

# 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 21, 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 20 TO 28, 2025

#### 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 40  
†John Beuyukian by Wife & Son  
†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 & †Ernesto Medrano por Familia  
†Pilar, †Yolanda, †Alejandra, & †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 and 50 years of  
life by St. Genevieve Parishioners  
†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

#### Monday Dec. 22—Advent Weekday

7:00 AM †Gwen Reilly, †David Luchi, †Thomas Driscall & All the  
Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### Tuesday Dec. 23—Advent Weekday

7:00 AM †Robert Pena Sr. by Family  
(L) Maria Arellano & Ernestine Garcia

#### Wednesday Dec. 24—Advent Weekday

7:00 AM †Fr. Thomas Devlin  
**VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)**  
4:00 PM For Parishioners of St. Genevieve by Fr. Theo  
7:00 PM †Carolina T. Tapia by Jose Tapia  
†Gwen, †Ann, & †Thomas Reilly by Mike Reilly

#### Thursday Dec. 25—THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:00 AM For Parishioners of St. Genevieve by Fr. Theo  
9:30 AM †Joshua Gonzales by Mom Sandra Guerrero  
11:00 AM †Ernest P. Padilla by Family

#### Friday Dec. 26—Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

7:00 AM (L) Happy Birthday Margie Wireman

#### Saturday Dec. 27—Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

7:00 AM For Parishioners of St. Genevieve by Fr. Theo  
5:00 PM †Marty Godfrey by Choir Family  
†JoAnn Peña-Minor by Joe & Socorro Garcia  
†John Beuyukian by Wife & Son  
†J.R. Stewart by Misquez Family  
†Domingo Griego by Wife

#### Sunday Dec. 28—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:00 AM †JoAnn Peña-Minor por Andy, Martha & Veronica  
†Ramon, †Martha, †Jose Cruz, & †Vicente Favela  
por Familia Cruz  
9:30 AM Thanksgiving for Fr. Theo's 20 years of priesthood and 50 years of  
life by St. Genevieve Parishioners  
(L) Happy Birthday Charlie Wireman  
†Ray "Sonny" Telles by Martha Beasley  
11:00 AM †Estella R. Sanchez by Frank & Aurora Sanchez & Family  
†Alfredo Montoya by Wife Maria Luisa  
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

# Trust & ACT

## Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

**December 21, 2025**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**Matthew 1:18-24**

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly 10 years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20). When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

— Father John Muir

**December 5, 2025**

*First Friday Sacred Heart* \$ 197.00

**December 7, 2025**

<i>First Collection</i>	\$ 7,368.79
<i>Second-RCDLC PRIEST RETIREMENT</i>	\$ 1,163.96
<i>Candles</i>	\$ 127.50
<i>WeShare Dec. 1-7, 2025</i>	\$ 715.00

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**ST. GENEVIEVE**  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL # 13969

## MENUDO SALE



**DATE:** SUNDAY JANUARY 11, 2026

**LOCATION:** ST. GENEVIEVE PARISH HALL AT 1025 EAST LAS CRUCES AVE.

**COST:** \$12.00 -- 32 OZ BOWL / TAKE OUT ONLY!

**TIME:** 7:00 AM TO 12:00 NOON

**CONTACT:** JOE TAPIA @ (575) 649-6525

### Prayer

I am proud that I am your child, Father God.

### Mission for the Week

I will thank my parents for having me and taking good care of me.

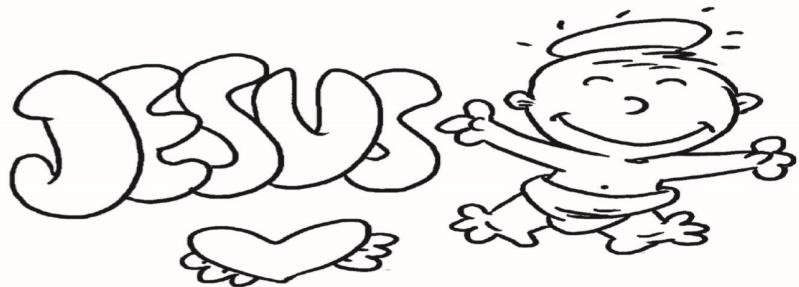
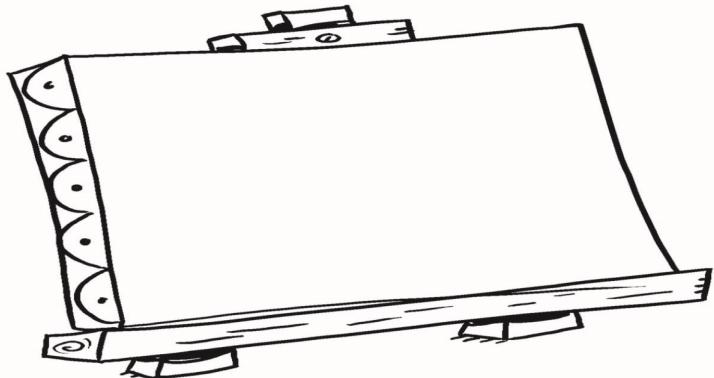
### Sharing the Gospel

An angel told Joseph to marry Mary because her baby was through the Holy Spirit of God. They would name the baby Jesus because he would save his people from their sins. God called you by name, too. Before you were born, he could tell you how many hairs would be on your head. He knew how long your feet would be. He knew all the good things you would do for his people.

Now color the picture!



Draw a picture of yourself when you were a baby.



## Liturgical Life

### Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

#### First Reading:

Seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus, Isaiah prophesies to King Ahaz that a virgin would bear a son and name him, Emmanuel ("God is with us"). When have you felt close to God this Advent season?

#### Second Reading:

Paul instructs the Roman Christians that they are "called to be holy." What do you see as some of the steps toward growing in holiness?

#### Gospel:

We hear how Joseph struggled initially with the news of Mary's pregnancy. How do you discern making difficult decisions?

### Readings for the week of December 21, 2025

#### Sunday:

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

#### Monday:

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

#### Tuesday:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

#### Wednesday:

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

#### Thursday:

*Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

*Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

*Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

*Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

#### Friday:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

#### Saturday:

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

#### Next Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

## Prayer Request

Emily Agosto	Sammy Flores	Thomas Perimon
Matthew Aldama	Gloria Galaz	Benjamin Pritchard
Melissa Alderete	Martin Garcia	Esther Ramirez
Greg Archuleta	Marta Garcia	Melissa Ramirez
Michelle Ar-chuleta	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	Tony Robles
Lisa C.	Bertha Lucero	Bertha Rodriguez
Manuela Cas-taneda	Johnny Lucero	Ignacio Romero
Ramona Chavez	Richard Lucero	Jolene Rosen
Frank Cordova	Margarito Lucero	Lucille Rowell
Jim Corrigan	Crystal Lujan-Reyes	Martin Rubio
Debbie	Isaiah Maese	Adelis Ruiz
Erika R. Delgado	Michael Scott Marquez	Gustavo Ruiz
Elva Delgado	Fred Martinez	Lorraine Ruiz
Alexander Diaz	Gabriel Martinez	Raynaldo Ruiz
Estrella Diaz	Tammy Martinez	Robert Ruiz
Henry Diaz	Bobby Martos	Cecilia Salas
Amanda Dominguez	Liz Mauer	Teresa Salaiz
Paula Dominguez	Juanita Mendoza	Steve Silva
Kat Dube	Karen Meza	Lucio Telles
Giana Esparza	Lupe Mirabal	Patricia Tellez
Gloria Espinoza	Adulfa Morales	Cleofas Tirre
Albert Evaro	Richard Moralez	Marcela Valerio
Esther Evaro	Joanne Myers	Carla Tapia Valenzuela
Janet Evaro	John Myers	Dr. David Valenzuela
Matilda Evaro	Christie Olivas	Luciano Valverde
Steve F.	Al Ontiveros	Cuca Viescas
San Juana Fitch	George Ontiveros	Christopher Villa
Jaime Flores	Rosa Orosco	Mercy Villa
Petra Flores	Paula	Beverly Zubia
	Paul Padilla	Leandro Zubia Jr.



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**\$10.00 each** available for purchase in the parish office.

## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Sometimes we want God's instructions to be clear and precise — like the angel in Joseph's dream. But Joseph's understanding was only as strong as his devotion to God's will. If we give our lives to God as Joseph did, we will know what he asks of us.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming Advent Events & Christmas Mass Schedule

- **Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>** Regular 7:00 am Mass
- **Wednesday, December 24th CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD** AT 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm.
- **Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD** Masses 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**

