

St. Genevieve Catholic Church

Established in 1859

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Office Hours

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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
Monsignor Juan Moreno
Deacon Louis Roman
Deacon Robert Gallo

Frank Sanchez, Business Manager
Maggie Candia, Bookkeeper
Veronica Garcia, Secretary-DRE-Liturgy
Susan Brusuelas, 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 30, 2023 to January 7, 2024

Saturday December 30th—Sixth Day Octave of the Nativity

7:00 AM †Virginia Rios by Mom Lilly

5:00 PM †JoAnn Peña-Minor by Joe & Socorro Garcia

†John “Marty” Godfrey by Pete & Veronica Esquibel

Sunday December 31st—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:00 AM †Socorro D. Eres por Romelia A. Eres

†Charlotte Delgado por La Familia Delgado

9:30 AM †Hilario A.; †Irene R.; †Eddie R.; & †Michael R. Herrera by The Baca & Herrera Families

†Ramona Erlinda & †Meliton Viescas by Family

†Charlotte Delgado by Delgado Family

11:00 AM †Happy Birthday Estella Sanchez by Frank & Aurora Sanchez & Family

†Rosemary, †Sally, & †Elma by Mother Aggie Vigil

†Rev. John Tickle by Lupe & Leo Reyes

5:00 PM †Socorro Eres by Martha Enriquez

†Mary Louise By Sister Aggie Vigil

Monday January 1, 2024—Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9:30 AM My Children & their Families by Romelia A. Eres

†Jose Gonzalez by Imelda Jaramillo

Joshua De La Rosa for vocation to religious life by Leo & Lupe Reyes

In thanksgiving to Mother Mary’s Intercessions by Reyes Family

Tuesday January 2—Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors

7:00 AM †Jesus & †Juliana L. Alderete by Romelia A. Eres

†Ramiro P. Lopez by Daughter Anna Lopez

Wednesday January 3—Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM For the Parishioners by Fr. Theo

Thursday January 4—Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

7:00 AM †Vangie Carrasco by Mom & Sam

Friday January 5—First Friday—Saint John Neumann, Bishop

7:00 AM †Juanita, †Stephen, & †Marcos Infante; †Jack, †Ruth, & †Jim Wireman; †Fr. Narcisco Rivera, & †Fr. Ronald J.

Bunke; †Gloria Camillo & †Cruz & †Jose Lopez

6:00 PM For the Deceased & Living Members of the Sacred Heart

Saturday January 6—Christmas Weekday

7:00 AM NO MASS

5:00 PM †Robert Garcia by Lucille M. Garcia

†Hayden Synder “Heavenly Birthday” by Susie Watley

Sunday January 7—The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM Por Los Feligreses por Padre Theo

9:30 AM All Bishops, Priests, & Lay People by St. Genevieve Parishioners

For the Catholic Daughters Court Santa Cruz & Families

11:00 AM †Rocky Chavez Jr.; †Patrick Montoya & †Louisa

Stephenson by Cecilia Montoya

†Lupe Martinez by Husband Anselmo

5:00 PM For Parishioners by Fr. Theo

Sanctuary Lamp for the Month of January

†Bienvenido & †Gloria Barrientos & †Candido & †Frances Medina by Roberto & Ada Medina

Altar Bread & Wine for January

In Memory of †Carlos & †Estella Sanchez by Frank & Aurora Sanchez



Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— Father John Muir

December 17, 2023

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| 1st Collection | \$6,751.93 |
| 2nd Collection-UIM/PROJECTS 2023 | \$1,010.30 |
| Candles | \$ 87.00 |
| We Share Dec 11 to 17 | \$ 315.00 |

December 24, 2023

Figures not available at time of publishing
United in Ministry Update 07/31/23

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| # of Donors | 91 |
| Cash Paid | \$63,869.91 |
| Total Pledge | \$66,197.41 |
| Goal | \$55,500.00 |

Did you know, you can sponsor...

Mass Intentions Week Day \$10.00

Mass Intentions Sunday \$15.00

**Please consider
online giving**

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



THE SISTERS OF JESUS THE SAVIOUR Generalate



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88001, USA.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

On behalf of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus the Saviour, I write to acknowledge and appreciate you for the donation you made in support of our missionary work especially for the sick and suffering people of God. I sincerely thank you for your openhandedness for it is only a generous heart like you that can consider such an enormous request for our Congregation.

I pray that this relationship we have started with you will continue to blossom for the good of the Church and her mission. Our Congregation will continue to pray for you and your parish that the Almighty God will continue to bless and reward you bountifully.

Sincerely yours in Jesus the Saviour.

Sr Resurrecta Maria Agu, SJS.

Mother Superior.

Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/ Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday:

1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday:

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



St Genevieve Knights of Columbus Council 13969 will be accepting applications for 2024 scholarships. The applicants must be area Roman Catholic high school seniors, must have at least a 3.0 GPA, and show proof of acceptance from an institution of Higher Learning or an approval pending or forthcoming. Two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded. Applications will be available at the St Genevieve Parish Office or by email at jm-flores@hotmail.com starting Tuesday, January 2, 2024. All applications must be submitted no later than Tuesday, February 27, 2024. For any questions, contact Grand Knight Jaime Flores at (575) 993-8634.

Prayer Request

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| Terry Armijo | Delia Narvaez |
| Napoleon Bustamante | Javier Pacheco |
| Lisa C. | Audie & Ben Padilla |
| George Chip Sr. | Juana Padilla |
| Matilde Evaro | Guy Placencio |
| Jacob Flores | Janie Quintana |
| Wesley Floyd | Ramona Rodriguez |
| Nadia & Baby Manuelito Fuentes | Art Sanchez |
| Maria Victoria Gallo | Olivia Sanchez |
| Deacon Robert Gallo | Ricardo Sanchez |
| Denise Gayton | Kathy Saucedo |
| Jim Glasscock | Ariston & Amy Sillana |
| Isaac Gomez | Cesar Suarez |
| Monica Gutierrez | Fela Tellez |
| Vivian Herrera | Patricia Tellez |
| Anthony Henderson | Richard Tellez |
| Otilia Jaquez | Trinity Van Akkeron |
| Silas Kelly | Aaron Zamora |
| Alfredo Lopez | Danny Zavala |
| Msg. Moreno | Hilario Zavala |
| | Joe Zubia |



Diocesan Spring Events Reminders – Mark Your Calendar

Wedding Anniversary Mass/West with Bishop Baldacchino:
Sat., February 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. - Cathedral of IHM, Las Cruces

Wedding Anniversary Mass/East with Bishop Baldacchino:
Sun., February 11, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. - St. Peter Parish, Roswell

Theology of Style Conferences with Lillian Fallon: Sun., February 11, 2024
New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum, Las Cruces

Middle & High School Girls and Mothers Session: "Personal Style and Understanding Your Worth"
12:00 – 3:00 p.m. (Assorted Finger Foods and Beverages to be served)

Women – 18 years and Older: "Personal Style and the Gift of Femininity" This session will delve deeper into self-worth and the theological truths of body and soul integration.
4:30 – 7:30 p.m. (Assorted Finger Foods and Beverages to be served)

For more information on *Theology of Style* Conferences contact:
Mariana Woosley (575) 430-6483 woosley0898@gmail.com or
Ana Noyola (575) 414-0693 noyola.ana@gmail.com

Rite of Election/East: Fri., February 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. – Our Lady of Grace, Artesia

Rite of Election/West: Sat., February 17, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. – Cathedral of IHM, Las Cruces

Priest Assembly: Mon., March 18, 2024 – Wed., March 20, 2024, Holy Cross Retreat Center

Chrism Mass: Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 5:30 p.m., Cathedral of IHM, Las Cruces



**ST GENEVIEVE'S
SACRED HEART OF
JESUS LEAGUE
INVITES YOU!**

Devotion Schedule

1st Friday of each month
Adoration/Holy Hour
Adoration in one hour increments
from 8:00am to 5:00pm
Holy Hour at 5:00pm
Holy Mass (Bilingual) at 6:00pm
Refreshments after Mass
in the Conference Room

**LA LIGA DEL
SAGRADO CORAZÓN DE JESÚS DE
SANTA GENOVEVA
LOS INVITA!**

Horario de Devoción

Primer viernes de cada mes
Hora de Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento
entre las 8:00am-5:00pm
Hora Santísima a las 5:00pm
Santísima Misa (Bilingue) a las 6:00pm
Refrescos después de la Misa en
la sala de conferencias



Baptisms for December will be celebrated on Saturday January 27th at 10:00am. Parents and Sponsors class is Saturday January 13th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the church conference room.

- Baptism classes are required for both Parents and Godparents.
- Godparents must have received the sacrament of Confirmation.
- If married, must be married by the Roman Catholic Church, and receiving the Holy Communion regularly.
- If not married, Godparents must not be living with a significant other.
- Only one Godparent is required
- If two Godparents then one male and one female are required.

Please contact the office for more information and to register.



Holiday Mass Schedule for December

- **Sunday, December 31st** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Regular Sunday Schedule
- **Monday, January 1st** The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation in the USA this year)

**Live The Liturgy
Inspiration of the Week**

God's timing is not always our timing. Sometimes, we have to wait years for the answer to our prayer. Never despair. Remember that God keeps His word.