

St. Genevieve Catholic Church

Established in 1859

100 S. Espina St., Las Cruces NM 88001
Phone (575) 524-9649 Fax (575) 524-3263

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 9 AM – 4 PM Friday 9 AM – NOON

Website: stgen.info Email: sgcchurch@stgen.info Facebook: Saint-Genevieve-Catholic-Church



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2025

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

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 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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

November 29 to December 7, 2025

Saturday Nov. 29—Weekday

7:00 AM

For all The Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:00 PM

†Mike Nunez by Terri Arellano

†Jose & †Cruz Lopez by Priscilla & Andres Lopez

†Cesaria Garcia by Joe & Socorro Garcia

†John Beuyukian by Wife & Son

Sunday Nov. 30—First Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM

†Cesaria Garcia por Andy, Martha & Veronica

†Felix, †Anita, †Manuel, & †Concepcion Garcia

Por La Familia Cruz

9:30 AM

Thanksgiving for Fr. Theo's 20 years of priesthood and 50 years of life by St. Genevieve Parishioners

11:00 AM

For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory

5:00 PM

For all the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Monday Dec. 1—Advent Weekday

7:00 AM

†Christine Jean Lopez by Ray Lopez

Tuesday Dec. 2—Advent Weekday

7:00 AM

(L) Alyssa Granados "Happy Birthday

by Carmen Camacho

†Luis, †Refugio, †Maria Palacios & Isela G. Diaz

by Family

Wednesday Dec. 3—Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

7:00 AM

†Jane & †Maria Lopez by Ray Lopez

Thursday Dec. 4—Advent Weekday

9:00 AM

†Ricardo Pinela Happy Heavenly Birthday by Family

First Friday Dec. 5—Advent Weekday

7:00 AM

†Gloria Carrillo, †Jose & †Cruz Lopez

Happy Heavenly Birthday †Mike Barnes

†Juanita, †Stephen, †Marcos, †Hector & †Johnny Infante

†Jack, †Ruth, †Jim, †Vickie, †Robert & †Vern Wireman

†Fr. Narciso Rivera, †Fr. Ron Burke, †Fr. Tom Devlin

6:00 PM

†Cuca Medina by Family

First Saturday Dec. 6—Advent Weekday

7:00 AM

†Mary Vasquez by Family

5:00 PM

†John Beuyukian by Wife & Son

†Barbara Alvarez by Richard & Rebecca Archuleta

Sunday Dec. 7—Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM

Para las Almas en Purgatorio por Antonia Bencomo

†Juanita & †Ernesto Medrano por La Familia

†Reyes, †Gustavina, †Robina, & †Luter Garcia

Por La Familia Cruz

9:30 AM

Thanksgiving for Fr. Theo's 20 years of priesthood and 50 years of life by St. Genevieve Parishioners

†Rudy & †Mike Ontiveros by Mary Infante

11:00 AM

Birthday Blessings for Eva Solis

5:00 PM

For Parishioners of St. Genevieve by Fr. Theo

Sanctuary Lamp for the Month of November

For the Forgotten Souls in Purgatory by Garcia Family

Altar Bread for November

In Memory of †Abraham Sr & †Julia, †Bonifacio, †Abraham Jr, †Simon, & †Dolores Sanchez by Frank & Aurora Sanchez & Family

Altar Wine for November

In Memory of †Ernesto & †Juanita Medrano by Irene Misquez & Family



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent Matthew 24:37-44

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos will come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance. This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

— Father John Muir

November 16, 2025

First Collection	\$7,702.14
Second-UIM/Projects 2025	\$1,320.60
Candles	\$ 184.65
WeShare Nov.10-16, 2025	\$ 410.00

November 23, 2025

Figures Not Available at time of Bulletin Publication

Upcoming Second Collection

December 7, 2025	RCDLC Priest Retirement
December 14, 2025	St. Vincent De Paul
December 21, 2025	UIM/Projects 2025

Please consider online giving

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



United in Ministry
...the essential service of hope

You can contribute at our secure site online at www.rcdlc.org or the QR code provided. Pueden contribuir en nuestro sitio seguro en linea www.rcdlc.org o utilizar el código 'QR' provisto.



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

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

When we say the Penitential Act at Mass, why do we strike our chest three times?

Answer:

Our rituals and liturgical celebrations are filled with a variety of symbols, some of which also relate to our gestures and physical postures (e.g. kneeling, sitting, processing, making the Sign of the Cross). The custom of striking our breast three times during the "I Confess" of the Penitential Act of the Mass is one of those gestures that is loaded with symbolism.

The tradition of Christian's striking the breast (above the heart) is rooted in the image of Sacred Scripture, especially texts like Psalm 51 which speak of a "humbled contrite heart" or how God heals broken hearts, binding up our wounds (see Psalm 147:3). Early Christian writers like Saint Augustine of Hippo and Saint Jerome also refer to this custom in their writings.

Ultimately, this practice is an expression of our sorrow for those times when we have been guilty of faults and a sign that we are willing to take responsibility for our sins and failings. That we all perform this gesture together is also an act of solidarity, recognizing that none of us, regardless of where we are on our journey of faith, is without fault and the need for grace and forgiveness.

Prayer

Dear God, help me to love you and to be ready for Jesus.

Mission for the Week

Make sure the movies, games, and music you choose help you grow closer to Jesus.

Sharing the Gospel

Remember that when God told Noah to build an ark, his neighbors laughed at him. Then one day God sent the flood. Only Noah's family was saved because they listened to God, and they were ready. Jesus has already told you that one day he will come back. He wants you to be saved. He wants you to be ready. When you read Bible stories, listen carefully. Love God like Noah did, and learn to do what God asks.

Now color the picture! →

Find and circle the words from today's Gospel:

NOAH
EATING
DRINKING

MARRIED
FLOOD
TOGETHER

TAKEN
LEFT
READY

S	T	B	F	L	O	O	D	E	O
N	O	A	H	N	Y	U	R	M	G
U	G	R	D	O	D	T	K	A	N
O	E	A	T	I	N	G	W	R	H
N	T	Y	A	U	R	L	O	R	L
W	H	I	K	L	C	M	H	I	M
O	E	N	E	R	S	E	V	E	L
D	R	I	N	K	I	N	G	D	E
N	O	W	H	N	T	H	I	E	F
I	S	R	E	A	D	Y	C	O	T



Liturgical Life

Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah envisioned a future with no more wars and nations united in belief and worship of Israel's God. What does a world totally at peace look like?

Second Reading:

Paul encouraged the Romans to live with a sense of urgency in anticipation of their own salvation. What motivates you to live a moral life?

Gospel:

Jesus taught his disciples that no one knows when the Son of Man will return, so you must always be prepared. How do you plan to use the season of Advent this year to welcome Jesus into your life?

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"You do not know on which day your Lord will come," Jesus says. He is reminding us that we do not know the mind of God. But we do know the heart of God, and we know that it is filled with mercy for those who heed the warning: Stay awake!

Readings for the week of November 30, 2025

Sunday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Monday:

Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/
Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Mt 15:29-37

Thursday:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/
Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday:

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Prayer Request

Emily Agosto	Martin Garcia	Esther Ramirez
Melissa Alderete	Martha Garcia	Melissa Ramirez
Greg Archuleta	Susie Garcia	Sandra Ramirez
Michelle Archuleta	Robert Holguin	Socorro Ramirez
Marty Arellano	Sal Jaramillo	Marisa Ramos
Joel Baca	Alicia Juarez	Richard Rivas
Mary Ann Benavidez	Rosemary Leyva	Gregorio Robles
Missy Benavidez	Bertha Lucero	Bertha Rodriguez
Mary Ann Boe	Richard Lucero	Ignacio Romero
Elias Bernal	Margarito Lucero	Jolene Rosen
Lisa C.	Crystal Lujan-Reyes	Lucille Rowell
Manuela Castaneda	Isaiah Maese	Adelis Ruiz
Ramona Chavez	Michael Scott Marquez	Gustavo Ruiz
Jim Corrigan	Fred Martinez	Lorraine Ruiz
Debbie	Gabriel Martinez	Raynaldo Ruiz
Erika R. Delgado	Tammy Martinez	Robert Ruiz
Alexander Diaz	Bobby Martos	Teresa Salaiz
Estrella Diaz	Liz Mauer	Cecilia Salas
Henry Diaz	Juanita Mendoza	Michelle Salas
Amanda Dominguez	Karen Meza	Erika Salcido
Paula Dominguez	Lupe Mirabal	Steve Silva
Kat Dube	Adulfa Morales	Lucio Telles
Giana Esparza	Richard Morales	Patricia Tellez
Albert Evaro	Joanne Myers	Cleofas Tirre
Esther Evaro	John Myers	Marcela Valerio
Janet Evaro	Al Ontiveros	Dr. David Valenzuela
Steve F.	George Ontiveros	Luciano Valverde
San Juana Fitch	Rosa Orosco	Christopher Villa
Jaime Flores	Paula	Mercy Villa
Sammy Flores	Paul Padilla	Beverly Zubia
Gloria Galaz	Thomas Perimon	Leandro Zubia Jr.
Joe Garcia	Benjamin Pritchard	



**Knights of
Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them as we begin the Advent season with the annual LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST, Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the parish hall. Our commemoration of Light up for Christ is part of a larger campaign to keep CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS. On the second Tuesday of December, Knights of Columbus throughout the nation will LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST. On this evening of scripture, prayer and hymns, we symbolize the welcoming of the Light of Christ into our hearts. A light reception will follow. Please bring your favorite Christmas cookies and desserts. The Knights will provide hot chocolate, coffee, tea, and water.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Christmas Poinsettias** are available for purchase for your deceased loved ones for \$20.00. All Poinsettias will be used to decorate the altar. Please stop by the office to purchase. Poinsettias will be available for sale after all the mass this weekend and next weekend 12/06/2025.
- **Los Pastores del Valle de Mesilla** will perform their annual Christmas play. Admission is free and all are welcome. Friday, December 5, 2025 6:00 pm First Presbyterian Church 200 East Boutz Road and Saturday, December 6, 2025 6:00 pm Holy Cross Retreat Center 600 Holy Cross Road, Mesilla Park.

Upcoming Advent Events & Christmas Mass Schedule

- **Tuesday, December 2nd** Light up for Christ at 6:00 pm at the parish hall. A reception will follow with coffee, hot chocolate and goodies.
- **Monday, December 8th** The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass at 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 6:00 pm.
- **Tuesday, December 16th** Advent Penance Service at 6:00 pm.
- **Wednesday December 17th** St. Genevieve and Knights of Columbus Gran Posadas at 6:00 pm at the parish hall. Rosary at the parish at 5:30 pm and procession to follow to the parish hall.
- **Wednesday, December 24th** Regular 7:00 am Mass Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm.
- **Thursday, December 25th** The Nativity of the Lord Mass at 8:00 am (Spanish), 9:30 am, and 11:00 am.
- **Wednesday, December 31st** 7:00 am Communion Service, The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm.
- **Thursday, January 1st** The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God -NO 7:00 am Mass. Mass at 9:30 only (Holy Day of Obligation).