereign country’s right to regulate and secure its borders. The Church does maintain, however, that this right must always be balanced with the duty to welcome newcomers with charity and respect for the human person, as well as the rights to life and religious liberty.

What is the Church’s perspective on federal immigration reform and “mass deportations”?

As recognized by the Church for decades, the current immigration system is inadequate to address the needs of American families, employers, and communities, as well as immigrants themselves. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has consistently supported increased opportunities for legal immigration and the protection for immigrants’ due process rights, while opposing an enforcement-only approach to

immigration. Further, enforcement actions should be targeted, proportionate, and humane, and deportations and other enforcement actions should always be carried out with due regard for families, community ties, and religious liberty interests. In its most recent message on immigration, the USCCB stated that the country’s immigration system should be one that:

- Offers fair and generous pathways to full citizenship for immigrants living and working for many years within this country.
- Keeps borders safe and secure, with enforcement policies that focus on those who present dangers to society, particularly efforts to reduce gang activity, stem the flow of drugs, and end human trafficking.
- Provides permanent relief for childhood arrivals, helps families stay together, and welcomes refugees.
- Serves as an effective asylum system for those fleeing persecution and protects vulnerable migrants and their families, many of whom have already been victimized by criminal actors.

Why do Catholic organizations serve people who enter the U.S. without authorization?

Faithful to Jesus’ mandate to “welcome the stranger,” Catholic-affiliated organizations provide basic human needs to migrants because all people are made in God’s image and likeness and inherently possess human dignity. There is no evidence or research indicating that the humanitarian and religious services provided by Catholic organizations incentivize unlawful migration, as there are varied and often complex factors that influence a person’s decision to migrate from their home country, including war, persecution, violence, lack of jobs, famines, and natural disasters.

Visit [usccb.org/migrationministries](https://www.usccb.org/migrationministries) for more FAQs and to learn how the Church serves migrants.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Presentation of the Lord Luke 2:22-40

What is the secret to sharing in God’s power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophesies that when her son faces opposition, Mary’s soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which **“the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed”** (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant’s injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary’s pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary’s pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son’s divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.

— *Father John Muir*

Readings for Presentation of the Lord

Reading I *Malachi 3:1-4*

Thus says the Lord GOD: Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; And suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek, And the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who will endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire, or like the fuller's lyre. He will sit refining and purifying silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, Refining them like gold or like silver that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD. Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem will please the LORD, as in the days of old, as in years gone by.

Reading II *Hebrews 2:14-18*

Since the children share in the blood and flesh, Jesus likewise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life. Surely he did not help angels but rather the descendants of Abraham; therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Gospel *Luke 2:22-40*

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It has been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he has seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Readings for the Week

Sunday, February 2, 2025: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday, February 3, 2025: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 4, 2025: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43

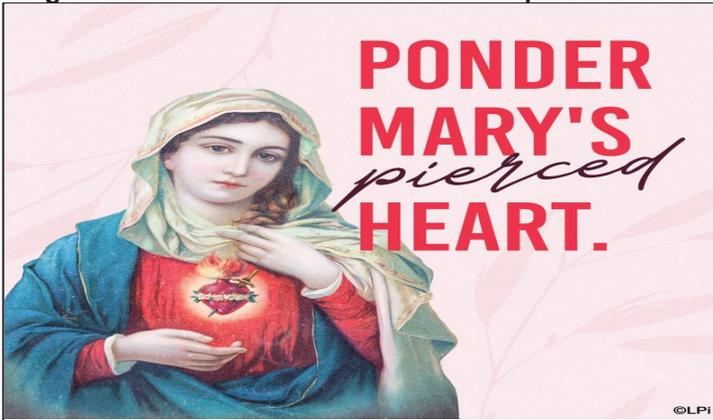
Wednesday, February 5, 2025: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 6, 2025: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11//Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 7, 2025: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday, February 8, 2025: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, February 9, 2025: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – THE THOUGHTS OF MANY HEARTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection: The oldest trick of the devil is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It's not hard for him to do — there are so many other things we could be doing. So, do we have the courage to look to our own hearts, to come face to face with our own choices, our own true selves?

Presentation of the Lord

The Scripture passages today speak to God's promise to send a Savior to mankind. The prophet Malachi likens God's messenger to refined precious metals. The Letter to the Hebrews explains how Jesus came to help not angels, but mankind. In St. Luke's Gospel, Mary and Joseph take the baby Jesus to the Temple. In accordance with the law, He is consecrated to the Lord. Simeon, a just man, and Anne, a prophetess, witness in the presence of the infant Jesus the fulfillment of the ancient prophecies. We, as faithful stewards, strive to build a deeper relationship with the Lord—to consecrate our lives to His will. May this feast day inspire us to embrace Christ's will to accomplish His work in our parish communion and the greater community.

The Thoughts of Many Hearts

When Simeon cradles the infant Messiah in his arms, he speaks of salvation and glory and revelation. He speaks of his own death. He speaks of the fulfillment of God's promise to all people.

But most memorable, in my opinion, are his words about the hearts of men. This Child, he says, will be the way "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Perhaps you're like me. Perhaps you don't enjoy scrutinizing yourself, your actions, your intentions. You don't like reflecting on why you feel or react the way you do, and you really don't enjoy measuring those feelings and reactions against what you know they could be.

It's exhausting to sit with God, your heart in your hands, both of us looking at it, talking about it. So far too often, I opt out.

The oldest trick of the devil, you see, is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It's not hard for him to do. There are so many other things I could be doing, after all. Answering emails. Catching up on laundry. Scrolling Facebook. Worrying about inflation and the election. Stressing about my kid's dance recital and next week's busy schedule.

But where is God truly at work? Where is the place God will point to, when my life on Earth has come to its close?

It is the very depths of my heart. The place where I am my most authentic self, for better or worse. The place where all my pretensions crumble away, and I am alone with the truth of who I am and what I choose to do.

Am I brave enough to look into the depths of my own heart?

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



DID YOU KNOW?

THERE ARE 5 PATRON SAINTS OF NURSES! ST. AGATHA, ST. CAMILLUS, ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, ST. JOHN OF GOD, AND RAPHAEL THE ARCHANGEL.



JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY KID'S CORNER



FEBRUARY 2, 2025: PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

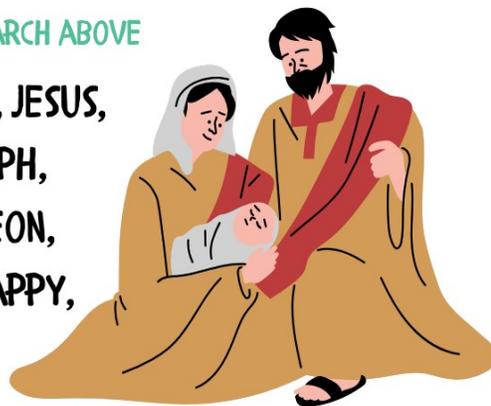
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IS A SPECIAL STORY FROM WHEN JESUS WAS A BABY. MARY AND JOSEPH TOOK JESUS TO THE TEMPLE TO PRESENT HIM TO GOD, JUST LIKE THE LAW SAID THEY SHOULD. WHEN THEY GOT TO THE TEMPLE, AN OLD MAN NAMED SIMEON, WHO HAD WAITED HIS WHOLE LIFE TO SEE THE SAVIOR, SAW JESUS AND WAS SO HAPPY. HE THANKED GOD AND SAID JESUS WOULD BRING PEACE TO EVERYONE. A WOMAN NAMED ANNA, WHO LOVED GOD AND PRAYED A LOT, ALSO SAW JESUS AND TOLD EVERYONE ABOUT HIM. THIS WAS A SPECIAL MOMENT SHOWING THAT JESUS CAME FOR ALL PEOPLE!

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD WORD SEARCH

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FIND THESE WORDS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE WORD SEARCH ABOVE

PRESENTATION, STORY, JESUS,
 BABY, MARY, JOSEPH,
 TEMPLE, LAW, SIMEON,
 SAVIOR, WAITED, HAPPY,
 PEACE, ANNA



FAMILY ACTIVITIES

SIMEON'S SONG

Find a simple version of Simeon's song (Luke 2:29-32). Read or sing Simeon's joyful words when he saw Jesus. You can make up a fun song as a family or create hand motions to go along with the words. It's a great way to celebrate the joy of meeting Jesus and sharing that joy with others.

GIVE TO OTHERS

Simeon and Anna were both filled with joy because they saw Jesus. As a family, you can choose to spread that joy by giving to others, whether it's donating clothes, food, or toys to those in need. This is a way to share the light of Jesus with others.

DEAR JESUS,
 THANK YOU FOR COMING TO US AS A BABY.
 JUST LIKE SIMEON AND ANNA WERE SO
 HAPPY TO SEE YOU,
 HELP ME TO ALWAYS BE JOYFUL
 IN YOUR LOVE.
 PLEASE HELP ME TO SHARE YOUR LIGHT
 WITH OTHERS,
 AND TO LOVE AND FOLLOW YOU EVERY DAY.
 IN YOUR NAME, AMEN.

MASST INTENTIONS

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Jose Paunan
+Edward Wujek
+Luigi & Antoinette Iafrate
+James & Edward Koehler
+Joseph Carpenter

Thursday, February 6, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Ann McCloy
+Frances Janick

Friday, February 7, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Dee Mullaney
+Ted & Fern Russman

Saturday, February 8, 2025

4:00 p.m.

+Rosemarie Calmi
+Maybelle Koehler
+Sparky Klee (Birthday)
+Franklin Langenstein
+Giuseppe & Concetta DiStefano

Sunday, February 9, 2025

8:30 a.m.

+Maria Luz Sales (5th R.A.)
+Peter Formanczyk

10:30 a.m.

+Fred Schulte
+Joseph Hance (8th R.A.)
+Ricardo DeBelen

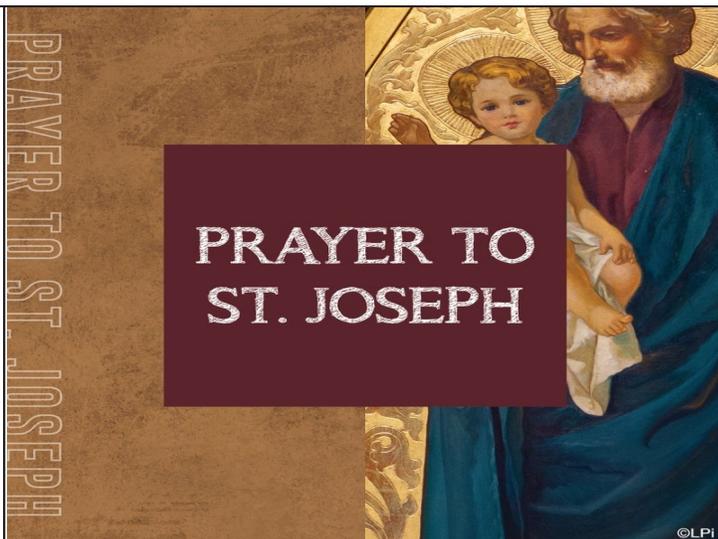
5:30 p.m.

+Bob Heckman



Prayer of Faith

Dear God,
Open my eyes to Your movement in my life. And,
even when I don't see it or don't understand, help me
to rely on the promises of Your love and mercy.
Amen.



Devotions, *Explained!* Prayer to St. Joseph

Mini Explanation

For centuries, Christians have relied on the intercessory prayers of Joseph, earthly spouse of the Blessed Virgin and foster father of Christ. One particular novena prayer to St. Joseph is often called “the unfailing prayer to St. Joseph.”

Prayer to St. Joseph, *Explained*

For centuries, Christians have relied on the intercessory prayers of Joseph, earthly spouse of the Blessed Virgin and foster father of Christ, who was obedient to the will of God in all things.

One particular novena prayer to St. Joseph is often called “the unfailing prayer to St. Joseph.” It is thought to have originated in the first century A.D. and was sent by the pope to Emperor Charles as he went into battle. It is said that those who recite this prayer will not suffer a sudden death and will likewise be protected from drowning, the effects of poison and fire, falling into the hands of the enemy or being overpowered in battle.

For a full text of this prayer, visit ewtn.com/catholicism/library/novena-to-st-joseph-11865

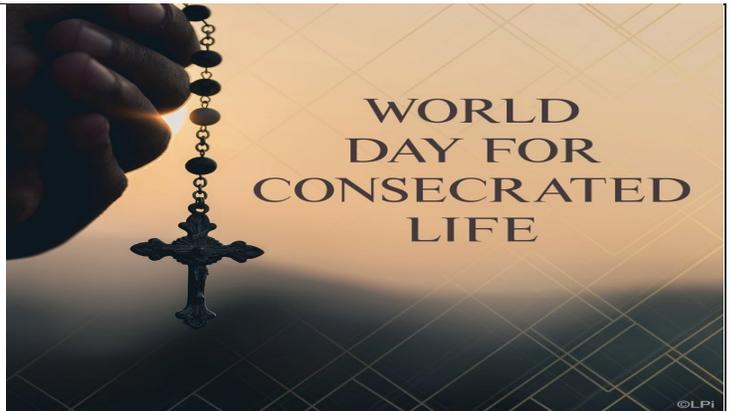
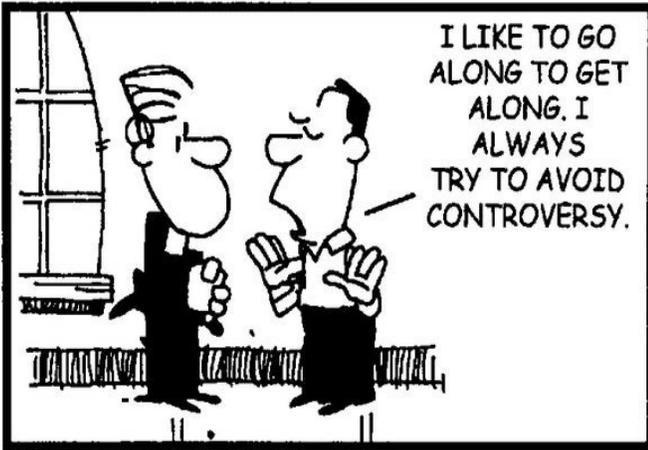
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Please take time today to register. Also, you can keep in touch and informed about parish events by visiting our parish web site.

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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



God of all goodness, you have called people to follow you faithfully. Humans have heard that call and many choose to follow your call in varied and faith-filled lives. Some follow your call in private, silent lives as hermits; some choose to follow you with lives lived as virgins and widows; while others choose public lives of vowed men and women as religious brothers and sisters. Abundantly give to these men and women the courage to follow their call as witnesses to your gifts and faith and service to the world.

We ask this in faith through the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Prayer for Migrants and Refugees

Lord Jesus, when you multiplied the loaves and fishes, you provided more than food for the body, you offered us the gift of yourself, the gift which satisfies every hunger and quenches every thirst! Your disciples were filled with fear and doubt, but you poured out your love and compassion on the migrant crowd, welcoming them as brothers and sisters.

Lord Jesus, today you call us to welcome the members of God's family who come to our land to escape oppression, poverty, persecution, violence, and war. Like your disciples, we too are filled with fear and doubt and even suspicion. We build barriers in our hearts and in our minds.

Lord Jesus, help us by your grace,

- To banish fear from our hearts, that we may embrace each of your children as our own brother and sister;
- To welcome migrants and refugees with joy and generosity, while responding to their many needs;
- To realize that you call all people to your holy mountain to learn the ways of peace and justice;
- To share of our abundance as you spread a banquet before us;
- To give witness to your love for all people, as we celebrate the many gifts they bring.

We praise you and give you thanks for the family you have called together from so many people. We see in this human family a reflection of the divine unity of the one Most Holy Trinity in whom we make our prayer: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayer for Migrants and Refugees, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



IMPORTANT

BULLETIN UPDATE

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

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



eucharisticrevival.org

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for February 8 & 9

	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	Lorraine Doyle	Wendi Lillie	Marv Laubach	Alex Sitchon
Altar Servers	Paul Havern	Karin Nieto	Phat Le Phong Le	
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Youkhana L. Nosek	Open Open	F. Sitchon A. Sitchon	Open Open
Ushers	Tom Pluta Dave Hintz Todd Messineo Karen Messineo Nick Rieser Jim Moravek Omar Oszust Gary Novelli Don Sundstrom	Tom Dutkiewicz Luis Nieto Al Gyenese Mike Kazyak Ed Stivers Sharon Olszewski Frank Iannotti	Terry Shaughnessy Tom Fooy Ralph Fackler Wilmar Suan Joe Meli Chrisie Fish Chris Norris Elmor Monteiro	Paul Hornung Mike Galuszka Ofelia Fermil Fred Rossi
Sacristan	L. Youkhana	K. Nieto	H. DeVera	Open

Weekday Liturgy Schedule for January

Week	Tuesday, February 4, 2025	Thursday, February 6, 2025	Friday, February 7, 2025
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve
Lector	M. Petersson	L. Youkhana	L. Hance
Sacristan	K. Nieto	H. DeVera	K. Nieto
Eucharistic Minister	B. Wyrwicz	K. Nieto	L. Youkhana

Altar Care Team:
Friday, February 7th
Team 2
Roxann Klee
Karin Nieto
Antonina Notarantonio



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!

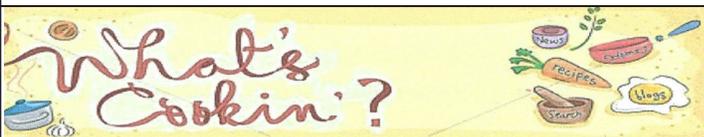
Altar Linen:
February:
Theresa Wilson

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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:

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4. Enter your first and last name as well as your email.
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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.



Vinnie’s Unforgettable Cream Puffs

SHELLS:

- 1 c. water
- 1/2 c. margarine (1 stick)
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 1 heaping c. flour
- 4 eggs

Boil water, margarine and salt. After a full boil, remove from stove and add flour into mixture. Mix until it forms a round batter ball. Add eggs one at a time and stir.

On a baking sheet, form little round balls with table-spoon or a pastry bag. Bake for 15 minutes at 400 F and then for 45 minutes at 350 F. Should be golden brown, without any bubbles forming. Cut shells in half after they have cooled and add cream. Drizzle Sander’s hot fudge over top of shells and refrigerate.

CREAM:

- 1 (3 1/2 OZ.) box instant vanilla pudding mix
- 1 1/2 c. milk
- 1/2 pt. heavy whipping cream
- 1/4 c. powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Mix pudding and milk; beat until stiff and refrigerate. In cold bowl, beat whip cream until stiff. Add powdered sugar and vanilla. Fold mixture into pudding. Fill shells. Refrigerate until cool.



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!



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**Our Sunday Offering
January 25 & 26
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Prayer for Family Unity

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

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

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

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

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

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

Prayer for Those Serving in the Military

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

Adoration Chapel



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

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

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

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

Uncommitted Hours
Wednesday 2pm & Friday 9am
TAKE TIME FOR PRAYER!

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

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Rev. Joy Chakian, Associate
Rev. Mr. John Ball, Deacon Emeritus
Rev. Mr. Kevin Tietz, Deacon
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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