

# St. Genevieve Catholic Church

February 7, 2021



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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
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## DAILY MASSES:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 12:00 Noon  
*Confessions 11:10—11:45 am*  
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am  
*No Confessions*

## WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday ~ 4:00 & 6:00 pm  
*Confessions 3:00—3:45 pm & 5:10—5:45 pm*  
Sunday~8:00 am, 10:00 am and Noon  
*Confessions 7:10—7:45 am, 9:10—9:45 am & 11:10—11:45 am*

## CALVARY CEMETERY OFFICE HOURS:

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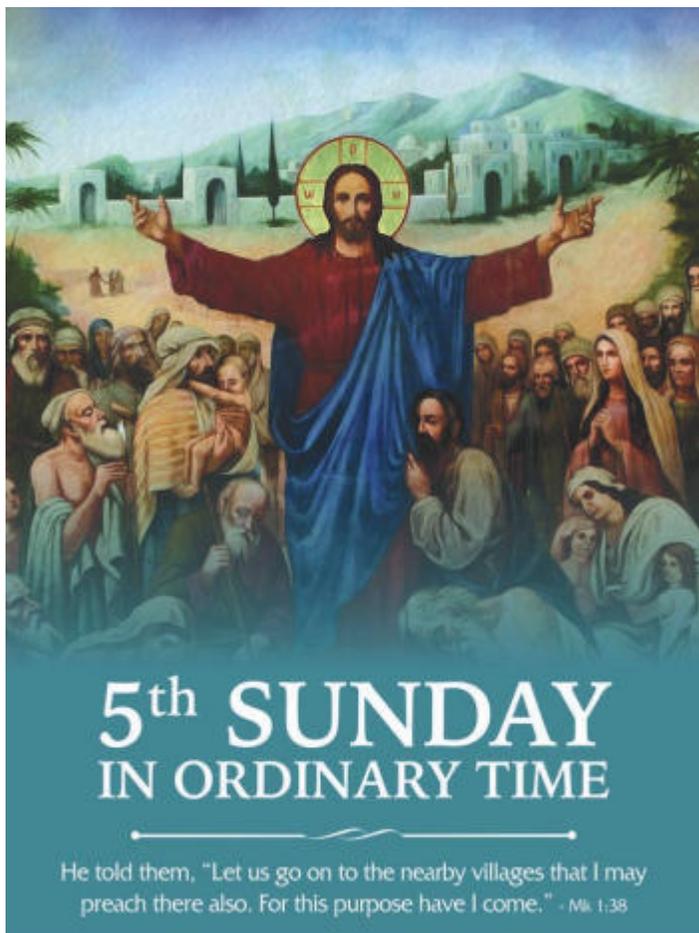
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**Victims of Covid-19 Pandemic**

February 7th—20th



**Monday, February 8th**  
 12:00 Noon Mass: *Brenda F. Knight, Francis L. Knight, Beatrice F. Figueron*

**Tuesday, February 9th**  
 8:30 am Mass: *Ian E. Biggs, Emily & Lannie Webb*

**Wednesday, February 10th**  
 12:00 Noon Mass: *Jack W. Granger*

**Thursday, February 11th**  
 8:30 am Mass: *Joseph Edwin Hebert (11th Annv.), Nickolas Clark, Floyd Mouton, Joseph McClelland (Death Annv.)*

**Friday, February 12th**  
 12:00 Noon Mass: *Special Intentions*

**Saturday, February 13th**  
 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm Masses: *Leon Recard, Brenda Chenevert, Barbra Bonton, James "T-Man" LaCombe, Annie Miller, Thelma Lemaire, Donald & Dolores Bejeaux*

**Sunday, February 14th**  
 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 Noon Masses: *Macy Jenkins David, Richard D. Hudson, Joyce F. & Warren J. Stutes, Anna Mandado Vega Vondenstein, Dominic Vega, Hubert Vondenstein, Floyd Marks, Lacey Spell, Randall Spell, David Family, Jenkins Family, Ian E. Biggs, M/M Ovide B. Richard (59th Wedd. Annv.), Calvin Lear, Lillian Lear, Albert Grossie, Jr.*

\*If a name is not printed due to human error, be assured God has received intention in heaven ~ Canon Law 945

**WEEKEND COLLECTIONS**

*January. 24, 2021*

<i>Offertory</i>	\$	5,172.00
<i>Online Giving</i>	\$	1,308.59
	\$	6,480.59
<i>Weekly Budget</i>	-	8,285.85
	\$ -	1,805.26

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# GOSPEL MEDITATION

February 7, 2021...Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

## **BAPTISMS:**

Baptism is celebrated once a month at St. Genevieve Church. Diocesan policy requires attendance of a Baptismal preparation course for first time parents, who must be registered at St. Genevieve or live in the boundaries of our parish. You may attend the class as early as possible. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the Parish Office for details. Classes & Baptisms follow Noon Mass on Sundays.

\*Dates are subject to change

### **2021 Baptism Preparation Classes\***

*February 7th, March 7th, April 11th, May 2nd, June 6th, July 4th,  
August 1st, September 5th, October 3rd, November 7th, December 5th*

### **2021 Baptism Dates\***

*February 14th, March 14th, April 18th, May 9th, June 13th, July 11th, August 8th  
September 12th, October 10th, November 14th, December 12th*

## **MARRIAGES:**

Call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance of desired wedding date to schedule an appointment and begin the preparation process.

## **FUNERALS:**

When making funeral arrangements, one must make arrangements with the priest before contacting and finalizing arrangements with the funeral home.

**DUE TO COVID-19*****St. Genevieve Parish Office*****CLOSED TO PUBLIC***Until further notice**Office Hours: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
(Monday – Thursday)*

Contact Staff via:

TELEPHONE: 337-234-5147

EMAIL: [info@stgens.net](mailto:info@stgens.net)***Interested in joining St. Genevieve Church Parish?***

A Catholic parish is the single most important part of our Catholic Church. This is where we continue the mission of Jesus Christ. This is where we publicly express our faith, joining together with others to give witness of our communion with God and with one another.

Listed below are (2) main reasons you may want to consider registering with our Parish:

*In order to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, Confirmation or Holy Matrimony you will need to be a registered parishioner.*

*For religious education instruction and Sacramental preparation, the families of those attending must also be registered parishioners.*

If you would like to register, please call, email or log on to our website.

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**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS****The Audacity of Holiness**

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness "a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness."

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took his hand and allowed him to help her up that "the fever left her and she waited on them." Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp his — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to his needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



**2021 Offertory Envelopes are available for pick up in the Mystical Rose Hall after all weekend Masses.**

*Please use the side entrance near the grotto.*



**St Genevieve**

St. Genevieve Catholic School is now accepting applications for the 2021-22 school year. Visit our website at [www.stgen.net/admissions](http://www.stgen.net/admissions) for more information and to access the online application. To speak to someone about admissions and/or schedule a private tour, please contact Mrs. Blair Bernard at 337-266-5553.

#### **B.S.A. COMMITMENT WEEKEND**

This year, at a time of extraordinary challenge, we may perceive longing in the eyes of many around us. It is the expectant hope expressed by a blind man named Bartimaeus, unable even to see Jesus as the Savior, but calling out to Him for healing nonetheless. Responding to the man's cry, Jesus asked a question filled with meaning for us. **"What do you want me to do for you?"** The man replied simply, **"Master, I want to see"** (Mark 10:51). Our concerns may be equally clear, but the Lord invites us also to acknowledge them and to confess our dependence on His touch so that we too may "see" those around us. The theme of our 2021 Bishop's Services Appeal—**Bringing Hope and Healing**—uses the image of Bartimaeus to remind us to extend the hope of Christ to others to bring more healing light into the world. Please pledge your support to the 2021 Appeal.

This weekend is Bishop's Services Appeal Commitment Weekend. Your personal sacrifice and generosity to the Appeal can be the reason why the faithful, the searching, the sorrowing and the yearning become the hopeful. For in giving hope to others, the soul finds the peace of Christ. May St. Genevieve parish respond generously.

## ***Come, Lord Jesus! Lenten Journey***

*Prayer + Scripture + Eucharist + Christian Community*



Journey with us during this holy season of Lent as we study and meditate upon the Sunday Gospels leading to the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Meet weekly with family members, friends, fellow parishioners or join one of our on-line ZOOM groups for a deeper understanding of Jesus' life and death and victory he claimed for each of us! Prepare for the Easter celebration with a spiritual journey that will renew your faith and transform your life!

Contact (Mona Izzo at 337-234-3359 or [mona.izzo@lusfiber.net](mailto:mona.izzo@lusfiber.net)) to sign up or Marianne Hebert at the *Come, Lord Jesus!* office (337-233-6277) for booklets or further information.

## END OF MASS

Question:

*Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?*

Answer:

*This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.*



*First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.*

*If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass.*



***Ash Wednesday, February 17th***

**Mass Schedule:**

***7:00 am ~ Noon ~ 5:30 pm***

***Ashes distributed only during Mass!!!***

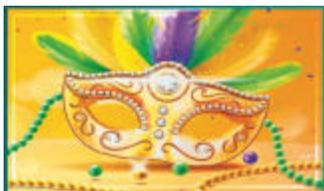
*St. Genevieve Parish & Calvary Cemetery*

*Offices will be closed on*

*Monday, February 15th &*

*Tuesday, February 16th.*

*Offices will reopen on Wednesday.*



**ST. GENEVIEVE SCHEDULE OF MINISTERS**

Date	Priest <i>(subject to change)</i>	Extraordinary Ministers <i>uscbb.org-Media-Audio-Daily Readings-Podcasts (to listen to the daily readings)</i>	Readers	Altar Servers
Saturday, February 13th 4:00 pm	Rev. Brian J. Taylor		Phillip Parker	
Saturday, February 13th 6:00 pm	Rev. Brian J. Taylor		Agnes Malveaux	
Sunday, February 14th 8:00 am	Rev. Brian J. Taylor		Kasie Dugas	
Sunday, February 14th 10:00 am	Rev. Brian J. Taylor		Mona Hudson	
Sunday, February 14th 12:00 Noon	Rev. Brian J. Taylor		Glenn Broussard	

*Are you interested in being a Reader, Extraordinary Minister or Altar Server for St. Genevieve Catholic Church? If so, please call Agnes at (337)234-5147.*

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