

St. Rene Goupil Church

New England Ave & 64th St, Chicago, Il. 60638

Second Sunday
of Advent

December 4, 2011

Retirement Fund for Religious

Thousands of senior religious have worked for years receiving a small stipend. Their sacrifices now leave a substantial gap in retirement funding. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides much-needed support for prescription medications, nursing care and more. Ninety-three percent of every donation to the National Religious Retirement Office aids senior religious. This special collection will be next weekend. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. Thank you.

Giving Tree



You are invited to participate in the beautiful Christmas tradition of sharing with families in St. Rene Parish as well as families in St. Benedict the African. Please remember the less fortunate among us by taking an ornament. The green and red ornaments benefit St. Rene families and the metallic ornaments benefit the children of St. Benedict. Attach the ornament to your gift and return it to the narthex by December 18th for Christmas distribution. Thank you for your generosity!

Pastor **Father Thomas R. Kasputis**
Pastor Emeritus **Father Peter Paurazas**
Deacon **Rev. Mr. Sal Lema**

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS SUNDAY

December 18, 2011 and January 22, 2012
Baptismal Preparation Classes, 1PM, in Church

From the Desk of the Pastor

During this Second Week of Advent, we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary as we celebrate her **Immaculate Conception** on Thursday, December 8th. This is our belief - that Mary was graced by God and free from the effects of sin even before she was born. The idea of Mary's complete sinlessness was first expressed in the earliest Christian centuries and proclaimed as a dogma of the Church in 1854. This Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is the patronal feast for the United States and a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses will be celebrated at **8:30 a.m., 12 noon and 7:30 p.m.**

And let's not forget the Feast day of St. Nicholas on Tuesday, December 6th. Nicholas was bishop of the city of Myra, in what is now the country of Turkey. He was known for his charity and recognized as a "wonder worker" because of the miracles that he performed. People saw the good things that Nicholas did and were inspired to do good things, too. Santa Claus has been completely taken over by commerce; perhaps we can make some effort at going back to the original and giving the gift of unexpected kindness to someone this week.

St. Nicholas, holy patron of children,
saintly and generous bishop,
inspire us to give gifts of ourselves and our time...
arouse us to an evergreen extravagance
in loving and in giving gifts to those we love
and to the poor...incite us to be like you.

*Taken from 'Spirit of Christmas'
by Edward Hays*

Fr. Tom K.

Mass Intentions for the Week

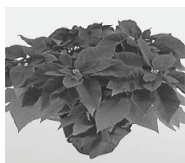
<i>Monday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>December 5, Advent Weekday</i> Tim Dryden
<i>Tuesday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>December 6, Advent Weekday</i> Larry Piotrowski
<i>Wednesday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>December 7, St. Ambrose</i> John Murphy
<i>Thursday,</i> 8:30 am 12:00noon 7:30pm	<i>December 8, The Immaculate Conception</i> Joseph & Agatha Kasputis Luigi, Bruna & Tony Tomassini Eusebio Islas
<i>Friday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>December 9, Advent Weekday</i> St. Anthony
<i>Saturday,</i> 8:30 am 5:30 pm	<i>December 10, Advent Weekday</i> George F. Podrebarac, Gary Michael Strock Marino Family
<i>Sunday,</i> 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	<i>December 11, 3rd Sunday of Advent</i> Special Intentions & Thanksgiving Rose & Walter Durack Goluch & Ofiara Family

Altar Servers Schedules distributed in school

<i>Saturday,</i>	5:30 pm
<i>Sunday,</i>	7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

Altar Cleaning (Altar & Rosary)

Dec 9—Dec 10—	Irene Korosa, Toni Ptak, Joan Wilhelmy
Dec 16—Dec 17—	Jeanette Prati, Beth Lema, Pat Melody, Julie Wojcik
Dec 23—Dec 24—	Gloria Bodoki, Lois Beyer



Christmas Flower Collection

Our collection for flowers will be **Dec. 18. Please place your envelope in with the regular collection.**

Today baby bottles will be distributed after all the masses for **Women’s Care Center of LaGrange**, a new local crisis pregnancy center dedicated to helping women facing unexpected pregnancies so they know they have alternatives to abortion. Please bring home a bottle & fill it with change & dollars over the next two weeks. Bottles will be collected the weekends of Dec. 10/11 & Dec. 17/18 . Thank you for caring!

Bible Passages - For Sunday, December 11, 2011 are:



Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24
John 1: 6-8, 19-28

School News

St. Rene Honor Roll



8th Grade

Liliana Bautista, Carlos Castillo, Elizabeth Lang, Zachary Lenihan, Dylan Rusniak, Bret Hederman, Payton Medlin, Nicholas Palider, Kaylan Rodriguez, Benjamin Stec

7th Grade

Josh Cerveney, Alex Fernandez, Ryan Healy, Nicole Vins, Abby Golden, Mariana Guerrero, Miranda Hanes, Jake Krol, Gianna Nemcovic, Viviana Ramirez, Ashley Salzburg, Mary Kate Smith, Audrey Ziemba

6th Grade

Dakota Biliskov, Anissa Castillo, Xitlali DJangi, Sebastian Medina, Ashley Murphy, Maggie Palider, Jordan Polit, Anthony Ptak, Cristian Rangel, Megan Solana, Helen Stec, Alexa Karczewski, Robert Romero, Noel Sanchez

5th Grade

Thomas Collins, Jacob Sampier, Ariana Ascencio, Sara Bragiel, Lisa Doan, Josephine Krol, Ryan McGee, Scott Sikorski

4th Grade

Bryan Doyle, Kenneth Polit, Christian Rivera, Beatriz Aguirre, Nicolette Depietro, Soroush DJangi, Genevieve Fialkowski, Sarah Grassano, Olivia Hayman, Kevin Murphy, Natalie Tejada, Daniel Villa, Melissa Wojcik

3rd Grade

Olivia Berdysz, Julia Donato, Nicholas Kane, Catherine Krol, Sarah Lowery, Maria Milazzo, Joseph Antico, Anthony Armony, Alexis Bocanegra, Abigail Collins, Jason Krol, Gianna Lopez, John Majkrzak, Jacob Messer, Kailey O’Connell, Michael Rodriguez, Isabelle Tylka

Altar & Rosary Bake Sale –

The bake sale will be held next week in the Narthex. Donations of baked goods will be appreciated.

Our *Ministers of Care* would be happy to bring the homebound Holy Communion and St. Rene news, but you have to make the connection with us. Whether you will be homebound for a short time after surgery or an accident or for an extended time. Please contact Fr. Tom, the rectory, or Ann at 773-229-1484. A visit will be arranged.



The following infant was recently baptized at St. Rene:

Christopher James Martin, son of Shane Christopher Martin & Bridget Kathleen O’Brien Martin

We congratulate the proud and happy parents and their relatives and friends.



Dear Heavenly Father, We place our worries in Your hands. We place our sick under Your care and humbly ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatsoever You do, You do for the love of us. Amen.

Please Take Note IN CASE OF ILLNESS — As a church family, we care about you and your family. Please notify us as soon as possible, or have your family/friends notify us, when you are sick, hospitalized or homebound.

Please Pray For Our Sick Patrick Mullins IV, Rose Gallichio, Sophie Setlak, Doreen Kroll, Steve Czopkiewicz, Emily Diraffeale, Peter Paterimos, Rev. Ronald Turcich, OSA, John Schultz, Jo Motyka, Vincent Ciccio, Ron Neubert, Dolores Sorrentino, Vincent Barton, Robert Civinilli, Joseph Vassella, Janet Szponer, Donna Szponer, Dorothy Walsh, Sophie Rovensky, Richard Zilka, Penny Rogalin, Eileen Healy, Betty Piccioni, Hailey Flemm, Joan Russo, Lou Russo, Alice Cello, George Vojtech, Anna Tomassini, Nicole Ciampaglia, Dominic Ciampaglia, Vincent Tonissen, Rich Lenart, Bob Franden, Ann O’Neal, Gabrielle Ziemba, Rosemary Halpin, Chuck Biondo, April Lenart, Pat Wallow, Betty Baker, Doris Mezyk, Theresa Siedlicki, Ed Heidekruger, Rochelle & Dan Piegari, Rose Lindsay, Tim Lindsay, Larry Adkins, Alan Badowski, Bobbie & Joanie Wilson, Ron Nemchausky, Mary Lou Hobe, Jenny Catterson, Mary Combs, Doug Combs, Jeanne Valenti, Rebecca Leshik, Michael McDonald, David Bouvia, Virginia Korzenowski, Donna Clark, Tony Boudos, Angelique Trevino, Lynn Ternand, George Ternand, Michael Ternand, Sandy Kehoe, Diane Fiorenza, Susan Szumanski, Leon Boyes, William Wisniewski

Your Kindness Continues

The Peace & Justice ministry is grateful to Charlie & Mary Murphy for their kindness in making another van run to deliver much needed items to Maria Shelter. Your generosity goes a long way into the Englewood neighborhood. Thank you too!

“The human person is the clearest reflection of God’s presence in the world; all of the Church’s work in pursuit of both justice & peace is designed to protect & promote the dignity of every person. For each person not only reflects God, but is the expression of God’s creative work & the meaning of Christ’s redemptive ministry.”

The Challenge of Peace, #15

In this Advent season may we become aware of God in the baby born to us this Christmas.

Our next Unemployment Network of Services will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 10:30am in our church narthex.

On The Street Where You Live

Wherever you may live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Your coins in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box assist these neighbors.

Furniture Pick Up: 773-779-6700; Auto Donation: 312-655-7183. www.svdpchicago.org.

Have you thought about joining ParishPay?

Parishioners can now make parish donations automatically— The ParishPay program allows parishioners to:

- Budget your prayerful monthly gifts
— Support your parish when you cannot attend Mass
— Manage or monitor your parish donation at www.parishpay.com

If you prefer you can come to the rectory and we would gladly help you set up your ParishPay.

Feel awkward not placing something in the offering basket? Located in the Narthex are ParishPay sheets to use. These sheets are available to remind us that you are donating through ParishPay.

Anyone having difficulty walking up the aisle to take Communion is encouraged to tell the ushers that she/he would like to have the Eucharistic Minister bring Communion to the pew. We’re most happy to do that.



Volunteers Needed— Deck the Halls!



We are seeking volunteers to help with preparations for decorating the Church for Christmas. No experience is necessary & your help is needed assembling & shaping trees, fluffing wreaths, hanging lights (inside and outside), ironing or perhaps even vacuuming or dusting. What could be more satisfying than sitting in the Church on Christmas morning, knowing that you had a part in making our beautiful church a sight to behold! Come & spend the afternoon with us on Sunday, December 18 after the 11:30 mass (approximately 12:30). Can’t join us on Sunday? - We’re also looking for help during the day & early evening on Friday, December 23. Whether you have an hour or an entire afternoon your help would be most welcome & much appreciated. All hands are welcome!

Monthly Offering for October, 2011*

Table with 4 columns: Actual, Basket, PPay, Total. Rows for October 2011 and October 2010.

Table with 2 columns: Calendar Year-to-Date (Basket & PPay) and Amount. Rows for 2011, 2010, and Variance.

Actual vs. Budget

Table with 3 columns: Actual vs. Budget, Oct 2011, Amount. Rows for Actual and Budget.

Table with 3 columns: Calendar Year-to-Date, Actual vs. Budget, Amount. Rows for Actual, Budget, and Variance.

*(Offering will be shown only on a monthly basis)

Events Around Town

De La Salle Parent and Alumni Associations to Host Holiday Pancake Breakfast. Date is Saturday, December 10 from 9am-12pm in De La Salle's Hilton Commons located at 3434 S. Michigan Avenue in Chicago. There will be breakfast, pictures with Santa, holiday shopping from direct-buy vendors, crafts for the kids, raffles and other activities. The cost for adults is \$5, children ages 5-12 are \$3 and children under 5 are free. Everyone is invited.

Catholic Cruise to the Exotic Western Caribbean. Come and sail away on a 7 night cruise with Fr. Martin Jones, May 6-13 on the Carnival Legend out of Tampa, Florida. Ports of call: Cozumel, Belize, Mahogany Bay, Grand Cayman. Prices begin at \$1,326 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily mass and rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further information or to register contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or dpaytcc@aol.com

“With the Lord a thousand years is like one day.” Time passes so quickly in our marriage, also. One day our spouse will be gone. Have I worked to make our days together the best they can be? Take some well deserved time for just the two of you to deepen your communications, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend for the Chicago area on January 27-29, March 2-4 or June 8-10. For reservations/information call Jim & Kris at 1-800-442-3554 or Oscar & Luz at 847-675-2119.

On the Lighter Side

Top 15 Things To Say If Caught Sleeping At Your Desk

1. They told me at the blood bank this might happen.
2. This is just a 15 minute power-nap like they raved about in the last time management course you sent me to.
3. Whew! Guess I left the top off the liquid paper.
4. I wasn't sleeping! I was meditating on the mission statement & envisioning a new paradigm.
5. This is one of the seven habits of highly effective people.
6. I was testing the keyboard for drool resistance.
7. Actually doing a “Stress Level Elimination Exercise Plan” (SLEEP) I learned at the last mandatory seminar you made me attend.
8. I was doing a highly specific Yoga exercise to relieve work-related stress. Are you discriminatory towards people who practice Yoga?
9. Darn! Why did you interrupt me? I had almost figured out a solution to our biggest problem.
10. The coffee machine is broken.
11. Someone must have put decaf in the wrong pot.
12. Boy, that cold medicine I took last night just won't wear off.
13. Ah, the unique & unpredictable circadian rhythms of the workaholic.
14. Wasn't sleeping. Was trying to pick up contact lens without hands.
15. And the #1 best thing to say if you get caught sleeping at your desk: “Amen.”

General Parish Information

Rectory

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School Principal Mrs. Paula Calvert

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 8:30 am, 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am
Holy Days: 8:30 am, 12:00 Noon, 7:30 pm
Weekdays: 8:30 am

Confessions Every Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Music Ministry Frank Glab (773) 726-0962

Religious Classes (C.C.D.) for grammar school children are conducted on Saturday mornings. Kay Marks, Coordinator.

Phone Saturday Morning Only (773) 586-4426

Baptisms First Sunday of the month at 1:00 pm and the Third Sunday of the month during the 11:30 Mass. Arrangements must be made with the pastor.

Marriages Arrangements must be made with the pastor 5-6 months in advance.

RCIA Adult Sacramental Preparation for Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist. Contact the Rectory, or Ben Shafer (773) 586-5099.

Sick Calls notify the rectory at any time if someone is seriously ill. The sick and those confined to their homes should contact the rectory so communion can be brought to them.

SPRED (Special Religious Development)
Contact Joanna Baxter (773) 320-2703.

AA Meetings Wednesday & Saturday at 7:00 pm, in the Church Narthex.

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our website!

