

St. Genevieve Catholic Church

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 07, 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 dia

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

December 6 to December 14, 2025

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 and †Carol Medina

by Mary Infante

11:00 AM Birthday Blessings for Eva Solis

5:00 PM For Parishioners of St. Genevieve by Fr. Theo

Monday Dec. 8—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM †Frances N. & †Raymond C. Lucero by Terri Arellano

†Gwen, †Ann, & †Thomas Reilly and All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

12:00 PM †Fr. Thomas Devlin

6:00 PM †Nick Vigil

Tuesday Dec. 9—Advent Weekday

7:00 AM †Eli Ron, †Frances, & †Pete Mascarenas by Family

†Fr. John Tickle by Leo & Lupe Reyes

(L) Br. Diego for Perseverance & Wellbeing by Mom & Dad

Wednesday Dec. 10—Advent Weekday

7:00 AM Happy Birthday Ryan Wireman

Thursday Dec. 11—Advent Weekday

7:00 AM †Salvador Marquez by Larry & Diane Sandoval

†Heavenly Birthday Juan Bazan by Irene Bazan

†Jennie Hernandez by Daughter

Friday Dec. 12—Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 AM †Rafael R. Robles & †Juliet (Chata) G. Robles by Family

†Gwen, †Ann, & †Thomas Reilly by Mike Reilly

All the Souls in Purgatory by Mike Reilly

†Joshua Gonzales by Mom Sandra

Saturday Dec. 13—St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

7:00 AM For Parishioners of St. Genevieve by Fr. Theo

5:00 PM †John Beuyukian by Wife & Son

Our Lady of Guadalupe by Lupe B. Vigil

†Julia Holguin, †Joe Nevarez, and †Stella Snodgrass by Martha Beasley

Sunday Dec. 14—Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM †Felix, †Ramon, †Isaias, & †Tacho 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

†Lucia Saenz & †David Guerra by Rodriguez Family

†Ray "Sonny" Telles by Martha Beasley

For Parishioners of St. Genevieve by Fr. Theo

5:00 PM †Velma T. Sievert by Veronica Esquibel

†Manuel Evaro & †Lawrence Evaro by Mother & Wife

Sanctuary Lamp for the Month of December

In Loving Memory of †Abraham & †Julia Sanchez & †Carlos & Estella Sanchez & families by Frank & Aurora Sanchez & Family

Altar Bread for December

In Memory of †Fermin Barrientos by Roberto & Ada Medina

Altar Wine for December

In Thanksgiving for Divine Sustenance by Wendy & Jose Gonzalez



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Dec. 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent
Matthew 3:1-12

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating “locusts and wild honey” (Mark 1:6). It’s not just a strange historical detail. It’s a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we’re each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it’s time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It’s time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That’s the honey. Savor it!

John didn’t avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we’ll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

— Father John Muir

November 23, 2025

First Collection	\$7,871.52
Candles	\$ 77.15
WeShare Nov. 17-23, 2025	\$ 275.00

November 27, 2025

Thanksgiving Day	\$1,840.36
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November 30, 2025

First Collection	\$6,826.12
Candles	\$ 117.85
WeShare Nov. 24-30, 2025	\$ 230.00

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online giving**

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



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...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.



St Genevieve Parish and Knights of Columbus Rosary and Posada

Please join us for Posadas on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at St. Genevieve Church. We will begin by praying the rosary at the church at 5:30 pm. After the rosary, we will process from the church to the hall followed by Posadas at 6:30 pm. The potluck dinner will follow the Posadas. Please bring your favorite dish or dessert and invite your family members and friends to join us for an evening of fellowship.

Prayer

Lord, teach me to be truly sorry when I do something wrong.

Mission for the Week

I pray that people thinking of doing evil will choose God's way instead.

Sharing the Gospel

Today you are with John the Baptist. He is wearing a camel skin coat and has a leather strap around his waist. He shares two grasshoppers and a little wild honey with you. He says, "Turn back to God! The kingdom of heaven will be here soon." You tell John, "I am very sorry for my sins. I am now obeying God's laws." Then John baptizes you in the Jordan River to make you ready for the kingdom of heaven.

Now color the picture!



Match John the Baptist to his right shadow.



Liturgical Life

Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Isaiah foresaw God's future when the world will be ruled by a new and ideal 'King David' ("a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse") and the earth will be filled with knowledge of the Lord. What do you hope for in your future?

Second Reading:

Paul encouraged the community of believers in Rome to be in harmony with each other in thought and mind. Are there relationships in your life you consider to be harmonious?

Gospel:

John the Baptist taught the people to prepare for the kingdom of heaven by repenting of sins and producing "good fruit." What could you do this second week of Advent to make a positive impact?

Live The Liturgy

Inspiration of the Week

The story of Advent is a story of repentance. John the Baptist held up a mirror to the chosen people. He urged them to look at what they saw there. This Advent, will we look in the mirror? Will we choose repentance?

Readings for the week of December 7, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday:

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday:

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday:

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15

Friday:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Saturday:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday:

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
(see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Prayer Request

Emily Agosto
Melissa Alderete
Greg Archuleta
Michelle Ar-chuleta
Marty Arellano
Joel Baca
Mary Ann Benavidez
Missy Benavidez
Mary Ann Boe
Elias Bernal
Lisa C.
Manuela Cas-taneda
Ramona Chavez
Jim Corrigan
Debbie
Erika R. Delgado
Alexander Diaz
Estrella Diaz
Henry Diaz
Amanda Dominguez
Paula Dominguez
Kat Dube
Giana Esparza
Gloria Espinoza
Albert Evaro
Esther Evaro
Janet Evaro
Matilda Evaro
Steve F.
San Juana Fitch
Jaime Flores
Petra Flores
Sammy Flores
Gloria Galaz

Joe Garcia	Benjamin Pritchard
Martin Garcia	Esther Ramirez
Marta Garcia	Melissa Ramirez
Susie Garcia	Sandra Ramirez
Tony Godoy	Socorro Ramirez
Robert Holguin	Marisa Ramos
Sal Jaramillo	Tamara Rico
Alicia Juarez	Richard Rivas
Charlee Lawhorn	Gregorio Robles
Rosemary Leyva	Bertha Rodriguez
Bertha Lucero	Ignacio Romero
Richard Lucero	Jolene Rosen
Margarito Lucero	Lucille Rowell
Crystal Lujan-Reyes	Martin Rubio
Isaiah Maese	Adelis Ruiz
Michael Scott Marquez	Gustavo Ruiz
Fred Martinez	Lorraine Ruiz
Gabriel Martinez	Raynaldo Ruiz
Tammy Martinez	Robert Ruiz
Bobby Martos	Teresa Salaiz
Liz Mauer	Cecilia Salas
Juanita Mendoza	Erika Salcido
Karen Meza	Steve Silva
Lupe Mirabal	Lucio Telles
Adulfa Morales	Patricia Tellez
Richard Moralez	Cleofas Tirre
Joanne Myers	Marcela Valerio
John Myers	Dr. David Valenzuela
Christie Olivas	Luciano Valverde
Al Ontiveros	Christopher Villa
George Ontiveros	Mercy Villa
Rosa Orosco	Beverly Zubia
Paula	Leandro Zubia Jr.
Paul Padilla	
Thomas Perimon	



- **Christmas Poinsettias** will be available to purchase for \$20.00 until December 14th. Please stop by the office or after all Masses this weekend and next weekend. All Poinsettias will be used to decorate the altar. Sunday, December 14th, will be the last day to purchase a Poinsettia.

Upcoming Advent Events & Christmas Mass Schedule

- **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 (Holy Day of Obligation)**- We will have two Masses for this Holy Day with the First being Wednesday December 31st at 5:00 pm that counts for the Holy Day. The second being Thursday, January 1st NO 7:00 am Mass. **Only Mass at 9:30 am**

DECEMBER

CONCEPTION OF MARY • IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY • IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY