

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

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
Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM-12 Noon

Parish Hall 523-0974 or 640-5633
E-mail sgcchurch@qwestoffice.net

Mass Schedule
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 10:00—11:00 AM &
4:00—5:00 PM

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 9:15 AM, Lucy Leyva

Adult Confirmation
Monday 7:00 PM Dcn. Louis Román

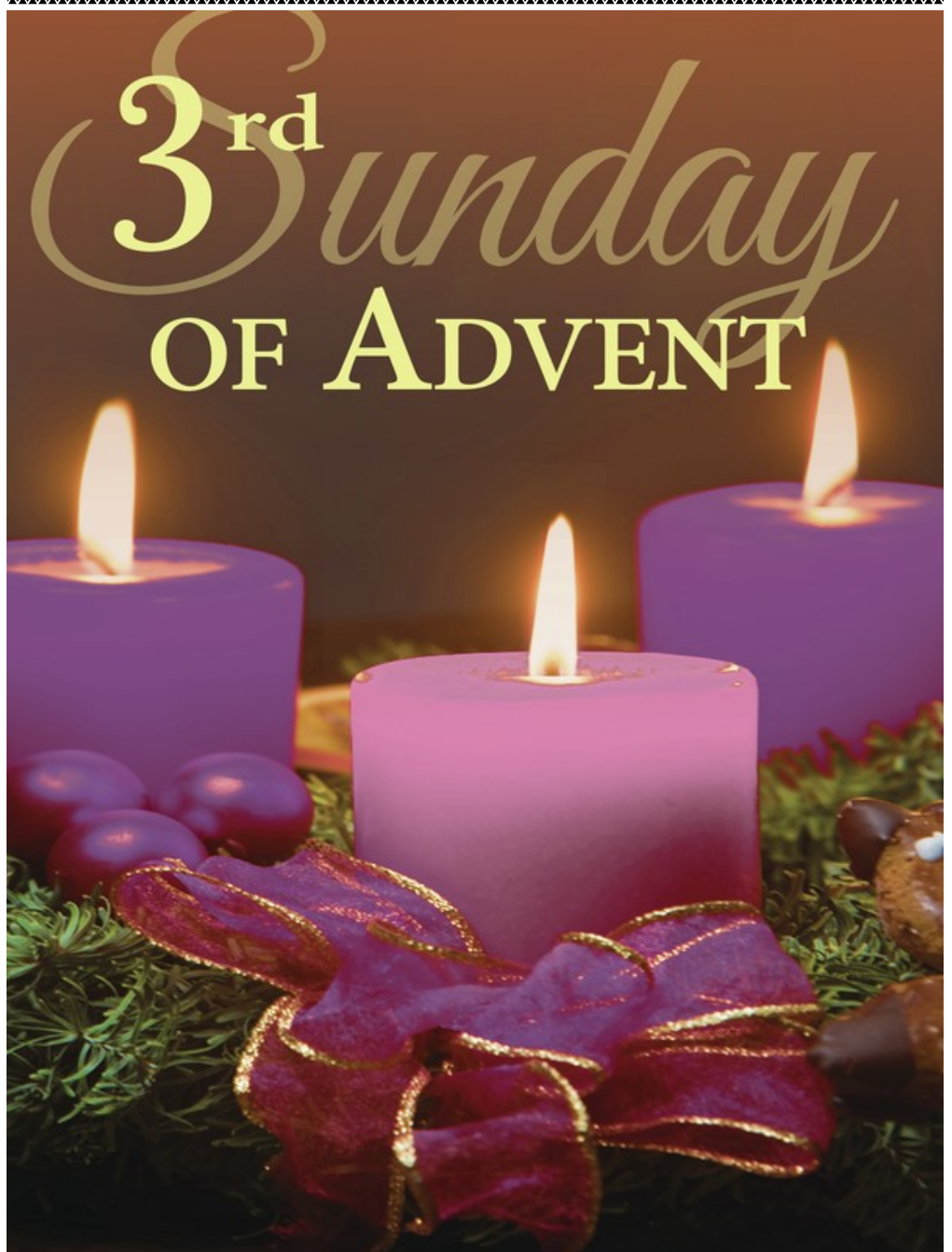
First Saturday Rosary 10:00 AM

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
Thursday, Friday & Sunday 7:00 P.M.
at Parish Hall



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF December 14-21, 2019

Saturday (14th)

5:00 PM John Valencia-For Healing
†Ricardo S. Cajote by Mila Watson & Family
†Gail Delgado Scott

Sunday (15th) Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM †Laura Lagos by Julia Holguin
9:30 AM All members of the Knights of Columbus
†Sylvia Fajardo by Gilbert & Mary Lou Perez
11:00 AM †Barbara Alvarez by Family
†Tony Barncastle by Dolores Archuleta
12:30 PM Parishioners by Pastor
5:00 PM

Monday (16th)

7:00 AM

Tuesday (17th)

7:00 AM †Raymond F. Carbajal by Sandra Garcia & Family
†Raymond A. Lucero by Adam, Stella & Mario
6:00 PM

Wednesday (18th)

7:00 AM †Richard Alderete by Luis & Romelia A. Eres

Thursday (19th)

7:00 AM Rudy Arrey for Health by Sal

Friday (20th)

7:00 AM †Ricardo R. Medina by Family
†Enrique O. Trujillo by Family

Saturday (21st) St. Peter Canisius

7:00 AM †Reynaldo Terrazas, Sr. by Family

Readings for the week of December 15, 2019

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/
Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9
[4]/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/
Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/
Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17
[cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/
Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-
21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/
Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

PRAY FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY

Alberta Johnson	Jose Jimenez	Rafael Villa
Alice Soto	Lisa Cordova	Ralph Merrill
Alex Galvan	Lydia Lucero	Ray Dion
Angela Chavez	Manuel Villa	Ray Montoya
Beatriz Salcido	Manuela Duran	Rebecca Castillo
Bianka Carolina	Mary Cervantes	Rebecca Valenzuela
Derek Duran	Mary Jane Jimenez	Richard Lucero
Elena Figueroa	Michelle Lopez	Robert M.
Elizabeth V.	Mickey Benavidez	Robert Ramirez
Emma Galvan	Mickey Marquez	Sandra Ramirez
Ernestine Chavez	Monica Dion	Simona Dion
Fr. Valentine Jankowski	Monica Sandoval	Tony Delgado
Henry Chavez, Sr.	Monsignor Juan Moreno	Tony Robles
Israel Jude Olivas	Ofelia Chaffino	Valente Miramontes
Joleen Rosen	Olivia Reed	Virgina Hernandez
Juanie R.S. Stewart	Petra Gomez	William Beltran
	Polly Benavidez	

SANCTUARY LAMP: †Mary C. Alexander by Family

ALTAR WINE: †J.R. (Ray) Stewart-Birthday by Mom, Brothers, Sisters & Wife

ALTAR BREAD: †J.R. (Ray) Stewart-Birthday by Mom, Brothers, Sisters & Wife

MAGNIFICAT MEAL

Magnificat-A ministry to Catholic Women is having their quarterly breakfast on Saturday, January 25, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at NM Farm & Ranch Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road. Guest speaker will be Bishop Gerald Baldacchino. **Tickets are \$14.50 each (cash only) and are available in the parish office through January 16.** Since the day is designed to speak to the hearts of women, free of distractions, it is respectfully requested that young children not be in attendance.

Concierto Navideño-Alabanza y Oración en Familia

La Parroquia Nuestra Señora de la Salud te invita a su gran Concierto Navideño Alabanza y Oración en Familia con la presencia de Adriana Nevarez **14 Diciembre 7:00 p.m.**, 1178 N. Mesquite Street. Donación \$10 Adultos, Niños Gratis. Información Tel: 575-526-9545. Fondos recabados para apoyo de nuestros hermanos tarahumaras en la sierra de Chihuahua.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Join us to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Saturday at 3:00 PM.

Sunday Collection for December 8, 2019

\$5,331.72

Second Collection (Religious Retirement)

\$1,177.12

Collection for December 6, 2019 (First Friday)

\$72.00

Thank you for your generosity!

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

December 22, 2019

UIM/Projects 2019

January 5, 2020

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

Our next pre-baptismal class for parents and god-parents will be held on Saturday, January 4, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 1 pm, in the conference room. Please call the parish office to pre-register for the class and visit the parish office to register for the baptism. Baptisms will take place on January 26th. The deadline to complete baptism registration in the parish office is January 16.

REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual abuse by clergy or church personnel, contact the Victim's Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Las Cruces at (575) 523-7577.



Thank you for supporting our Poinsettia Fundraiser!
We are sold out.



LUMINARIA SALE

We invite you to purchase a luminaria after mass in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone special, or in thanksgiving. Intentions will be attached to the luminarias and displayed on the church grounds on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

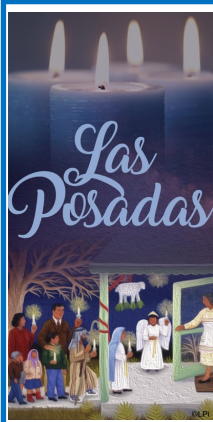
Each luminaria is \$10. You may place your order after each mass or in the parish office. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

LOS PASTORES

All are invited to a very special Christmas play presented by Los Pastores del Valle. There will be two performances in the Chapel; a matinee at 2 p.m. and an evening performance at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free. A reception will follow the evening performance.

FINAL WEEKS FOR UIM PLEDGES TO BE PAID

Just a friendly reminder that with the end of the year, comes the time to finish paying the balance on any remaining UIM pledges. If you haven't made a pledge yet, there is still time to make a one time donation if you wish. Pledge envelopes are located in the church or parish office. Thank you to all who have made pledges and donations to help us reach our goal!



An Invitation from the Knights of Columbus Rosary and Posada

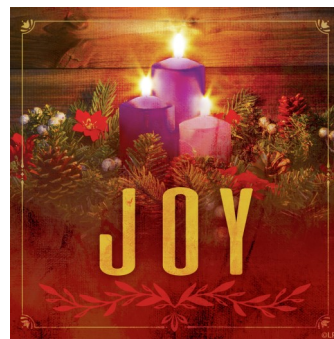
Please join us to pray the Rosary Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at St. Genevieve Church, followed by Posadas at 6:30 p.m. at St. Genevieve Parish Hall. We will be praying the rosary at the church before we start the Posadas and potluck dinner. Please bring your favorite potluck dish, dessert, and invite your family members and friends to join us for an evening of fellowship.

Southern New Mexico Foster Adoption Ministry Support Group

December 19th from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.-You are invited to join them for prayer, fellowship, and meeting new families. Potluck style and childcare will be provided. Please contact Beth at 575-491-2660 for location and RSVP.

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL GIFT?

We have two great books available in the parish office! *A Legacy of Honor-Military Veterans of St. Genevieve's Church* is on sale of \$20 and *The Heart of Las Cruces-History of St. Genevieve's Church* is available for \$10.



3rd Sunday of Advent

Who did you come to see? A version of this question is posed by Jesus many times in the Gospels. He asks it of Andrew and John when they begin to follow him. He asks it of Mary Magdalene in the garden of the resurrection. He asks it in today's Gospel. "What did you go out to the desert to see?" There is something innately human about "seeing." Animals have eyes — some with much more powerful vision than our own — but that's not the kind of seeing Jesus is talking about. We could phrase the question several other ways. "What are you looking for?" "What are you longing for?" "Whom do you seek?"

It is in seeing for ourselves that our suspicions or hypotheses are confirmed, that our desires discover their fulfillment, and that we can rest for a moment in certainty. John the Baptist sought certainty of Jesus' identity. "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus sends word to him based on the testimony of sight, observations of the mighty deeds Jesus has begun to work. "Go and tell John what you hear and see."

God recognizes our desire to see. In the Incarnation, the Word is made flesh. The invisible is made visible. The supernatural is made manifest in an infant who can do little more than the most natural of movements as he feeds, cries, sleeps. We don't need to wait for Christmas to see God. The work of God is all around us. Those blinded by sin "regain their sight." People overcome backgrounds of poverty and violence to make world-changing contributions. Adicts grow and heal. Truth is spoken, and people listen. Let's pray for the grace to see God's movement in our lives this week. How have you seen the work of God?

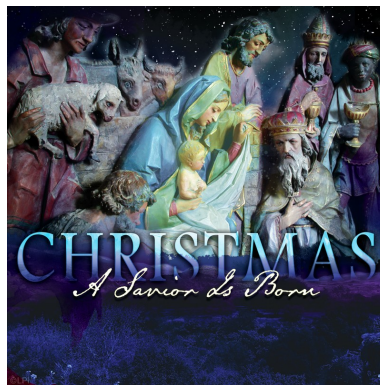
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve-Tuesday, December 24

(No 7 a.m. Mass)
 7:00 p.m. Children's Mass in English

10:00 p.m. English Christmas Day-Wednesday, December 25

(No 7 a.m. Mass)
 9:30 a.m. English
 11:00 a.m. English
 12:30 p.m. Spanish



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