

June 21-22, 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

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



The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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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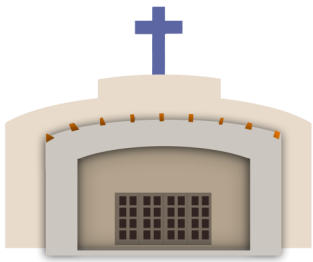
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This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention
Sat, Jun 21	4:00 PM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	† Dale Sieverding by the Family
			† Maria Luisa De La Riva (L) by Maria Duarte
			† Michael Andre by Jean Milne
Sun, Jun 22	7:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	For children receiving their first Holy Communion
	9:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	For children receiving their First Holy Communion
			† For souls in Purgatory by Peggy Hawkinson
			† Marilyn Macholan by Linda Lambert
	11:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	For children receiving their First Holy Communion
5:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	For children receiving their First Holy Communion	
Mon, Jun 23	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	† Dale Sieverding by the Family
			† Shirley Shelby by Robert Shelby & Cynthia Pylkka
			† Mimi Cuono by Karen Escalante
Tue, Jun 24	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	† James J. Kelly by Ruth Kelly
			Blake Scholl (L) by Jean Milne
			† Robert Roosma by Carol Roosma
Wed, Jun 25	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	† Keith Haines by Rita Quin
			† Mike Sieverding by Joe & Deb Sieverding
Thu, Jun 26	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	† Joan Lemere by Kate Takacs
			† Alice Rosenkrans by Jean Leer
			† Peggy Kochar by Janet Laufmann
Fri, Jun 27	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	† Dale Sieverding by the Family
			Raymond Johnson (L) by Gloria Johnson
			† Heidi Saenz by the Freeh Family
Sat, Jun 28	4:00 PM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	† Donna Goode by Gerald Goode
			† The Shanley Family by Ginny Pergantis
			† Marie B. Montano by Louis Montano
Sun, Jun 29	7:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	† Alice Rosenkrans by Sandy & Joe Pomerantz
			† Phillip Richardson by Judith Cannon
	9:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	† Dale Sieverding by the Family
			† Jerry Masten by Karen Haider
11:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	† For the Poor Souls in Purgatory by	
5:00 PM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	† Michael Schuetz by JoAnn Weston	

A Faithful Journey: The Early History of Santa Catalina Parish (1981–2000) *Part 2 of a continuing series*



The 1980s marked a time of spiritual and physical growth for the Santa Catalina Catholic community. Though still under the care of St. Odilia Parish, the Mission was

rapidly forming its own identity.

Construction of the permanent building was completed in 1981, and on September 13, Bishop Manuel D. Moreno consecrated the altar and celebrated the first Mass in what we now call the Parish Hall. This date is officially recognized as Santa Catalina's birthday. In November, Bishop Moreno formally dedicated the building and named it the Mission of Santa Catalina.

Sister Margaret Foley, O.P. served as the first Administrator from 1980 to 1984, supported financially by St. Odilia. She was succeeded by Sister Dianne Livingston, M.H.S.H. (1984–1988), who brought new energy and vision. She viewed Bingo as a community-building ministry and moved it into the Mission building. During her leadership, the Mission hired a part-time secretary and janitor, both funded by the Mission itself. A highlight of this era was the first Confirmation Mass, celebrated on March 18, 1987.

Several priests served the Mission during these years, including Fr. Henry Miller, Fr. Guy LeBlanc, Fr. Harry Ledwith, Fr. Brian Bell, and Fr. Brent Bardon.

In August 1988, Sister Carole Ruland, M.H.S.H. became the Pastoral Administrator—now funded entirely by the Mission. That same year, local artists

from Oracle created the Lady of the Well, and the Mission acquired more land from the Golder family to prepare for future growth.

In response to the expanding congregation, a Finance and Building Committee was formed in 1989, and part-time staff were hired for liturgical planning and religious education. By July 1, 1990, Santa Catalina became financially independent.

The 1990s brought continued development:

1990: First RCIA celebrated at Easter

1992: Modular classroom building purchased and parking expanded

1993: St. Vincent de Paul chapter established

1994: Mission Task Committee formed to plan for a new worship space

1995: First Lenten Suppers

1996: Hispanic Ministry established under Maria Luisa De LaRiva

The Mission thrived with the help of visiting clergy, including Fr. Richard Troutman, Rev. Roland Bedard, M.S., Fr. John Hogan, Rev. Robert Thomas, Rev. Tom Danielsen, C.Ss.R., and Rev. Henry Dauphinais, M.S.

In 1997, the Mission saw the founding of the Knights of Columbus Council #12345, the Care Ministry, and the Lady of Guadalupe Society, as well as the hiring of a Youth Ministry Coordinator. A new Bell Tower was erected that fall.

By 1999, plans for a permanent church building were well underway. On September 19, the community gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking for the worship space that still serves us today. ✚

Join the Book Bunch and Bring A Friend on July 10th

The Book Bunch meets at 1 PM in the Cholla Room. The group will be discussing *The Chaperone* by Laura Moriarty.

Just a few years before rising to silent-film fame and an icon of her generation, a fifteen-year-old Louise Brooks leaves Wichita, Kansas, to study with the prestigious Denishawn School of Dancing in New York. Much to her annoyance, she is accompanied by a thirty-six-year-old chaperone, who is neither mother nor friend. Cora Carlisle, a complicated but traditional woman with her own reasons for making the trip, has no idea what she's in for. Young Louise, already stunningly beautiful and sporting her famous black bob with blunt bangs, is known for her arrogance and her lack of respect for convention. Ultimately, the five weeks they spend

together will transform their lives forever.

Drawing on the rich history of the 1920s, '30s, and beyond—from the orphan trains to Prohibition, flappers, and the onset of the Great Depression to the burgeoning movement for equal rights and new opportunities for women—Laura Moriarty's *The Chaperone* illustrates how rapidly everything, from fashion and hemlines to values and attitudes, was changing at this time and what a vast difference it all made for Louise Brooks, Cora Carlisle, and others like them.

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



Upcoming Sassy Solos Meeting

The Sassy Solos will meet on July 3rd at 11:00 am in the Ocotillo Room.

Our group encourages a social outlet for our members. Our meetings are open to single women who enjoy getting together for lunches, dinner, plays, local outings and events. †



Próxima Reunión de Sassy Solos

Las Sassy Solos se reunirán el 3 de julio a las 11:00 a.m. en el salón Ocotillo.

Nuestro grupo fomenta un espacio social para nuestras miembros. Nuestras reuniones están abiertas a mujeres solteras que disfrutan reunirse para almuerzos, cenas, obras de teatro, salidas locales y otros eventos. †

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Adoration Ministry Volunteers Needed

We are actively looking for committed and faith-filled volunteers to support our Adoration Ministry. As we strive to maintain and grow this sacred tradition within our parish, we face an urgent need for individuals willing to help cover various hours of Eucharistic Adoration. Your presence ensures that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone and that our devotion remains strong and uninterrupted.

Whether you are able to commit to a regular weekly hour or prefer to serve occasionally as a substitute, your participation is deeply meaningful



and essential to sustaining this ministry.

At this time, we have several open time slots for adorers:

8:30–9:30 AM, 9:30–10:30 AM, 10:30–11:30 AM, and 5:30–6:30 PM.

Adoration is held every Wednesday from 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM in the church. We warmly invite all parishioners to come and spend time in quiet prayer and reflection before the Lord.

If you feel called to this beautiful service, please contact us at pc@santacatalinaparish.org. Your prayerful presence can make a lasting difference. †

We Want to Hear from You!

Building on the Pastoral Council's "ASK ME" program, we've added a "Comment Box" in the narthex. We're eager to hear your feedback, questions, and suggestions as to how we can continue to improve. We also welcome your words of encouragement and appreciation – let us know what's going well and what brings you joy at Santa Catalina!

Your feedback is invaluable to us as we strive to create a welcoming and spiritually enriching environment for all. We will carefully review your comments and use them to guide our planning and

decision-making, helping us live out our Parish Vision and grow stronger as disciples.

You can drop your comments and questions in the box, or if you prefer, email us at pc@santacatalinaparish.org or speak to any member of the Pastoral Council. We are blessed to be part of this faith community, and we deeply value your input as we journey together. †



Santa Catalina Parish
Summer Mass Schedule
Runs July 16th-Sept 7th

Saturday – 4:00pm
Sunday - 7:00am
Sunday – 9:00am
Sunday – 11:00am
Our Sunday 5:00pm Mass will resume on September 8th



Why Do We Draw the Cross with Our Thumb Three Times Before the Gospel?

At every Mass, just before the Gospel is proclaimed, Catholics make a small but meaningful gesture: we trace the sign of the cross with our thumb three times—once on the **forehead**, once on the **lips**, and once on the **heart**. This simple act is rich in meaning and tradition.

What Does It Mean?

This threefold sign of the cross is a prayerful gesture expressing our desire to:

Understand the Gospel with our minds (*forehead*)

Proclaim it with our words (*lips*)

Treasure and live it in our hearts (*heart*)

In other words, we are asking:

“May the Word of the Lord be **in my thoughts, on my lips, and in my heart.**”

Where Did This Come From?

The origin of this practice is ancient, dating back to early Christian liturgies. It is a smaller form of the larger Sign of the Cross, and it is rooted in the Church's reverence for the **Gospel reading**, which is the very voice of Christ in the Liturgy.

Why Is It Done Before the Gospel?

Unlike other Scripture readings, the Gospel is given particular honor in the Mass. It is often read by a deacon or priest and preceded by an acclamation of “Alleluia.” The triple sign of the cross is our way of preparing to **receive the Good News** with attentiveness and reverence. ✚



Readings for the week of June 22nd

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17



Readings for Sunday, June 22nd:

First Reading: “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand.” (Gn 14:19-20)

Psalm: You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek. (Ps 110)

Second Reading: For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. (1 Cor 11:26)

Gospel: Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. (Lk 9:11b)

Gospel Reflection:

A Catholic friend of mine occasionally says, “The Eucharist is not a noun. It’s a verb.” In so saying, he is making the point that the Eucharist isn’t simply Jesus’ bodily presence given to us in holy Communion. It also manifests the dynamic pattern by which Christ actively loves and

saves us. He teaches us to cooperate with that pattern. This Eucharist actually embodies four verbs: Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives. Let’s consider each one.

He takes: Do we acknowledge that we are totally in God’s hands? Do we receive everything in our lives as a gift, and act responsibly with it?

He blesses: Do we actively reflect

Since Jesus knows us, He knew—and still knows—that we like to eat. Jesus multiplies food; He satisfies the hunger of those who sought Him for His teachings and His miracles. Why do you seek Jesus? What kind of hunger does He satisfy in your life? In the sacrament of the Eucharist, Jesus left us His real presence so that we might be spiritually nourished.

“The worship given to the Eucharist outside of Mass is of inestimable value in the life of the Church. This worship is closely tied to the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice. The presence of Christ under the sacred species reserved after Mass—a presence that endures as long as the species of bread and wine remain—derives from the celebration of the Sacrifice and is directed toward both sacramental and spiritual communion.



that Jesus makes us holy in our baptism? Do we embrace our bodies and souls as temples of God, worthy of love, peace, and joy?

He breaks: Do we run from failure and disappointment, from getting old or being ignored? Are we too worried about getting hurt or sick? Do we embrace our sufferings with confidence?

He gives: Are we willing to make our lives a gift for others? Are we confident that we will always have enough love to give to others, that God will always provide enough for us? Do we rejoice in giving away what we have to others, expecting nothing in return? This is the dynamic life the Eucharist empowers us to live.

— Fr. John Muir

It is the responsibility of pastors to encourage, even by personal example, Eucharistic worship, especially the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the adoration of Christ present under the Eucharistic species.

It is beautiful to be with Him, to rest our head on His chest like the beloved disciple (see John 13:25), and to feel the infinite love of His heart.”

—*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, no. 25, Saint John Paul II

How is our participation in the Eucharist? We are called to be a source of life and shared bread for others.

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him,” says the Lord (John 6:56). ©LPi

Reflexión del Evangelio:

Un amigo católico mío ocasionalmente dice: “La Eucaristía no es un sustantivo. Es un verbo.” Al decir esto, está señalando que la Eucaristía no es simplemente la presencia corporal de Jesús que se nos da en la Sagrada Comunión. También manifiesta el patrón dinámico por el cual Cristo nos ama y nos salva activamente. Él nos enseña a cooperar con ese patrón. Esta Eucaristía en realidad encarna cuatro verbos: Jesús toma, bendice, parte y da. Consideremos cada uno.

Él toma: ¿Reconocemos que estamos totalmente en las manos de Dios? ¿Recibimos todo en nuestra vida como un regalo y actuamos con responsabilidad?

Él bendice: ¿Reflejamos activamente que Jesús nos hace santos en nuestro bautismo? ¿Abrazamos



Como Jesús nos conoce, él sabía y sabe que nos gusta comer. Jesús, multiplica la comida; él sacia el hambre de aquella gente que lo buscaba por sus enseñanzas y por sus milagros. ¿Por qué buscas a Jesús? ¿Qué tipo de hambre sacia en tu vida? En el sacramento de la Eucaristía, Jesús nos dejó su presencia real para poder alimentarnos espiritualmente.

“El culto que se da a la Eucaristía fuera de la Misa es un valor inestimable en la vida de la Iglesia. Dicho culto está estrechamente unido a la celebración del sacrificio eucarístico. La presencia de Cristo bajo las sagradas especies que se conservan después de la Misa—presencia que dura mientras subsistan las especies del pan y del vino,

nuestros cuerpos y almas como templos de Dios, dignos de amor, paz y alegría?

Él parte: ¿Huimos del fracaso y la decepción, de envejecer o de ser ignorados? ¿Nos preocupa demasiado sufrir o enfermarnos? ¿Abrazamos nuestros sufrimientos con confianza?

Él da: ¿Estamos dispuestos a hacer de nuestras vidas un regalo para los demás? ¿Confiamos en que siempre tendremos suficiente amor para dar, que Dios siempre proveerá lo necesario para nosotros? ¿Nos alegramos al dar lo que tenemos, sin esperar nada a cambio?

Esta es la vida dinámica que la Eucaristía nos capacita para vivir.

— Padre John Muir

deriva de la celebración del Sacrificio y tiende a la comunidad sacramental y espiritual.

Corresponde a los Pastores animar, incluso con el testimonio personal,

el culto eucarístico, particularmente la exposición del Santísimo sacramento y la adoración de Cristo presente bajo las especies eucarísticas. Es hermoso estar con él y, reclinados sobre su pecho como el discípulo predilecto (ver Juan 13:25), palpar el amor infinito de su corazón” (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, en el número 25, san Juan Pablo II). ¿Cómo es nuestra participación en la Eucaristía? Estamos llamados a ser fuente de vida y pan compartido para los demás. “El que come mi carne y bebe mi sangre, permanece en mí y yo en él, dice el Señor” (Juan 6:56). ©LPi

Spiritual

Please Pray for Our Parishioners



Anita Garcia	Ty Vallinoto	Debra Elofson	Ron Kaput
Bob Stamer	George Price	Sandy Cavendar	Roy Willis
Robert Perry	Stacy Zieminski	Greg Ballard	Bill Willis
Leslie Fore	Ann Marie Arnold	Bill Terrazas	Michael Sienkiewicz, Jr
Mary Maloney	Susann Rein	Rene Terrazas	David W. Maloney
Jeanie Polak	Mollie Minke	Lucy Sanchez	Toni Dahl
Sophie Varalli	Mona Mariani		

This Week's Meetings & Events

Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
Mon, Jun 23	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	Church
	5:30 PM	Music Ministry - Bilingual Choir	Church
Tue, Jun 24	9:30 AM	Yoga Faith	Catalina Room
	1:30 PM	Arts & Crafts for All	Ocotillo 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, Jun 25	8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
	9:00 AM	Cultivando Mi Fe	Mesquite Room
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
	1:00 PM	Understanding Sunday Scripture	Catalina Room
Thu Jun 26	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian Room
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian Room
Fri, Jun 27	9:00 AM	Friday Faith Fellowship - The Chosen	Catalina Room
Sat, Jun 28	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
Sun, Jun 29			

Financial Report	06/07/25 & 06/08/25	Totals	Mass Attendance
2025	Offertory	\$18,687	973
	Major Maintenance	\$775	
	Total	\$19,462	
2024	Total	\$21,654	1,064
	Parish Rectory	\$5,601	

“Come and See!” — Lay Carmelite Meet & Greet

“Holiness consists simply in doing God’s will, and being just what God wants us to be.” - Saint Therese of Lisieux

Are you feeling drawn to a deeper life of prayer and service? The Sacred Heart Lay Carmelites of Tucson invite curious laity and clergy alike to discover the Lay Carmelite vocation at a friendly Meet & Greet: Come learn who we are, how we live the Carmelite charism, and whether

God might be calling you to walk this path of contemplative spirituality in the heart of the world. Saturday, June 28, 2025, St. Cyril of Alexandria Parish, 4725 E. Pima St., Tucson, AZ 85712. 8:00 a.m. — Mass, 9:00 a.m. — Meet & Greet. †



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Saints Who Fostered Vocations to the Priesthood

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Saint Isidore of Seville (Feast: April 4)



Isidore was the brother of Saint Leander. Growing up in Visigoth Spain, he was educated at the cathedral school of Seville. He struggled so greatly with his studies that he decided to run away. As he left, he noticed a rock in which a hole had been worn by a constant drip of water. Inspired by the lesson in persistence, he returned to school and became one of the most learned men of his day.

He succeeded Leander as bishop of Seville around the year 600. He took the office very seriously: “He who is set in authority for the education and instruction of the people for their good must be holy in all things and reprehensible in nothing.” Eager to eradicate the Arian heresy and to preserve Christian Spain’s heritage, he required (through the Fourth Council of Toledo) every Spanish diocese to maintain a cathedral school, teaching such subjects as Greek, Hebrew, medicine, law, and Aristotelian philosophy. His own example and

writings inspired many priestly scholars and helped form the basis for Catholic higher education in medieval Europe. He died in 636.

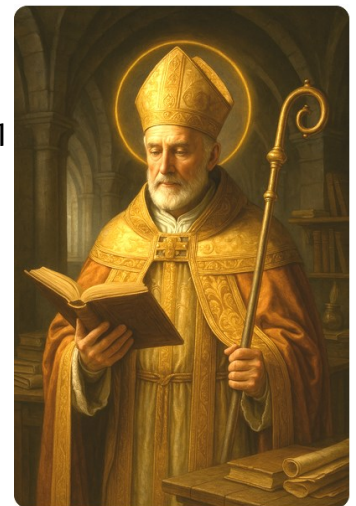
Prayer: Wise Father, may all bishops, priests, parents, and educators work to preserve Christian culture and foster vocations.

Consider Taking Our Vocations Cross Home: Here's how it works:

- The Vocations Crucifix should be set in a place of honor for the week.
- Each night, prayers should be said for an increase in vocations – to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, holy marriage, and dedicated single life.

Prayer makes a difference

By taking the Vocations Crucifix home, our parishioners will help nurture a culture of vocations—right here in our parish. †



Supporting the Poor and Marginalized: SAJM Quarterly Giving

Each quarter, the Social Awareness and Justice Ministry (SAJM) recommends local organizations that serve the poor and vulnerable to receive \$500 each from the parish's "Poor Box" donations. These recommendations are reviewed and approved by Fr. Huy.

We are grateful for your continued generosity, which allows this ministry to respond compassionately to urgent needs in our community.

Recent Recipients of SAJM Support

Victims of the Cody Fire

In response to the recent Cody Fire, SAJM made a \$1,000 donation—double the usual amount—to assist individuals and families who lost their homes. Funds were directed to Impact of Southern Arizona, which continues to support those affected. Your contributions are helping provide immediate aid and comfort in the face of devastation.

"Get On The Bus" Program (Prison Ministry)

A second donation was made to support "Get On The Bus", a program operated through Catholic Community Services and Kolbe Prison Ministry. This initiative enables children to visit their incarcerated

fathers each year around Father's Day. This year, the visit took place on Friday June 13, just before Father's Day.

The program offers free transportation, meals, activity bags, and a meaningful experience that includes giving a personalized card to their father. Over 40 children participated in 2025, including five parishioners from Santa Catalina Catholic Church who volunteered their time.

These visits are critical for maintaining family connections and supporting the spiritual and emotional well-being of those incarcerated. Studies show that in-person visits significantly reduce inmate violence and promote rehabilitation. Yet, due to the financial burden, long distances, and complex entry requirements, many children are unable to visit their parents in prison. In fact, a 1999 Federal Bureau of Justice report found that over half of incarcerated parents had never received a visit from their children.

Your generous donations to the Poor Box are making a real and lasting difference. Thank you for being a part of this ministry of mercy and justice. ✝



Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Thanks to your continued generosity, the Knights of Columbus are once again offering 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. ✝



Monthly Food Drive: July 5th-6th

Please bring non-perishables items and leave them on the carts outside the church doors.



Most needed items include: peanut butter, rice and pasta, canned stews and soups, canned meat and fish, juice boxes, and lunch snacks. All food donations go to Casa Maria, Impact of Southern AZ, and the TriCommunity Food Bank. These organizations are very grateful for your assistance. ✝

Meet the Ministry - Care For Creation - An SAJM Ministry

Who We Are

The Care for Creation Ministry supports Santa Catalina's mission by promoting environmental education and action rooted in Catholic teaching. We are guided by the Catholic Coalition and Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls us to care for our common home.

What We Do

Our work focuses on three primary goals:

- 1. Respond to the Cry of the Earth**
 - Celebrate Earth Day by planting wildlife-friendly trees
 - Achieved St. Kateri Habitat designation for our grounds
 - Restore and maintain native flora in the Memorial Garden

2. Adopt Sustainable Lifestyles

- Explore ways the parish can reduce its carbon footprint
- Increase awareness and provide educational resources
- Sponsor community recycling events

3. Discover Catholic Ecology

- Celebrate and reflect on the life of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron of Ecology
- Host a Blessing of the Animals near his feast day (October 4)
- Develop a Marian garden within the Memorial Garden
- Sponsor an outdoor parish Mass at Catalina State Park
- Establish a team to care for the Stations of the Cross, led

by a ministry member



How to Join Us

We welcome new members to help us achieve these goals. Opportunities are available for both gardeners and non-gardeners.

To learn more or to get involved, contact our co-leaders, Mary Hojnacki or Kathie Calbone, at sajm@santacatalinaparish.org. You are also invited to attend a Social Awareness and Justice Ministry meeting, held on the **first Thursday of each month from 1-3 PM in the Catalina Room**, September through May.

Donations

We gladly accept donations of native plants during the spring and fall planting seasons. ☩

Santa Catalina Parish



Spiritual Adoption

Jesus, Mary and Joseph
I love you very much.
I beg you to spare the life
of the unborn child that I
have spiritually adopted who is
in danger of abortion.

...Bishop Fulton J Sheen



A reminder to say your Spiritual Adoption Prayer daily - Dignity of Human Life Ministry

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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