

# 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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## THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus:  
“No one has gone up to  
heaven except the one who  
has come down from heaven,  
the Son of Man.” For God  
did not send his Son into the  
world to condemn the world,  
but that the world might be  
saved through him.  
- Jn 3:13, 17

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## SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 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

September 13 to 21, 2025

### Saturday Sept. 13—Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor the Church

7:00 AM

For Parishioners by Fr. Theo

5:00 PM

†Lupe T. Reyes by Andy, Martha, & Veronica

†Rosina Q. Jaramillo Heavenly Birthday by Family

†Sue Freeman by Family

†Modesta Benavidez by The Family

†Arturo Yañez by Socorro & Joe Garcia

†John Beuyukian by Wife & Son

### Sunday Sept. 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 AM

†Willie Marquez by Family & Friend

9:30 AM

Thanksgiving for Fr. Theo's 20 years of priesthood & 50 years of life by St. Gen Parishioners

11:00 AM

For the Parishioners of St. Genevieve by Father Theo

5:00 PM

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### Monday Sept. 15—Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00 AM

†Gwen Reilly, †Don Colfax, & Holy Souls in Purgatory by Mike Reilly

Healing of Ivan Moreno by Family

### Tuesday Sept. 16—Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

7:00 AM

†Maria Palacios by Family

Gene, Nathan, & Ashley Bales by Theresa Bales-Garcia

### Wednesday Sept. 17—Weekday

7:00 AM

†Jimmy & †Emma Soto & Sons by Family

†William G. Sanchez by Family

Stephen, Dennis, & Doni Lithgow by Gloria Lithgow

### Thursday Sept. 18—Weekday

7:00 AM

†Joe T. Hernandez by Hernandez Family

†Blanca Reyes by Family

### Friday Sept. 19—Weekday

7:00 AM

†Gwen Reilly & all the Holy Souls in Purgatory by Mike

†Robert Ponzini by Karen & John Frye

### Saturday Sept. 20—Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

7:00 AM

Happy Birthday Sebastian Camacho, Jr. by Family

Happy Heavenly Birthday †Stephen Infante

5:00 PM

†Joe H. & †Rosina Q. Jaramillo by Family

†Justina Norero by Gloria & Larry Mastic

†Carmen T. Yañez by Socorro & Joe Garcia

†John Beuyukian by Wife & Son

### Sunday Sept. 21—Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM

Happy Birthday Angelica Chavez by Mom

Happy Birthday David Utz, Jr. by Family

†Juanita & †Ernesto Medrano por Familia

9:30 AM

For the living & deceased members of the

St. Genevieve's Knights of Co-lumbus

Thanksgiving for Fr. Theo's 20 years of priesthood &

50 years of life by St. Gen Parishioners

†Matteo Tapia by Jose Tapia

†Dominga Flores by Ralph Flores

11:00 AM

†Abraham Sanchez & †Dolores Salinas-Sanchez

by Frank & Aurora Sanchez & Family

†Rose C, †Carmen & †Bert Apodaca by Gilbert Apodaca

†Alex Galvan by Emma Galvan

5:00 PM

Healing of Ponzini Family by Karen & John Frye

### Sanctuary Lamp for the Month of September

For the Families of Silva & Brusuelas by Susan Maria Brusuelas

### Altar Bread for September

In Memory of Frances & Pete Mascarenas by Family

### Altar Wine for September

In Memory of Justina Norero by Gloria & Larry Mastic



**Gospel Meditation**  
Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

**September 14, 2025**  
**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross John 3:13-17**

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy What About Bob? Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin’s failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr Marvin for break-through “death therapy.” In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week’s feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses’ snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness – rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don’t run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The “death therapy” of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to “exalt the cross.” If you don’t have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

— Father John Muir



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

**August 31, 2025**

First Collection	\$6,880.93
Candles	\$ 125.25
WeShare Aug. 25 to 31, 2025	\$ 385.00

**September 7, 2025**

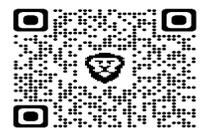
First Collection	\$7,634.78
2nd Collection-Cath. University	\$ 980.46
Candles	\$ 41.09
WeShare 9/1 to 7, 2025	\$ 605.00
First Friday Sacred Heart	\$ 176.00

*Upcoming Second Collection*

*Sept. 14, 2025 St. Vincent De Paul Society*  
*Sept. 21, 2025 UIM/Projects 2025*  
*Sept. 28, 2025 Black & Indian Missions*

**Please consider online giving**

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



**Live The Liturgy**  
**Inspiration of the Week**

God did not send his son into the world to condemn it. The cross is not a symbol of judgment — the cross is what mercy looks like when it is lived out. How will we bring the cross into our lives this week? How will we live the mercy which has saved us?

**St Genevieve Parish Ministry Night**

We are inviting all the St Genevieve's Ministries to a potluck gathering at St Genevieve Parish hall, Wednesday, September 17, 2025 starting with a rosary at 6:00 pm the potluck will follow. Each ministry will be given the opportunity to speak of their ministry. Please bring a dish to share - it can be a main course, side, or dessert. Plates, utensils, and drinks will be provided. We look forward to an evening of great food and fellowship.

Thank you,

Father Theo Okafor

Jaime M. Flores, Grand Knight



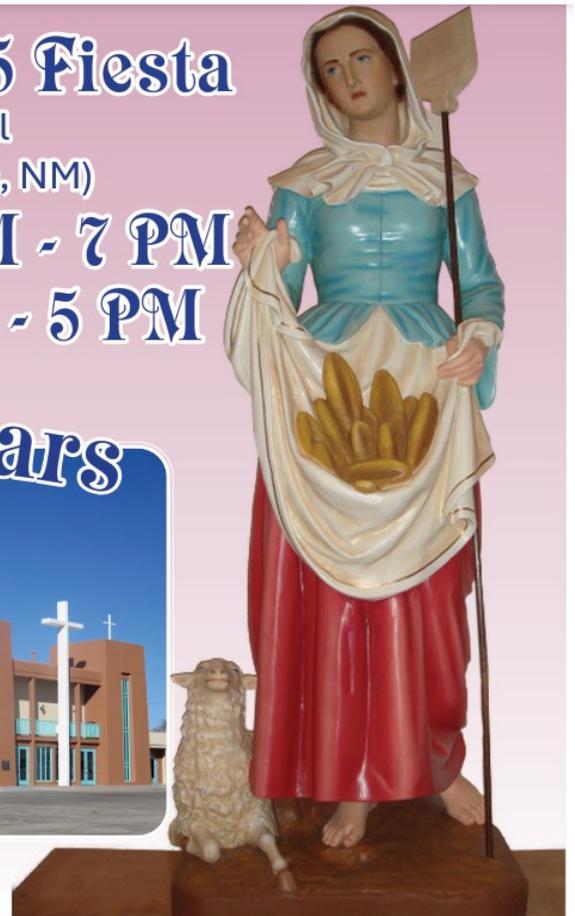
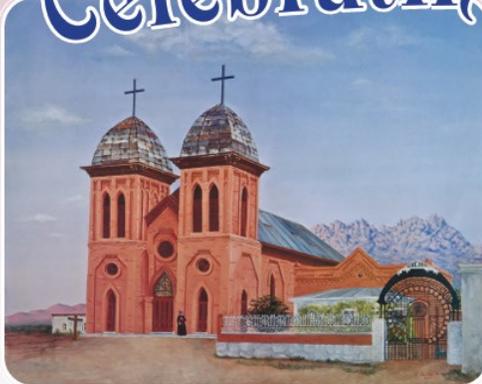
# St. Genevieve Parish 2025 Fiesta

St. Genevieve Church Parish Hall  
(1025 E. Las Cruces Ave., Las Cruces, NM)

Saturday, October 4, 10 AM - 7 PM

Sunday October 5, 10 AM - 5 PM

## Celebrating 166 Years



## Welcome Deacon Rick Autry



Deacon Rick Autry was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in June 2020 in the Diocese of Raleigh, North Carolina. In March 2025, he and his wife, Deborah, relocated from the coast of North Carolina to Las Cruces, where he now serves at St. Genevieve Parish in the Diocese of Las Cruces. Prior to ordination, Deacon Rick had a career in financial services. His ministry here at St. Genevieve will focus on preparing couples for marriage and providing sacramental and pastoral care to the homebound. He and Deborah are grateful for the opportunity to share their faith and serve the people of St. Genevieve.

## Readings for the week of September 14, 2025

### Sunday:

Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

### Monday:

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

### Tuesday:

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

### Wednesday:

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

### Thursday:

1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

### Friday:

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

### Saturday:

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

### Next Sunday:

Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

## Prayer Request

Emily Agosto	Vanessa Flores	Esther Ramirez
Conrad Aragon	Gloria Galaz	Melissa Ramirez
Greg Archuleta	Martin Garcia	Salvador Ramirez
Michelle Archuleta	Martha Garcia	Socorro Ramirez
Marty Arellano	Robert Garcia	Marisa Ramos
Joel Baca	Alfonso Holguin	Richard Rivas
Sonya Bales	Tommy Jabzynski	Rodney
Mary Ann Benavidez	Irene Jacquez	Bertha Rodriguez
Missy Benavidez	Ric Jacquez	Ignacio Romero
Elias Bernal	Sal Jaramillo	Jolene Rosen
Virginia Black	Alicia Juarez	Adelis Ruiz
Mary Anne Boe	Rose Mary Leyva	Gustavo Ruiz
Manuela Castaneda	Antonino Lucero	Raynaldo Ruiz
Cruz Chavez	Richard Lucero	Robert Ruiz
Ramona Chavez	Margarito Lucero	Teresa Salaiz
Yoli Chavez	Gabriel Martinez	Cecilia Salas
Julia Clark	Tammy Martinez	Michelle Salas
Jennifer Clark	Bobby Martos	Erika Salcido
Erika R. Delgado	Liz Mauer	Catherine Silva
Henry Diaz	Karen Meza	Helen Talavera
Amanda Dominguez	Lupe Mirabal	Patricia Tellez
Paula Dominguez	Richard Morales	Cleofas Tirre
Kat Dube	Maria Moreno	Luciano Valverde
Albert Evaro	John Myers	Christopher Villa
Esther Evaro	George Ontiveros	Mercy Villa
Janet Evaro	Rosa Orosco	Beverly Zubia
San Juana Fitch	Placencia Family	Leandro Zubia Jr.
	Elsie Ramirez	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **St. Genevieve Parish Fiesta** is in need of volunteers. Please contact the parish office for more information.
- **St. Genevieve Parish Fiesta Treasure Box booth (used to be Arts, Crafts & Religious Items)** is requesting donations of nice used articles (**NOT ACCEPTING CLOTHING**)
- **St. Genevieve Parish Fiesta Prize booth** is requesting donations of toys. The max value per toy is \$5.00.
- **Join Southwest Coalition for the 2025 Fall Campaign**, from September 24th through November 2nd, to end abortion in Las Cruces through peaceful prayer vigil at two of four abortion locations in Las Cruces. For more information on how you can help to end abortion call Greg Goldblatt 575-640-8834.
- **Parish Council Elections** will be held next weekend

PRESENTED BY ST. GENEVIEVE PARISH

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

Free raffle ticket with entry

Raffles every 30 minutes

# CARD SHOW

SPORTS, POKEMON, COLLECTIBLES,  
MEMORABILIA, BUY/SELL/TRADE

EXTRAS

## FOOD & DRINKS

EVENT DETAILS

**\$5 EARLY ENTRY 11AM-12PM**

**\$2 GENERAL ADMISSION 12-7PM**

**AGES 12 & UNDER FREE!**

ST GENEVIEVE PARISH HALL  
1025 EAST LAS CRUCES AVE., LAS CRUCES, NM 88001  
ALL AGE FAMILY EVENT