

St. Genevieve Catholic Church

Established in 1859

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THE HOLY FAMILY

“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” - Mt 2:20

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SUNDAY DECEMBER 28, 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 27 TO January 4, 2025

Saturday Dec. 27—Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

7:00 AM †Antonio & †Lucy Rubio by Gonzales family

5:00 PM †Marty Godfrey by Choir Family

†JoAnn Peña-Minor by Joe & Socorro Garcia

†John Beuyukian by Wife & Son

†J.R. Stewart by Misque 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

por 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

Monday Dec. 29—Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00 AM †Dino & †Vera Villani by Villani family

†Manuel & †Maria Montoya by Emma Galvan

†Johnny Salaiz & healing for Alfonso Santa Maria, Jr.

by Emma Galvan

†Oscar J. Saucedo by his parents

Tuesday Dec. 30—Sixth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00 AM †Oscar J. Saucedo by his parents

†Lucio Rafael Noyola, †Francisco Javier Noyola, & †Rosa Alba Noyola

by family

Wednesday Dec. 31—Seventh Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

7:00 AM (L) Christina & Jazz Gonzales by Gonzales family

†Oscar J. Saucedo by his parents

In thanksgiving for answered prayers from Baby Jesus

by Hilario Zavala

VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

5:00 PM †Magdalena Campos & †Francisca Campos by Luie & Ida Campos

Thursday Jan. 1—THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

9:30 AM †Jose Gonzalez by Imelda Jaramillo

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

Purgatory by Mike Reilly

†Oscar J. Saucedo by his parents

1st Friday Jan. 2—Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

7:00 AM †Jane Lopez & †Maria Lopez by Ray Lopez

†Juanita, †Stephen, †Marcos, †Hector, †Johnnie Infante

†Jack, †Ruth, †Jim, †Vickie, †Bobby, †Vern Wireman

†Fr. Narcisco Rivera, †Fr. Ronald Burke

†Gloria Carrillo, †Cruz & †Jose Lopez

6:00pm Deceased & Living Members of the St. Genevieve Sacred Heart of Jesus League

†Oscar J. Saucedo by his parents

1st Saturday Jan. 3—Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM For Poor Souls in Purgatory by Antonia Bencomo

†Ruth, †Paul, & †Harvey Krauskopf

5:00 PM †John Beuyukian by wife & son

†Oscar J. Saucedo by his parents

Sunday Jan. 4—The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM †Juanita & †Ernesto Medrano por Familia

9:30 AM Thanksgiving for Fr. Theo's 20 years of priesthood and 50 years of Life

by St. Genevieve Parishioners

†Vangie Carrasco by Mom & Sam

11:00 AM †Sylvester Hernandez by Daughter Margie

†Oscar J. Saucedo by his parents

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 28, 2025

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23**

When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect.

But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love.

In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee..." (Matthew 2:13, 20). First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us. Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear.

May I make a practical application for us? The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress. It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace. A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence.

— Father John Muir

December 8, 2025

Immaculate Conception \$ 1917.75

December 14, 2025

First Collection \$8,425.82

Second-St. Vincent de Paul Society \$4,103.18

Candles \$ 56.00

WeShare Dec. 1-7, 2025 \$ 420.00

December 21, 2025

Not available at time of publication.

**Please consider
online giving**

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



Join Us!



Mondays: 6:00pm - 7:30 pm

1/26/26 - 3/23/26

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Hall

3600 Parroquia St.

Las Cruces, NM 88001

She Shall Be Called Woman is a transformative journey designed to meet the longings of the feminine heart. This faith formation program is for women seeking to be seen, known, and loved, as they grow in their relationship with the Lord. Through conversations, authentic speakers, and enriching prayer experiences, you will embark on a profound spiritual journey. Join us for food, fellowship, and faith!

All women are welcome!

Learn more at:

www.SheShallBeCalledWoman.com

Scan the QR Code to
Register



TEN VIRTUES of MARY

Contact: Yolanda Robles

Cell: 575-635-1677 email: kefygr@yahoo.com

The 2nd season of She Shall Be Called Woman is set to begin January 26, 2026! We encourage all women desiring a closer relationship with Our Lord to join us for fellowship, faith formation, and an overall joyful experience! Women that participated in the 1st season and wish to continue their spiritual journey in the 2nd season need not register. Simply show up! We encourage women joining us for the 1st time to scan the QR code to register. Please contact Yolanda Robles via email or phone for more information or questions. Be blessed!

Kids Corner

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for keeping Jesus safe when he was a little baby.

Mission for the Week

If you were not safe, and if you had to move away in the middle of the night, list three small things you would want to bring along.

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

listed	engaged	sheep
Joseph	traveled	Savior
Mary	baby	angels

lstedi l i s t e d

byab _____

Jephos _____

shepe _____

Mrya _____

Siorav _____

enagedg _____

anlsge _____

traledve _____



Sharing the Gospel

After King Herod found out that Jesus had been born, little Jesus was no longer safe. Herod did not want any other kings around, even baby kings like Jesus. In a dream, God warned Joseph that their little family needed to move far away from Herod. Joseph took Mary and Jesus and got out of Bethlehem as quickly and as quietly as they could. God protected little Jesus. God wants you to be safe, too.

Now color the picture! →

2025 ANNUAL FIESTA RESULTS

INCOME

FIESTA	\$17,422.86
ANNUAL RAFFLE	\$10,550.00
ROYAL COURT (RC)	\$20,047.82

EXPENSE

FIESTA	\$12,325.93
ANNUAL RAFFLE	\$ 3,833.34
TOTAL PROFIT	\$31,861.41

Thank you to everyone for your support in making our Fiesta a wonderful success. A special thank you to all of our Fiesta Royal Court candidates.

Congratulations to our Royal Court:

Queen: Camila Flores

King: Isaac Bamford

Princess: Mia Chacon

Junior Princess: Leah Aguirre

Baby Princess: December Sweeny

As we look ahead to 2026, the Fiesta Royal Court selection process will begin in January. I encourage and pray that families will continue to participate and support this cherished tradition.

Yours in Christ, Fr. Theo

Liturgical Life

Questions of the Week

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading:

Sirach emphasizes the importance of children honoring and respecting their parents. What are some of your favorite memories of your parents?

Second Reading:

Paul taught the Colossians that families should show mutual respect and love toward one another. How do you encourage these virtues in your family?

Gospel:

We hear how the Holy Family faced some very dangerous circumstances early on. Can you think of some challenges your family has had to overcome?

Readings for the week of December 28, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/
Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday:

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 1:19-28

Saturday:

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/
Jn 1:29-34

Next Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Prayer Request

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



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

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God created the Holy Family with a great sense of purpose, because he knew that Jesus would be defined by the woman and man who raised him. Who is our "Holy Family" — the people who will define us? Who has God placed within our lives for a specific purpose?



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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
- Wednesday, January 21st Fr. Theo and St. Genevieve Knights of Columbus** invite you for a family unity night at the St. Genevieve Parish hall, at 6:00 pm. We will pray the rosary and the potluck will follow. Please bring your favorite dish or dessert to share. Plates, utensils, and drinks will be provided. We look forward to an evening of great food and fellowship.
- Fr. Theo will be returning home for vacation from December 30, 2025, through January 30, 2026.** As he enjoys this time of rest and renewal, please keep him in your prayers, especially for safe travels.

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