



St. Catherine of Genoa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

August 10, 2025



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Luke 12:36

19th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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Dear Parishioners & Guests!

I am always grateful for your presence at Mass. The Lord has called us to Himself and asked that we follow Him in all things. Our Sunday unity with God in prayer and with one another at our holy altar strengthens us in a manner of balance between heaven and earth.

Fulton Sheen spoke of the vertical reach of each person hungering for union and strength from God; additionally, he spoke of the horizontal reach of each person seeking connection with our neighbor. He concludes by saying our vertical and horizontal movements in life and in prayer form a cross and in the center, in that place of balance, we have the Sacred Heart of Our Lord Jesus. The Blessed Heart which was pierced for our salvation, and pours out to all nations in the blessed celebration of Mass and the gift of the Most Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood.

With all that is going on in life we must be humble and faithful witnesses to Sunday Mass for two reasons. God deserves our sacrifice of time and attention. We need the life of God in us to persevere along the holy path which we are called to journey.

Furthermore, as we depart from each Mass we carry Christ's life and light into the world. We carry Christ in our soul that we may serve our neighbor as Jesus exemplified during His earthly ministry.

This is a wonderful transition into our gospel's invitation to be "ready for our Lord." On our bulletin cover I draw our attention to *Luke 12:36* from the gospel which was proclaimed at Mass this Sunday: "be like servants who await their masters return, ready to open immediately when He comes and knocks."

The most extreme circumstance of "Jesus knocking on our door" is in the event of a surprise death. We strive to live in the state of grace, we never want to be unprepared at the moment of death.

A less extreme circumstance of "Jesus knocking on our door" would be an opportunity to help a family member, friend or neighbor. This may be with a small task or with a very important spiritual responsibility. If the Lord calls us into a demanding moment we want to "be ready" when a circumstance calls upon us. If we are not ready we may fail to love our neighbor because we we have been too distracted.

Recall Martha and Mary. Martha was "not ready" to listen to Jesus. She was too busy with less important things...not bad things, less important things. If we strive to live in union with God then a portion of our daily prayer ought to focus on the question, "am I doing the most important thing in this moment?" We used to say "*don't dilly-dally.*"

When we *dilly-dally* we are living without focus or attentiveness. This is the opposite of the "*readiness which opens immediately*" that Jesus speaks of in the gospel. ***May you be deepened in this gift of readiness for the Lord!***

+ Richest Blessings,

Rev J.A. Trowbridge

Mass & Devotions



This Weekend August 2 & 3

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. †Sheri Gartland (Dorothy Crackel)
7:00 p.m. †Rebecca Dela Cruz (Marquez Family)
8:00 a.m. †Rita Schell (Richard & Shirley Nelson)
10:00 a.m. Parishioners of SCG

Monday, August 11 *St. Claire*

8:30 a. m. For Jessalyn Frank

Tuesday, August 12 *St. Janes Frances de Chantal*

8:30 a. m †Lucille O' Connell

Wednesday, August 13 *Saints Pontian & Hippolytus*

8:30 a. m. †Robert Young

Thursday, August 14 *St. Stephen of Hungary*

8:30 a. m. †Thomas Zahlman

Friday, August 15 - Holy Day of Obligation

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. †Chris Przybyl (Joe & Mary Cannizarro)
7:00 p. m. For Mary White (Fr. Trowbridge)

Next Weekend August 16 & 17

Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 p. m. Deceased members of David Rood Family
7:00 p. m. Mireya y Juan & Edwin Zamudio
8:00 a. m. Parishioners of SCG
10:00 a.m. For the Korth Family

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,
Janice Jastrowski, Scott Star, Balvina Mascote,
Ed Davis, Cecelia Menconi, Virginia Makovec,
Nancy Burmeister, Courtney LaMonteagne

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: ¿Cómo se llaman las historias cortas que Jesús contaba para enseñar una lección espiritual basada en experiencias de vida conocidas?

Calendar



Announcements

Monday, August 11th

11am – Legion of Mary
6 pm – Bible Study- in Spanish
6:30 pm – KC Rosary
7 pm – K of C Business Meeting

Wednesday, August 13th

6 pm – Legion of Mary
6 pm – Armada Blanca

Sunday, August 17th

8 am – 12pm - K of C Coffee & Donuts

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Inquiry Night

Monday, August 18th at 7p.m.

Anyone age 17 and older who is interested in exploring the Catholic faith or has not received all of their sacraments is invited to attend. For more information contact the parish office or Deacon Brian Mullins

St. Mary School in Sycamore

As enrollment continues for the 25-26 school year, St. Mary's is pleased to announce that they are offering a tuition transfer grant to students transferring to their school from public, private, or charter schools.

<https://stmarysycamore.org/school>

815-895-5215

**Solemnity of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday, August 15th - Holy Day of Obligation.**

Mass will be celebrated
at 8:30am and 7 pm.

Youth Ministry

Youth group will not meet during the month of August but we have great plans for our first semester so stay tuned!

Religious Education

Religious education classes for the upcoming academic year starts after Labor Day. Registration will begin this month. Details will be announced next week.

Knights of Columbus

Our Knights of Columbus invite everyone to come out for their annual golf outing at the Sycamore Golf Club on September 7th.

They are hoping for more golfers but non golfers are still welcome to the dinner and raffle.

Cost: \$80 per person for golf and dinner.

Dinner only: \$30 per person

This will be a great time with family and friends. Forms can be found on the Knights desk in the narthex or in the parish office.

Questions please contact Bob Hewlett



Parish Financials



Diocesan Appeal 2025

Goal: \$31,835
Pledged: \$12,906
Given: \$16,300.00
Shortfall: \$15,535

Weekend Collection: Aug 2 & 3

Parish: \$5,402.75
Building: \$435
Given Online: \$390



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.

Thank you for your prayerful contributions.



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.

From the Desk of Deacon Brian Mullins

In the quiet hush of the font, heaven once bent low and kissed the forehead of a child. The water spilled, and so did grace—rippling outward through time like a river returning to its source. In that moment, we were claimed. Not as servants under contract, but as lovers drawn into Communion. A marriage of soul and Spirit. A divine vow.

This is the mystery of Baptism—not only a beginning, but a betrothal. It is the first whisper of God’s eternal “I do.” And our response—timid, imperfect, growing—is a lifelong journey of learning to say it back.

We are not merely participants in rituals; we are the Bride, being prepared, purified, adorned by grace. The Sacraments are not checkboxes, but kisses from the Bridegroom. And each kiss heals. Each embrace reorders. Each grace draws desire away from dust and toward divinity.

To grow in virtue is to grow in desire rightly ordered. But desire cannot be conquered by effort alone—it must be captivated. We must fall in love again and again with the One who first loved us. And where shall He be found?

In the broken Bread. In the whispered absolution. In the oil, the water, the touch. The Sacraments are not symbols of something distant. They are the very means by which Christ reaches into our disordered longings and begins, gently, to set them aright.

Our vocation, then—whether priest, parent, widow, or worker—is not simply a role to fulfill, but a place where grace can gather. Where Sacrament becomes sacrifice, and sacrifice becomes sanctity.

To live our Sacramental life well is to draw grace into the moment—into dishes and diapers, into burdens borne quietly, into joy shared and wounds offered up. It is to say in every small act: “Let it be done unto me.”

We are the Bride. He is the Bridegroom. The altar is the nuptial bed where Heaven and Earth embrace. And from that union springs the life of virtue—not as a task to achieve, but as fruit borne from love.

So come. Approach the Sacraments not as obligations, but as invitations. Not as duties, but as dances. Let grace do its work. Let love reorder desire. Let Christ make of us a people who long only for Him.

Liturgical Roles - Aug 16th - 17th

| Mass Time | Sacristan | Altar Servers | Lector | Commentator | Greeters | Ushers |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| 5:00 PM | J. Jastrowski | 3 open | C. Vincent | C. Vincent | C. Dumoulin | C. Dumoulin S. Vincent |
| <i>Tiempo de Misa</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 Serreno 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 | S. Younker | S. Younker | K. Sunderlage M. Reidy | K. Gallagher M. Reidy T. Sunderlage |
| 10:00 AM | open | 3 open | H. Davekos | D. Letterer | E. Maneche J. Durham K.Coates | J. Durham J. Siegwarth L. Brummel |



Calendario

Estimados Feligreses e invitados

Rezo por ti y por tus seres queridos en este día santo de Nuestro Señor. Que encuentres descanso para el cuerpo y el alma hoy.

Tenemos lecturas maravillosas en la Misa de este domingo. En nuestro evangelio escuchamos a Jesús decir: "¡Bienaventurados los siervos a quienes el amo encuentra vigilantes a su llegada!" Nuestro Señor nos invita a estar listos. Estar preparados para responder a nuestro prójimo necesitado. Prepárate para seguir esa impresión del Espíritu Santo o de tu ángel guardián. Prepárate para la vida eterna si Dios te llama a Él en este día.

María nos da un hermoso ejemplo de cómo estar listos durante el gozoso evento de la Anunciación. Esforcémonos por estar listos para el Señor en todo momento.

+Bendiciones

P. Trowbridge



Domingo, 10 de agosto

19º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Lunes, 11 de agosto - Santa Clara, virgen

11 am – Legión de María

6 pm – Estudio Bíblico- en español

6:30 pm – Rosario de KC

7 pm – Reunión de negocios de C de C

Martes, 12 de agosto

Santa Juana Francisca de Chantal, religiosa

Miércoles, 13 de agosto

San Ponciano y San Hipólito, mártires

6 pm – Legión de María

6 pm – Armada Blanca

Jueves, 14 de agosto

San Maximiliano Kolbe, sacerdote y mártir

Viernes, 15 de agosto

La Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María

Sábado 16 de agosto

San Esteban de Hungría

Domingo, 17 de agosto

20º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

8:30 am – Café y donas

Anuncios

Este viernes 15 de agosto es la festividad de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María y Día de Precepto. Se celebrará una misa a las 8:30 y a las 7:00 en inglés

La Armada Blanca se reunirá el 13 de agosto.

La inscripción para la **educación religiosa** comenzará la tercera semana de agosto! Próximamente se anunciarán los detalles.

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