

St. Genevieve Catholic Church

Established in 1859

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."
- Mt 4:8-9

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SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2026

ST. GENEVIEVE'S MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Saint Genevieve Church is to increase the awareness of Christ's presence in our homes and community. We are dedicated to helping those in need of spiritual and material assistance and we encourage all people to fully utilize their gifts in service to others. Our ultimate goal is to draw all people towards holiness and a closer relationship with God.

DECLARACIÓN DE LA MISIÓN DE SANTA GENOVEVA

La misión de la Iglesia de Santa Genoveva es aumentar la conciencia de la presencia de Cristo en nuestros hogares y comunidad. Estamos dedicados a ayudar a aquellos que necesitan asistencia espiritual y material y alentamos a todas las personas a utilizar plenamente sus dones en el servicio a los demás. Nuestro objetivo final es atraer a todas las personas hacia la santidad y una relación más cercana con Dios.

Rev. Theophine Okafor
Parochial Administrator

Rev. Andrzej Zagorski
Parish Vicar

Deacon Steve Apodaca
Deacon Rick Autry

Frank Sanchez, Business Manager

Maggie Candia, Bookkeeper

Veronica Garcia, Admin Assistant/
Liturgy Coordinator

Clara Roberts, Secretary

Ofelia Narvaez, Housekeeper

Bertha Hernandez, Housekeeper

Albert Carrasco, Facility/Cemetery Mgr.

Jose Valenciano, Facility Maintenance

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

February 21 to March 1, 2026

Mass Schedule / Horario de Misas

Daily Mass / Misa Diaria

7:00 AM Monday to Saturday

Saturday / Sabado

5:00 PM

Sunday / Domingo

8:00 AM (Español)

9:30 AM

11:00 AM

5:00 PM

Holy Days / Días Santos

7:00 AM & 6:00 PM

Anointing of the Sick

First Tuesday of the Month

After 7:00 AM Mass

Unción de los Enfermos

Primer martes del Mes

Después de la misa de las 7:00 AM

First Friday – All Day Adoration

Holy Hour 5:00 PM (Spanish)

Mass 6:00 PM (Spanish)

Primer Viernes - Adoración todo el día

Hora Santa 5:00 PM (Español)

Misa de 6:00 PM (Español)

First Saturday Rosary

10:00 AM

Rosario del primer Sábado

10:00 AM

Pray the Rosary

6:30 AM Mon – Friday English

5:30 PM Mon – Thursday Bilingual

Rezar el Rosario

6:30 AM de lunes a viernes Inglés

5:30 PM de lunes a jueves bilingüe

Divine Mercy Chaplet Saturday

3:00 PM

Coronilla a la Divina Misericordia Sábado

3:00 PM

Secular Franciscan Order

Second Sunday of the Month

1:00 PM Conference Room

Orden Franciscano Secular

Segundo domingo del mes

1:00 PM Sala de conferencias

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10:00 AM—11:00 AM

Saturday 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Sábado 10:00 AM—11:00 AM

Sábado 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Marriage & Quince Años:

Contact Parish Office for Information

Matrimonio y Quince Años:

Póngase en contacto con la oficina parroquial para obtener información

Saturday Feb. 21—Saturday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM

For St. Genevieve Parishioners by Father Theo

5:00 PM

†John Beuyukian by wife & son

†Robert G. Ponzini by Richard & Rebecca Archuleta

†Amy & †Phillip Ortiz by Dr. Torres

†Elizario P. Fresquez by Terri Fresquez

Healing of Cesar by Family

Sunday Feb. 22—First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM

†Juanita & †Ernesto Medrano por Familia

9:30 AM

For Healing of Gabriel & Mary Desorcy

†Lorie & †Lorraine Gulino by Daughter Barbara

†Ramon, †Aurelia, †Enrique, & †Jaime Lopez by Family

†Sammy Herrera Sr. by Wife & Children

†Patricia Abeynaike by Family

11:00 AM

†Manuel, †Lawrence, & †Connie Evaro by Stella & Family

5:00 PM

†Virginia Sanchez by Virginia & Jaime Rivera & Family

Monday Feb. 23—Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM

†Robert Peña Sr. by Family

†Raul Arellano by Family

(L) Marina Torres by Morales Family

Tuesday Feb. 24—Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM

In thanksgiving to St. Anthony for Answered Prayers

(L) Healing of Henry K. Chavez

†Frances, †E. Pete, & †Eli Ron Mascareñas by Family

Wednesday Feb. 25—Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM

†Rafael R. Robles by Family

†Jesus Jimenez by Bertha & Family

Thursday Feb. 26—Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM

†Sue Freeman by Family

In Thanksgiving to Our Lord by Linda

Friday Feb. 27—Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM

†Louie & †Molly Figueroa, †Julie Corrales & †Missy Corens

By Nancy Holguin

(L) Stephen, Dennis, & Doni Lithgow by Mom

†Jesus Marquez Delgado, †Florencio Delgado, &

†Ana Quevedo Torres by Victor & Elizabeth Delgado

Torres & Rosella Delgado

Saturday Feb. 28—Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM

For St. Genevieve Parishioners by Father Theo

5:00 PM

†John Beuyukian by wife & son

†Rebecca Ann Torres by Dr. Torres

†Alberto Campos by Louie & Ida Campos

Sunday March 1—Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM

†Tomas Nañez Sr. & †Michael Tavarez por Familia

9:30 AM

For Healing of Gabriel & Mary Desorcy

†Jimmy Guzman, †Carmen & †Jose Luna

by Christina & Family

†Frank & †Nora Montes by Montes Family

11:00 AM

†JD & †Eric Rosales by Mom & Family

5:00 PM

†Pablo & †Petra Gonzales by Armijo Family

Sanctuary Lamp, for the Month of February

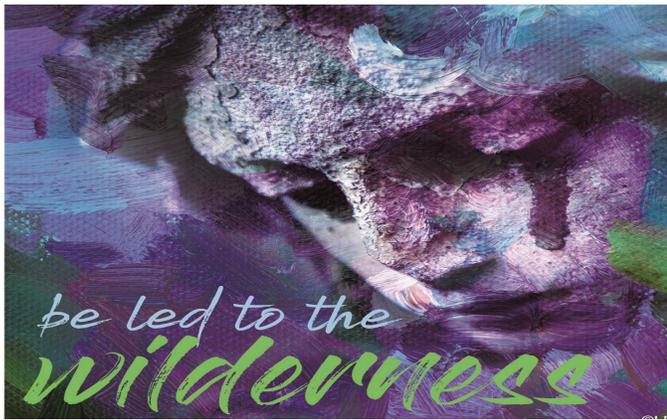
In Thanksgiving for Divine Sustenance by Wendy & José Gonzalez

Altar Bread for the Month February

In memory of deceased members of Quezada family

Altar Wine for the Month of February

In memory of Robert Narvaez by wife Delia



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

February 22, 2026
1st Sunday of Lent
Matthew 4:1-11

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn't destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith.

Today's Gospel begins: "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1). The word "led" denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation.

Lenten Challenge: This Lent and throughout life's struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one "desert" into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.

— Father John Mui

February 15, 2026

First Collection	\$8,752.01
Candles	\$ 127.32
WeShare Feb. 9 to 15, 2026	\$ 275.00

Upcoming 2nd Collection

March 01, 2026 St. Vincent de Paul Society

March 08, 2026 UIM/Church Projects 2026

March 15, 2026 Catholic Relief Services

During lent we ask parishioners to participate in the CRS Rice Bowl. Please take a bowl with you and follow the calendar.

Bowls due on Palm Sunday March 29, 2026

Please consider online giving

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



Baptisms for March will be celebrated on Saturday March 28 at 11:00 am. The Parents and Sponsors class is Saturday, March 14th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the church conference room. All paperwork on baby, parents, sponsors & \$50 administrative fee due by Tuesday March 17th in the office.

- **Baptism classes are required for both Parents and Godparents.**
- **Godparents must have received the sacrament of Confirmation.**
- **If married, must be married by the Roman Catholic Church, and receiving the Holy Communion regularly.**
- **If not married, Godparents must not be living with a significant other.**
- **Only one Godparent is required**
- **If two Godparents then one male and one female are required.**

Please contact the office for more information and to register.



Mister Carwash Tickets \$10.00 each available for purchase in the parish office.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our Lord is so humble that he allows us to see him experience temptation. The vulnerability of this moment is awesome to behold. Let us learn from Jesus' interaction with the devil, and be transformed by it. Let us say, with him: "Get away, Satan."

Prayer Request

Vanessa Alamillo	Martin Garcia	Diana Quintana
Matthew Aldama	Marta Garcia	David Rall
Michael Amesquita	Susie Garcia	Melissa Ramirez
Marty Arellano	Socorro Garcia	Sandra Ramirez
Baby Marcos	Tony Godoy	Marisa Ramos
Joel Baca	Josie Gomez	Miguel Reza
Stephen Banegas	Alberto Grijalva	Socorro Reza
Betina Brown	Helen Hancock	Tamara Rico
Mary Ann Boe	Sal Jaramillo	Tony Robles
Edward Carrillo	Alaia Jauriqui	Ignacio Romero
Lisa C.	John	Jolene Rosen
Cesar	Charlee Lawhorn	Martin Rubio
Marty Corral	Raymond Lee	Adelis Ruiz
Jace Dean	Lupe Leyva	Gustavo Ruiz
Vanessa S. Dean	Rosemary Leyva	Reynaldo Ruiz
Debbie	Louie Lizalde	Robert Ruiz
Elva Delgado	Oscar Lopez	Waylan Sanchez
Gabriel & Mary De-sorcy	Johnny Lucero	Janie Sandoval
Henry Diaz	Emory Rose Lozoya	Alfonso Santa Maria, Jr.
Anna E.	Gray Madrid	Miguel Silva
Frances Escalante	Bertha & Jesus Maldonado	Eddie Tellez
Gloria Espinoza	Barbie Martinez	Cleofas Tirre
Matilda Evaro	Nora Medina	Christina Torres
Jaime Flores	Tammy Mendez	Luciano Valverde
Petra Flores	Rosa Montes	Gerald Villa
Sammy Flores	Richard Morales	Cuca Viescas
Stephanie Flores	Elena Moreno	Cecilia Yañez
Louie G.	Mike Munoz	Minerva Zamora
Tony G.	Christie Olivias	Beverly Zubia
Joe Gardner	Al Ontiveros	Joe Zubia
Angelina Garcia	Rosa Orosco	Leandro Zubia Jr

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PAN-CAKE BREAKFAST!!!** We made \$5,682.00 in ticket sales and received \$881.00 in donations.
- **Stations of the Crosses during Lent**
Fridays at 6:15 am and 6:00 pm
First Friday of the month NO 6:00 pm stations
Wednesdays at 12:00 pm Starting 02/25/2026
- **Padrinos (Godparents) for the 2026 Easter Candle**
Call the office to submit your name in the drawing for sponsoring of Easter Candle. Drawing will be conducted at 11 am mass on March 29, 2026.
- **The Southwest Coalition for Life** 40 Days for Life Campaign is still in need of prayer volunteers to fill the hours between 7AM to 7PM, each day of the Campaign which runs from 2-18-26, through 3-29-26. We're asking for 1 hour of your time, 1 time per week for 6 weeks. Please contact Greg Goldblatt for more information at 575-640-8834.
- **St. Genevieve's Parish Hall Renovation Committee** is soliciting for General Contractors for bids for the Parish Hall renovation project. The General Contractor shall have proof of GB 98 license, bonding, and insurance. Please contact Frank Sanchez at the parish office or email him at frank@stgen.info for more information.
- **United In Ministry 2026 Campaign** kick off weekend will February 28 & March 01, 2026. Commitment weekend will be March 07 & 08, 2026. Our goal this year is \$58,500.00.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas® Scholarship

Unlock Your Future with Our Scholarship Program! Apply now and take the first step toward achieving your academic dreams. Three recipients of this scholarship will receive \$1000 each paid in full once enrollment verification is provided to the committee. Applications due March 31, 2026

REQUIREMENTS

APPLICANT MUST BE A SENIOR GRADUATING IN 2026

APPLICANT MUST HAVE THE HOLY SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

750 WORD ESSAY

Answer the question:

How can you use your Catholic faith to make a positive difference in today's world and the future?

OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS

Must have a 3.0 GPA or better

2 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

-1 from dean, counselor or educator
-1 from a priest, deacon or religious education coordinator

COPY OF ACCEPTANCE LETTER FROM A COLLEGE/INSTITUTION

MORE INFORMATION

JESSIE A. CARABAJAL
575-202-5759
dancingjessie@msn.com

REGISTER NOW



Hey Boys & Girls, Enter the Knights of Columbus Basketball Free Throw Championship



Saint Genevieve Council 13969

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Holy Cross Catholic School Gym

1331 N. Miranda, Las Cruces

Registration at 3:00 pm/Competition at 3:30 pm

Contact Jaime Flores at (575) 993-8634

This competition is **FREE**. All entrants need to have a legal guardian present. Please bring a copy of your birth certificate. Open to all 9 to 14 year old boys and girls. Entrants' age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of Jan. 1.

Please mention St Genevieve Council 13969 at registration.