



St. Catherine of Genoa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 14, 2025



The Italian Renaissance painter Marco Benefial represents a mystical moment in St. Catherine's life wherein she sees a vision of Jesus on His way to Calvary. This moment awakens and refreshes Catherine's faithfulness and determination to remain holy in challenging times!

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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Dear Parishioners & Guests!

Each week I share the joy of praying together on Sunday. I have been looking forward to this Sunday for many weeks because we as a parish are able to celebrate our patroness, Saint Catherine of Genoa! She has been with us in our prayer since 1912 and every September 15th we strive to honor her with joy and thanksgiving!

At the founding of our parish, the first Bishop of Rockford, Peter Muldoon, appointed our patroness. From what I have read, the land and funds to build our first church was given in memory of a loved one named Catherine. Bishop Muldoon sought to select a saint connected to this memorial gift. The Bishop had a rich awareness of the lives of the saints and he knew that there was a northern port town in Italy named Genoa which was home to a saint named Catherine. It seemed like a perfect fit connecting the generosity of local Catholics to the European namesake to our own city of Genoa.

With these many blessings in mind we now turn to the saint herself and we see that she was a woman of great faith who faced many tribulations. It makes sense that she entered eternal life on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. She knew the rugged nature of the cross and she knew its strength. She clung to the cross through her tribulations because she knew she did not have the

strength but she knew that God could provide for her in order to persevere.

She had a stormy marriage with spiritual and financial ups and downs. Her husband's frat-style frivolity led to the loss of their noble estate. The onset of the bubonic plague through Europe was decimating populations in the west. Catherine and her husband, amid their newfound poverty, were living in a hospital residence and working with patients to cover their room and board. This burdensome existence would be the setting for the restoration of their marriage and the primacy of God in their relationship.

After the death of her husband she continued to work in the hospital and excelled in her compassion and determination to help all those who needed care. In this demanding time of the plague God provided Catherine many spiritual gifts. She was able to better understand the nature of prayer, holiness and the horror of sin. She understood the beauty of earthly suffering when it is united to Christ and, most interestingly, she received mystical visions and insights regarding the truth and nature of purgatory.

As her spiritual children we draw closely to her in prayer. We strive to know her as our sister in Christ and special heavenly helper. Pray to her often for she has been entrusted to us as an intercessor and guide.

St. Catherine of Genoa, pray for us!

+ Richest Blessings,

Rev J.A. Trowbridge

Mass & Devotions



This Weekend September 13 & 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

5:00 p. m. †Julia Caise (Dorothy Crackel)
7:00 p. m. †Antonio Estrada & †Maria Rocha
(Family de Tapia/Parra)
8:00 a. m. †Cheryl Korth
(Korth & Coffey Families)
10:00 a.m. Parishioners of SCG

Monday, September 15 *Our Lady of Sorrows*

8:30 a.m. †Irene Luszknewrcz/Lesker

Tuesday, September 16

Sts Cornelius, Cyprian and Martyrs

8:30 a.m. †Muriel Wronkowski

Wednesday, September 17 *St. Robert Bellarmine*

8:30 a. m. †Evelyn Kinney

Thursday, September 18

8:30 a. m. †Joann Lichthardt (Jenny Neisendorf)

Friday, September 19 *St. Januarius*

8:30 a.m. † Ignacio Salinas (J. Strohmaier)

Next Weekend September 20 & 21

Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 p. m. †Amber Krauss
7:00 p. m. †Luis Humberto Marquez
8:00 a. m. Parishioners of SCG
10:00 a.m. †Martin Bosshart

Prayer Intentions

Jenny Eide, Mercedes G., Jerry Grenier,
Frank Engel, Carol Engel, Alex Humeniak,
Dale Jurs, Julie Mullins, Beau Norris,
Brian O'Grady, Mary Kae O'Grady,
Priscilla Pisarski, Doris Seyller, Pat Stankevitz,
Dawn Varacalli, Viva Villafuerte, Trish Thibault
Janice Jastrowski, Scott Star, Balvina Mascote,
Ed Davis, Virginia Makovec, Nancy Burmeister,
Courtney LaMonteagne, Joseph Phelan

Mass Schedule

Saturday | 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. *Español*

Sunday | 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Daily | 8:30 a.m.

Confession | *Confesiones*

Saturday | 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday | 8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Confessions conclude when all have been heard.

En Español | Viernes 8:00 a.m. y Sabado 6:00 p.m

Rosary

Begins 30 min. before all weekend Masses

Immediately following daily Masses.

First Friday

Adoration | 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Benediction | 6:50 p.m.

Holy Hour

Every Tuesday | 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Confessions available | 7:00 - 7:20 p.m.

Benediction begins | 7:20 p.m.

En Español

Rosario

Todo los tardes a las 7 p.m. en la iglesia

Rosario de Niños Cada Jueves a las 6 p.m.

Legion de Maria

- Reuniones los Lunes a las 11:00 a.m.
información contactan Casi 815-762-7480
- Reuniones los Miércoles a las 6:00 PM. Para
información contacten a Teresa 815-784-5653

Estudio Bíblico

Lunes 6:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m. en el salón Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Dirigido por Milton Orellana.

TRIVIA CATÓLICA

Pregunta: ¿Cuál es el límite de tiempo que tienen los cardenales para elegir a un nuevo Papa?

Calendar



Announcements

Monday, September 15

Feast Day of Saint Catherine of Genoa

11am – Legion of Mary

6 pm – Bible Study

6 pm – OCIA Class

Tuesday, September 16th

9 am – Stitching Together Parish Meeting Room

6:30 pm – Adoration

7 pm – Confessions

Wednesday, September 17th

8:30 am– Mass

9 am– Rosary

6 pm– Legion of Mary

6:30 pm – Religious Ed. First Class

Saturday, September 19th

9 am– Confessions

Sunday September 21st

8am – Coffee & Donuts in Divine Mercy Hall

9:30am – Confirmation Class 1 & 2

11:30am – Religious Ed Classes- FFF K-6

Religious Education

Family Faith Formation class has been reschedule

Grades K - 6: September 17th

Confirmation: September 14th

Sign-up in the parish office or on our new parish website, stcatherinegenoa.org.

Feast of St. Catherine of Genoa Celebration

Join us this Sunday at 11:00 in celebration of our parish patroness. There will be a procession around our outdoor Stations of the Cross followed by a picnic in our east parking lot. We will be serving Fay's pork chops.

Parish Photo Directory

A photographer will be at St. Catherine on: **September 30th and October 1st.**

Sign -up for a photo session:

- in the narthex after the weekend Masses.
- in person during parish office hours.
- online Mon. - Fri. using the link on our parish website or visit www.ucid.

St. Catherine's church code : IL442

Password: photos

Pray for the repose of the soul

†Ignacio Salinas

†Sandra Anderson

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and may perpetual light shine upon them.

May all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Parish Financials



Diocesan Appeal 2025

Goal: \$31,835

Pledged: \$12,906

Given: \$16,300.00

Shortfall: \$15,535

St. Vincent de Paul

Donations made to our poor box, located at the front entrance will be forwarded to the Hampshire chapter of St. Vincent de Paul - they support our Genoa residents who seek support in their need.



Weekend Collection: Sept. 6 & 7

Parish: \$5,393

Building: \$567

Given Online: \$305



Online Giving

You can conveniently donate to our church by clicking on the app located on the homepage of our parish website or use the QR code above. From there, follow the simple steps to set up a variety of giving options.



Calendario

Estimados Feligreses e Invitados

Conoce mis oraciones por ti y por todas nuestras familias!

Hoy es la fiesta del Triunfo de la Cruz. Estamos invitados a abrazar la Cruz de Jesucristo. En nuestra primera lectura reconocemos un vínculo muy antiguo entre la cruz de Jesús en el Calvario y la época de Moisés, cuando colocó la serpiente de bronce en el madero.

Así como la serpiente de bronce fue fundamental para sanar a aquellos que fueron mordidos por serpientes en el desierto, somos sanados de las mordeduras del pecado del diablo cuando miramos el crucifijo.

Jesús no conocía el pecado, pero asumió el castigo del pecado para que cada miembro de la familia humana pudiera tener la oportunidad de ser liberado de los obstáculos y heridas que el pecado crea en nuestra vida.

Oro para que tengas la fuerza de volverte a Jesús con fe y amor en cada momento y especialmente cuando notes la carga de tu cruz.

+Bendiciones
Pr. Trowbridge



Lunes 15 de septiembre

La Virgen de los Dolores

8:30 – Misa/9 – Rosario

11 am – Legión de María

6 pm – Estudio Bíblico

6 pm – OICA – Clase

Martes, 16 de septiembre

San Cornelio, papa, y San Cipriano, obispo, mártires

9 am – Stitching Together

6:30 pm – Adoración

7 pm – Confesiones

Miércoles, 17 de septiembre

San Roberto Belarmino, obispo y doctor de la Iglesia; Santa Hildegarda de Bingen virgen y doctora de la Iglesia

6 pm – Legión de María

6:30 pm – Educación religiosa. Primera

Viernes, 19 de septiembre

San Genaro, obispo y mártir

Sábado, 20 de septiembre

San Andrés Kim Taegon, sacerdote, y San Paul Chong Hasang y compañeros, mártires

9 a.m. – Confesiones

Domingo 21 de septiembre

25º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario; Domingo catequético

9:30 am – Confirmación Clase 1 y 2

11:30 am - Preparación de octubre de los catequistas de FFF

Anuncios

Directorio Pictórico de Santa Catarina de Genoa

Nos complace anunciar que estamos planeando un nuevo directorio pictórico.

Un fotógrafo estará en nuestra parroquia el 30 de septiembre y el 1 de octubre.

Inscríbase para una sesión de fotos:

en el nártex después de las misas del fin de semana.
en persona durante el horario de oficina parroquial.

en línea, usando el enlace en el sitio web de nuestra parroquia o visitando www.ucid.

Código de la iglesia de Santa Catalina: IL442

Contraseña: photos

Esta es una oportunidad maravillosa para las familias con la llegada de las fiestas.

Educación Religiosa

¡Las clases comienzan pronto! Grados K-6: 3 de septiembre

Confirmación: 17 de septiembre

Inscríbase en la oficina parroquial o en nuestro nuevo sitio web parroquial: stcatherinegenoa.org.

****Respuesta:** No hay un límite de tiempo oficial.**

Sacraments



Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the sick is to be celebrated at different times of illness:

- 1) when a person becomes ill
- 2) when a persisting illness gets worse
- 3) before any surgery
- 4) when death is immanent

This celebration of the sacrament seeks physical recovery and spiritual strength during the healing journey. God's grace at this time is a comfort to the soul.

There is a final celebration of Anointing of the Sick which is before death when the recipient is still alert and can receive Holy Communion. This is Anointing and Viaticum. Viaticum refers to the final reception of Holy Communion before going to the Lord.

Something special during this celebration is the Apostolic Pardon. This is a prayer connected to absolution which forgives the time a soul is due to endure in purgatory. This is a permission given by the Holy See as an act of the Church's mercy for souls close to death. Always ask a priest for the Apostolic Pardon!

Many times in my priesthood I have been asked to anoint a parishioner and they were non-responsive, sedated and unable to be alert for the sacrament.

Tell your family, ***"If I go to the hospital, call father. I want to be anointed when I am alert and aware!"***

If you or someone you know is not alert or aware during the anointing of the sick, that is okay. you can have them anointed. It certainly still counts as a validly celebrated sacrament.

Marriage

This sacrament is the foundation of family life and is always celebrated as a sacrament in our Catholic life. Couples planning to be married should contact the parish before finalizing with their reception venue. At a minimum, contact the parish six months prior to your proposed wedding date.

Baptism

Please baptize your children as soon as possible. Parents seeking baptism for their child must bring a copy of the birth certificate to the parish office and register for a baptism preparation class. Classes are held on the second Sunday of the month following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

Liturgical Roles - September 20 & 21

Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	J. Jastrowski	3 open	L. Dunlap	L. Dunlap	C. Dumoulin	C. Dumoulin K. Frederick
<i>Tiempo</i>	<i>Sacristan</i>	<i>C-Monaguillos</i>	<i>Lectores</i>	<i>Comentaristas</i>	<i>Ministeros</i>	<i>Coordinadores</i>
7:00 PM <i>Semana Tres</i>	Francisco Garcia	Mariana Osorio	Lucia Serrano Pascual Alvaro Osorio	Nancy Aguilera	Irma Rivas Lucio Rivas	Ana Maria Martinez
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
8:00 AM	P. Riedy	3 open	T. Barrett	T. Barrett	K. Sunderlage M. Riedy 1 open	K. Gallagher M. Riedy T. Sunderlage
10:00 AM	open	3 open	H. Davekos	D. Letterer	E. Manecke J. Durham K.Coates	J. Durham J. Siegarth L. Brummel

Directory



Parish Office

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Facebook | [SaintCatherineofGenoaChurch](https://www.facebook.com/SaintCatherineofGenoaChurch)

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rockforddiocese.org/life