

St. Rene Goupil Catholic Community
April 18, 2021

3rd Sunday
OF EASTER

“You are witnesses of these things.” - Lk 24:48

Notes from Fr. Steve

In the readings at mass after Easter, we re-live with the early Christian Community the activity of the Risen Lord. One of my favorite stories in scripture, is the encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus.

This gospel focuses on another part post resurrection appearance of Jesus to his disciples. The story begins with a reference to the appearance of Jesus to the two disciples heading to Emmaus. Jesus is recognized on the breaking of bread. (Lk24:35-48) In the gospel there are key words that keep appearing: peace, table fellowship, forgiveness of sins, Jerusalem, and witnesses. The Gospel is focused on the reality of Jesus present in his risen body. Also, Jesus commissions the disciples for future ministry as witnesses of the Gospel.

As the disciples discuss the Emmaus event, Jesus appears in their midst. His initial greeting had to do with his offering them peace. However, they were too startled to realize this and what was being offered. They think they are seeing a ghost. Jesus challenges them; "why do you think I am a ghost?" Jesus challenges them to think back about all he taught them about rising in three days.

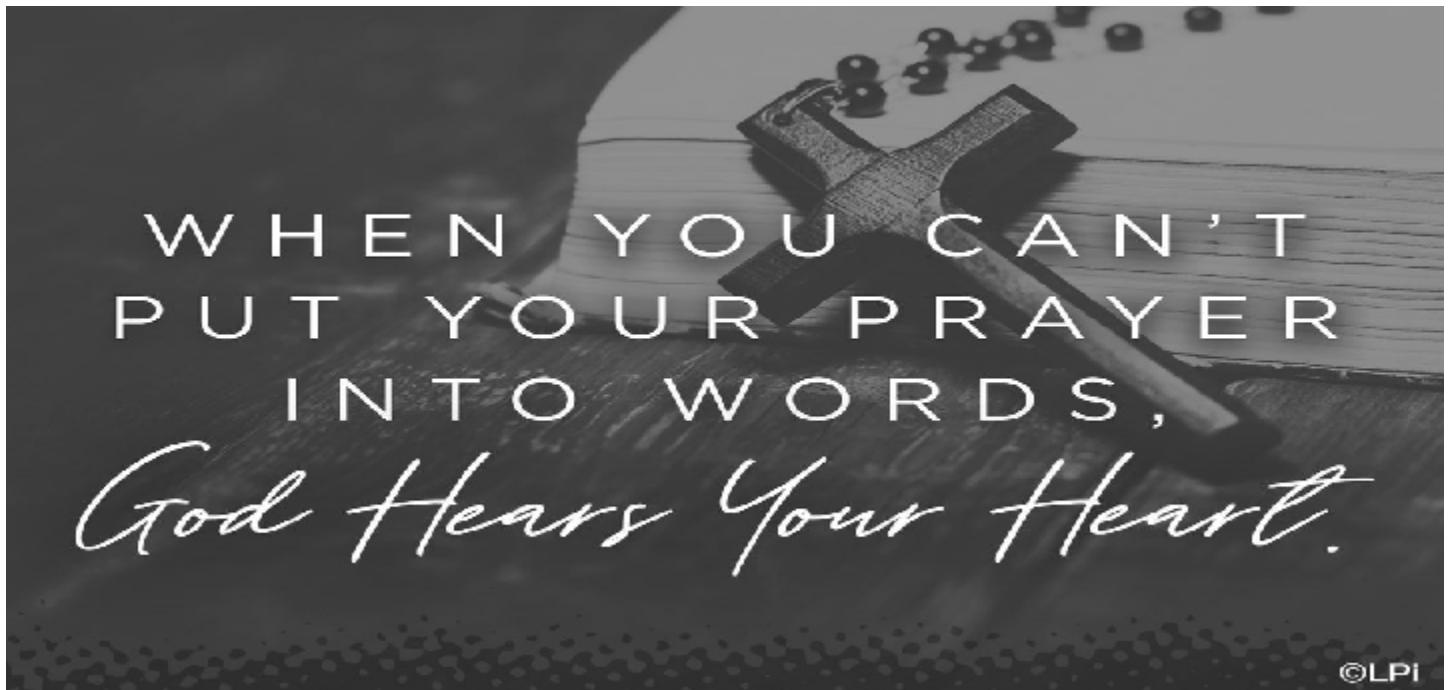
Jesus shows his disciples his hands and feet. At this point Jesus is proving to the disciples, it is really him. He is a real person, and here is the evidence! The disciples still must not have been convinced. Because the scripture says, "they recognize him in the breaking of the bread". There were fascinated it seems that Jesus was eating! The entire purpose of this sequence is to prove that Jesus was truly God, and God cannot die.

The end of the gospel sequence, Jesus consumes the fish, and then opens the minds of his disciples to understand the scriptures. In Luke's Gospel, we hear often that the Messiah would have to suffer and rise. Finally in the end, the disciples understand everything and proceed to meet the other disciples to tell them: "We have seen Jesus, on the road to Emmaus, and we came to know him in the breaking of bread".

Remember, what we all read about the story of Jesus on the road to Emmaus, happens at every mass. We encounter Jesus, and come to know him in the breaking of bread".

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

Fr. Steve



EVERDAY STEWARDSHIP

How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little "Easter eggs" of Jesus' humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, "So, have you got anything to eat?"

It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter "a Satan" when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

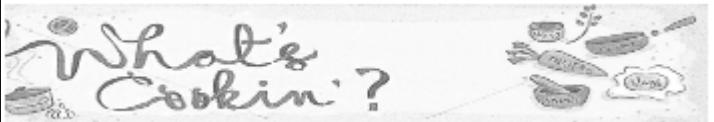
It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the Christian that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MIS

God is Near

Creator of the Universe,
May I always choose to see through eyes of faith.
When I see fearful and frustrated faces, may I see Your eyes.
When I see the raging storm coming, may I see Your breath.
When I see the fragile bodies of those who are ill,
may I see Your broken body upon a cross.
When I gaze upon all there is and will be,
may I see and believe, without reservation,
that You ARE ALIVE and You ARE NEAR.
May Your Kingdom come and Your will be done.

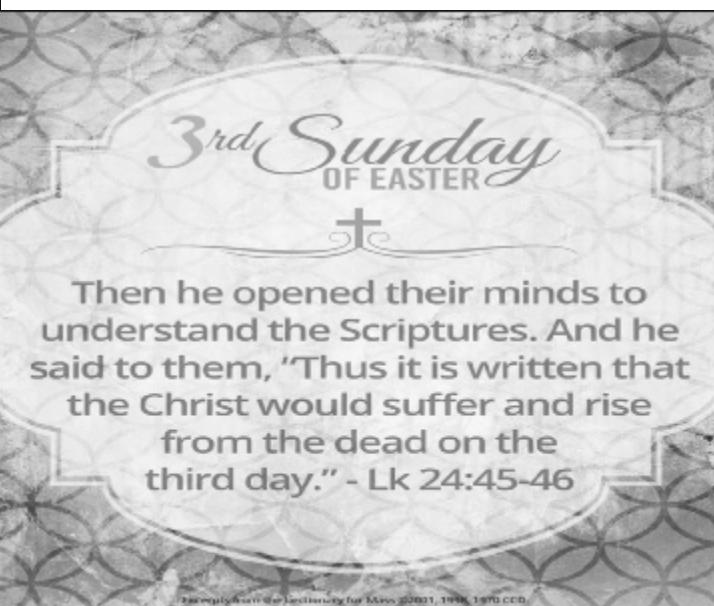
Amen.



BEEF IN WINE SAUCE

2 1/2 lb. rump roast or pot roast, cut in cubes
2 cans Campbell's golden mushroom soup
1/2 pkg. dry onion soup mix
3/4 c. cooking sherry wine (or burgundy wine)
1 can mushrooms, drained

Combine ingredients. Simmer 2 1/2 hours. Stir every 15 minutes. Serve over noodles or rice.



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Readings for Third Sunday of Easter

Reading I

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/ 47

Peter said to the people: “The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate’s presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.”

Reading II

1 John 2:1-5a

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Those who say, “I know him,” but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

Gospel

Luke 24:35-48

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” Ans as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Readings for the Week

Sunday, April 18, 2021: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday, April 19, 2021: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday, April 20, 2021: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday, April 21, 2021: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday, April 22, 2021: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday, April 23, 2021: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday, April 24, 2021: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Sunday, April 25, 2021: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 20, 2021
9:30 a.m.

- +Monsignor Richard Osebold
- +Elizabeth Whitekus
- Birthday of Dana Cabrera
- +Ronaldo Sales (3rd R.A.)

Thursday, April 22, 2021
9:30 a.m.

Deceased Priests and Deacons of the Archdiocese of Detroit

Friday, April 23, 2021
9:30 a.m.

- +Sonny Bueno
- +Mary Gondert

Saturday, April 24, 2021
4:00 p.m.

- +Robert Labinski
- +Sophie Olbrys
- +Walter Broski
- +Felicia Graczyk
- +Edwin Wagner
- +Rita Gatt
- +Franklin Langenstein
- +David Willick
- +Loretta Stromske
- +Carole Wouters
- +Agnes Tablada

Sunday, April 25, 2021
8:30 a.m.

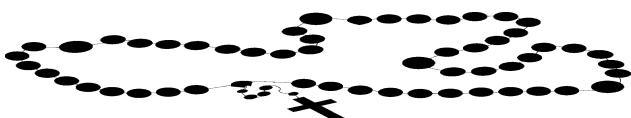
- +Ronaldo Sales (3rd R.A.)
- +Rosie Chakian
- +Helen Szafran

10:30 a.m.

- +Edwin Esmana
- +Delfin Divina
- Drysdale-Lanz San Chez
- Poor Souls in Purgatory
- +Linda Tittjung

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.

**THEREFORE I TELL YOU,
ALL THAT YOU ASK FOR IN
PRAYER, BELIEVE THAT
YOU WILL RECEIVE IT AND
IT SHALL BE YOURS.**

MARK 11:24

Prayer for Protection in Time of Pandemic

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our suffering and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

Under the protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

GOSPEL MEDITATION**3rd Sunday of Easter**

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.



**PLEASE
BE
GENEROUS**

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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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: _____



Adoration Chapel

We are happy to announce the Adoration Chapel is open, 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



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.

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.

Weekend Liturgy Schedule for April 24 & 25

	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	Jovita Engalan	Marv Laubach	Alex Sitchon
Altar Servers	Isabella Gonzalez Nathan Gonzalez	Karin Nieto	Keith Baines	
Eucharistic Ministers	R Fisher	Open Open Open	R Bermardez	Open Open Open
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Sacristan	R Kranson	K Nieto	T McWilliams	V Jennings



Our Sunday Offering April 10 & 11

**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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To review other material that we offer,
visit our webpage: olrl.org

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

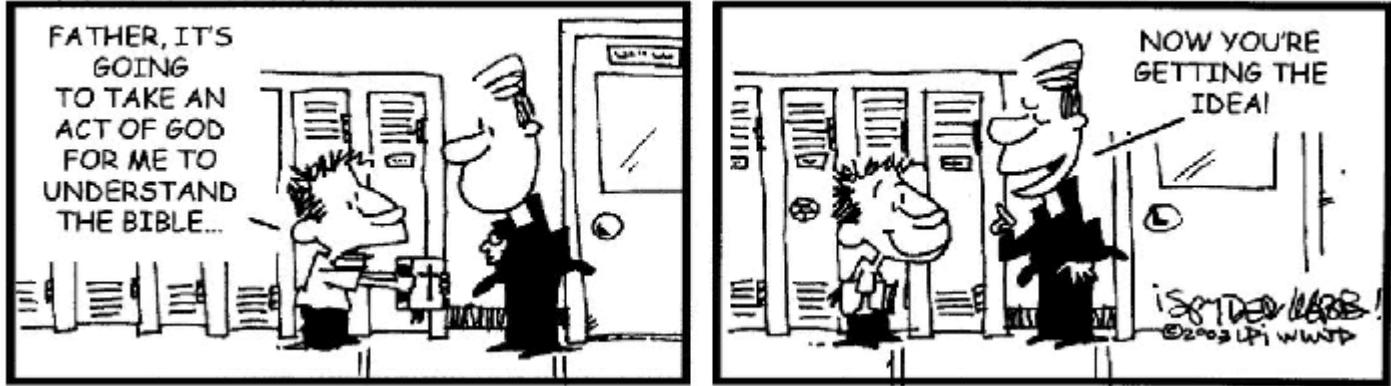
While we know that many people are continuously suffering from pain and illness, the main function for our sick list is to offer prayers for those urgently needing prayer (i.e. someone who is experiencing an acute illness or serious injury...) In our efforts to maintain an updated list, names will stay 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. Chervon	In Afghanistan	Lt. Greg Siuta
Spc. Shaen Connery (Army)	Lt. Joseph Kraft	Maj. Allison Stewart
P.O. 1st Dale A. Foglyano	Sgt. Joseph Kucharek (Army)	Sgt Tomas R. Studholme, Jr.
Nicholas Foglyano (Army)	Sgt. Chris Lipecki	ISG Robert Sutton
Nicolas Fooy (Navy)	Mark Locricchio (Army)	Sgt. Matthew Sweetman
Lt Col David Fries	Sgt. Sean McDowell (Army)	Joel Vasquez, (Navy Seal)
Maj. Laura Geldhof	LCPL Miguel Menzer	CPL Cameron Wilson (Marines)
Joe Gill, Navy	SPC Matthew Muellenhagen	
	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.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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.

Weekend Liturgy Schedule

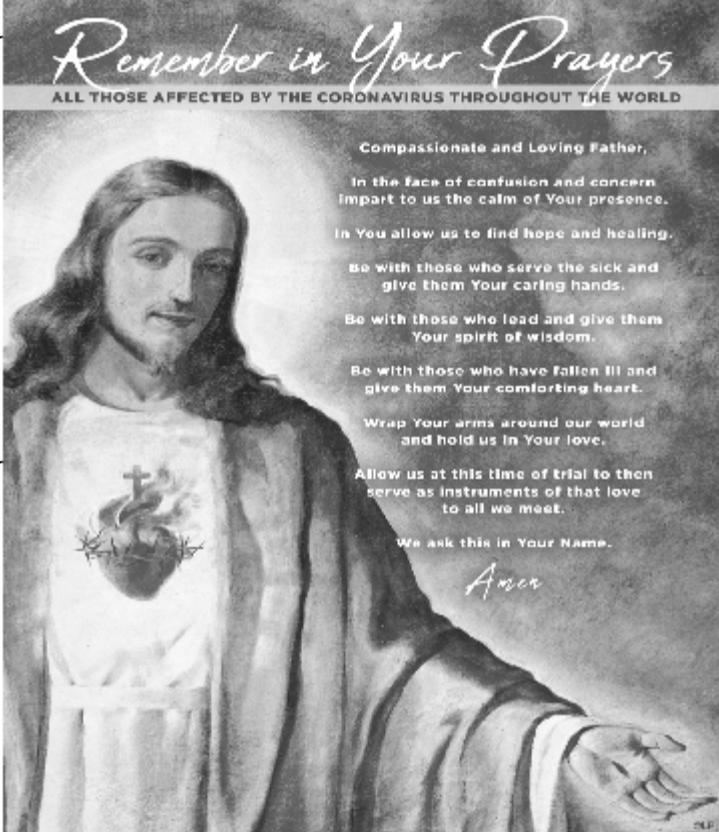
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
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10:30 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

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.





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