



St. Catherine of Genoa

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Mass Schedule

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

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

Mass time changes begin September 12th & 13th

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 10:30 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

Parish Office

The office will be closed on Labor Day

Hours | Mon - Wed | 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thur - Fri | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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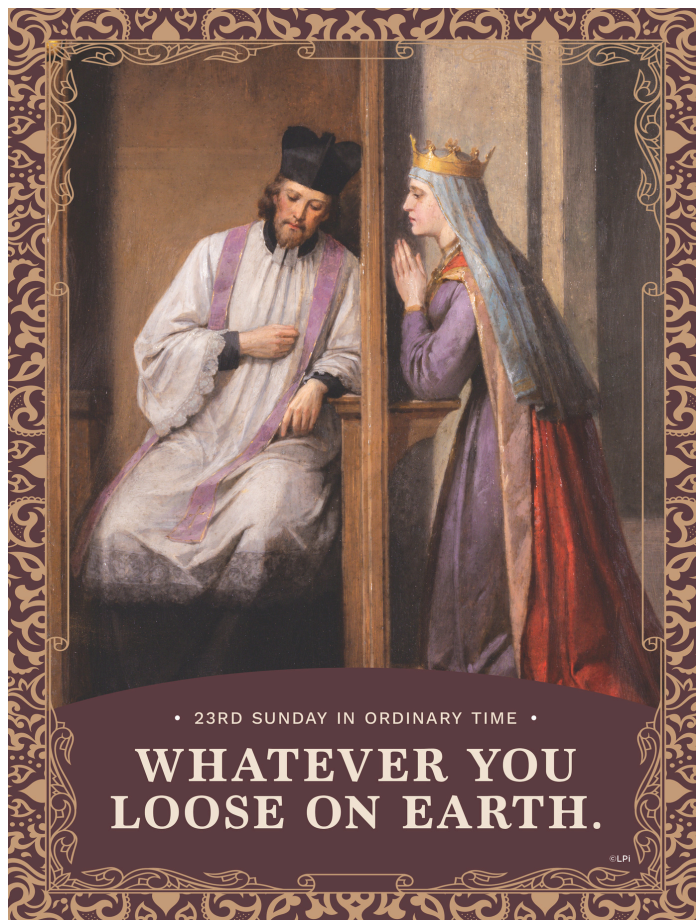
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September 6, 2026



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Dear St. Catherine of Genoa Parish Family/Friends,

Greetings to you from Father Max!

This letter is specifically being addressed to the Parents of our Religious Education children. It is that time of the year when we venture into another year of Religious Education for our children, including those preparing for First Communion and our youth for the sacrament of Confirmation. And it is a joyful thing that we are being invited to learn more about our faith and impart that on our children who will be the future leaders in our parish communities!

As we all know, the religion education is one of the foremost priorities in the life of our children. And we all as parents, teachers and leaders in the church have a sacred duty to see that this responsibility is carried out with the intention of helping them out in their faith journey.

I am writing these few words to seek your help especially parents in encouraging your child to strongly believe in the importance of religious education. We, in the church along with our volunteer teachers do the best we can in this endeavor. But we cannot do much without your cooperation and support. Religious education is not confined to classroom alone! If it is so, then we all could be sending wrong message to our Children in their faith formation. It should manifest itself in the overall involvement in the life of the Church. One of the best ways that you can encourage your child in their faith formation is to participate yourself in the Holy Eucharist (Mass) along with your family. In that way, you will be a wonderful and positive influence for your child. I always believe that we can at least offer an hour in a week of our precious time to God for the blessings we receive. I personally invite you to be with your child at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist which is also a beautiful sign of your commitment to your own Parish Community.

Remember, “A family that prays together always stays together.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains it very well: “Catechesis is an education in the faith of children, young people, and adults which includes especially the teaching of Christian Doctrine imparted, generally speaking, in an organic and systematic way, with a view to initiating the hearers into the fullness of Christian life.” (Prologue, # 5).

This year, it’s also a new beginning for me as I have begun ministering St. Catherine of Genoa Parish just a couple of months ago. And I want to thank all the parents and Catechists and Parish Staff for helping me to streamline our RE program as we transition from Wednesday schedule to Sunday mornings 9:00am-10:15am in between 8am and 10:30am Masses beginning September 13, 2026. I am also glad to introduce Cindy Vincent, our parishioner as our new Director of Religious Education Program who will help us with her vast experience in this field with her skills and expertise! Silvina Viens will continue to work as the Religious Ed. Secretary. I am grateful to all our returning and new Catechists along with aides who have volunteered to educate our children in the practice of their faith.

And finally, please take some time to meet your child’s teacher who joyfully volunteers and sacrifices her/his time for your child. The best gift that you can offer them is to make sure that your child attends the classes every week.

In the words of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta who said, “Keep the joy of loving Jesus in your heart” inspire us to spread the joy of the Gospel! May your faith shine forth!

St. Catherine of Genoa, pray for us.

Peace, Joy and Blessings,
Father Max Lasrado.



Mass Intentions



Devotions

This Weekend September 5 & 6

Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. †Bill & Donna Vincent

7:00 p.m. †Ignacio Salinas (Teresa Salinas)

8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Catherine of Genoa

10:00 a.m. †Thomas Doran (Nancy Terando)

Monday, September 7

8:30 a.m. †Sr. Marianne Nilges

Tuesday, September 8

8:30 a.m. For the intentions of the Roger Miller Family

Wednesday, September 9

8:30 a.m. †Bruce Renz (Jane Francis)

Thursday, September 10

8:30 a.m. †Jim and Elaine Lancaster

Friday, September 11

8:30 a.m. †Audelia Serrato

Next Weekend September 12 & 13

Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. †Julia Caise (Dorothy Crackel)

7:00 p.m. intention available to parishioners

8:00 a.m. †Dorothy Halze (Ann Van Son)

10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Catherine of Genoa

Prayer Intentions

Parishioner Intentions:

Jerry Grenier, Frank and Carol Engel,
Beau Norris, Brian O'Grady, Mary Kae O'Grady,
Priscilla Pisarski, Doris Seyller, Pat Stankevitz,
Dawn Varacalli, Virginia Makovec,
Jessica Garrett, Wayne Campbell, Joaquin Alanis,
Mike Riedy, Eileen Bosshart, Elaine Dietrick,
Shirley Nelson, Sandi Schmidt, Janet Deverell,
Sean Clancy, Carol Barnes

We appreciate updates about those who we have been praying for. After a period of time names will be removed, so please contact the office if you would like to remain on our list. Also, if you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive sacraments. Thank you.

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for September: **For the care of water**

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

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.

Exposition | 6:30 pm

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

Benediction begins | 7:20 p.m.

Announcements

Religious Education Registration

2026-27 school year for grades k - 9

Classes begin next Sunday. Please register this week.

Classes will meet on Sundays.

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

First class is September 13th.

This date coincides with our parish feast day celebration, so plan for there to be a parish celebration following 10:30 Mass.

St. Catherine of Genoa Feast Day Picnic Sunday, September 13th - Noon

We are planning our annual parish picnic in honor of our parish patroness. Please see our volunteer sign-up sheets at the church entrances for ways you can help.

OCIA Inquiry Night

(Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Tuesday, September 8th - 7:00 p.m.

If you or someone you know, 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.

Announcements



Fall Bible Study with Father Max

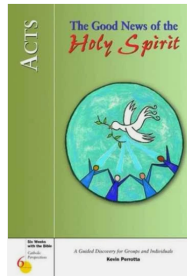
September 30th - November 4th

Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Hall

To sign up by the church entrances or parish office by September 20th.

Book cost is \$11 each, due at pick-up.



You Will Be My Witnesses Campaign

How Pledges Help the Campaign and Help Your Family

A pledge over time will help you make a huge impact on the You Will Be My Witnesses Campaign. When you pledge support for the campaign, structuring your gift over three years allows for financial flexibility while supporting our Catholic households, our youth, our parishes, our neighbors in need and Catholic education.

Consider this: a parish family may be thinking of supporting the campaign goals with a one-time payment of \$1,000, a generous gift indeed. If that same family reflects and decides they can do that same \$1,000 commitment for each of the following two years, their \$1,000 gift will turn into a \$3,000 pledged gift.

That is three times the impact!

A pledged commitment adds up quickly and will help reach its campaign goal. As part of this campaign, 40 percent of the funds raised by our parish will be used to address our parish project.

Pledges are not legally binding, but intentions made in good faith. Your pledge can be fulfilled through monthly, quarterly, semiannual, or annual installments. It may also be possible to increase your support for the campaign with a matching gift from your employer.

You may benefit from supporting the campaign with a charitable deduction on your tax return, and the diocese will provide these tax statements at the end of each year.

Calendar

Sunday, September 6

7:30 am & 9:30 am - Rosary | Church

Monday, September 7

9:00 am - Legion of Mary | OLG Room

6:00 pm - Estudio Bíblico | OLG Room

Tuesday, September 8

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

8:00 am & 7:00 pm | Confessions

Wednesday, September 9

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

6:00 pm - Legion of Mary | K of C Room

Thursday, September 10

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

Friday, September 11

9:00 am - Rosary | Church

Saturday, September 12

9:00 am - Confessions

4:00pm - Rosary | Church

Sunday, September 13

7:30 am & 10:00 am – Rosary | Church

12:00 p.m. - Parish Picnic | Outdoor Church Grounds

Parish Financials

Stewardship/Contribution Report

538 registered families

Weekend Collection August 29 & 30

Envelopes: 2,910

Loose offerings: \$1,158

Building: \$30

Given Online: \$390

Total: \$4,488



Online Giving



Diocesan Appeal 2026

Parish Goal: \$31,030

Pledges: \$25,514

Amount needed to meet goal: \$5,516

Please help us reach our stewardship goal.

No donation is too small. If we fall short, our parish must pay that remaining balance from our operating account.

Thank you for your prayerful contributions.

Meditación del Evangelio



XMateo 18:15-20

Hoy la Liturgia nos anima a la corrección fraterna; es decir, nos alienta a corregir a las personas que obran mal. Este consejo parece ir contra la corriente actual de la sociedad, donde se cree que todo está permitido. Los padres tienen miedo de reprender a sus hijos y los maestros temen corregir a sus estudiantes, pues muchas veces responden con agresividad. El capítulo 18 del Evangelio de Mateo nos enseña cómo afrontar situaciones difíciles en la vida familiar y comunitaria. Siempre habrá conflictos; el reto está en cómo los afrontamos. Recordemos que somos responsables de quienes viven con nosotros y que, por derecho, deben ser felices.

Los pasos para corregir, de acuerdo con Jesús, son los siguientes: “Si tu hermano ha pecado, ve y háblale a solas para corregirlo. Si te escucha, habrás ganado a tu hermano”. El segundo paso es este: “Si no te escucha, toma contigo a una o dos personas más, de modo que el caso se decida por la palabra de dos o tres testigos. Si se niega a escucharlos, informa a la asamblea” (Mateo 18:15-16). Luego vienen las palabras alentadoras de Jesús, que ayudan a suavizar las situaciones: “Pues donde están dos o tres reunidos en mi Nombre, allí estoy yo, en medio de ellos” (Mateo 18:20). Se necesita saber dialogar entre las personas, escuchar incluso cuando no se está de acuerdo, y tener mucha paciencia para lograr un crecimiento integral de cada persona. ¡Señor, ayúdanos a ser responsables unos de otros y a buscar siempre la justicia y el bien común!

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En Español

Rosario

Todas las tardes a las 7 p.m. en la iglesia
Rosario de Niños Cada jueves a las 6 p.m.

Legión de María

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

Eventos y anuncios



Inscripción para Educación Religiosa

Año escolar 2026-27 para los grados K a 9

Por favor, inscribábase esta semana. Hacerlo nos ayudará con la organización de las aulas y el pedido de libros y materiales.

Las clases se impartirán los domingos.

9:00 a. m. – 10:15 a. m.

La primera clase será el 13 de septiembre.

Esta fecha coincide con la celebración de la fiesta patronal de nuestra parroquia; por lo tanto, prevea que habrá una celebración parroquial después de la Misa de las 10:30 a. m.

Celebración de la fiesta de Santa Catalina de Génova

Domingo 13 de septiembre – Mediodía

Estamos organizando nuestro picnic parroquial anual en honor a la patrona de la parroquia. Consulte las listas de voluntarios ubicadas en las entradas de la iglesia para ver cómo puede ayudar.

Noches informativas del OCIA

(Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos)

Martes 8 de septiembre – 7:00 p. m.

Invitamos a asistir a cualquier persona mayor de 17 años que esté interesada en conocer la fe católica o que no haya recibido todos sus sacramentos. Para más información, comuníquese con la oficina parroquial o con el diácono Brian Mullins.

