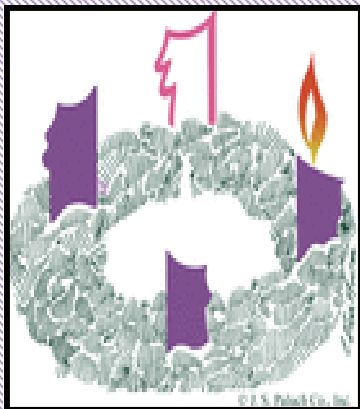


St. Rene Goupil Church

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



First Sunday
of Advent

November 27, 2011

Upcoming Events at St. Rene

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard every Saturday from 4-5 p.m. in our Church;

COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT

A celebration of God's forgiveness with prayer and individual confessions will take place on Tuesday, December 13, 7:30 p.m.;

WE HONOR MARY THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, December 8 with Masses at 8:30 a.m., 12 noon and 7:30 p.m.;

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Monday, December 12, with Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. *Our children will tell the story of Mary and Juan Diego at the 7:30 p.m. Mass and refreshments will follow.*



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 19th for Christmas distribution. Thank you for your generosity!

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

From the Desk of the Pastor

We mark the time leading up to Christmas in various ways. The use of the **Advent wreath** is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The evergreen circle utilizes a plant that survives the winter, assuring you that you can survive the winters of your life. During each of the four weeks of Advent you light one more candle, showing the determination of light to break through the darkness of this season and to bestow a spirit of hope and festive joy.

Children love the beauty of the simple traditional ceremony of the Advent wreath. Lighting the candles in an Advent wreath is a simple way to start a tradition of family worship in the home. Those who participate, young and old, will cherish the experience of this simple Advent prayer action. May all that we do in these coming weeks make us living signs of hope for our world.

Fr. Tom K.

*Lord our God, we praise you for your Son,
Jesus Christ;*

*He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
He is the Savior of every nation.*

*Lord God, let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May He come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS SUNDAY

November 27, 2011 and December 18, 2011
Baptismal Preparation Classes, 1PM, in Church

Mass Intentions for the Week

<i>Monday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>November 28, Advent Weekday</i> Superczynski Family
<i>Tuesday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>November 29, Advent Weekday</i> Henry Kosinar
<i>Wednesday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>November 30, St. Andrew</i> Vito J. DeVito
<i>Thursday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>December 1, Advent Weekday</i> Genevieve Tokarz
<i>Friday,</i> 8:30 am	<i>December 2, Advent Weekday</i> St. Anthony
<i>Saturday,</i> 8:30 am 1:00 pm 5:30 pm	<i>December 3, St. Francis Xavier</i> Anne Mrozek Jessica Diaz—15 Anos Charles & Clara Loduca, & Frank Hollman
<i>Sunday,</i> 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	<i>December 4, 2nd Sunday of Advent</i> Catherina & Gaspare Amaro Brian Ulrich Ann Wozniak

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 2—Dec 3—	Joan Murray, Linda Dobias, Mary Butti
Dec 9—Dec 10—	Irene Korosa, Toni Ptak, Joan Wilhelmy
Dec 16—Dec 17—	Jeanette Prati, Beth Lema, Pat Melody, Julie Wojcik

THANK YOU for your contributions to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)! Your generosity has laid the foundation for important changes in low-income communities all over the U.S. Through CCHD, we manifest Catholic social teachings and carry out Jesus’ mission to “bring good news to the poor...release to captives...sight to the blind and let the oppressed go free” (Luke 4:18).

Bible Passages - For Sunday, December 4, 2011 are:



Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13: 33-37

School News

Our students began the year working together, sharing a prayer for peace, and learning to be peace-makers in our world. We celebrated the angels in our lives with our Guardian Angel mass where we thanked all those who care for us here on earth. In October, we remembered the life of our patron, St. Rene, and we celebrated his life by sharing kindness with others. During Red Ribbon week the students gave their problems and worries to God by writing letters.

In November, we remember those in our family who have passed away by creating a Remembrance Tree. This tree contains leaves with the names and pictures of our family members and friends who have died. The tree reminds us that we are part of a family, and that the love we share for our family and for God brings us together.

Now we are asked to show our love for God, by helping the poor and hungry. As Jesus commanded his disciples to feed the five thousand, we are asked to help feed the hungry in our world. We fulfill this need through our support of the 6th grade food drive held during the month of November.

As this first trimester comes to a close, we reflect with pride on all that our students have accomplished, but most especially for the gifts of peace, kindness, and caring that they bring to our world.





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, Mary Ann Bane, 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

Altar & Rosary Society

Tickets are on sale for the Christmas Party that will be held at the European Chalet on Tuesday, December 13 from noon to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. They can be purchased in the narthex after the masses, or at the rectory; the deadline is December 6.

Through Your Support

During the past year, you have brought comfort and peace to many of our parishioners by your support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. May the peace and joy of this Holy Season be yours. "The Poor Box is the bread box of the poor."

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

St. Rene Helps With Baby Bottle Collection To Save Lives

St. Rene will be participating to help Women's Care Center of LaGrange, a crisis pregnancy center. Bottles will be distributed the weekend of December 4th, with collection weekends of December 11th and the 18th. When you take home a bottle and fill it with change and dollars you may have spent on treats or entertainment during those few weeks, you will be helping to save lives.

As it becomes more challenging to offer alternatives to abortion, Women's Care Center needs your support to help their clients choose life for their babies. They provide crisis counseling, pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, baby items and housing referrals—all free of charge. Your generosity makes this possible.



Weekly Church contributions shown the last weekend of the month.

Stewardship

What is Stewardship?

Stewardship is a complete lifestyle, a life of total accountability & responsibility acknowledging God as Creator and Owner of all. Stewardship is responsible management of our God-given resources of time, talent, & treasure. It enhances our relationships with God & one another. Stewardship is living out a commitment to be Christ-centered rather than self-centered & involves a conversion of the heart. Stewardship is a lifelong journey with each person at a different place on the path.

Our Next Gathering

Our next Unemployment Network of Services gathering will be Tuesday, December 6, 10:30am, in our church narthex. If you are looking for work, come and join us.

One of the most striking features of today's world, and one due in no small measure to modern technical progress, is the very great increase in mutual interdependence between people.

"The Church in the Modern World, #23"

Dear Parish Members,

Our Sunday bulletin is a primary way we use to communicate with you. Through our arrangements with the J. S. Paluch Company, the parish does not pay for the bulletin printing, which saves us thousands of dollars every year. Our bulletin is supported through the generosity of the advertisers—many of whom are our own parish members. Most are members of our local community. During these difficult economic times, I urge you to support our advertisers with your patronage. Tell the business owner that you appreciate their support of our parish through their advertising in the bulletin. This is one small way we can work within our own community to weather these challenging times. A strong & vibrant parish is good for our community & a strong business community is good for our parish.

Sincerely,

Rev. Thomas R. Kasputis

Events Around Town

Christmas Arts & Crafts Show at Our Lady of Loretto will be on Sunday, November 27. Hours will be from 9am to 3pm in the Parish Hall located at 8925 S. Kostner, Hometown. There will also be pictures with Santa, raffles, homemade candy/bakery and a lunchroom. For further information call Pat Walker at 708-423-4206 after 6pm.

Relevant Radio 930AM/950AM: Take your faith beyond Sunday, and into the rest of the week with Relevant Radio. It's Talk Radio for Catholic Life! Tune in to Relevant Radio. Listen online at www.relevantradio950.com.

The Passionist Fathers and Brothers out of New York City has produced a televised Sunday Mass on CBS Channel 2 from 5:30am to 6:00am each Sunday morning. For more information consult the website at www.TheSundayMass.org.

Let us all be thankful for the gift of our vocation. Learn how to enrich your vocation of Marriage or Holy Orders by attending an enrichment made just for you. Take some well deserved time for just the two of you to deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends for the Chicago area on January 27-29, March 2-4 or June 8-10. For reservations or information call Jim & Kris at 1-800-442-3554 or contact through the website www.wmchicago-gary.org. For weekend in Spanish call Oscar & Luz at 847-675-2119.

On the Lighter Side

Lipstick in Catholic School

According to a news report, a certain private Catholic school in Brisbane was recently faced with a unique problem. A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine provided it was of a natural or neutral skin tone — but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints.

Every night the maintenance man would remove them and the next day the girls would put them back.

Finally the principal, Sister Paschal, decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian who had to clean the mirrors every night (you can just imagine the yawns from the little princesses).

To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, Sister Paschal asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required.

He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it. Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

There are teachers...and then there are educators.

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