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Cerretas Plaque

Bienvenidos al Barrio Corazón y Alma

We lovingly dedicate this plaque to our ancestors who laid the foundation for our faith, family values, and community involvement.

El Barrio de Guangoche (The Gunny Sack), or The Barrio as affectionately known early on, has been the home of many proud, strong, and resourceful individuals in downtown Glendale since the 1880s. Arizona Canal Water created work in nearby ranches, orchards, farms, the Sugar Beet Factory and Webster's Dairy. These workers and their families were some of Glendale's first residents.

In 1931, the first Fiestas Patrias, founded by Bruno Lopez, Joe Macias, and Jose Anaya and family, were held in Murphy Park. The celebrations included music, food, and dancing. Flatbed trucks provided by Rodriguez Trucking featured floats and musicians. These fiestas drew people from neighboring towns. It was one of the most significant events in Glendale and one of the first to bring the Hispanic community together. The event was eventually moved to Rose Lane Park so larger crowds could attend.

Hispanic owned businesses were prevalent in early Glendale: Antonio Maldonado's blacksmith shop, Joe Ibarra's gas station and garage, and Gamboa's Bakery where the smell of fresh Mexican bread drifted from the beehive oven in the family's backyard. Joe's Market was the first full service grocery store. El Ranchito was owned by Juanita Ortiz for many years and later became known as Josie's, where the best chorizo burritos and other great Mexican dishes were made. The Anaya's food store had "the coldest beer in town."

El Barrio Corazón (Heart) Y Alma (Soul) demonstrates our love for family, community and faith.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Plaque

The Chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Capilla of Guadalupe)

The Chapel of Our Lady of Guadalupe began as a small mission under the auspices of the Franciscan Fathers from Saint Mary Parish in Phoenix. The Claretian Fathers of Immaculate Heart Parish in Phoenix took over the mission about 1928. Masses were held in a small adobe church named in honor of Saint Joseph. The adobe church was completed in 1933 and destroyed by fire in 1936. Under the Rev. Francisco Aguirre, the church was rebuilt in 1938 and named Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

On the feast day of St. Joseph, March 19, 1948, it became a formal parish and in 1949 Father James McFadden was appointed as the first pastor. The school was built in 1950 under the direction of the sisters of Norte Dame de Namur.

In 1968 our little rock church was declared unsafe and condemned by safety inspectors. In 1971, after many fundraising events, a multipurpose building was completed.

In the 1970s the adobe church became a center for religious education classes and social activities. The old church has been restored and is now known as Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel.

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Barrio Park Military Plaque

A Salute to Our Veterans

The history of Hispanics from Glendale, Arizona, who served in the U.S. Military is one of courage, honor and dedication. Since the early 1800's they served in every American War and have made countless sacrifices for our freedom, fighting bravely in conflicts around the world.

In World War II, hundreds of Glendale residents enlisted in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, answering the call of duty to defend freedom and democracy. During the Vietnam War, the Hispanic population of Glendale served with pride, bravery and dedication.

In subsequent years, Hispanics continued to serve in various campaigns and conflicts around the world, including Operation Desert Storm and the War on Terror. As a result of their service, these individuals have been recognized with numerous awards and decorations: Medal of Honor, Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Today, the Hispanic community of Glendale remains proudly committed to serving their country.

In Honor of all Past, Present and Future Veterans, we very respectfully commend the Hispanic Veterans of Glendale for their courage, commitment and unselfish sacrifices to our great nation and honor those who have made the ultimate Sacrifice ...ADELANTE