

St. Genevieve Catholic Church

Established in 1859

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 14, 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 13 to December 21, 2025

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

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

Monday Dec. 15—Advent Weekday

7:00 AM

†Don & †Daryl Lithgow & †Tony & †Letha Trujillo by Glo-

ria

Lithgow

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

†Esther Rodriguez by Shirley Gonzales

Tuesday Dec. 16—Advent Weekday

7:00 AM

†Eli Ron, †Frances, & †Pete Mascarenas by Family

Wednesday Dec. 17—Advent Weekday

7:00 AM

†Mary C. Telles by Mary Margaret & Family

†Raymond F. Carbajal by Sandra Garcia & Family

Thursday Dec. 18—Advent Weekday

7:00 AM

†Joe T. Hernandez by Hernandez Family

Friday Dec. 19—Advent Weekday

7:00 AM

For Parishioners of St. Genevieve by Fr. Theo

Saturday Dec. 20—Advent Weekday

7:00 AM

For Parishioners of St. Genevieve by Fr. Theo

5:00 PM

†Joe H. Jaramillo by Family

†Enrique O. Trujillo by Family

†Edelmira (Mira) Fajardo by Motorcycle Ministry

†John Beuyukian by Wife & Son

†Raul G. Salcido by Wife & Daughters

†Manuel A. Sedillos by Thomas & Michelle

Sunday Dec. 21—Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM

†Reynaldo Terrazas, Sr. por La Familia (feliz cumpleaños celestial)

†Juanita E. & †Ernesto Medrano por Familia

†Pilar, †Yolanda, †Alejandro, & †Anselma Garcia por

Familia Cruz

9:30 AM

For living and deceased member of Knights of Columbus

Thanksgiving for Fr. Theo's 20 years of priesthood

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†Rita Ontiveros by Family

11:00 AM

†Rose C. Apodaca by Gilbert R. Apodaca

†Refugia & †R. Gutierrez by Gilbert R. Apodaca

5:00 PM

For Parishioners of St. Genevieve by Fr. Theo

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

December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent
Matthew 11:2-11

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?" (Matthew 11:7). He's not just describing the crowd's mis-aimed pursuit. He's naming our tendency to chase after what's flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can't satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn't a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ?

— Father John Muir

December 7, 2025

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Upcoming Second Collection

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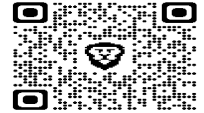
St. Vincent De Paul

December 21, 2025

UIM/Projects 2025

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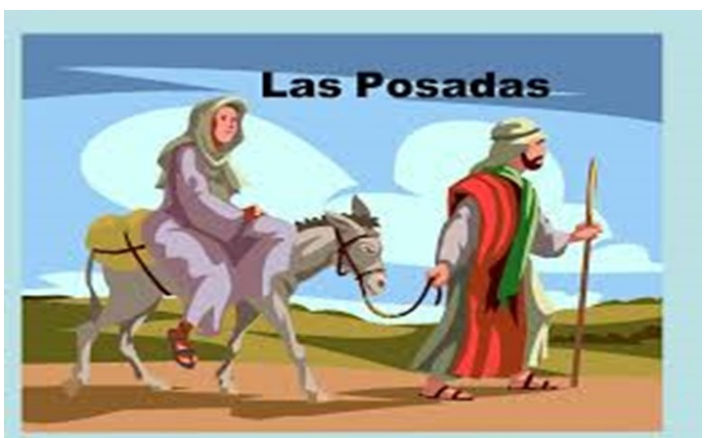
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St Genevieve Parish and Knights of Columbus
Rosary and Posada

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

Dear God, show me ways to help my friends follow God, too.

Mission for the Week

If you have any videos that tell Bible stories, watch one or two together with your family.

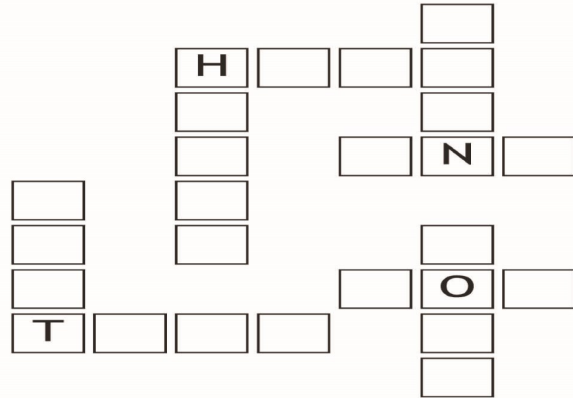
Sharing the Gospel

Name someone that you think is very important. Jesus said that John the Baptist was the greatest man ever born. John the Baptist did not live in a big house or wear nice clothes. He was not the president, and he did not own a huge company. You would probably think he was very poor. But John the Baptist was truly great because he loved and trusted God with his whole heart. He helped other people follow God, too.

Now color the picture! →

Fit this Gospel Message into the empty squares:

Tell John what you have heard and seen.



Liturgical Life

Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

The prophet Isaiah taught his community to "be strong, fear not!" because God has planned a remarkable future where both the people and the land will be restored. Is there a friend or co-worker who needs your encouragement this week?

Second Reading:

James encourages his community to be patient and firm of heart in waiting for the coming of the Lord. What are you waiting for during this Advent season?

Gospel:

In prison, John the Baptist seemed uncertain about who Jesus is. Who do you talk to when you have questions about Jesus?

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Go and tell what you have seen and heard," Jesus says. When it comes to proving who he is, he always lets his actions do the talking. We have heard. We have seen. We must go and tell. Let's let our actions do the talking. Who do we think Jesus is?

Readings for the week of December 14, 2025

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

Monday:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday:

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Thursday:

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Friday:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Prayer Request

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

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

- **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**



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

In the evening of life,
we will be judged on
love alone.

—St. John of the Cross