

EASTER SUNDAY

*the
Resurrection
of the
Lord*

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
April 4, 2021

Notes from Fr. Steve

Happy Easter! When we attend mass on Easter we hear the dramatic Gospel account of Mary Magdalene approaching the tomb, on “the first day of the week”. The points out not what she finds, but what she does not find. It is a Gospel story about an absence, a “nothing there”. Mary arrives early in the morning to pay homage to the dead body of Jesus, and he is gone. She tells Peter and John and they too, come and see the absence for themselves.

The “nothing” is the empty tomb. Where the disciples expect to find Jesus’ body, they find only a remnant of what had been there on Friday evening. The event of this “nothing” is the foundation of our Christian faith.

The tomb is not where Jesus is any more. He has spent his time there already. He entered into the darkness of death, which we commemorated on Good Friday, and the silence of the dead, which we remembered the absence of the Holy Mass on Holy Saturday. Now is the time for His resurrection, Jesus as we will see time and time again this Easter season in our readings is risen from the dead, he appears and again to His apostles. (1 Cor 15; 5-9) Jesus is alive!

Jesus’ resurrection is the single greatest event in the history of the world. Because Jesus has risen from the dead; we can know that there is something, someone, more powerful than death itself. We can speak in the words of St. Paul, “Death, where is your victory?” (1 Cor 15:55).

He conquered death, what was the mysterious conclusion to the life of Jesus Christ the Son of God. The end of the life of Christ has transformed every life by His victory on Easter Sunday.

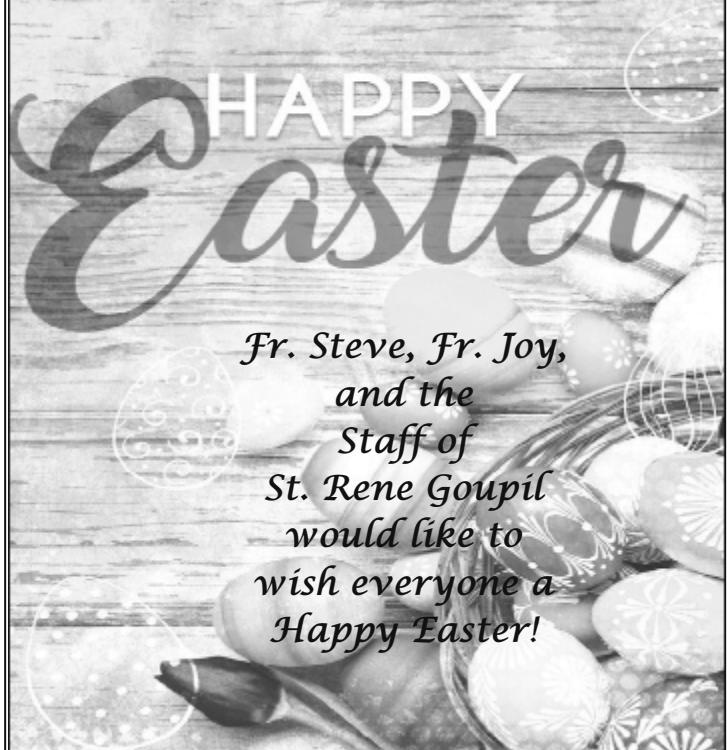
As the sun rises on Easter Morning, the emptiness of Christ’s tomb looms large as a reminder that our Lord is no longer there, as he said, “He is risen as he said” the angel told the women who came looking for him 2000 years ago, Alleluia. (Matthew 28:6)

Therefore, today we must rejoice that death once and for all has been destroyed, been defeated, we must rejoice knowing that Jesus is the only one who has won the battle and in His name, and in His Church we share in His victory.

The empty tomb is a wonderful image for us to think about Easter. It should remind us that Jesus held nothing back in His love for us. He, as the scripture states, emptied himself completely, obedience to the will of the Father and out of love for us. (Phil 2:5-11) And this is the Father’s will that we should receive such a profoundly wonderful gift. The empty tomb is a reminder that God’s love for us is stronger than death, it was impossible for death to hold Jesus.

God bless you and your families this Easter! Please remember the parish in your prayers, especially the sick and the suffering, your prayers bring them comfort, peace and healing. He is Risen! Alleluia!

Fr. Steve

 <h1>Holiday Schedule</h1> <p><i>In Celebration of the Easter Holiday The Parish Office will be closed the week of April 5th—9th, 2021</i></p>	 <p>HAPPY Easter</p> <p><i>Fr. Steve, Fr. Joy, and the Staff of St. Rene Goupil would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter!</i></p>
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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story**

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

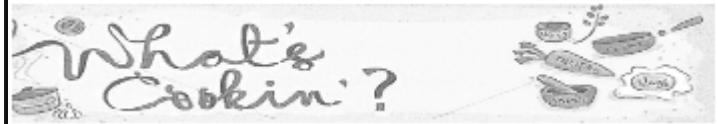
So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

EASTERTIME PRAYER

**Begin with the Sign of the Cross
Risen Lord,
we greet you with joy
this Easter season,
and we thank you for the
gift of new life.
Bless our food,
our family
and our friends,
and help us
to celebrate the springtime
in our hearts
as we rejoice
in the good news
of your resurrection.
Alleluia! Amen.**

Conclude with the Sign of the Cross.

**POTATO PANCAKES**

2 eggs
2 c. milk
1 Tbsp. liquid Crisco
2 c. flour
1 tsp. salt
1 Tbsp. baking powder
1 tsp. sugar
2 c. grated potatoes
1 small onion, diced

Mix all ingredients. Take a heaping tablespoonful of batter and fry on hot grease. Top with sour cream.

**Prayer During A Health Crisis**

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.

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Easter SUNDAY



Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed.

For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. -Jn 20:8-9

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Readings for the Week

Sunday, April 4, 2021: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

Monday, April 5, 2021: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday, April 6, 2021: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday, April 7, 2021: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9

Thursday, April 8, 2021: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday, April 9, 2021: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27

Saturday, April 10, 2021: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Sunday, April 11, 2021: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

We begin a Novena to Divine Mercy on Good Friday, praying for the intentions designated by Jesus to St. Faustina. The Divine Mercy chaplet is prayed in the 3:00 hour as Our Lord dictated asking her to promote His Divine Mercy. There will be leaflets in the back of the Church available any time, and we will be passing them out, in the lobby on Good Friday.

Divine Mercy Sunday brings us Our Lord's promise of an "ocean of graces" for souls, "especially for sinners." Look at it this way: sin is the problem: Divine Mercy is the answer, and now we have a special day on which to receive that mercy in great abundance. Pope John Paul II said that this gift of mercy will be particularly needed in the Third Millennium. Mercy Sunday is the main revelation that Jesus gave to St. Faustina, and is the crowning of that gift of mercy for the whole world in our time.

**Christ the Lord
is risen today, Alleluia!**

Earth and heaven
in chorus say, *Alleluia!*
Raise your joys
and triumphs high, *Alleluia!*
Sing, ye heavens,
and earth reply,

Alleluia!



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

9:30 a.m.

+Kathleen Kettel
+Rudy Pomper Jr.

Thursday, April 8, 2021

9:30 a.m.

+Rosie Chakian

Friday, April 9, 2021

9:30 a.m.

+Cathie Anhut

Saturday, April 10, 2021

4:00 p.m.

+Alice Libres
+Lucille Johnson
+Rita Gatt
+Franklin Langenstein
+David Willick
The Zanardelli Family

Sunday, April 11, 2021

8:30 a.m.

+Rosie Chakian

10:30 a.m.

Ted & Esther Duda
+Delfin Divina
+Cecilia Jarin
+Jessie Ancona (1st R.A.)
+Rose Zappa
Drysdale-Lanz San Chez
Poor Souls in Purgatory
+Linda Tittjung
The Deceased Members of the Yeck Family
+Duane Gavilek
+Harold & Lorraine Schanta
+Kimmy Schanta
+Lilia Cadiz Gungab

5:30 p.m.

Living & Deceased Members of St. Rene Goupil

Trust in God

During a time of crisis or uncertainty, we may find ourselves struggling with fear and anxiety. This is a natural reaction. But St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Philippians to “have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” (4:6). Then, he assures us, “the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (v.7). With steadfast prayer and thanksgiving, then, we do our best to put our trust in the Lord.

Let our reactions reflect the trust and peace that can only be found in him. Stay close to Jesus and the Blessed Mother in prayer, asking that those who are suffering from the disease or from any related anxiety may find healing and peace.

Because many have returned to Mass, there is no need to send the bulletin to everyone in the parish. If you are not able to attend Mass and would like the bulletin sent to you, please return the tag with your offertory envelope in your next mailing, to continue your mailing.

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City: _____

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE

Saint René Goupil Roman Catholic Church

**Saturday, April 10 and Sunday, April 11
After Every Holy Mass**



Each year the Knights of Columbus conduct a drive to raise funds to help organizations who provide services to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This campaign, often referred to as the “Tootsie Roll Drive” will be held by Knights from the Saint Nicholas Council on April 10 and April 11 after each Holy Mass. Look for them outside of the church doors wearing their yellow vests. They will be handing out tootsie rolls in exchange for a donation.

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“Making a difference in people’s lives”

WHEN YOU CAN'T
PUT YOUR PRAYER
INTO WORDS,
God Hears Your Heart.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

**We cannot give up
in the face of evil.
God is Love and he has
defeated evil through
Christ's death and
resurrection.**

— Pope Francis —

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CANDLES

If you would like St. Rene to light a candle for you, please send in your donation of \$1.00 per candle and we will light it for you. Please fill out the form below. This donation needs to be separate from your contribution.

Name: _____

Quantity: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____



Neighbors In Need

In such stressful times, St. Vincent de Paul members want to remind all parishioners that our mission is to help anyone who lives within the St. Rene Parish boundaries. We may be able to help with utility bills, clothing, household items and non-perishable food. Because of COVID restrictions our pantry is closed except for emergencies. If you know of anyone who needs help, please have them call (586)718-4523. They do not need to be parish members. For someone outside our parish boundaries, suggest they call their local church. All information is kept strictly confidential.



**PLEASE
BE
GENEROUS**

Adoration Chapel

We are happy to announce the Adoration Chapel will open again, with a different schedule. The chapel will be open Monday through Friday from 7 am to 7 pm. The chapel is small, so the capacity will be limited to 4 people at a time. Masks **MUST** be worn. Please limit your visit to 15 minutes in consideration of those waiting to enter. The door will be latched at 3:30 pm each afternoon. You will need to knock to enter. At 7 pm it will close until the following morning.

If this arrangement does not work because people will not accommodate to the mask and distance standard, we will be forced to close it again.

Please help us keep the chapel open!

Hours of Commitment Needed:

Tuesday 8:00 a.m.

Thursday 8:00 a.m.

Please call Mary Peterson if you are willing to commit to one of these hours.

(586)979-1469 or (586)738-1154

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for April 10 & 11

	Saturday 4:00PM	Sunday 8:30AM	Sunday 10:30AM	Sunday 5:30 PM
Presider	Fr. Steve	Fr. Joy	Fr. Steve	Fr. Tim
Lector	Barbara Kiernan	Barbara Wyrwicz	Louis Youkhana	Paul Hornung
Altar Servers	Isabella Gonzalez Nathan Gonzalez	Karin Nieto	Eli Wing-Nga	Rohan Go
Eucharistic Ministers	M Stanczyk	Open Open Open	B Sitchon	Open Open Open
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Sacristan	M Stanczyk	K Nieto	T McWilliams	V Jennings



Our Sunday Offering March 27 & 28

**Thank you for your
generous response.**

God Bless you!

From the Vatican

Pope Francis gave a Papal Indult in March at the Vatican that said, Because of the Pandemic, anyone who prays a sincere “Act of Contrition”, receives the same absolution from their sins as they would have in making a confession”.

Spiritual Communion

With a contrite and a pure and loving heart say:

My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things and I desire to possess Thee within my soul. Since I cannot receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

(Pause)

As though Thou were already there, I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee; permit me not that I should ever be separated from Thee.

The Council of Trent requires for a spiritual communion an ardent desire, lively faith, and fervent charity.

It is recommended that you keep this card with your daily prayers to be recited often.

Copies of this card available from:
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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.”
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3. Type “Faith at Home Detroit” in the center box under Create New Account. (You’ll see it populate from the drop-down menu.) Click “Next.”
4. Enter your first and last name as well as your email.
5. Now you’re registered! You can also download the app on your Smartphone. If you need further assistance, contact *Formed* at www.help.formed.org or toll-free at 844-367-6331.

Daily Offering

of the Most Precious Blood

With a contrite and a pure and loving heart say:

O MARY, Immaculate Mother of JESUS, offer, we beseech thee, to the Eternal Father, the Precious Blood of thy Divine Son, to prevent at least one mortal sin from being committed somewhere in the world this day. [night]

“If every night, before we went to sleep,” says Father Faber, “we begged our dear Lady to offer up to God the Precious Blood of her Divine Son for grace to hinder one mortal sin somewhere in the world, during that night, and then renewed the same offering in the morning of the hours of daylight, surely such an offering, and by such hands, could not fail to win the grace desired, and then each one of us might probably hinder numbers of mortal sins every year.”

— All for Jesus

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.

Please Pray for our Sick

Magdalena Arche	Gina Demarzio	Barbara Kusiak	Rose Mary Shaner
Raymond Anderson	Joan Droz	Christine Laubach	William Stanley
Ramzi Azara	Steve Femminineo	Marion Leckman	Edward Stivers
Bernice Barc	Sylvester Galuska	Lori Lerman	Angeline Szelak
Sally Boa	Pat, Mike & Bill Goodwin	Julie Lombardo	Charlie Tocco
Amy Bonrostro	Jeanette Groen	Sam Lumetta	Talon Tolliver
Josephine & George Bouharb	Joseph Groesbeck & Family	Lucy Maloziec	Amy Trangemontagne
Mike & Brenda Boyle	Diane Guappone	Joyce Mike	Bill Trangemontagne
Karla Brocker	Noel Herberger	Dee Mullaney	Chris Vertrees
Ellen Burton	Yvonne Hreno	Al Napolitano	Michael Waggener
Marion Calverley	Jeffrey Johanes	Louie Nieto	Helen Walczak
Rachel Canavesio	Pat Johnson	Judith Ochss	Molly Yandell
Ligaya Carandang	Fran Karpinski	Donna O'Toole	Marsha Zanardelli
Cresenciano Carandang	Ronnie Ketvirtis	Remmie Rento Papa	Daniel Zaniewski
Matthew Cass	Camille Keyes	Bob Pawlik	
Walter Ciesielski	Roxann, Rick & Tony Klee	Christopher Plec	
James Coakley	Sue Knudsen	Mary Posner	
Judy Coloske	Michael Knudsen	Jim Rossbach	
Teresita Covacha	Josephine Kuhlman	Edwin Schlicht	

While we know that many people are continuously suffering from pain and illness, the main function for our sick list is to offer prayers for those urgently needing prayer (i.e. someone who is experiencing an acute illness or serious injury...) In our efforts to maintain an updated list, names will stay on the list for four weeks and can be requested by immediate family members only. All others who are sick will be remembered and prayed for with the phrase "and for all our parishioners and family members who are sick, living with chronic health troubles, and / or are in assisted living or nursing homes." Thank you for your understanding.

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

Corporal Joshua Arrington (Marines)	Staff Sgt. Nicole R. Grenon Christopher Grubby (Navy)	Chief Daniel Przybylinski (Navy)
Sgt. Major Justin Ball	Pfc. Kevin Heath	Justin Quinn (Marines)
Sr. Airman Greg Baumgartner	Lt. Christopher Kerr	Anthony Roszko (Army)
Josey Blades (Air Force)	Pfc. Paul Koss (Marines)	CPL Marcus Sierra (Marines)
Airman 1st Julie M.	In Afghanistan	Lt. Greg Siuta
Chervon	Lt. Joseph Kraft	Maj. Allison Stewart
Spc. Shaen Connery (Army)	Sgt. Joseph Kucharek (Army)	Sgt Tomas R. Studholme, Jr.
P.O. 1st Dale A. Foglyano	Sgt. Chris Libecki	ISG Robert Sutton
Nicholas Foglyano (Army)	Mark Locricchio (Army)	Sgt. Matthew Sweetman
Nicolas Fooy (Navy)	Sgt. Sean McDowell (Army)	Joel Vasquez, (Navy Seal)
Lt Col David Fries	LCPL Miguel Menzer	CPL Cameron Wilson (Marines)
Maj. Laura Geldhof	SPC Matthew Muellenhagen	
Joe Gill, Navy	Maj. Eric Olson	

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.



Easter Prayer of Thanksgiving

Good and gracious heavenly Father,
 we come before you on this Easter Sunday
 with full and grateful hearts for the gift of
 the Paschal Mystery that you showed us
 in the life, death, and resurrection of your Son,
 our brother by adoption, Jesus Christ.

Bless us and all those who profess belief in your saving love.
 Bless also those who have yet to profess belief in you.
 You are God for all.
 We ask all this in Christ's name.
 Amen.

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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
See page 8 in the bulletin

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.

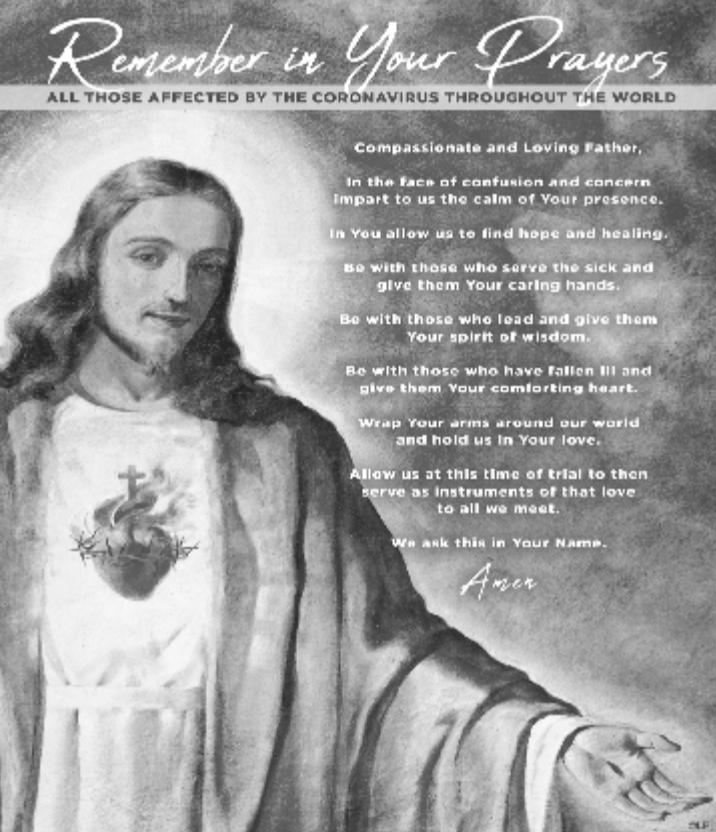
Penance: Saturday 3:00 p.m. Special schedules for Advent and Lent.

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.





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