

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020**

**ST. GENEVIEVE CHURCH**

**Established in 1859**

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**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.

**Clergy**

Rev. Theophine Okafor-Administrator

Monsignor Juan Moreno

Deacon Louis A. Roman

Deacon Steve Apodaca

**Office Staff**

Maggie Candia-Parish Administrator

Terri & Stephany-Secretaries

Ofelia-Housekeeper

**Office Hours** –Closed until further notice

**Parish Hall** 523-0974 or 640-5633

**E-mail** [sgcchurch@qwestoffice.net](mailto:sgcchurch@qwestoffice.net)

**Mass Schedule**-Suspended until further notice

Daily Mass (Mon-Sat) 7:00 AM

Saturdays: 5:00 PM

**Sundays:** 8:00 AM & 12:30 PM

(Español)

9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, & 5:00 PM

(English)

Holy Days: 7:00 AM & 6:00 PM

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturdays 10-11 AM & 4-5 PM

**\*All classes cancelled until further notice**

**Religious Education for Children**

Saturdays 9:00 AM

Cuca Medina, Grades 1-6

**Religious Education for the Youth**

Sundays 9:00 AM

Joey Valenzuela, Grades 7-12

**RCIA Adults**-Tuesdays 6:30 PM

Children-Sunday 9:00 AM

**Adult Confirmation**

Monday 7:00 PM Dcn. Louis Román

**First Saturday Rosary** 10:00 AM

**St. Vincent De Paul** Thursday

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM at Parish Hall

**Marriage**

Please call the office 6 months in advance for preparation

**Secular Franciscan Order (Spanish)**

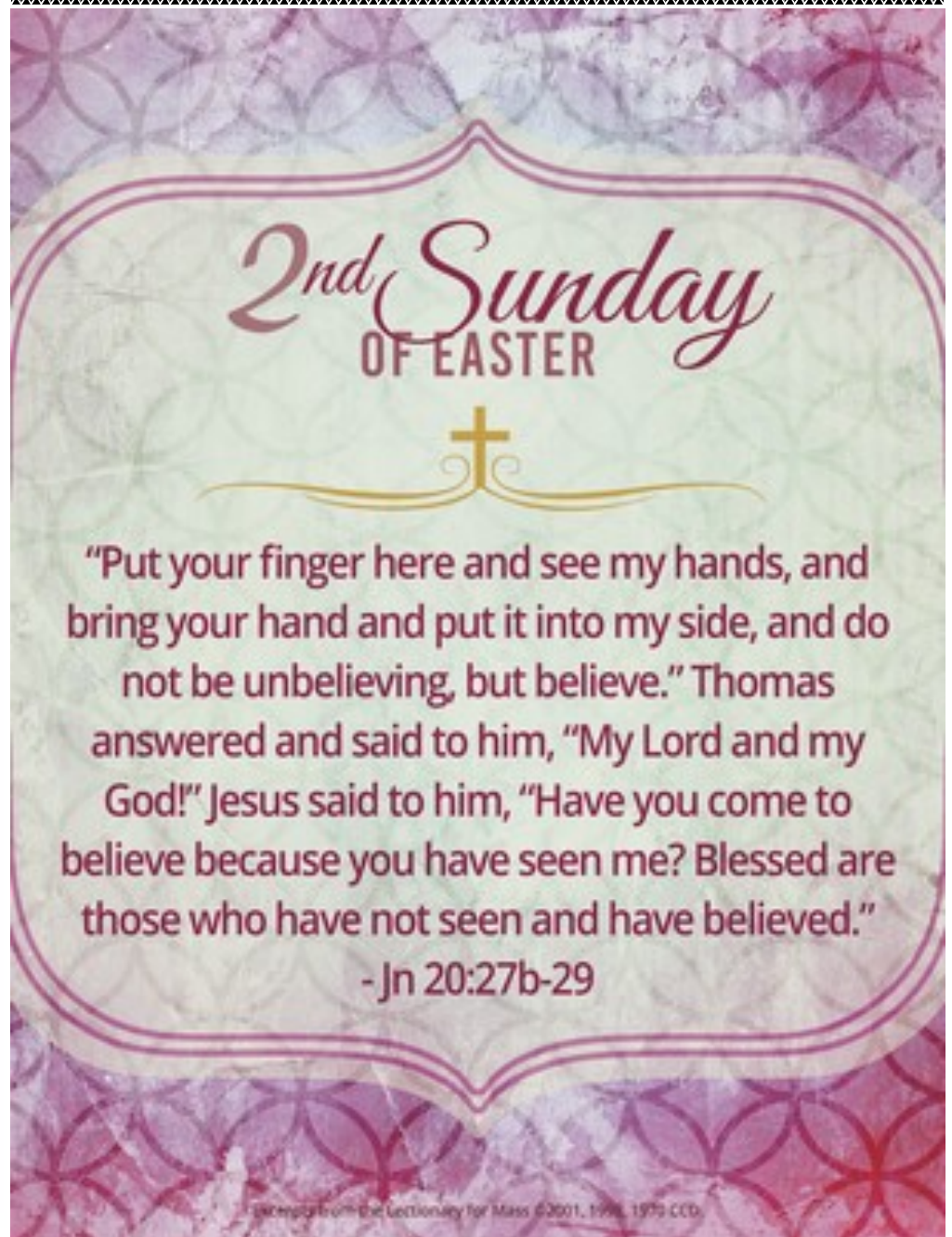
Second Sunday of the Month

1:00 PM in the Conference Room

**Bingo**-suspended until further notice

Thursday, Friday & Sunday 7:00

P.M. at Parish Hall



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF  
April 18-25, 2020**

**Live-stream via our Facebook Page**

**Saturday (18th)**

5:00 PM In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
by Jennie Medina

**Sunday (19th)**

9:00 AM All members of the Knights of Columbus  
Nora Herrera-Happy Birthday

**Monday (20th)**

9:00 AM †Ricardo R. Medina by Family  
Martha Bayahi-Happy Birthday

**Tuesday (21st) St. Anselm, Bishop & Doctor**

9:00 AM Naomi Villa-Birthday Blessings

**Wednesday (22nd)**

9:00 AM †Frances N. Lucero by Raymond C. Lucero & Family  
St. Genevieve Parish Clergy & Staff

**Thursday (23rd) St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop & Martyr**

9:00 AM Kathie Lopez

**Friday (24th) St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr**

9:00 AM

**Saturday (25th) St. Mark, Evangelist**

9:00 AM

**You may still call the parish office to make mass intentions. Please know that Fr. Theo is saying those intentions at the private mass he celebrates daily at 9 am, Saturday at 5 pm, and Sunday at 9 am.**

**2019 UNITED IN MINISTRY CAMPAIGN**

**Our Goal-\$72,366**

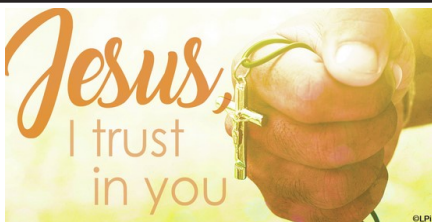
**Pledged-\$30,055**

**Paid-\$8,061**

**Number of Donors-104**

**Thank you for your gift!**

If you have not made a gift to UIM yet, we need your help to reach our parish goal of \$72,366. Please prayerfully consider mirroring the love of Christ by putting your faith into action and make a gift to this year's UIM appeal. Even a small gift can make a big difference. Pledge envelopes are available on the tables at the back of the church and in the parish office. Please return your completed pledge envelope to the parish office. Another option is to make a gift online at [www.rcdlc.org](http://www.rcdlc.org). Thank you and God Bless you!



**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK  
TRU Dental PC**

*If you are interested in placing an advertisement for your business, please call  
call 1-800-950-9952 ext. #267*

**Personal ads for loved ones can also be placed at this same number.**

**Readings for the week of April 19, 2020**

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/  
1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31  
Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/  
Jn 3:1-8  
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
[7a]/Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/  
Jn 3:31-36  
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/  
Jn 6:1-15  
Saturday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/  
Mk 16:15-20  
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/  
1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

**PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Amelia Avalos	Ida Cardon	Max Griego
Amelia Miramontes	Israel Jude Olivias	Melissa Benavidez
Anna G.	Jacob Andazola	Mickey Marquez
Betty Trujillo	Jane Madrid	Monsignor Juan Moreno
Bobby Loera	Jerry Wayne Tharp	Ralph Merrill
Brenda Diaz Folkman	Jolene Rosen	Ray Montoya
Breyson Roman	Jose Jimenez	Rico Family
Brittany Valles	Jose Tapia	Robert Loera
Carmen Johnson	Joseph	RoseAnn Mendez
Chon Hernandez	Julie Loera	Rosemary Hernandez
Cindy	Kathie Lopez	Rosie Lucero
Corrine Griego	Larry Baca	Ruben Avalos
Connie Perez	Lee Padilla	Sandra Ramirez
Daisey Rodriguez	Liz V.	Stephanie Gomez
Daniel Aragon	Manuel Villa	Todd Stockton
Danny Trujillo	Manuela Duran	Tom Chavarria
David Brazil	Maria Leyva	Veronica Lopez
Elizabeth M. Serna	Marie Bencomo	William Beltran
Eloy Avalos	Martha	William Childers
Ernest Medrano	Marty Godfrey	
Francisca Snow	Mary Ann Benavidez	
Guadalupe C. Alvarez	Mary Jane Jimenez	

**For the weekend of April 12, 2020**

**Contributions to First Collection**

**\$2,058.00**

**Holy Thursday \$43.00**

**Good Friday (Holy Land) \$43.00**

**St. Vincent de Paul \$190.00**

**Online Giving \$334.09**

**Thank you for your contributions!**

**Thank you for your support and prayers!**

Thank you for your continued support and prayers! Keeping in mind your financial situation, we humbly ask that if you are able, please drop your Sunday donation envelope in the black mailbox located on the north west corner of the church parking lot or mail it to the parish office. **We are now able to accept contributions and payments via our St. Genevieve Church Paypal account on our website, [www.stgen.info](http://www.stgen.info) or at the following link, [https://paypal.me/SaintGenevieveParish?locale.x=en\\_US](https://paypal.me/SaintGenevieveParish?locale.x=en_US)** Please know that the staff and clergy of St. Genevieve Parish are holding you in prayer as well. God bless you!

**St. Genevieve Church is on Facebook!  
Please like our page!**

[www.facebook.com/Saint-Genieveve-Catholic-Church-105694701070633/](http://www.facebook.com/Saint-Genieveve-Catholic-Church-105694701070633/)  
Daily Mass is live-streamed at 9 am Monday through Saturday. Weekend Masses live-streamed at 5 pm on Saturday and 9 am on Sunday.

**Volunteers Needed to Open the Church for Prayer**

We are hoping to open the church for individual prayer, the week following Easter. Volunteers would be asked to open the church and stay for a couple of hours, close the church and then sanitize the designated area. Please call or email the office if you can help.



**Wednesday, April 22 is Administrative Professionals Day**  
**We thank our parish administrative staff for all your hard work and dedication. We appreciate you!**  
**God bless you!**

**Parish Office Closed**

The Parish Office will remain closed until further notice. Phone calls will be answered Monday through Friday, 9 am to 12 noon.

**Congratulations and Thank You  
to Our Paschal Candle Sponsor**

The drawing for the Paschal Candle Sponsor was held on Friday, April 3. The sponsor of the 2020 Paschal Candle is Emma Gonzalez. We thank her and all who entered into the drawing. God bless each of you!

**CARE NET BANQUET**

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Care Net of Las Cruces is changing their annual banquet to a virtual event. Watch from the safety and convenience of your living room on April 23rd at 7 pm. The event will be delivered via YouTube Live and Facebook Live. Attend this event by registering at [carenetlascruces.com/banquet](http://carenetlascruces.com/banquet).

**SPIRITUAL RESOURCES**

While we are all practicing social distancing, Fr. Theo encourages you to take this time to pray individually or as a family, praying the Rosary and making an Act of Spiritual Communion. Please visit the diocesan website at [www.rcdlc.org](http://www.rcdlc.org) for more resources and links to view the live-streaming of daily mass. Please visit [www.stgen.info](http://www.stgen.info) for a link to our Facebook page where daily and Sunday Masses are live-streamed at 9 am and Saturday at 5 pm.

**Diocesan Ban on Public Celebration of Masses Lifted**

Bishop Peter Baldacchino has lifted the ban on the public celebration of Mass in the Diocese of Las Cruces. Catholics are still dispensed of the obligation to attend Sunday Masses. Current health precautions and guidelines set forth by the state and federal government will be followed. Attendance at Mass in church buildings remains limited to 5 people. Mass may be celebrated outdoors, with social distancing guidelines maintained. In light of this, St. Genevieve Parish will be holding Mass in the parking lot of the church at 9:00 am beginning this Sunday, April 19. Due to the size of our parking lot and social distancing requirements parking spaces will be very limited. We look forward to seeing you!

**Please Join us for Mass!**

**Sunday, April 19 at 9:00 AM**

**St. Genevieve Church Parking Lot  
Parking Spaces Limited**

**Please remain in your vehicle for the duration of Mass**

Our Mass will be live-streamed on our Facebook Page!

[www.facebook.com/Saint-Genieveve-Catholic-Church-105694701070633/](http://www.facebook.com/Saint-Genieveve-Catholic-Church-105694701070633/)  
**You are welcome to watch the live-stream on your phone from your vehicle.**

In following Bishop Baldacchino's directive regarding COVID-19, the following events have been postponed or cancelled until further notice or as noted.

- Daily recitation of the Holy Rosary in the Church—Cancelled
- Bible Studies on Mondays and Wednesdays—Cancelled
- Faith Formation, religious education classes will be cancelled until further notice as per the Diocese of Las Cruces.

To see Bishop's full memo and any updates regarding the Diocese of Las Cruces COVID-19 Response, please visit St. Genevieve's website, [www.stgen.info](http://www.stgen.info) or the Diocesan website at [www.rcdlc.org](http://www.rcdlc.org).

**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**Encouraging a Deeper Understanding of Scripture  
April 19, 2020-Second Sunday of Easter**

A person was going through a very dark time, questioning the meaning of life, not feeling very purposeful or worthwhile, and feeling disconnected and unappreciated. Suddenly, they gazed up at the night sky, found themselves in awe of all the stars and constellations, and exclaimed, "I am here on purpose and I am loved!" Having been brought by God to this moment of intense connection and awareness, his life changed from that moment on. If we are always preoccupied with the challenges, obligations, and stuff of daily life, we can easily miss the wonderful opportunities when the resurrected Christ is knocking at our door. If we open ourselves to the fullness of experience, we will find ourselves listening and embracing all that is around us, being caught up in the magnificence of creation's grandeur and knowing in our heart and soul that God is and I am. While that sounds like a simple, tell-me-something-I don't-know kind of revelation, it is life changing when it takes root in the depth of a person's soul. Stumbling upon this awesome truth and internalizing it doesn't require an assent of the mind. It beckons for a claim on our soul. We find ourselves knowing something profound that cannot be explained or reasoned, but purely is. When we are caught up in an experience and encounter the truth, it doesn't matter how all of the pieces got put together. Truth is simply truth. The "my Lord and my God" responses we utter are not evoked because all of the pieces of faith and life make reasonable sense. The "my Lord and my God" affirmations come when we are lifted up out of our preoccupations and silliness and are in the presence of mystery and mercy.