



St. Catherine of Genoa

CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 21, 2025



No servant can serve two masters.
He will either hate one and love the other,
or be devoted to one and despise the other.
You cannot serve both God and mammon."

25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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From the Desk of Father Trowbridge



Dear Parishioners & Guests!

I find our Sunday celebrations to be growing over these past several weeks. Our Masses on each weekday and on Sunday have been welcoming new families or individuals for one reason or another. There are many reasons for this motion in attendance but behind it all is the life of grace and our response to God's invitation! I pray each day that the residents of our communities draw closer to God. I pray that all our Catholics are enriched in faith that they may be a light unto others. With these prayers and many more offered each day, it is always a blessing to pray with you on Sunday at our holy altar!

I am grateful for the contributions, participation and turnout for our Masses, our Eucharistic Procession and our Pork Chop Potluck last week Sunday in honor of our patroness, St. Catherine of Genoa! Our Lord blessed us with great weather and our beloved patron was celebrated and honored. We had close to 90 parishioners in procession and at our potluck picnic!

Many hands make light work. I am grateful to all of our parishioners who contributed to our day of celebration. Our grillers, supply donors, food contributors, and our setup and cleanup crew. As our event continues to grow I look forward to more helping hands for these community-building, spiritually-focused parish events!

This week's gospel brings us to consider a great intellectual virtue and gift of the Holy Spirit: wisdom! It is interesting that Jesus focuses on the dishonest steward as a model for our gospel today. Jesus is not glorifying his dishonesty; rather, the wisdom and prudence of the steward is seen as notable (1) he knows his circumstance of impending termination (2) he knows his relationships and (3) he knows his abilities and limitations. With these in mind he acts in a way that sets a good rapport for his future. Jesus observes that we, the Children of Light, do not invest our self-awareness and forethought in a prudent and wise manner conserving the eternal goods that Jesus offers us. This is not an insult; rather, it is an invitation to sharpen our focus on the eternal good for our own life and the life of those whom we love. We must take time to think about our path and where God is calling us to move next. A good friend or loving family member will do this in unclear situations. (1) consider their circumstance (2) be reminded of the goal that God desires for you/them (3) prudently lay out how to move forward so that God's will may be done in your life and theirs. We have to sacrifice our control, our emotions and our comfort at times but we do so with persevering hope!

I am grateful that our Religious Ed classes in K-6 had a blessed first night this past Wednesday. I look forward to our next class on Wednesday October 1st at 6:30pm in Divine Mercy Hall!

Confirmation starts this Sunday, I am excited to welcome our students to our 10am Mass as part of their studies.

St. Catherine of Genoa, pray for us!

+ Richest Blessings,

Rev J.A. Trowbridge

Mass & Devotions



This 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

Monday, September 22

8:30 a.m. For Mary Lu Mercado

Tuesday, September 23 *St. Pius of Pietrelcina*

8:30 a.m. †Bernard Coppoth

Wednesday, September 24

8:30 a. m. †Fred and Rita Schell

Thursday, September 25

8:30 a. m. For Chris Tromotola

Friday, September 26 *Sts. Cosmas and Damian*

8:30 a.m. † Fr. Harold Nilges

Next Weekend September 27 & 28

Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

5:00 p. m. †Earl Amidon
7:00 p. m. †Ignacio Salinas
8:00 a. m. Parishioners of SCG
10:00 a.m. †Virginia Brummel

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: ¿Cómo llaman los católicos a los cuatro libros de la Biblia que describen las enseñanzas y la vida de Jesús?



September 21

8:30am -12pm - Coffee & Donuts
in Divine Mercy Hall

9:30am - Confirmation Class 1 & 2

September 22

11am - Legion of Mary
6pm - Bible Study in Spanish
6pm - O.C.I.A. - Class
7pm - K of C Officers Meeting

September 24

6pm - Legion of Mary

September 28

9:30am - Confirmation Class 1 & 2
12pm - Youth Group

Received the Sacrament of Baptism

Jean Gray Silva
child of
Bartolome & Griselda Silva

Selena Delilah Parra
child of
Ulyses & Perla Parra

Joined in Sacramental Marriage

August 30, 2025
Uriel & Samantha Bahena

Parish Photo Directory

A photographer will be at St. Catherine on:
September 30th and October 1st & 14th.

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



It was wonderful bringing our parishioners together to celebrate the feast of St. Catherine of Genoa. Thank you to everyone who joined in the eucharistic procession and came to the picnic. We are very grateful to the volunteers who contributed to the delicious meal and offered their support with preparations and clean-up.

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. 13 & 14

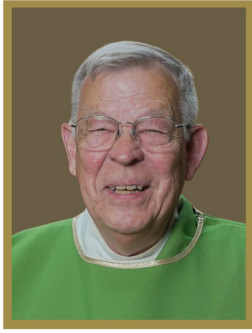
Parish: \$5,057
Building: \$175
Utilities: \$175
Given Online: \$485

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.



From the Desk of Deacon Bill Stankevitz



It is a sunny Florida afternoon and I am sitting here thinking about all of the negative news stories of the past few days. They, once again are filled with needless killings, hateful statements, one side blaming the other and almost as an afterthought, sadness and calls for a peaceful end to the tumult.

When things got like this when I was growing up and I would ask why, my dad would repeat an old adage: "History will always repeat itself". He would try to explain that it wasn't the first time and likely wouldn't be the last that awful things would happen. And that echoes in my mind now.

People often ask why God allows mankind's free will to go to such extremes. I have been thinking

about this and I think I might have the reason. I think God wants us to ask that WHY question of Him and seek His answers. I'm thinking that He might tell us that we need to look back, find our mistakes and learn from them.

In the gospels, Jesus told us that this wouldn't be easy. In fact, in both Matthew (10:34) and Luke (12:51-53) Jesus gave us a harsh message that following Him will sometimes lead to separation and conflict. He said it could turn family members against one another.

That sounds pretty ominous, but we know that things will ultimately resolve themselves because we also have Jesus words that His kingdom will last forever - AND - it will not be divided because He also told us that a divided kingdom cannot survive.

Although dad got me to thinking about the our fate in repeating history, I like Winston Churchill's take on it: "Those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it". My prayer today is "Jesus, help us to learn."

Liturgical Roles - September 27 & 28

Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
5:00 PM	J. Jastrowski	3 open	C. Vincent	C. Vincent	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 Cuatro</i>	Francisco Garcia	Mariana Osorio	Mari Mercado Eva QUINTANILLA	Julia Rodriguez	Teresa Salinas Martha Figueroa	Pascual Alvaro Osorio
Mass Time	Sacristan	Altar Servers	Lector	Commentator	Greeters	Ushers
8:00 AM	P. Riedy	3 open	W. Engles	W. Engles	K. Sunderlage M. Riedy 1 open	K. Gallagher M. Riedy J. Shreier
10:00 AM	open	3 open	C. Davekos	C. Letterer	E. Manecke J. Durham K.Coates	J. Durham S. Dillett L. Brummel



Estimados Feligreses e Invitados

Este Domingo nuestro evangelio llama nuestra atención a la sabiduría. El comisario deshonesto se encuentra en una situación de alta presión, tiene que pensar rápido. Su solución es deshonesto pero útil para él en el futuro. Jesús identifica que los "Hijos de la Luz" no piensan tan sabiamente cuando interactúan entre sí. Como si Jesús estuviera diciendo:

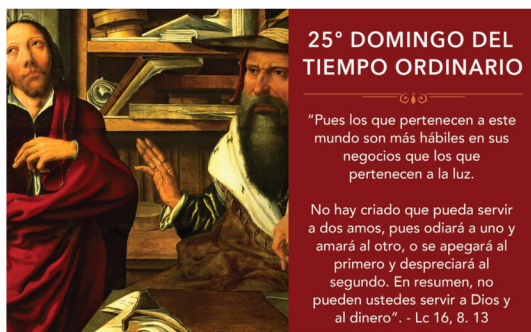
"¡Tenemos las mayores bendiciones en unión con Dios, pero no las usamos sabiamente!"

Esta es una invitación. Debemos pensar y orar más sabiamente para que podamos ayudar a nuestra familia, nuestra iglesia y nuestra comunidad en el camino de la vida eterna. Hacemos muchos sacrificios por una meta terrenal o un disfrute temporal.

¡Elevemos nuestra visión más alto para que también se persigan los bienes eternos!

+Bendiciones

Pr. Trowbridge



25° DOMINGO DEL TIEMPO ORDINARIO

"Pues los que pertenecen a este mundo son más hábiles en sus negocios que los que pertenecen a la luz."

No hay criado que pueda servir a dos amos, pues odiará a uno y amará al otro, o se apegará al primero y despreciará al segundo. En resumen, no pueden ustedes servir a Dios y al dinero". - Lc 16, 8. 13

Lunes, 22 de septiembre

8:30 am – Misa/9 am – Rosario
11 am – Legión de María
6 pm – Estudio Bíblico- en español
6 pm – OICA - Clase
7 pm – Reunión de Oficiales de C de C

Martes, 23 de septiembre *San Pío de Pietrelcina*

8 am y 7pm–Confesiones
8:30 am–Misa/9 am–Rosario
6:30 pm – Adoración DBM & JT

Miércoles 24 de septiembre

8:30 am – Misa/9 am – Rosario
6 pm – Salón Parroquial de la Legión de María

Jueves 25 de septiembre

8:30 am – Misa/9 am – Rosario

Viernes, 26 de septiembre *SS. Cosme y Damián*

8:30 am – Misa/9 am – Rosario

Sábado, 27 de septiembre *San Vicente de Paúl*

9 am – Confesiones
7 pm – Misa en español

Domingo, 28 de septiembre

26° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
9:30 am – Confirmación Clase 1 y 2
12 pm – Grupo de jóvenes

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 y 14 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: Los Evangelios****

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rockforddiocese.org/life

*For those who are seeking to pray in the church outside of the usual hours use the keypad with code: 0 9 1 2 **