

July 12-13, 2025

Santa Catalina

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Catholic Church

A REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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Mon-Fri 9:00 AM-3:30 PM

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Mon-Fri 8:00 AM

Weekend Mass

Sat 4:00 PM (Vigil)
Sun 7:00 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM (Bi-lingual)
~~5:00 PM~~ (suspended for
summer)

Reconciliation

Wed 8:45 AM (until line ends)
Sat 2:30-3:30 PM
... or by appointment

Anointing

First Friday of the month
at 8:00 AM Mass
... or by appointment

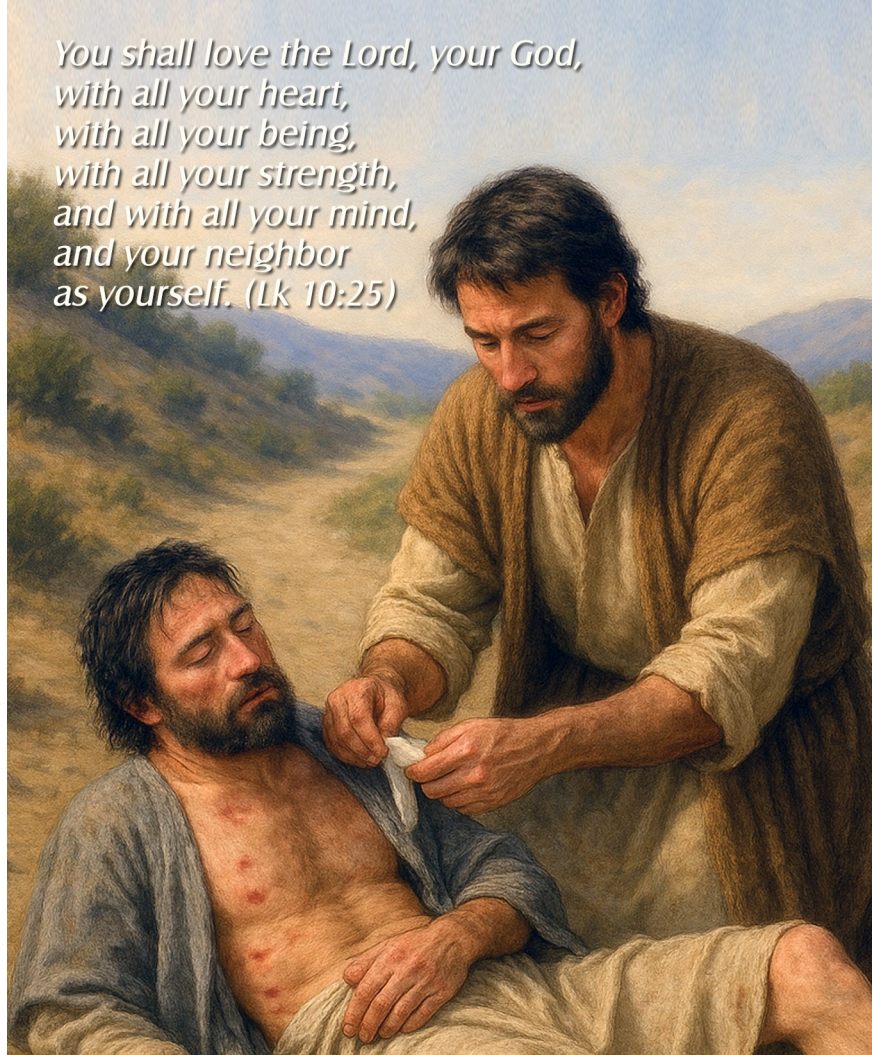
Adoration

In Church, Wed 8:30 AM -8:30 PM
Chapel hours, Mon-Fri
8:00 AM-2:30 PM

Rosary in the Church

Mon-Fri 7:30 AM

*You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your being,
with all your strength,
and with all your mind,
and your neighbor
as yourself. (Lk 10:25)*



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mission:

As members of God's Faith Community at Santa Catalina Catholic Parish, we commit our lives to being the voice, hands, and spirit of Christ, as our way of continuing God's call to love and peace.

Misión Parroquial:

Como miembros de la Comunidad de Fe de Dios en la Parroquia Católica Santa Catalina, comprometemos nuestras vidas a ser la voz, las manos y el espíritu de Cristo, como nuestra forma de continuar el llamado de Dios al amor y la paz.

Parish Vision:

Together as a parish, we will strengthen our spiritual and personal lives so we can live out our mission as disciples. Led by the Redemptorist Charism, we will follow Christ the Redeemer, to build communities where all people can encounter the message of plentiful redemption, to serve the most abandoned, to minister to those in need and to be evangelized by them.



Visión Parroquial: Juntos como parroquia, fortaleceremos nuestra vida espiritual y personal para que podamos vivir nuestra misión como discípulos. Guiados por el Carisma Redentorista, seguiremos a Cristo Redentor, para construir comunidades donde todas las personas puedan encontrar el mensaje de abundante redención, y servir a los más abandonados, ministrar a los necesitados y ser evangelizados por ellos.

Join Our Vibrant Parish Community – Become a Part of Santa Catalina Parish

We invite you to join our dynamic and welcoming parish family. As a member of Santa Catalina Parish, you will find opportunities to deepen your faith, connect with others, and make a meaningful impact in our community.

To Join our parish

- Visit our website at www.santacatalinaparish.org to register online
- Stop by the parish office and ask Donna, to provide a paper registration form

We look forward to welcoming you to our parish family.

To Support our Parish Mission

We rely on your generosity to continue serving our community. There are two easy ways to share your gift with Santa Catalina Parish:

- **Online Giving:** sign up on our website at: <https://osvhub.com/santa-catalina-church/giving/funds>
- **Envelope Program:** Contact our parish office to learn more about our envelope program



Do you wear a hearing aid? We have installed a Hearing Aid loop in the church. Switch hearing aid to T-coil.



Report Abuse If you or someone you know is a victim of abuse Contact law enforcement (911), call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson (520-623-0344) or visit <https://diocesetucson.org/reportabuse>.

Please Silence Your Cell Phone at all times inside the Church. Thank you for understanding.



Al-Anon & AA Meetings Thursdays in the Marian Room, Al-Anon is 4-5:00 PM, contact Judy at 520-639-8650. AA is 7-8:30 PM, contact Art at 520- 825-5218.



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This Week's Meetings & Events

Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
Mon, Jul 14	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	Church
	5:00 PM	Spanish Bible Study	Mesquite Room
	5:30 PM	Music Ministry - Bilingual Choir	Church
Tue, Jul 15	9:30 AM	Yoga Faith	Catalina Room
	4:00 PM	5 PM Mass Choir Rehearsal	Church
	6:00 PM	Men's Prayer Group	Marian Room
	6:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group	Saguaro Room
Wed, Jul 16	8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
	1:00 PM	Understanding Sunday Scripture	Catalina Room
Thu, Jul 17	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian Room
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian Room
Fri, Jul 18	9:00 AM	Friday Faith Fellowship - The Chosen	Catalina Room
Sat, Jul 19	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
Sun, Jul 20			

Santa Catalina Parish
 Saturday – 4:00pm
 Sunday - 7:00am
 Sunday – 9:00am
 Sunday – 11:00am
 Our Sunday 5:00pm Mass will resume on September 7th

Summer Mass Schedule
 Runs July 13th-Sept 7th

A Message from Your Pastoral Council: Building Community Through Listening

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

The Pastoral Council serves as a bridge between our parish community and parish leadership, helping to discern how God is calling Santa Catalina Parish to grow in faith, worship, and service. We are deeply grateful to those who have shared thoughts and suggestions through the suggestion box in the church entrance area, during parish activities, and in personal conversations.

How We Serve You Through Listening

Each month, we gather with Father Huy to prayerfully consider your input, organizing suggestions into four key areas: liturgical worship, parish operations, outreach ministries, and social fellowship. Father Huy's guidance proves especially valuable when discussing liturgical questions. Many inquiries stem from a desire to understand more deeply the two central movements of the Mass: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Future bulletin articles will explore these sacred mysteries in greater detail.

How Your Input Shapes Our Parish

Your suggestions continue to guide important conversations about parish life. We regularly



discuss ways to better welcome families with young children during Mass, recognizing that their presence enriches our worship community. We also explore solutions for creating prayerful preparation time before Mass while maintaining our welcoming spirit for all who come to worship.

When asked why Santa Catalina doesn't advertise in local newspapers, Father Huy offered this insight: our most authentic evangelization happens through how we live our faith in the broader community—through volunteer work, outreach programs like St. Vincent de Paul and Casa Maria, our commitment to defending human dignity, and Father Huy's pastoral presence at schools and with the sick.

Your creative ideas for expanding fellowship continue to inspire us. Suggestions for a Lenten Fish Fry and special Easter and Christmas activities for children demonstrate your desire to deepen seasonal celebrations. The Pastoral Council is actively exploring these possibilities.

We also acknowledge your appreciation for the Knights of

Columbus and their outstanding pancake breakfasts, especially their thoughtful inclusion of gluten-free options.

How You Can Partner with Us

Our effectiveness depends on your continued engagement. When sharing suggestions, please include your contact information on the suggestion card. This allows meaningful dialogue rather than one-way communication, helping us implement ideas effectively while explaining when certain approaches might not serve our parish's best interests.

Think of your input as collaborative efforts to help our parish become more faithful to Christ's call. Whether your ideas focus on worship, facilities, outreach, or fellowship, you participate in the ancient Christian practice of communal discernment.

The suggestion box remains in the church entrance area, but we also encourage direct conversation with council members during parish events or after Mass.

Thank you for your continued trust and commitment to making Santa Catalina Parish a place where all encounter Christ's love.

In faith and service,

Your Pastoral Council ✝

Join the Book Bunch and Bring A Friend on August 14

The Book Bunch meets at 1 PM in the Cholla Room. The group will be discussing *The Lost Girls* by J.M.Cannon.

Charleston, South Carolina. Four years ago. — Three girls disappear into the night. One by one they go missing, never to be seen again. No witnesses, no leads, nothing. The only thing they had in common? An uneasy sense of being watched in the days before they vanished. Noises in the night, and boot prints in the flower beds outside their bedroom windows . . .

Today. — One of the lost girls was Anna Klein's best friend. With no body, the case went cold. But Anna

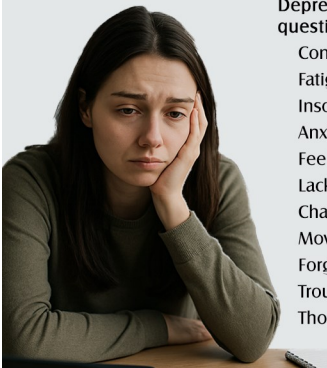
never stopped looking for Sylvie - or whoever took her. Now, four years later, Anna finally has a lead when a body turns up in an abandoned mansion. She has to know: is it Sylvie? But time is running out. As the storm of the century threatens the whole East Coast, the clock is ticking to find the answers before this trail goes cold. Can Anna find Sylvie and the other girls before they're lost forever?

The Book Bunch enjoy a variety of books and welcomes all recommendations. †



Talking About Mental Health Can Save A Life

Signs and Symptoms of Depression



- Depression symptoms vary from person to person, and anyone who has questions about symptoms and signs should consult a doctor:
- Continued feelings of sadness, hopelessness, pessimism, emptiness
 - Fatigue, lack of energy
 - Insomnia or other sleep issues, such as waking up very early or sleeping too much
 - Anxiety, irritability, restlessness
 - Feeling worthless or guilty
 - Lack of interest or joy in hobbies and activities
 - Changes in appetite, leading to weight loss or weight gain
 - Moving, talking, or thinking more slowly or feeling extra fidgety
 - Forgetfulness
 - Trouble concentrating, thinking clearly, or making decisions
 - Thoughts of not wanting to live, death or suicide, suicide attempts, or self-harm behaviors



Treatment and Help

In addition to clinical treatments, if you are one of the millions of people living with depression, there are also healthy lifestyle habits that can help you feel better:

- Focus on self-care.
- Set small, achievable goals.
- Know the warning signs.
- Educate family and friends about major depression.
- Seek support.
- Stick to your treatment plan.

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available. Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org. To learn how to get support for mental health, drug, and alcohol issues, visit [FindSupport.gov](https://www.findsupport.gov).

Breathe, Move, Pray: Join Yoga Faith Tuesdays

Yoga Faith is a ministry at Santa Catalina that takes place Tuesdays, from 9:30-10:30. We gather as a community of believers. We begin by asking for intentions and follow up with a prayer of praise and thanksgiving to our Lord.

Our movements are gentle, yet strengthen the body for sitting, standing and moving. We stretch, allowing tension to leave and use our breath to increase the awareness of the Holy Spirit residing within us. Postures of sitting, standing, kneeling, and lying prone are part of our practice. We ask you to wear comfortable clothing, bring a mat (we have a few) and

a willingness to let go and let God fill you up with his grace and mercy.

We end with a short prayer- "I see the light within you reflecting the divine, let's join our hearts together and through the darkness shine,"

People of all ages are welcome as are friends and neighbors of parishioners.

Yoga Faith will meet throughout the summer months led by Rebecca Luczyk with Carmela Farina and Leann Leuer as subs. †



Stephen Ministry: Life In Our Desert, And A Cup Of Water

The Tucson summer brings brutal, scorching heat, as well as the refreshing, cooling rains of the monsoons that replenish life in our desert. There are times when we experience a dry and barren desert in our own lives. Spiritual crisis, loss of a loved one, loneliness, chronic or terminal illness, disability, divorce, strained or broken relationships, job loss, and many other challenges. In these times, we thirst for a “cooling cup of water” to revive our body and spirit.



God never intended for us to thirst alone in our times of need. Stephen Ministers are the voice, hands, and spirit of Christ, caring Christians who want to make a difference in the lives of those who are hurting. They are compassionate, trustworthy, skilled, and faith-filled people who exercise strict confidentiality, who will not judge, who will listen and walk faithfully with you in a distinctively Christian, one-to-one caring relationship on your journey of healing.

Find cool, refreshing water in your life. If you or someone you know could benefit from Stephen Ministry, please contact the Church Office at 520-825-9611, or Judy Rossman at StephenMinistry@santacatalinaparish.org. All information is held in strict confidentiality. †



Liturgical Ministers Bi-Lingual Convocation & Mass

2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. Spirituality of the Ministry.

How does the ministry give them tools to be ministers of hope and joy for those they meet?



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WHEN: Saturday, July 19, 2025

TIME: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Lunch included

WHERE: Bishop Kicanas Pastoral Center
192 S. Stone Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85701

Keynote Speaker:

Fr. Martin J. Barnum
Professor Emeritus, Mundelin Seminary

Panel Presentation:

Sr. Lois Paha – Liturgical Ministries
Don Mike Gutierrez – Prison Ministry
Dcn Steve DiMuzio – Nursing Home Ministry
Dcn. Chuck Moss – Starting a Hospital Ministry
Dcn Andy Corder – Hospital Chaplain

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Carry the Prayer: Bringing the Vocations Cross Into Your Life

When you take the **Weekly Vocations Cross** home, you're not just receiving a symbol—you're accepting a mission. This cross is an invitation to deepen your prayer for vocations and to discern how God is calling you. Place it in a prominent spot—your kitchen table, a family prayer space, or your bedside—and let it remind you to pray daily for:

- **Marriages** rooted in faith, sacrifice, and joy.
- **Priests and deacons** who shepherd with courage and love.
- **Religious sisters and brothers** who witness to radical Gospel living.
- **Single individuals** whose lives glorify God through service and prayer.

During the week, gather your household for a brief

prayer: "Lord, send Your Spirit to guide all who are discerning their vocation. Help us to answer Your call with trust." Return the cross the following weekend, and share any stories of how prayer has moved your heart.



By taking the cross home, you become a vital link in our parish's chain of prayer. Together, we can build a culture where every vocation is cherished and nourished—and where every "yes" to God transforms the world.

Let's make every home a sanctuary of prayer for vocations.

Questions? Contact the Vocations Ministry via the parish office or Fr. Huy. May God bless our parish as we embark on this journey. †

Readings for Sunday, July 13th

First Reading: No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out." (Dt 30:14)

Psalm: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

Second Reading: Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. (Col 1:15)

Gospel: *You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.* (Lk 10:25)

Readings for the week of July 13th

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21



Spiritual

Gospel Reflection:

I used to be a bad neighbor. I'd get wrapped up in my life and ignore those around me. Then I found sage advice from Benjamin Franklin to this effect: to be a better neighbor, ask someone to do a favor for you. It's counterintuitive, isn't it? Tell strangers that I need their help? Yuck. I'll risk looking needy. Worse, I'll be indebted to them. But I tried it, and it works like a charm. Recently I asked my neighbor Alan for a hacksaw, and Inga for an egg. They kindly obliged, and our friendship is growing.

This week we hear a scribe of the law cynically ask Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29). Like him, we prefer to keep the list of our "neighbors" as short as

Reflexión del Evangelio:

Solía ser un mal vecino. Me absorbía en mi propia vida e ignoraba a quienes me rodeaban.

Luego encontré un sabio consejo de Benjamin Franklin en este sentido: para ser mejor vecino, pide a alguien que te haga un favor. Es contraintuitivo, ¿verdad? ¿Decirle a un desconocido que necesito su ayuda? Uf. Me arriesgo a parecer necesitado. Peor aún, quedaré en deuda con ellos. Pero lo probé, y funciona de maravilla. Recientemente le pedí a mi vecino Alan una sierra de arco, y a Inga un huevo. Ellos amablemente accedieron, y nuestra amistad está creciendo.

Esta semana escuchamos a un escriba de la ley preguntar con cinismo a Jesús: «¿Y quién es mi prójimo?» (Lucas 10,29). Al igual que él, preferimos mantener la lista de nuestros "prójimos" lo más

posible. It requires less interruption and inconvenience. But when Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, he exposes the lonely, cold-heartedness tendency of the scribe's (and our) heart. My "neighbor" is anyone I encounter who manifests a concrete need. There isn't time to require any other credential because human need opens us to the happy reciprocity which is love.



Jesus' words challenge us this week to ask a neighbor for help in some small way. How marvelous that God himself shows us how. He moves into our world and asks us to love Him with small deeds of love. Maybe that's where Ben Franklin got the idea. — Fr. John Muir †

corta posible. Requiere menos interrupciones e incomodidades. Pero cuando Jesús relata la parábola del Buen Samaritano, deja al descubierto la soledad y la frialdad que anidan en el corazón del escriba (y en el nuestro). Mi "prójimo" es cualquiera que encuentre y manifieste una necesidad concreta. No hay tiempo para exigir otra credencial, porque la necesidad humana nos abre a la feliz reciprocidad que es el amor.

Las palabras de Jesús nos desafían esta semana a pedirle ayuda a un vecino, aunque sea en algo pequeño. Es maravilloso que el mismo Dios nos muestre cómo hacerlo. Él entra en nuestro mundo y nos pide que lo amemos con pequeños gestos de amor. Quizá de ahí sacó Ben Franklin la idea.

— Padre John Muir †

This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention
Sat, Jul 12	4:00 PM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	For parishioners celebrating a birthday in July
Sun, Jul 13	7:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	† Veronica Schaefer by Sophie Zvonar
			For those with mental illness by Mental Health Ministry
			For parishioners celebrating a birthday in July
	9:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	† Paul Palma, Jr by Rita Quin
			For Our Lady of Life ministries by James Kern
			For those with mental illness by Mental Health Ministry
11:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	For parishioners celebrating a birthday in July	
		For those with mental illness by Mental Health Ministry	
Mon, Jul 14	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	† James J. Kelly by Ruth Kelly
			The Kraft family by Deb Auclair
			For those with mental illness by Mental Health Ministry
Tue, Jul 15	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	† C.E. Riser by Doug & Colleen Goehler
			† Richard Bakowski by Bernadette Bakowski
			Bobbi Cawein & Liz by Florence Renault
Wed, Jul 16	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	† Brendan Grainger by Pat Lotker
Thu, Jul 17	8:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	Scott Bieber by Donna Opsatnick
Fri, Jul 18	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	† Marshall Shannon by Michael & Kay Shannon
Sat, Jul 19	4:00 PM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	† Julio & Armida Garcia by Lou & Dee Moore
			† Joe Harris by Pat Lotker
			† William Fox by Nancy Fox
Sun, Jul 20	7:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	† David Halfman by Jim & Donna Quinn
	9:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	† Leonor & Angel Magdaleno by Carol Smith
	11:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	† Rogelio Rubio by Daughters

I asked God for flowers and he gave me rain. When you understand this, everything make sense. †

Spiritual



Please Pray for Our Parishioners

Anita Garcia	Robert Perry	Jeanie Polak	Lucy Sanchez	Roy Willis	Antoinette Thorstad
David W. Maloney	Leslie Fore	Bill Terrazas	Toni Dahl	Bill Willis	Dorothy Nielson
Bob Stamer	Mary Maloney	Rene Terrazas	Ron Kaput	Anne Brett	Georgeann Leigber

Go and Do Likewise: The Samaritan's Lesson for Our Lives

"Go and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). This parable is rich in teaching. If we examine our own lives, we will discover that, in different circumstances, we have acted like the characters portrayed in it. How many times have we been like the one who passed by and pretended not to see what was happening? We often do this even within our own family: we see suffering and think, "That only happens to them because they were careless or foolish."

Today let us pay attention to the innkeeper, who, at the Good Samaritan's request, did his job to the letter. In today's language, that is called responsibility and care. Let us ask the Lord to give us the openness and initiative of the Samaritan, but also the responsibility of the innkeeper, so that the man who was attacked could heal.

How many times do we go out of our way to avoid helping someone in need? What can we learn today from Jesus' teaching? The man has no name, precisely because he represents any of us who needs care. Man or woman of any race or nation is implied in this parable. It is the story of humanity through the years! However, there is another small detail when it comes to helping someone in distress: draw near and listen to their story in order to heal their wounds. Sometimes we must pay someone else to do the work; other times, we must do it ourselves. And that is where the secret lies: to do it together in Christ. † ©LPi

Ve y haz tú lo mismo: La lección del samaritano para nuestras vidas

"Vete y haz tú lo mismo" (Lucas 10:37). Esta parábola es muy rica en enseñanza. Si revisamos nuestra propia vida, descubriremos que en diferentes circunstancias actuamos como los personajes representados en ella. ¿Cuántas veces hemos sido como el que pasó de largo y se hizo el que no vio lo que pasaba? Y lo hacemos con frecuencia en la propia familia: vemos el sufrimiento y pensamos: "Solo les pasa a ellos por no poner cuidado o por tontos." Hoy pongamos atención en el posadero que, al pedido del buen samaritano, cumplió con su trabajo al pie de la letra. En lenguaje actual se llama responsabilidad y cuidado. Pidamos al Señor que nos dé la apertura e iniciativa del samaritano, pero también la responsabilidad del posadero, para que sanara el hombre que fue asaltado.

¿Cuántas veces nosotros damos rodeos para ayudar a alguien en necesidad? ¿Qué podemos aprender hoy de esta enseñanza de Jesús? El hombre no tiene nombre, precisamente, porque nos representa a cualquiera de nosotros que necesita cuidado. Hombre o mujer de cualquier raza o nación está implícito en esta parábola. ¡Es la historia de la humanidad a través de los años! Sin embargo, existe otro pequeño detalle para dar ayuda al que está en apuros: acercarte y escuchar su historia para poder curar sus heridas. A veces nos toca pagar a alguien para que haga el trabajo; otras veces, hacerlo nosotros. Y es ahí donde está el secreto: hacerlo juntos en Cristo. † ©LPi

Financial Report	6/22/25	Totals	Mass Attendance
2025	Offertory	\$12,412	1044
	Major Maintenance	\$368	
	Total	\$12,780	
2024	Total	\$12,774	988
	Parish Rectory	\$95	

Financial Report	6/29/25	Totals	Mass Attendance
2025	Offertory	\$23,459	923
	Major Maintenance	\$381	
	Total	\$23,840	
2024	Total	\$11,561	988
	Parish Rectory	\$45	

Embracing Trust:

The Transformative Power of *The Surrender Novena*

In times of worry, fear, and struggle, it can be hard to let go and trust in God's providence. The Surrender Novena offers a beautiful path to peace by inviting us to release our burdens completely to Jesus. Over nine days, this simple yet profound prayer helps believers move beyond anxious thoughts and trust in God's loving care, repeating the powerful invocation: "O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything!"

Each day of the Novena reminds us that we are not meant to carry life's burdens alone. Jesus gently reassures us that when we surrender—truly let go of our worries and our urge to control outcomes—He will act with divine power, intervening even in

the most impossible situations. The Novena encourages us to close our spiritual eyes, rest in God's love, and allow Him to lead us, no matter how dark or uncertain the path may seem.

If you are feeling weighed down or overwhelmed, the Surrender Novena can help renew your faith and calm your spirit. Its message is clear: trust Jesus, and miracles will follow. We invite you to download the full Novena on our parish website (QR code) and pray it whenever you need to experience God's peace and reassurance. May this prayer become for you a habit of hope, an anchor of faith, and a profound act of trust in God's unfailing care. †



Crossing the Street—*Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

It takes a cold, hard, godless heart to step over a wounded man on the street.

But in the parable of the Good Samaritan, the priest and the Levite didn't step over the half-dead traveler. I think we picture them doing so, in our collective imagining of this well-known story, but the words of the Gospel are quite clear. "When he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side," Jesus says of both.

So they saw him. They saw his need. It made them uncomfortable; it confused them — many scholars have said that Judaic law concerning the touching of dead bodies might have made them reluctant to approach — and so they decided the simplest way to file this situation in the Not My Problem category was to cross the street.

But that still leaves a half-dead guy on the road. And we all, 2,000 years later, still think of the priest and the Levite as cold and hard and godless — even if they didn't want to be, even if they didn't think of

themselves that way — because the bottom line is, they didn't see the half-dead guy as their problem.

As Christians we know that everyone is our neighbor. It's drilled into us from the first time we hear this reading.

Well, I don't know about you, but I find myself crossing the street a lot more than I should.

There is so much pain and suffering in the world. We certainly can't begin to alleviate it all. But we have to start with the pain and the suffering that we see, that's right in front of us — even if it's something we really, really want to ignore. Even if we find it inconvenient or confusing or scary or weird.

The heroism of the Good Samaritan wasn't in his selfless actions, although those were certainly commendable. It was in his courage. "He approached the victim," Jesus said.

Can we approach the victims we see? Do we have that courage? †

Outreach

Our Mission: Our Ministry was started in 2018 when Santa Catalina Parish recognized the need for a Parish Ministry to focus on Pro-Life issues. The Members of Santa Catalina Dignity of Human Life, in response to the Gospel of Life, commit ourselves to prayer, education and action in the defense of life. It is our mission to foster in our parish community an awareness of the dignity of human life from conception to natural death.

What We Do: One of our major activities is the Spiritual Adoption Program. This program was successfully initiated in 2020 and has had over 100 parishioners and others pledge to pray daily for a pre-born baby who is in danger of being aborted. Although the adopter does not know who this baby is, God knows. During the nine months of the program, depictions of the baby's growth and development are published in the bulletin and on a poster in the Narthex. At the end of the nine months, we ask the parishioners to donate gifts at a virtual baby shower. We then present them to the REACHOUT Women's Center in Tucson and the Family First Pregnancy Care Center in Oracle.

Starting in the fall of 2025, the Ministry will offer education and clarification concerning Catholic doctrines about the end-of-life issues, care and medically proportionate treatment.

Other activities include participation in the March for Life by attending the Mass at St Augustine

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Cathedral and walking with other pro-lifers in the march from the Cathedral to Holy Hope Cemetery for a closing ceremony.



In 2023, we began participating in the 40 days for Life program. Twice a year, members of the Ministry spend an hour at multiple peaceful and non-confrontational prayer gatherings at the Planned Parenthood facility in Tucson.

Where we are: We have a monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 2-3:30 in the Marian Room in the Parish Hall. These meetings are held to organize our various activities and be educated by invited speakers to discuss current pro-life topics affecting our community, state and nation. We also share additional pro-life issues and current events using emails, pulpit presentations, and church bulletins.

How to Join us: You can contact us at prolife12345@aol.com. You are invited to attend one of our meetings to see if you would be interested in joining our Ministry.

Donations: You can donate to our Ministry by placing a check, made out to Santa Catalina Parish, in a plain envelope marked "Dignity of Human Life" on the outside of the envelope and the same information on the check memo line.

Santa Catalina Catholic Church

Blood Drive July 27

Parish Hall, Sunday, 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

For information or to make an appointment, please call the American Red Cross at (800) 733-2767 or log onto redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: **sancat** Donate between **July 15–31** and receive a **Fandango Movie Reward** by email to enjoy a movie on us! Learn more at rcblood.org/July. †



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Vincentians Answer the Call: A Story of Escape and Healing

Vincentians have a servant's heart, and at times are called to work with local organizations to help someone in need. The Santa Catalina St. Vincent de Paul frequently partners with Impact of Southern Arizona in Catalina. Impact is an incredible local resource that provides essential assistance to individuals and families facing hardships, and our Vincentians are proud to support their mission.

Recently, one of our Vincentians received an urgent call from the director of Impact about a crisis situation requiring immediate attention. A young woman had been physically attacked by her boyfriend, who was subsequently arrested and jailed. Fearing for her life once he was released, she reached out to Impact for help in navigating her future and escaping a dangerous environment.

Impact worked quickly to assess the young woman's needs, and determined that the safest course of action was to get her out of Arizona and back to her family in a northern state, far from her abuser. With some encouragement from Impact's team, she reached out to her parents, who were relieved and overjoyed to hear from her. They welcomed her home with open arms, eager to help her rebuild her life.

The next hurdle, however, was how to get her there. Although she had her own car and was able to



drive, she had no money for gas, food, or lodging along the way. Time was of the essence. The Vincentians at St. Vincent de Paul Santa Catalina stepped in without hesitation to cover her travel expenses, ensuring that she could leave quickly and safely.

Impact also helped the young woman obtain a restraining order against her attacker before she left, adding an extra layer of protection for her peace of mind. Once her paperwork was complete, she began her long drive home. Throughout her journey, Impact maintained contact with her to make sure she was safe. When she finally arrived, Impact informed us that she was reunited with her grateful parents, who were deeply relieved to have their daughter back in their care.

In a heartfelt note, the director of Impact expressed profound gratitude: "You truly helped save a life and I am so grateful." None of this would have been possible without the generous donations and love and compassion from our parish community.

It is thanks to you that we were able to act so quickly and decisively to protect this vulnerable young woman.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you all for your continued support. God bless you. †

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Thanks to your continued generosity, the Knights of Columbus once again offer our annual \$2,500 scholarship award. This opportunity is open to all members of Santa Catalina Parish and may be applied toward community college, university, vocational training, or postgraduate education. Applications are

available in the narthex. Completed forms should be submitted by July 26—either by email to John Kenning at KCCouncil12345@yahoo.com or returned to the parish office. †



Outreach

Click Raffle: One Ticket = Two Raffles

Tickets will be sold after every Mass through July. Cash, check*, or credit card accepted. When you buy from us, you'll be automatically entered into our Parishioner Raffle, with a guaranteed winner drawn after the 11 AM Mass on July 27. The more we sell, the more you could win—if we sell all 400 tickets, one lucky parishioner will receive about **\$1,300**. Plus, your stub is reentered for the Jim Click Raffle on December 11 for a chance at amazing prizes. Tickets are also available in the church office (check only*). Contact: Bert Hanson, via the parish office (lobby@santacatalinaparish.org).

* Payable to K of C Council #12345. †

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