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Mass Schedule
Daily Mass (Mon-Sat) 7:00 AM
Saturdays: 5:00 PM
Sundays: 8:00 AM (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 1-8

Religious Education for the Youth
Sundays 9:00 AM
Pat Guerra, Grades 9-12

RCIA Tuesdays 7:00 PM
Romelia Enriquez

Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday at 3:00 PM

First Saturday Rosary
10:00 AM

St. Vincent De Paul Thursday
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM at Parish Hall

Baptism & Marriage
Please call the office 6 months in advance for preparation

Secular Franciscan Order (Spanish)
Second Sunday of the Month
2:00 PM in the Conference Room

Bingo
Thursday, Friday, & Sunday
7:00 PM at Parish Hall

AUTHORS RECEIVE 2015 HERITAGE AWARD
The authors of the recently released book, The Heart of Las Cruces: History of St. Genevieve’s Church, were honored by the Doña Ana County Historical Society at their 48th Annual Awards Program on January 31, 2015.

Celeste Conrad, Rosemary Leyva, Olivia Lerma McDonald, Dawn Santiago, Rev. Ricardo Bauzá, and Rev. Christopher Williams collectively received the Heritage Award for their work in preserving the history of St. Genevieve’s Catholic Church through the publication of The Heart of Las Cruces: History of St. Genevieve’s Church. The Heritage Award is given to a person or persons whose actions or deeds have contributed to the historical or cultural heritage of Doña Ana County and who is (are) not professional or avocational historians (Doña Ana County Historical Society).

The Heart of Las Cruces: History of St. Genevieve’s Church, is a series of ten essays, ranging from the chronological to the sacred, and with stories from national and regional import to familial and personal recollections. The authors’ work examines the historical evolution of this faith community, which has played a crucial role in the development of Las Cruces. For over a century St. Genevieve’s Catholic Church served as the actual physical heart of Las Cruces, the most recognizable feature of the community’s downtown. The complex and intriguing story of the establishment, growth, and expansion of the church is detailed. The loss of the “old” church building during the physical and social transformations of the parish during the 1960’s, and a recommitment to the sacrifice and service centered on the “new” church provide a tangible historical narrative for future generations (Doña Ana County Historical Society).

Congratulations to Celeste, Rosemary, Olivia, Dawn, Fr. Ricardo and Fr. Christopher and the St. Genevieve Historical Society! We thank you and commend you for your extraordinary efforts in preserving the history of St. Genevieve Parish. The Heart of Las Cruces: History of St. Genevieve’s Church may be purchased at the parish office for $10.
40 Days For Life Campaign

What are you giving up for Lent? How about giving up just one hour of your time in prayer to end abortion? Starting on Ash Wednesday, February 18-March 29, you’re invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. This is a peaceful, international and cross-denominational movement of the Holy Spirit that has so far saved 9,000 babies, shut down 60 abortion clinics, and has helped 107 abortion workers leave the industry, just through the power of prayer and fasting based on the biblical model of 40 days. Please commit to praying and fasting with over 650,000 other volunteers in 27 nations during this 40 day campaign and please sign up to give up at least just one hour of your time each week for the next five weeks of Lent to pray with us at our peaceful vigil in front of the abortion clinic that has come into our community of Las Cruces. St. Genevieve Parish will be asked to specifically commit to filling the hours on Tuesdays from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. with at least 2 people in 2 hour increments if at all possible. Please sign up with one of our volunteers after Mass today!

Fasting and Abstinence

The law of abstinence requires a Catholic 14 years of age (and older) to abstain from eating meat on Fridays of Lent (including Ash Wednesday until Good Friday) in honor of the Passion of Jesus. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

The law of fasting requires a Catholic from the 18th birthday until the 60th year, to reduce the normal amount of food eaten. The Church defines this as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Such fasting is obligatory on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 16th in observance of Presidents Day. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, February 17th.

ASH WEDNESDAY
MIERCOLES DE CENIZA
Ash Wednesday, February 18, marks the beginning of the Lenten Season, a special time to reflect on and nurture our personal relationship with God. Masses will be at 7 a.m. in Spanish, 12:15 p.m. and 6 p.m. in English. We will have Word and Ash Service at 10 a.m. in Spanish, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. in English. Ashes will not be distributed hourly.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOP
The Diocese of Las Cruces is offering a workshop to promote awareness of a safe environment. Attendance is mandatory for all catechists, paid staff, and volunteers who have regular contact with minors or the vulnerable community. The next workshop in English will be held on February 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Church. If it has been more than 5 years since you last attended this workshop, please make plans to attend.

SPANISH ACTS WOMEN’S RETREAT

CONFessions on FRIDAYS
Fr. Rogelio will be available to hear confessions every Friday* of Lent from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the church.
*No confessions on February 20th.

“MY BELOVED SON: MEDIATIONS FOR LENT”
Lighthouse Catholic Media CD of the Week
Fr. Robert Barron offers five sermons on the spiritual discipline we must cultivate in the Lenten season, a discipline centered in Christ. These meditations cover topics such as finding our identity in God, prayer as the key to mission, our thirst for God, how to end our alienation from God, and how to joyfully embrace the way of happiness. This CD and other titles are available in the foyer of the church for a small donation.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNBORN CHILD
Week 20-Hair is starting to grow on my head. I wonder what color it is? My heart pumps about six gallons of blood every day. I am 20 weeks old now, and in another 20 weeks I will be born, when I am 9 months old!

RETiro PARA PareJAS
Con La Doctora Maruca Serrano
Sábado, 28 de Febrero y Domingo 1 de Marzo en la Parroquia Santa Genoveva. La Dra. Maruca Serrano es exoerta en Psicoterapia de Familia. Costo: $35 por pareja. Incluye alimentos. PAREJAS, APROVECHEN ESTA OPORTUNIDAD. Para más información llame a la oficina de la parroquia 575-524-9649.

ENCHILADA DINNER FUNDRAISER
March 14-15, 2015
St. Genevieve Parish Hall
The Enchilada Dinner tickets have been mailed to all parishioners. Please write your ticket numbers on your check or envelope and bring money directly to the office or drop it in the collection basket in an envelope marked “Enchilada Money.” Tickets may also be purchased at the parish office for $6 each. Thank you in advance for your support!

EASTER CANDLE SPONSOR
This year we are starting a new tradition! Would your family like to be the sponsor of our 2015 Easter Candle? As the “padrinos,” your family would donate the candle to St. Genevieve Church. At the end of next year’s Lenten Season, your family will receive the remaining Easter Candle into your home to light for your own personal intentions, special family remembrances, prayer devotions, and spiritual needs. The cost of the candle is approximately $375. Your contribution is tax deductible! If you are interested in sponsoring the Easter Candle, please contact the parish office.

UNITED IN MINISTRY 2015
Envelopes are available in the parish office and church for your 2015 United In Ministry pledges. Please deposit envelopes in the collection basket or mail it directly to the Diocese.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK
Sha-Bangs Hair & Nails
If you are interested in placing an advertisement for your business, call 1-800-950-9952 ext. #267
Personal ads for loved ones can also be placed at this same number.