

June 28-29, 2025

Santa Catalina

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Catholic Church

A REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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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

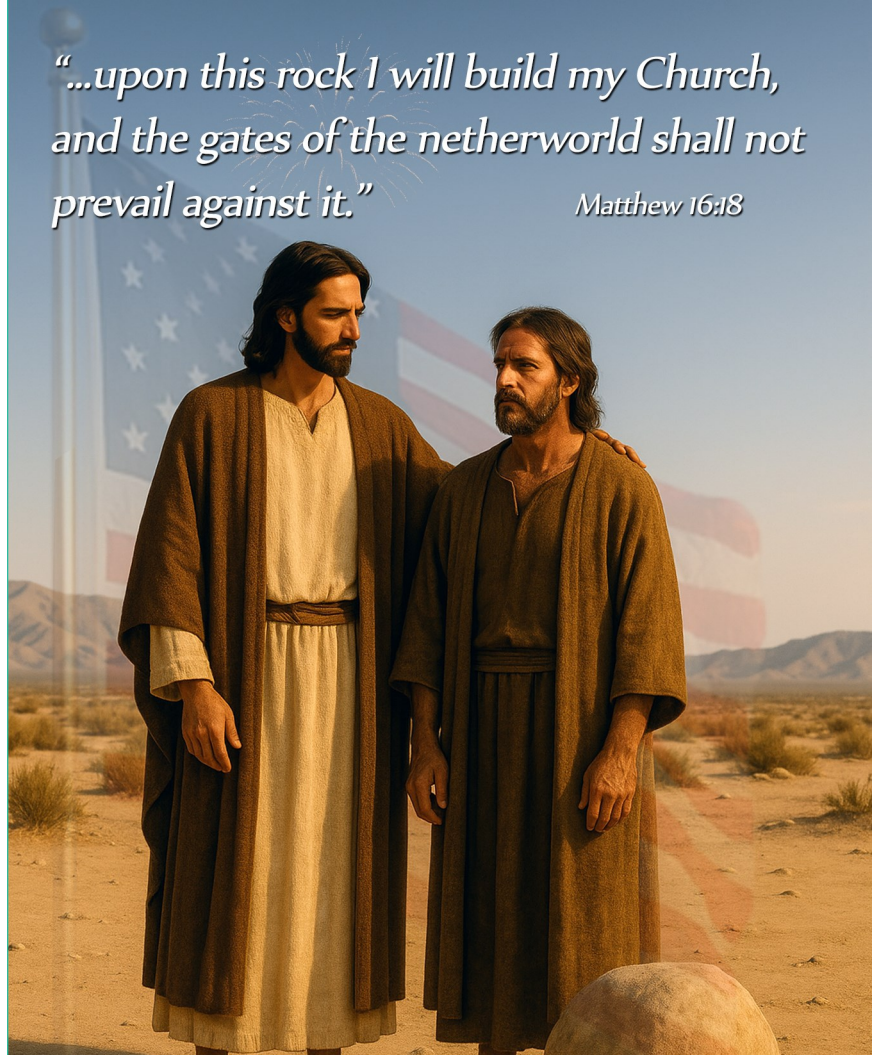
In Church, Wed 8:30 AM -8:30 PM
Chapel hours, Mon-Fri
8:00 AM-2:30 PM

Rosary in the Church

Mon-Fri 7:30 AM

*"...upon this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of the netherworld shall not
prevail against it."*

Matthew 16:18



Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

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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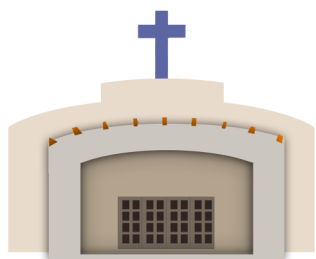
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This Week's Meetings & Events

Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
Mon, Jun 30	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, Jul 1	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 2	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, Jul 3	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian Room
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian Room
Fri, Jul 4			
Sat, Jul 5	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
		Parish Food Drive	Portico
Sun, Jul 6		Parish Food Drive	Portico

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



The Growth Has Continued: Santa Catalina's Journey from Mission to Parish

Santa Catalina Catholic Church has experienced a steady and inspiring transformation over the past few decades. In 1992, the parish counted only

250

registered families. By 2000, that number had grown to 810, a reflection of both the community's expansion and the welcoming spirit that defines the parish.

The early 2000s were marked by exciting developments. In 2000, the parish launched the Renew faith-sharing program and introduced a Youth Mass on Sundays at 5:00 PM. A year later, on May 20, 2001, Bishop Gerald Kicanas dedicated the new worship space, followed by the parish's first baptism and confirmation in the newly completed church. The Social Hall was added in 2003, providing a vital space for parish events and gatherings.

In 2004, the design and creation of the Prayer Garden and outdoor Stations of the Cross began. These beautifully crafted stations were sculpted by Canadian Catholic artist Timothy P. Schmalz, known internationally for his work at the Vatican. That same year, Santa Catalina officially became a parish church. The following year, it was incorporated under the name Santa Catalina Roman Catholic Church. In 2006, the community joyfully marked the 25th anniversary of the church's dedication.

As the parish grew, so did its ministries and

leadership. A Pastoral Council and a Youth Prison Ministry were formed in 2006. The growing number of parishioners created a need for additional Masses and a more organized approach to liturgy and music, leading to the appointment of a Director of Liturgy and Music. Over 150 children

were enrolled in the Religious Education Program, prompting the hiring of a Director of Religious Education and a Director of Youth Ministry.

In 2007, the Diocese assigned Fr. Peter Connolly as the first Redemptorist pastor. A year later, the completed Prayer Garden and Stations of the Cross were dedicated,

and the Matachines dance group became an official parish ministry.

Since 2012, Santa Catalina has continued under Redemptorist leadership. Fr. Larry Sanders served for eight years, followed by Fr. Lamar Partin for two years, Fr. Dennis Ryan for one year, and now Fr. Huy Vu, who became pastor in 2023. Until about 2014, a single Spanish Mass was celebrated weekly; it has since evolved into a bilingual Mass that continues to foster unity within the parish's diverse community.

Today, Santa Catalina offers five weekend Masses and supports dozens of active ministries. Whether through Bible study, grief support, social events, or outreach to the poor and vulnerable, the parish continues to be a place of spiritual nourishment and Christian service. Anchored in faith and community, Santa Catalina remains a vibrant parish still growing on the rock upon which it was built. ✚

With every new ministry and milestone, our parish life deepens and expands.

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. †

Parish Game Night - July 11th

5 pm to 8 PM in the Parish Hall. Family Fun Night, Ages 3 to 103. Join us for a delicious dinner, board games, cards, lots of laughs, and fellowship. Please bring a dessert to share. †

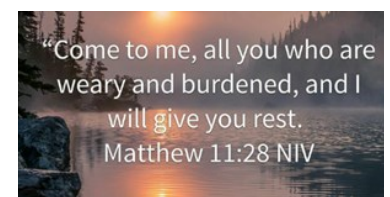


Put Down the Glass



I hold in my hand a glass containing eight ounces of water. For a brief moment, it's weightless—no burden at all. If I continue to hold it for an hour, my arm begins to ache. Hold it for an entire day, and I'll likely need medical help. The weight of the glass never changes, but the longer I hold onto it,

the heavier it feels. Stress is much the same. The longer we carry it, the more it drains us—mind, body, and spirit. To find peace, **Put down the glass.** †



We are seeking adorers to sign up for Adoration

We are actively seeking dedicated volunteers to support our Adoration Ministry. As we aim for sustainability in our spiritual practices, we urgently need volunteers to help cover various hours at the church, ensuring that the Blessed Sacrament is never left unattended. Whether you're able to commit to a regular weekly hour or serve as an occasional substitute, your contribution



is incredibly valuable.

Currently, we have several time slots available for adorers: 8:30-9:30, 9:30-10:30, 10:30-11:30, and 5:30-6:30. If you feel called to participate, please reach out by sending an email to pc@santacatalinaparish.org. Adoration takes place every Wednesday from 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM in the church. Everyone is invited to join and experience the presence of our Lord during these times. †

We Are Stephen Ministry

The spirit of Stephen Ministry dates to the early Church when the Apostles commissioned Saint Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, to tend to the needs of the flourishing Church. Today, this caring ministry serves millions of people in more than 13,000 Christian churches throughout the United States, Canada, and thirty other countries. Our mission is to bring Christ's love, peace, and healing to those in our parish and community who are hurting. Since our inception at Santa Catalina in 2011, we have provided care to over one hundred people.

Stephen Ministry meets emotional and spiritual needs in a wide variety of life situations, such as being homebound, suffering the loss of a loved one, loneliness, prolonged illness, disability,



rehabilitation, spiritual crisis, broken relationships, job loss, or other stressful circumstances. Stephen Ministers provide Christ-centered care through one-to-one caring relationships. Our ministers are

members of Santa Catalina Parish, caring Christians who want to make a difference in the lives of those who are hurting. We exercise strict confidentiality, will not judge, and will listen and walk faithfully with you on your journey of healing.

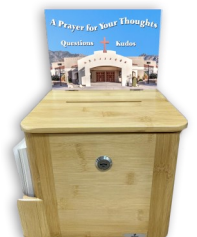
If you or someone you know could benefit from Stephen Ministry, please contact the church office at 520-825-9611, or contact us by email at StephenMinistry@santacatalinaparish.org. All information is held in strict confidentiality. Please also see our Stephen Ministry brochures in the Narthex. †

We Want to Hear from You!

We welcome your words of encouragement and appreciation – let us know what's going well and what brings you joy at Santa Catalina!

We 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. †



The Cross at Every Mass

"A Symbol of Unity: The Vocations Cross at All Masses"

Beginning in May, a simple yet profound symbol has graced every Mass: the Weekly Vocations Cross. This cross serves as a visible reminder of our parish's commitment to pray for vocations. At the end of each Mass, a family, individual, or couple is invited to take the cross home—carrying our collective prayers into the world.

Why a cross? The cross is the ultimate sign of Christ's sacrificial love, the foundation of every vocation. By embracing the cross, we unite as a parish to ask God for more laborers in His harvest: faithful spouses, joyful

priests, devoted religious sisters and brothers, and singles who radiate Christ's love in their communities.

No matter which Mass you attend—Saturday vigil or one of the Sunday Masses—you'll have the chance to encounter this cross. Let the cross inspire you to pause, pray, and reflect: "Lord, what is Your call for my life? How can I support others in their vocations?" ✚



What's the Difference Between a Sermon and a Homily?

A **homily** is a short reflection given during Mass that explains the day's Scripture readings and applies them to daily life. Only a priest, deacon, or bishop may give a homily, and it is required on Sundays and holy days. A **sermon**, on the other

hand, is a broader religious talk that can occur outside of Mass and cover various spiritual or moral topics. All homilies are sermons, but not all sermons are homilies. ✚

Readings for the week of June 29th

Monday: Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-1



Readings for Sunday, June 29th:

First Reading: Now I know for certain that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people had been expecting." (Acts 12:11)

Psalm: The angel of the Lord will rescue those who fear him. (Ps 34)

Second Reading: The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom. (2 Tm 4:18)

Gospel: I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt 16:19)

Spiritual

Gospel Reflection:

What do you call brothers who are born on the same day? Twins, of course. That is what we celebrate today in the inestimable saints, Peter and Paul. Wait: twins? Yes. The early Church believed that Peter and Paul were martyred in Rome on the same day. Since the day of martyrdom is celebrated as a saints' birth into eternal life, the result is striking: Peter and Paul are twins in God's family, the Church.

Who should care about this? Well, anyone who longs to live in a world marked by love and peace. Remember, the Romans believed that twins, Romulus and Remus, founded their city through an act of fratricide, the former murdering the latter. Sadly, the structures of this fallen world emerge through violence between those who



Reflexión del Evangelio:

¿Cómo se llama a los hermanos nacidos el mismo día? Gemelos, por supuesto. Eso es precisamente lo que celebramos hoy en los inestimables santos Pedro y Pablo. ¿Gemelos? Sí. La Iglesia primitiva creía que Pedro y Pablo fueron martirizados en Roma el mismo día. Como el día del martirio se celebra como el nacimiento del santo a la vida eterna, el resultado es impactante: Pedro y Pablo son gemelos en la familia de Dios, la Iglesia.

¿Y a quién debería importarle esto? A cualquiera que anhele vivir en un mundo marcado por el amor y la paz. Recordemos que los romanos creían que sus fundadores, los gemelos Rómulo y Remo, establecieron su ciudad mediante un acto de fratricidio: el primero mató al segundo. Tristemente, las estructuras de este mundo caído nacen de la violencia entre quienes deberían amarse. Pero en la

should love each other. But in the Church, a new city has been founded upon this new set of twins, embodying the non-violent power of Jesus' cross and resurrection.

That's why traditional icons represent Peter and Paul in a fraternal and warm embrace. Contrasted with the violence of Rome's founders, it challenges us with a bold claim: do we believe that structures of merciful love are more powerful and lasting than those based on power, violence, and domination? Am I willing to see others in my life as my "twin," with whom I am called to give my life for Christ, or as my rival? Am I committed to living what is embodied in Romulus and Remus, or in Peter and Paul?

— Fr. John Muir

Iglesia, una nueva ciudad ha sido fundada sobre esta nueva pareja de gemelos, que encarnan el poder no violento de la cruz y resurrección de Jesús.

Por eso, los íconos tradicionales representan a Pedro y Pablo en un fraternal y cálido abrazo. Contrastado con la violencia de los fundadores de Roma, este gesto nos lanza un desafío valiente: ¿creemos que las estructuras de amor misericordioso son más poderosas y duraderas que aquellas basadas en el poder, la violencia y la dominación? ¿Estoy dispuesto a ver a los demás en mi vida como mis "gemelos", con quienes estoy llamado a entregar mi vida por Cristo, o como mis rivales? ¿Estoy comprometido a vivir lo que encarnaron Rómulo y Remo, o lo que encarnan Pedro y Pablo?

— Padre John Muir

This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention	
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 Friends
	11:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	†	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
5:00 PM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	†	Michael Schuetz by JoAnn Weston	
Mon, Jun 30	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	†	Kathleen Harris by Pat Lotker
Tue, Jul 1	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	†	Dale Sieverding by the family
Wed, Jul 2	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley		Tom & Donna Opsatnick wedding anniversary
Thu, Jul 3	8:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	†	Dale Sieverding by the Laufmann family
Fri, Jul 4	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	†	Sr. Mary Lee Knopf, SCN by John & Carol Harrison
			†	Walter E. Tanti by Rick & Maryjane Carsten
				The Treis family (L) by Deb Auclair
Sat, Jul 5	4:00 PM	F. Lester Mendonsa	†	Joseph Nadeau by Joan Nadeau
				Carol Doucette (L) by Marilyn Kramer
Sun, Jul 6	7:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	†	Bette & Harry Lanyon by daughter Beth Stanton
			†	Judith A. Moncevicz & Vincent Bellian by Paul & Susan Moncevicz
	9:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	†	Dale Sieverding by the family
	11:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	†	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
	5:00 PM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley		For all who are serving in the military and their families

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

Two Pillars of Faith: Saints Peter and Paul

Today we simultaneously celebrate the feast of Saints Peter and Paul—two pillars of the early Church. Though very different in background and temperament, they both worked tirelessly to build the Kingdom of God and bore courageous witness to the Gospel with their very lives.

We all know that during the Passion, Saint Peter, out of fear, denied knowing Christ three times. Yet he repented deeply and, through the mercy of Jesus, was restored. He ultimately became the first Pope and led the early Christian community, laying the foundation of the Church with humility and boldness. He died a martyr in Rome, crucified upside down out of reverence for his Lord.

Saint Paul, once known as Saul, was a zealous persecutor of Christians. But after a dramatic encounter with the risen Christ on the road to Damascus, he underwent a radical conversion. Paul became one of Christianity's greatest evangelizers, traveling extensively and writing much of the New Testament. Like Peter, he too gave his life for the faith, dying a martyr's death in Rome.

In what ways do you imitate these great followers of Jesus Christ? Do you recognize your failings like Peter and allow God's mercy to restore you? Do you, like Paul, allow your past to be transformed into a powerful witness for the future?

“Jesus gives Simon a new name: ‘Peter,’ which in Jesus’ language sounds like Kefa, a word meaning ‘rock.’ In the Bible, this term—rock—refers to God. Jesus gives this name to Simon not because of his personal qualities or merits, but because of his genuine and steadfast faith, which was granted to him from above. The glorious legacy of Peter and Paul is a call to live out Christian virtues, especially faith and charity. Faith in Jesus as the Messiah and Son of God—first professed by Peter and then proclaimed by Paul to the people—and charity, which the Church is called to serve with a universal outlook.” (Pope Francis)

The journey of these apostles was far from easy. They endured rejection, imprisonment, hardship, and ultimately martyrdom. Yet they are the foundation upon which the Church stands. Each one allowed himself to be shaped, molded, and empowered by Jesus Christ. ©LPi

A Powerful Novena - The Surrender Novena

Jesus Christ revealed the Surrender Novena to Fr. Dolingo Ruotolo, an Italian priest, to teach us to turn our troubles over to Him and surrender them to His will.

It is a powerful novena. A copy is on the parish website [HERE](https://santacatalinaparish.org/The%20Surrender%20Novena.pdf).
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Sacred Silence and Reverence: Our Posture at the Consecration

At the heart of every Catholic Mass lies the mystery of the Eucharist—the moment when bread and wine become the true Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. This sacred transformation occurs during the Consecration, a moment so holy that it calls for our fullest attention, reverence, and interior participation.

During the Consecration, the Church invites us into profound silence. This is not merely the absence of noise, but a posture of awe and receptivity. As the priest speaks the words of Jesus at the Last Supper—“This is my Body... This is my Blood”—he is not simply recalling a historical event; he is making Christ present here and now, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The proper posture during this moment is to kneel or, at least stand if we are able, as a sign of humility and adoration. Our gaze may rest quietly upon the elevated Host and Chalice, or we may bow our

heads in prayer. Either way, our hearts should echo the words of St. Thomas: *“My Lord and my God.”*

It is not a time for movement, distraction, or casual observation. We are in the presence of the King of Kings. The Consecration is not a symbol; it is a miracle. This is why the Church treats this moment with solemnity and instructs us to do the same—with silence, stillness, and reverence.

Let us approach this holy moment as if standing at the foot of the Cross, united with Mary and the beloved disciple. Through our silence and devotion, we offer our love to the One who offered everything for us. ✠



At First, the Apostles Try To Dodge the Question – Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

When Jesus confronts them — and make no mistake, it is a confrontation — with the question “Who do you say that I am?” they act like a man whose wife has just asked him if she looks fat in these jeans.

The evasiveness of their answer puts politicians to shame: “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

Some say. But Jesus doesn’t let them off easy. He repeats himself. He wants an answer. “Who do you say that I am?”

They all know the answer. They all believe the answer. And they all know the answer could get them thrown in prison or killed. Only Peter is brave enough to say it: “You are the Christ, the Son of the

Living God.”

People have a lot of opinions about God. They always have. They have a lot of opinions about Jesus and the Bible, about the Catholic Church and the Pope. Some of these opinions are well-founded, well-researched. Some of them are based in ignorance. Many are born of painful misunderstandings. But they are all just that: opinions.

Some say. We know who Jesus is. We know who the Eucharist is. We know what the truth is. Amid the chaos and the violence and the excruciating loudness of this fallen world and all the words it shouts into the void about God and Jesus and right and wrong, we know.

But will we answer? ✠

Get on the Bus Brings Families Together by Deb Auclair

On June 13, Arizona's *Get on the Bus* program marked a new chapter of compassion for families with incarcerated loved ones. Families traveled from both Phoenix and Tucson, and they began the day at the Cathedral, where a joyful room filled with music, food, craft supplies, and decorations set the tone for what was to come.

Special thanks to Deacon Mike, the Diocese's Prison Ministry Coordinator, whose guidance and



DONNA OPSATNICK, DEB AUCLAIR AND JO ANN WESTON CHECK FAMILIES IN.

support made the day possible. Eva Hidalgo organized craft tables where children made heartfelt Father's Day cards.

Fifteen children and ten caregivers were joined by ten volunteers. Excitement grew as the children changed into their matching *Get on the Bus* T-shirts and laughter quickly filled the room.

Mark Kvidera's uplifting guitar music brought warmth and joy to the space. Donna Opsatnick, Chris Kvidera, JoAnn Weston, and I welcomed families, helped them check in, and feel at ease. Each family received gift bags filled with

age-appropriate items. Antonio shouted, "I love Play-Doh!" while others enthusiastically decorated Father's Day cards.

The anticipation peaked with the arrival of the bus from Phoenix, coordinated by Katie Woodward, *Get on the Bus* AZ leader. After lunch, provided by Project Cross, families boarded the bus to Whetstone Prison. Photographer Chris Auclair, captured joyful moments before departure.

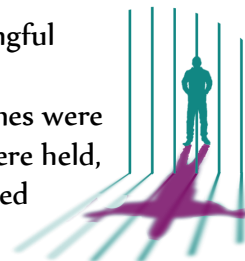
At the prison, staff processed all 45 participants in groups of 6 to enter. Thanks to a recommendation by Whetstone's Deputy Warden Mormon to include Phoenix families this year, participation doubled from last year. Commanding Officer Inclan photographed each family, providing cherished keepsakes of their time together.

Inside the visitation room, fathers embraced their children—some for the first time in years. JoAnn beautifully remarked, "It was like fathers poured a whole year of love into one afternoon." Families played games, read cards, and



MARK KVIDERA PLAYS HIS GUITAR FOR THE CHILDREN.

shared meaningful time together. Battleship games were won, hands were held, and tears flowed freely—from fathers, mothers, and children alike.



As the visit came to an end, conversations began about expanding *Get on the Bus* even further—living proof that love truly knows no walls.

Feedback from families was deeply moving:

Gloria - *"Thank you for making this a great experience for my family and many others!"*

Leeana - *"Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity—it means the world to me and our little girl."*

Julie - *"Thank you all so much for everything you did for the kiddos! That was a very special day for them."*

To learn more or take part in next year's event, contact Deb Auclair through the parish office at (520) 825-9611 or email sajm@santacatalinaparish.org. ✝

Meet the Ministry: Christ Child Society of Tucson - An SAJM Ministry

Serving God's Children in Need

Who We Are

The Christ Child Society of Tucson is a non-profit, volunteer-driven organization dedicated to expressing the love of Christ through personal service to children and families in need—regardless of race, creed, or background. Our mission is rooted in compassion and dignity, following the example of the Christ Child by offering comfort, care, and essential resources to those who are most vulnerable in our community.

What We Do

- **Foster Teen Care Bags** – We assemble and deliver over 600 drawstring bags each year to foster teens. These include hygiene products (shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrush), clean socks and underwear, a

devotional, a journal, and a small game or puzzle. Whenever possible, the bags are hand-sewn—adding a loving, personal touch. We need volunteers to help sew, assemble, or donate supplies.

- **Layettes for Newborns** – Our “baby shower in a bag” program provides new mothers in need with essentials: diapers, onesies, crocheted or quilted blankets, towels, socks, and toys. Volunteers meet weekly at our storage unit to assemble layettes and enjoy coffee and fellowship.

- **Books and Reading** – We promote literacy by donating books to local elementary schools and reading with children in their classrooms.

How to Join Us

We warmly welcome new members who feel called to serve. The Christ Child Society meets

on the second Monday of the month (September–May). You're also invited to attend the Social

Awareness and Justice Ministry meetings on the first Thursday of each month from 1–3 PM in the Catalina Room.

To get involved, contact Deb Auclair at Info@ChristChildTucson.org or SAJM@santacatalinaparish.org.

Donations Welcome All Year

Each February, we host a drive at Santa Catalina to collect items for our foster teen bags—but we gratefully accept donations at any time. Current needs include:

- ✦ Hygiene items – shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes
- ✦ Diapers (all sizes)
- ✦ Socks & underwear for teens. ✝



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. ✝



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. ✝



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).

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