

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 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**

Please call the parish office to schedule an appointment

**\*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

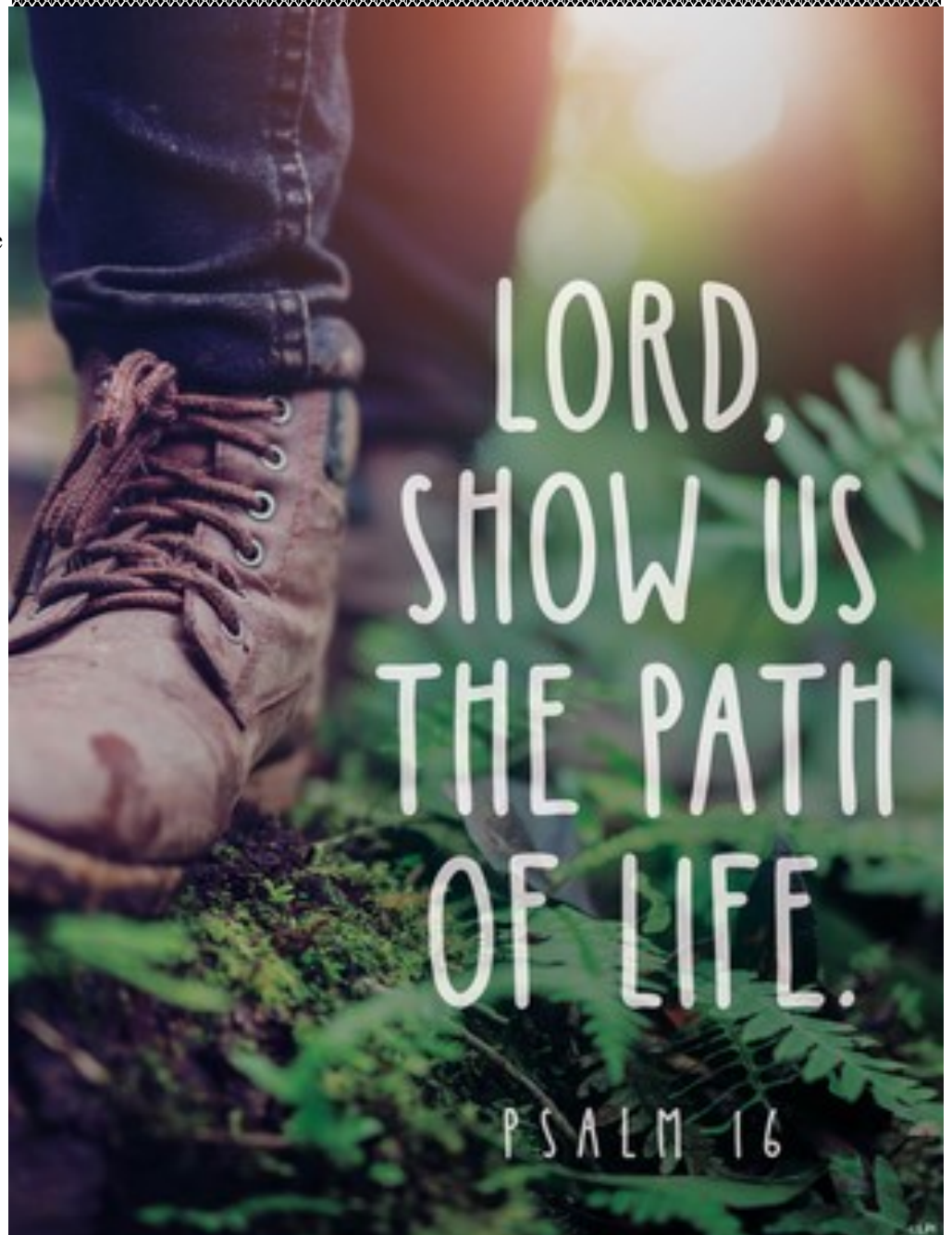
**Secular Franciscan Order (Spanish)**

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 25-May 2, 2020**

**All Masses Live-streamed via our Facebook Page**

**Saturday (25th)**

5:00 PM In thanksgiving to Justo Juez by Jennie Medina

**Sunday (26th)** Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM †Carolina Terrazas Tapia by Family  
†Pauline Houlihan Johnson by Wireman Family  
†Dolores Gallagher & †Armijo Family  
Laura Alvarado by Dolores Fleming

**Monday (27th)**

9:00 AM †Alicia Pena by Villani Family

**Tuesday (28th)** St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

9:00 AM †Isabel Jacquez by Rick & Irene Jacquez

**Wednesday (29th)** St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM

**Thursday (30th)** St. Pius V, Pope

9:00 AM Lucy Leyva

**Friday (May 1st)** First Friday; St. Joseph the Worker

9:00 AM All members of the Sacred Heart League  
†Magdalena A. Eres by Luis & Romelia A. Eres  
†Jesus Jimenez by Family  
†Juanita, †Stephen, & †Marcos Infante, †Jack, †Ruth &  
†Jim Wireman, †Fr. Narciso Rivera, †Fr. Ronald J. Burke

**Saturday (2nd)** St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

9:00 AM

**Readings for the week of April 26, 2020**

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  
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/ Jn 6:22-29  
Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35  
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40  
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51  
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59  
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf.17b]/Mt 13:54-58  
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/ Jn 6:60-69  
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

**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	

**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.**

“Easter season of renewal, let us pledge to love and esteem the beautiful gift of the Earth, our common home, and to care for all members of our human family.”—Pope Francis, General Audience, April 22, 2020

**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**

**St. Genevieve Knights of Columbus**

*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.*

**For the weekend of April 19, 2020**

**Contributions to First Collection**

**\$3,161.83**

**Holy Thursday \$25.00**

**Good Friday (Holy Land) \$30.00**

**St. Vincent de Paul \$183.05**

**Online Giving \$175.00**

**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-Genevieve-Catholic-Church-105694701070633/](http://www.facebook.com/Saint-Genevieve-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.

**Church Open for Prayer**

Happy news! The church will be open for individual prayer from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Please be mindful of the social distancing guidelines which will be followed for the safety of all. Visitors are advised to wear a mask when in the church. Only 5 people will be allowed in the church at any given time. Please sit in the designated area. Thank you to our volunteers for making this happen! God bless you!

**Marriage Preparation Classes**

Are you planning to celebrate the sacrament of Holy Matrimony? As a couple, are you wanting to prepare spiritually, emotionally and mentally for this amazing sacrament? Then come join other couples for seven wonderful sessions based on St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. The online sessions are being offered through the Diocesan Office of marriage and Family Life in partnership with local parishes. Cost is \$25 per couple for class materials. Tobet Marriage Class, Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. Online Virtual Course (Zoom), June 13, 20, 27, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31. Please register online at [www.rcdlc.org/class](http://www.rcdlc.org/class).

If you are a couple currently preparing for marriage at St. Genevieve and have not attended a retreat or taken the online marriage preparation class, please consider signing up for this class offered by the Diocese. If you are an engaged couple considering marriage in the Church, you are encouraged to sign up for this class. If you have questions, please call Terri at the parish office.

**Parish Office Closed, Phone Lines Open**

The Parish Office will remain closed until further notice. Phone calls will be answered Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., and on Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. If we don't answer, please leave a message and we will return your phone call.

**Las Cruces Area Food Banks**

The following is based on information from the Roadrunner Food Bank website and subject change; have faith and don't be afraid, there is help out there.

- Casa de Peregrinos, 999 W. Amador, Suite F. 575-523-5542. Bring photo ID and proof of address. Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday (9-11 am & 1-3 pm)
- De La O Visitors Center, 135 Joe Gutierrez, Dona Ana, NM. 575-523-5542. 1st Thursday (3 pm to 5 pm)
- Dona Ana Community College, 3400 S. Espina, 575-523-5542. 4th Friday (10 am to noon).

**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. In light of this, St. Genevieve Parish will be holding Mass in the parking lot of the church. Due to the size of our parking lot and social distancing requirements parking spaces will be very limited. First come, first served basis. Current health precautions and guidelines set forth by the state and federal government will be followed.

Catholics are still dispensed of the obligation to attend Sunday Masses. If you are ill, in a high risk group, or don't feel comfortable leaving your home, please stay home. Mass will be live-streamed on our Facebook page for you to watch from the safety and comfort of your home. If you don't have Facebook, please visit our website, [www.stgen.info](http://www.stgen.info) and click on the link to view the Mass.

**Please Join us for Mass!****Sunday, April 26 at 9:00 AM****St. Genevieve Church Parking Lot**

**Parking spaces limited—please leave one space between vehicles  
Please remain in your vehicle for the duration of Mass  
You are encouraged to watch the live-stream of the Mass on your phone while in your car.**

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

[www.facebook.com/Saint-Genevieve-Catholic-Church-105694701070633/](http://www.facebook.com/Saint-Genevieve-Catholic-Church-105694701070633/)**Diocese of Las Cruces COVID-19 Response**

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 26, 2020-Third Sunday of Easter**

What does it take for our eyes to be opened? Every day, a man laboriously walks down Main Street of town. With great difficulty but graceful determination, he places one foot in front of the other, uses a crudely made staff for support, and walks. His pace is slow, but he walks. What does he hope to see? Where does he want to go? What does he find? We all walk through life. The type of "walking" life requires is not always physical but is most assuredly emotional and spiritual. We walk, we look, we encounter, and we seek. How we do these things and what we actually find is determined by what we carry and what we allow ourselves to discover along the way.

If walking is too challenging for us, we may choose to isolate and stay alone. If we are afraid to walk, we may become overly dependent on others providing for us and abandon the journey. We can walk and pay attention only to what is in front of our feet and never notice the immensity of what is happening around us. The road is never the same twice. The journey is always different. What kinds of things do you notice as you walk through life? It seems that the disciples of the Road to Emmaus missed a lot at first. We do as well.

We are called to walk with purpose, to listen, and to notice things that may not at first be apparent. We have to allow the One who has a special claim on our soul to enlighten, instruct, and inspire us. The incarnate mystery of God is pulsating in and through all of creation, where the presence of the Word who became flesh can be discovered. He has been with us all along. How could we have missed Him? Our journey brings us back to the breaking of the bread, and something begins to stir within us. We begin to understand, and things look differently. Bread, body, wine, and blood bring us to see that everyone and everything is a "Eucharistic" encounter. We become what we eat and we see what we eat. We continue to walk. Our eyes are now opened, and we recognize Him. Our hearts burn. Stay with us. Please stay with us.