



Palm Sunday

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
April 13, 2025

Notes from Fr. Steve

As we approach the most sacred time of the Christian calendar, it's essential to reflect on the significance of the Easter Triduum. This three-day period, beginning with Holy Thursday and culminating in Easter Sunday, encapsulates the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Each day holds profound meaning and offers us an opportunity to deepen our faith and understanding.

Palm Sunday marks Jesus Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where crowds welcomed Him with palm branches, symbolizing victory and peace. This event signifies the start of Holy Week, reminding us of Jesus' mission as the Messiah and the fulfillment of prophecy.

On Holy Thursday, we commemorate the Last Supper, where Jesus shared a final meal with His disciples. During this intimate gathering, He instituted the Eucharist, demonstrating His love through the act of washing His disciples' feet, teaching humility and service. Please come to this beautiful mass at 7pm, with adoration following.

Good Friday is a solemn day of remembrance and mourning for Jesus' crucifixion and death on the Cross. It is a time for prayerful reflection on His sacrifice, which redeemed humanity and opened the door to eternal life. The Church often holds solemn liturgies and Stations of the Cross to meditate on the depth of Christ's love and suffering. Living Stations of the Cross 12 Noon. 1 pm Good Friday Liturgy.

The Easter Triduum reaches its climax with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night and Easter Sunday morning. The vigil begins in darkness, symbolizing Christ's tomb, and culminates in the joyful proclamation of His resurrection. It is a celebration of new life and hope, marking the triumph of light over darkness and salvation for all who believe. Easter Vigil 4 pm. Easter Sunday Mass 8:30 am & 10:30 am. No 5:30 pm Mass.

As we journey through Holy Week, let us immerse ourselves in prayer, reflection, and participation in the liturgies of the Triduum. May this sacred time deepen our faith, renew our spirits, and draw us closer to the profound mystery of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. Please come to all of our High Holy Day Services and celebrate your Catholic faith with your sisters and brothers.

As always, I ask for you to pray for the parish, in particular for the sick and the suffering, your prayers being them healing, comfort and hope. God bless you and those you love.

Fr. Steve

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Church

Holy Week Schedule 2025

Palm Saturday, April 12: 4:00pm

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



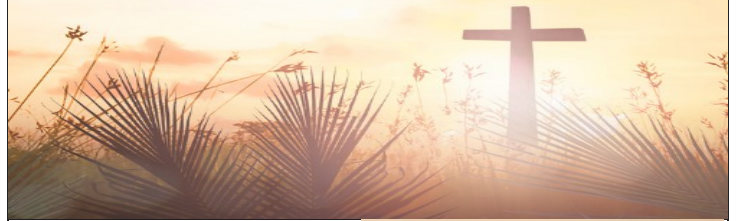
Stations of the Cross



DONUT SUNDAY THIS SUNDAY

Join us for
faith & fellowship
after the
10:30 am Mass
in the
Social Hall

Palm Sunday's thought:
Life is full of ups and downs.
Glorify God during the ups and
fully trust in Him during the downs.



LENTEN TOWEL DRIVE



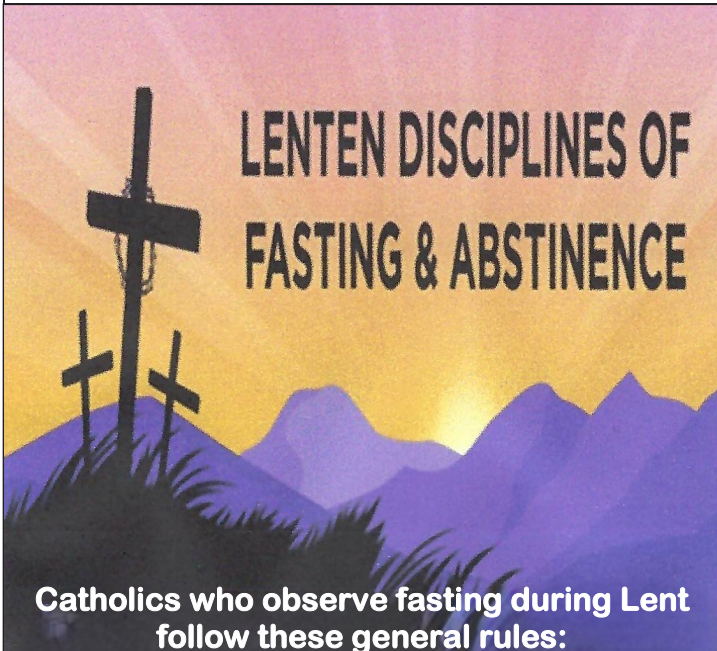
It is that time of year again...time for our annual Lenten Towel Project. We will be collecting brand-new bath towels and washcloths during the Lenten season; from Ash Wednesday until Good Friday. These may be placed in the wooden bin near the library. These shelters are so appreciative of the help we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

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

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

May God bless you this Lent.

LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE



Catholics who observe fasting during Lent follow these general rules:

- 1. Fasting**—Required on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** for Catholics aged 18 to 59. This means consuming only one full meal and up to two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal.
- 2. Abstinence from Meat** - Required on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays of Lent** For Catholics aged 14 and older. This means avoiding meat from land animals (such as beef, pork, and chicken), but fish and other seafood are permitted. Exceptions are made for those with health conditions, pregnant women, manual laborers, and others with special circumstances.

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

Readings for The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reading I *Isaiah 50:4-7*

The Lord God had given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Reading II *Philippians 2:6-11*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found in human appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel *Luke 22:14—23:56*

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Readings for the Week

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

Monday, April 14, 2025: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday, April 15, 2025: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday, April 16, 2025: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday, April 17, 2025: *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21/
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday, April 18, 2025: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday, April 19, 2025: *Easter Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12



JWJ CATHOLIC ACADEMY KID'S CORNER



APRIL 13, 2025: PALM SUNDAY

ON PALM SUNDAY, WE REMEMBER WHEN JESUS RODE INTO THE CITY OF JERUSALEM ON A DONKEY. THE PEOPLE WERE SO HAPPY TO SEE HIM THAT THEY WAVED PALM BRANCHES AND SHOUTED, "HOSANNA!" WHICH MEANS "SAVE US!" THEY TREATED JESUS LIKE A KING, LAYING THEIR COATS ON THE GROUND FOR HIM TO RIDE OVER. BUT EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE EXCITED TO WELCOME HIM, MANY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THAT JESUS CAME TO SAVE EVERYONE BY SHOWING LOVE AND TEACHING ABOUT GOD'S KINGDOM. IT'S A SPECIAL DAY TO REMEMBER HOW JESUS IS OUR KING.

WORD SEARCH FOR PALM SUNDAY

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FIND THESE WORDS IN THE WORD SEARCH ABOVE

JESUS, PALM BRANCHES,
HOSANNA, JERUSALEM,
DONKEY, KING, CROWD,
TRIUMPH, BLESSED, PASSION,
PRAISE, VICTORY



FAMILY ACTIVITIES

CREATE A "JESUS IS KING" BANNER

Work together to make a colorful banner that says "Jesus is King" or "Hosanna!" Hang it up in the house or take it outside for A Palm Sunday walk.

PALM SUNDAY TREATS

Bake simple treats like cupcakes or palm shaped cookies. Decorate them and enjoy them together while talking about the meaning of Palm Sunday.

HOSANNA JAM SESSION

Play this YouTube song and do the motions along with the beat: *Yancy & Little Praise Party - Hosanna Rock [OFFICIAL PRESCHOOL MUSIC VIDEO] Palm Sunday Song*

DEAR JESUS,
THANK YOU FOR COMING TO US AS
OUR KING. HELP US TO LOVE YOU
AND FOLLOW YOU JUST LIKE THE
PEOPLE WHO WAVED PALM
BRANCHES. WE WANT TO CELEBRATE
YOU EVERY DAY AND SHARE YOUR
LOVE WITH OTHERS.
AMEN.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Palm Sunday
Luke 19:28-40

“As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road.” (Luke 19:36)

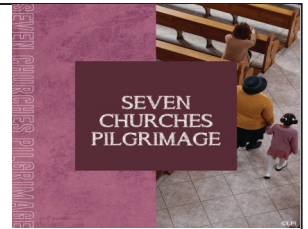
Consider how useless it is to spread your clothes on the ground for a donkey to walk on. The clothes get smeared with hooves, and who knows the grimy places where they’ve been? The animal may leave some unsavory presents on them. They may get stolen by a thief looking to make a buck. The thorns, thistles, rocks and muck of the road will leave stains. The clothes may never be useful again, and you’ll probably walk home shivering without your normal covering. Yet this is precisely the gesture the people employ to welcome Jesus and his donkey. Why does this detail matter?

Wastefulness is an essential part of celebration. Consider the unnecessary extravagance of Christmas decorations, confetti and ticker tape parades, baseball players spraying each other with bottles of champagne after a victory, birthday gifts for kids and so on. This wastefulness signals celebration and therefore participation in higher identities (as believers, winners, and parents, to mention the above examples). That’s what the wasted cloaks are all about. Those who donate their cloaks participate in Christ’s kingship in Jerusalem — and we savor it two thousand years later.

The lesson? Learn how to “waste” money, time, clothes, and food on Christ. We do this at Mass, but in so many other ways, too, like serving the poor, going on retreats, and doing prayerful study. When we practice this holy wastefulness, Jesus will ride into our lives and we’ll be more deeply members of his kingdom.

— *Father John Muir*

Seven Churches Pilgrimage Mini Explanation



The Seven Churches Pilgrimage is the practice of visiting seven different churches on Holy Thursday, in imitation of the journey of Christ on the eve of his crucifixion, when he asked his disciples to stay with him as he awaited his Passion and death.

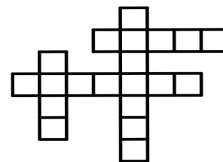
Seven Churches Pilgrimage, Explained

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The devotion is thought to have originated in sixteenth-century Rome, where pilgrims — likely led by St. Philip Neri — would visit the seven major basilicas there: St. Peter’s in the Vatican, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. Mary Major, St. Sebastian Outside the Walls, St. Lawrence Outside the Walls and Santa Croce in Gerusalemme.

Pilgrims undertaking this journey anywhere in the world can visit any seven churches while adoring Christ in the Blessed Sacrament upon the Altar of Repose, fulfilling his request of his disciples to stay with him as he awaited his Passion. There are specific Scripture passages that pilgrims can meditate upon at each altar.

New! Check out the ONLINE PUZZLE PAGE



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Help support our World Youth Jubilee trip!



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

JIMMY JOHN'S
FIELD.

Ticket Price
\$38

BEAVERS VS. UNICORNS
SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

FIRST PITCH 1:05 PM

GATES OPEN @ NOON



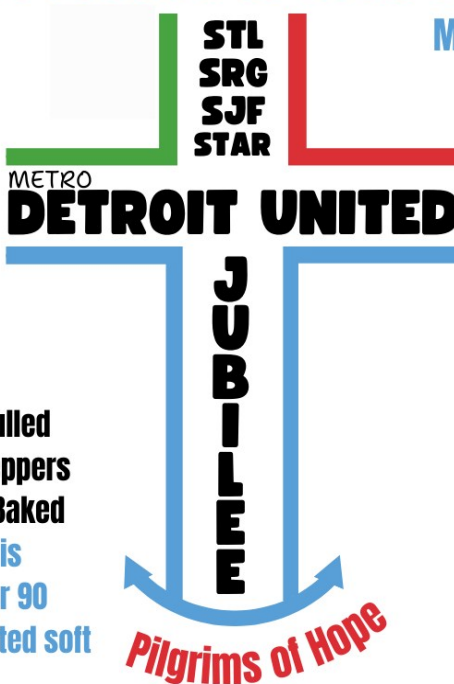
\$10 per ticket will be funded to Metro Detroit United!

Each \$38 Ticket includes:

- Game seating in party patio area
- Group photo on the field
- Welcome message on scoreboard
- Kids run the bases after the game
- Meet JJ the Field General, the bat dog
- Meet & Greet with a team mascot
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Premium Hot Dogs, Slow Roasted BBQ Pulled Chicken, Sliced Smoke Sausage with peppers & onions, Fresh Pasta Salad, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, and Cookies. Food is served starting when the gates open for 90 minutes. Each guest will receive unlimited soft drinks, lemonade, iced tea, and water.



Meet our Jubilee Pilgrims:

ADULT CHAPERONES

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

TEEN/YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMS

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

Ticket purchases support all 4 parishes:

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

To purchase tickets visit: jwjcatholic.academy/jubilee

MASS+ INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

9:30 a.m.

+Richarde & Nadine Koehler

Thursday, April 17, 2025

7:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY

Friday, April 18, 2025

12:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

1:00 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY

Saturday, April 19, 2025 (Holy Saturday)

4:00 p.m.

+Rosemarie Calmi

+Maybelle Koehler

+Bob & Camille Keyes

+Franklin Langenstein

+Steven Herbert

+Al Napolitano

+Eugene & Priscilla Zielinski

+Helen & Leo Wiklinski

+Mary & Jack Zielinski

+Jerry Wilinski

+Stanley & Bernice Barc

+Nancy Carrier

Sunday, April 20, 2025 (Easter Sunday)

8:30 a.m.

+Ronaldo Sales (7th R.A.)

+Robert Labinski

David Boni

+Victoria & Leo Sienicki

+Earl Quick & Family

+Clarence Lohn & Family

10:30 a.m.

+Patricia Leonard

+Nhi Vu

+William O'Neill

+Walt Kalcevic

+Rose Zappa

+Sam Zappa

+Emmanuel Raphael

+Jozef Lulgjuraj

Living & Deceased Members of DeVera & Bonrosto Families

Melon & Dabao Families

Chito & Cecilia Rosales

Moso & Bertulfo Families

5:30 p.m.

Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Rene

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Jesus warns us in the Gospel of Matthew, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." It is an invitation to a way of life, and a plan that leads to holiness. But make no mistake, it is a warning as well. The cross is a sign of victory, but only in light of the Resurrection. Alone, it is a symbol of ultimate sacrifice: the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for a fallen world, and the sacrifice we are called to make to truly follow him.

The power of this symbol has been diminished in popular culture. It is often used in fashion and simple wall art and on bumper stickers and T-shirts, sometimes with Christian clichés and sometimes not. But the cross is something so much more. It is a reminder of the pain, suffering, and death of one who loved us so much that he would give his very life for us. It is our God on that cross. It is God who cries out in despair, feeling the ultimate depth of human emotion. And there lies the key for us in trying to live this life of carrying our crosses.

For those who suffer the death of a loved one, the Father lost his Son. For those who suffer the ravages of disease, his body was broken, beaten, and pierced. For those who feel they have no way out - whether due to prisons that are physical or prisons that are of the mind - he hung on a cross and cried out, "Why?" For those who feel alone and abandoned, he hung on a tree where no one could comfort him, not even his own mother. He has walked in all our shoes, and now we are called to walk in his. In the cross, we find solidarity with the human condition. In an empty tomb, we find our hope.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Palm Sunday

PRAYER

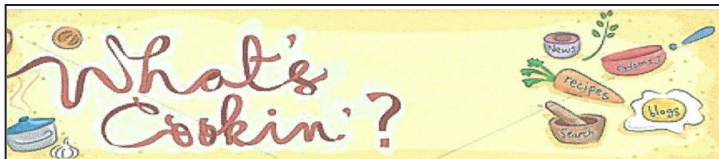
"Almighty God, thank you for sending your precious Son to dwell among us.

As we reflect on Jesus' passion, our hearts are filled with gratitude for your tender love. Because Jesus died on the cross, we can access the gift of eternal life with you. Thank you for this gift.

May we continue to walk in the way of the cross and honor you with our lives.

We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen."

REMEMBER in your prayers



Cheesy Potatoes

1/2 cup melted butter
 1/2 cup onion—chopped
 1 can cream of chicken soup—undiluted
 1 can cream of mushroom soup—undiluted
 1 pint sour cream
 5 cups shredded cheddar cheese
 6 lb. pkg. hashbrowns—thawed

Topping:

1/4 cup melted butter
 7 cups crushed corn flakes

Mix butter, onion, and both cans of soup, sour cream and cheese. Add potatoes and blend. Pour mixture into greased 3-qt. casserole or 9x13 pan. In a bowl mix butter and corn flakes. Cover potatoes with topping and bake at 350 F for 55 minutes or until bubbly.



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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(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini-reflection: I'm Catholic. I'm proud of being Catholic. But is that wordless witness really evangelization?

The Stones Will Cry Out

I have a complicated relationship with evangelization.

I don't think that we (I'm talking about 21st-century American Catholics here) have had much formation around what exactly it means to proclaim the Gospel. We don't know how to do it. We don't really *want* to do it. It sounds kind of scary and awkward. It sounds like knocking on strangers' doors and yelling through the keyhole, "Have you accepted Christ as your Lord and Savior?" It sounds like arguing with friends and family. It sounds like a real pain.

I'm Catholic. I'm proud of being Catholic. I do my Catholic things in my Catholic house throughout my Catholic life. But is that enough?

All Christians are called to "wordless witness" in how they live their lives, writes Paul VI in the apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi* — but this alone, he says, is "insufficient." We must talk about Jesus. We must name him. We must speak of his life, his promises. We must *proclaim* him.

We must be loud enough that a Pharisee would cringe at us.

And yet — and Paul VI acknowledges this — it's not actually evangelization if we do it so badly that nobody listens. If we "impose" truth on someone's conscience instead of "proposing" it. If we make the mistake of thinking there is one singular way to share Christ with the great variety of personalities that exist in this world.

Dear reader, I am running out of column space, and still I have no answers for you, or for myself. I don't know how to do it well. But I know we have to try. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to be patient. We have to be humble. We have to remember it's about him and not about us.

Most of all, when we find ourselves confused and retreating into silence, we must remember Christ's words: "If they keep silent, the stones will cry out."

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for April 19 & 20

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30 AM	Sunday 10:30 AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	NO MASS
Lector	Dorothy Arche Marv Laubach Ana Divina	Barbara Wyrwicz	Dori Fooy	NO MASS
Altar Servers	Lance Tolentino Paul Havern	Karin Nieto Phong Le	Eli Wing-Na	NO MASS
Eucharistic Ministers	L. Youkhana G. Labinski	Open Open	A. Sitchon B. F. Sitchon	NO MASS
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 Gynese 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	NO MASS

Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025
Mass of the Lords Supper at 7:00 p.m.
Lector: Mike Novak

Good Friday, April 18, 2025
Stations of the Cross at 12:00 Noon
Good Friday Liturgy at 1:00 p.m.
Lectors: Dorothy Arche
Marv Laubach

Weekday Liturgy Schedule for April

Week	Tuesday, April 8, 2025	Thursday, April 10, 2025	Friday, April 11, 2025
Lector	B. Wyrwicz	L. Youkhana	D. Monterosso
Sacristan	K. Nieto	K. Nieto	K. Nieto
Eucharistic Minister	M. Peterson	H. DeVera	M. Peterson

Altar Care Team:
 Friday, April 18th
 Team 3
 Teresita Bugante
 Helen DeVera
 Ofelia Cunanan
 Divina Divina
 Marietta Martinez

Church Vacuuming :
 Friday, April 18th
 OPEN

Altar Linen:
 April:
 Denise Link



If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity at St. Rene look no further. We are looking for volunteers for becoming a Lector, Sacristan, **(Lectors & Sacristans for the 5:30 p.m. Mass)** Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers **(both Youth and Adults for the Saturday at 4:00 p.m., Sunday at 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Mass)**. We are also looking for Lectors, Sacristans for our weekday Masses. Volunteers to join the watering committee (watering the outdoor plants). Volunteers to help vacuum the Church on Friday's after Mass. If you're interested in any of the volunteer areas that are listed, please contact the parish office and we will gladly pass your information on to the person in charge of the assignments and have them contact you.

Thank you in advance for volunteering!
 God Bless!

STAY CONNECTED

I encourage you to sign up for this resource and make use of the Bible studies, faith formation opportunities, and Catholic movies available. Signing up only takes a few easy steps:

1. Visit www.formed.org and click **"Sign up."**
2. Click **"I belong to a Parish or Organization."**
3. Type **"Faith at Home Detroit"** in the center box under Create New Account. (You'll see it populate from the drop-down menu.) Click **"Next."**
4. Enter your first and last name as well as your email.
5. Now you're registered! You can also download the app on you Smartphone. If you need further assistance, contact *Formed* at www.help.formed.org or toll-free at 844-367-6331.



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PARISH
IN YOUR WILL**

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April 5 & 6
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God Bless you!**

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

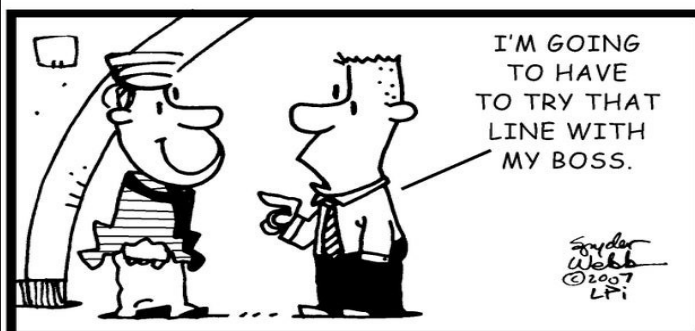


If you have borrowed a Pyx from the Church office and are no longer in need of using it; could you please return it to the office.
Thank You!

St. Rene St. Vincent de Paul helps with utility bills, clothing, household items, food and in certain cases evictions. If you know of anyone who needs help, please have them call (586)718-4523. They do not need to be parish members. All information is kept strictly confidential.



PALM SUNDAY



Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Today, St. Luke the evangelist indicates in his processional Gospel that Christ directs two of His disciples to go into the village and bring Him a tethered colt, and they carry out His command without reservation. On this colt, Jesus humbly and triumphantly enters Jerusalem. But when the crowds gathered learned that Jesus is not a military leader who will deliver them from Roman oppression, Christ's triumph soon turns to betrayal, scourging, and death, as described in St. Luke's Passion account. Do we, as faithful stewards, respond to our Lord's invitation to serve Him through our God-given gifts of time for prayer, skills, and financial resources? Are we open to sharing these gifts with our parish community, the Archdiocese of Detroit, and our neighbors in need? In a spirit of evangelization, do we use these talents to spread Christ's "Good News" to those we meet? Craft a cross with today's blessed palm leaves or place them behind a crucifix or religious picture at your home as a reminder of Jesus' tremendous gift of salvation made available to us.



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.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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

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

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

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

Prayer for Those Serving in the Military

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



Adoration Chapel

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

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

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

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

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

SAINT RENE GOUPIL Catholic Church

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

Pastoral Staff

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

