

# St. Genevieve Catholic Church

*Established in 1859*

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## Office Hours

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

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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 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

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

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†Lucia Saenz & †David Guerra by Rodriguez Family

†Ray "Sonny" Telles by Martha Beasley

11:00 AM

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

### Please consider online giving

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



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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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 8<sup>th</sup>** 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 16<sup>th</sup>** Advent Penance Service at 6:00 pm.
- **Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>** 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 24<sup>th</sup>** Regular 7:00 am Mass Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm.
- **Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>** The Nativity of the Lord Mass at 8:00 am (Spanish), 9:30 am, and 11:00 am.
- **Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>** 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 1<sup>st</sup> NO 7:00 am Mass. **Only Mass at 9:30 am**

DECEMBER

