

# Santa Catalina

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## Catholic Church

June 7-8, 2025

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



## Pentecost Sunday

#### 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](http://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
Sat, Jun 7	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
	4:00 PM	Parish Food Drive	Portico
Sun, Jun 8	All Masses	Parish Food Drive	Portico
Mon, Jun 9	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
	10:00 AM	Sacred Scripture Study: Luke	Mesquite, Ocotillo Room
	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	Church
	5:30 PM	Music Ministry - Bilingual Choir	Church
Tues, Jun 10	9:30 AM	Yoga Faith	Catalina Room
	1:30 PM	Arts & Crafts for All	Ocotillo Room
	2:00 PM	Dignity of Life monthly meeting	Marian 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 11	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
Thurs, Jun 12	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	1:00 PM	Book Bunch monthly meeting	Cholla Room
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian Room
	6:30 PM	Sacred Scripture Study: Luke	Mesquite, Ocotillo Room
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian Room
Fri, Jun 13			
Sat, Jun 14	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
	5:00 PM	Parish Game Night	Parish Hall
Sun, Jun 15			

## Beams, Bells & Blessings: The Language of Santa Catalina Church's Design

*Details contributed by GyGy Somogyi, Ginny Pergantis & architect John Shaheen*

Walk into Santa Catalina and you will discover that every line of the architecture whispers a piece of the Gospel—if you know where to look.

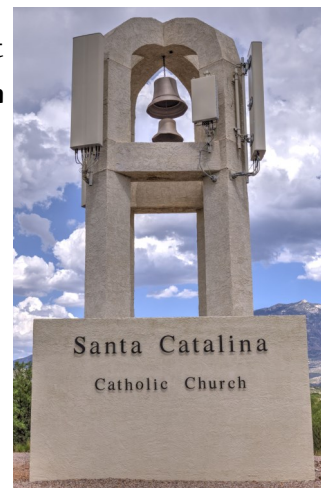


### Apostles Overhead

Look above the altar and count the massive timber beams. Eleven stretch east to west—one for each apostle who remained faithful at the Crucifixion. A single cross beam supports them all, honoring Peter, the rock on whom Christ built His Church. Sunlight pours through **twelve clear windows**, carrying the Word of God outward — derived from Sr. Carole's inspired blueprint.

### The Bell Tower

That stately tower outside? Technically a giant disguise. In 1997 Verizon offered \$10,000 a year (for 10 years) to tuck a cell antenna on the property. Sr. Carole countered with a one-time lump sum—\$100,000 up front—and insisted the antenna look like an old world bell tower. The check became seed money for the sanctuary you worship in today, while the “bells” themselves have never so much as chimed.



### Glass That Preaches

Our stained glass windows are not imported from Europe—they are the inspired work of a Tucson artist. Each pane glows with the warm hues of the southwest desert and reminds us of the abundant sunshine that blesses our lives.



### A Relic Comes Home

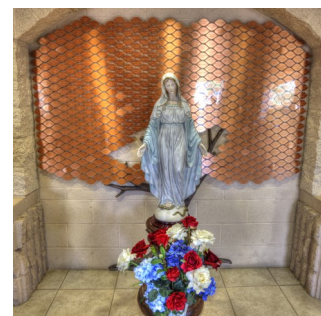
When every consecrated church receives a relic of its patron, most parishes settle for a tiny bone fragment. In 2007, Fr. Peter Connelly secured something rarer: a swatch of St. Catherine of Alexandria's cloth. The relic rests beside her portrait, both framed by master woodworker (and parishioner) Larry Miller—the same craftsman who built the chapel's Holy Oils cabinet.



### The Tree of Life

Pause in the narthex and find the bronze “Tree of Life” as a beautiful backdrop to the Virgin Mary. Its leaves bear the names of every donor who helped raise these walls—a living genealogy of generosity.

So the next time you kneel beneath those beams or catch the sun flickering through clear glass, remember: Santa Catalina is more than a building. It's a love letter in architecture, signed by apostles, saints, and the faithful people of Oro Valley. ✚



## 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. †



## Arts and Crafts - June is Abstract Art Month

Please join us on Tuesday June 24, as members of the Arts and Crafts group explore abstract art ideas. We'll be using watercolor for this project. You'll need to bring a set of watercolor paints (even a small, boxed set from Crayola will work). You'll need a ¼" brush (or a #5 flat brush if available). a 12" x 14" or 14" x 17" piece of cardboard, a sharpie pen, a pencil, and an eraser. We'll be using multi-media paper for this project which we can supply. We'll also have stencils for you to use.

This project will be a fun and interesting way to

explore different shapes, designs, lines, and colors. Please join us as we socialize and learn from each other!

The Arts and Crafts group meets in the Ocotillo Room from 1:30–3:30. †



## Come to YogaFaith



YogaFaith meets Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 in the Santa Catalina room, Parish Hall. Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing for various postures.

We begin with a prayer and ask for special intentions. Through cleansing breaths, we ask the Holy Spirit to be with us as we stretch and move to realign our standing posture, strengthen our core and improve our balance. All are welcome. †

## Vienes a YogaFaith

YogaFaith se reúne los martes de 9:30 a 10:30 en la sala Santa Catalina, en el Salón Parroquial. Trae un tapete y usa ropa cómoda para diversas posturas.

Comenzamos con una oración y pedimos por intenciones especiales. A través de respiraciones purificadoras, invitamos al Espíritu Santo a estar con nosotros mientras nos estiramos y movemos para realinear la postura, fortalecer el núcleo y mejorar el equilibrio. ¡Todos son bienvenidos! †

## Meet the Ministry - Liturgical Ministries

Liturgical ministers have the wonderful privilege of helping others participate in the Church's liturgy, whether you are proclaiming a Scripture reading, taking up a collection, distributing Communion, or carrying a candle or crucifix. It takes dedication and devotion of our parishioners who offer their time and talent in the roles of Lectors (English and Spanish), Eucharistic Ministers, Hospitality Ministers, and Altar Servers.

### Lectors:

To be a Lector is a blessing, an honor, and a privilege. Our God calls us to offer the nourishment of His Word respectfully and in a well-prepared and prayerful manner. For the people to clearly understand God's Word, the Lector must be properly prepared. In preparation Lectors should have an openness to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit and a desire to study and discern the meaning of the Holy Scripture. Training is provided.



### Eucharistic Ministers:

There is no greater or sacred lay ministry than that of a Eucharistic Minister (Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion). Distributing the Body and Blood of Christ to those who gather to worship with us is an honor and a privilege. Spiritual and practical training is provided. We encourage you to enter this ministry with the intention to grow in your devotion to the Eucharist and to the Church that celebrates it.



### Hospitality Ministers:

Hospitality Ministers warmly greet parishioners and visitors, offer farewells, and distribute bulletins at each weekend Mass. During Mass they offer seating assistance, manage the collection process as well as maintain order and flow during distribution of the Holy Eucharist. Training is provided.



### Altar Servers, youth and adult:

Next to the Celebrant and the Deacon, the Altar Servers are involved in the holiest and most sacred event, the Mass, and play a part in the preparation of the Eucharist. Being an Altar Server can teach valuable skills such as teamwork, perceiving what needs to be done and doing it, punctuality, and self-confidence. Training is provided. ✝



## Vacation Bible School - June 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM - Noon

### Registration

Registration is now **waitlist only**. Children in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will embark on an exciting journey through the life of Christ, drawing closer to Him as they experience the cycle of the Church year.



Through the generosity of Santa Catalina Parish, this year's VBS is **Free**. Questions or if you would like to be added to the waitlist, contact Katharine at [RE@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:RE@santacatalinaparish.org) or 505-670-1897.

### Volunteers Needed for VBS

Lead children on an exciting adventure through the sacraments at this year's Vacation Bible School! Join us for VBS June 16th-20th, 9:00 AM-12:00pm.

Volunteers needed for crafts, snacks, games, and more. No experience needed—you will be fully trained.

We promise a fun, faith-filled, joyous week as you work in community with your fellow volunteers to gently lead our children to Jesus. †

### Prayer Before Meals

The practice of praying before meals is Biblical, and in the Gospels, Jesus is shown praying before the Last Supper and other meals. In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis urged the faithful "to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom."

"That moment of blessing," he wrote, "reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation...(and) reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need." †

### Readings for the week of June 8th:

- Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
- Tuesday:** 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 5:20-26
- Friday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18/Mt 5:27-32
- Saturday:** 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 5:33-37



### Readings for Sunday, June 8th:

**First Reading:** Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)

**Psalm:** Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) Or: Alleluia.

**Second Reading:** As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

**Gospel:** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

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# Spiritual

## Gospel Reflection:

When I was a seminarian almost 20 years ago, a bank vice president taught us etiquette classes. She said, “Gentlemen, please make sure your breath isn’t bad. Take some breath mints before you hear confessions, okay?” We nervously laughed because the proximity that makes breath noticeable (whether pleasant or not) can be a bit awkward.

When Jesus breathes on his Apostles (John 20:22), he must have been within inches of at least some of them. This closeness of his breath has a purpose: the purpose of forgiveness of sins.

**“Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them” (John 20:23).** Why in the world would the almost uncomfortable closeness of his breath forgive sins?

In the Bible, breath is spirit or

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This Pentecost Day we have the opportunity to ask the Holy Spirit to open the doors of our hearts, grant us peace, and help us become bearers of that peace wherever we go. Today, more than ever, the world is in need of peace. There is war and destruction in many countries, leading people to long for peace. People suffer, trapped in uncertainty and fear. May we truly hear this message today, and may these words become a reality for many: “Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you!’” (John 20:21).

The Holy Spirit is manifested for the common good—not just for a select few, but for all.

In one of his catecheses on the Holy Spirit, St. Cyril of Alexandria explained the following:

wind. It comes from above and makes that which is below to have identity. To not have a single identity is to be multiple, divided. The word “sin” comes from an ancient word that means “to split” or “render asunder.” Sin divides us sinners and the world around us; our spiritual “breath” leaves us and our identity splinters. Only breath from above restores. For example, a shattered vase is rendered whole because the craftsman breathes the spirit of the vase back into it when he repairs it. A human being shattered by sin is made whole by the breath of God, breathed by Jesus through his priests. His breath alone forgives sins. It’s always done with his gentle, loving closeness.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi



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“Just as the Holy Spirit—though one, the same, and indivisible—distributes gifts to each according to His will, so too does a dry tree, when it receives water, begin to sprout.

In the same way, the sinful soul, upon receiving the Holy Spirit, the gift of repentance, bears the fruits of righteousness. Though always the same and unchanging, the Spirit produces various effects according to God’s will and in the name of Christ. Indeed, He may use one person’s tongue to communicate wisdom, enlighten another with the gift of prophecy, grant another the power to cast out demons, and yet another the ability to interpret the Scriptures.”

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill our hearts with love! ✚

## This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention
Sat, Jun 7	4:00 PM	Fr. Brian Johnson	† James J. Kelly by Ruth Kelly
			† John Gallen by Maureen Schlosser
Sun, Jun 8	7:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	† Judith A. Moncevicz & Vincent Bellian by Paul & Susan Moncevicz
			L For those with Mental illness by Mental Health Ministry
			L For parishioners celebrating a birthday in June
	9:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	L For those with Mental illness by Mental Health Ministry
			L For parishioners celebrating a birthday in June
			† Peggy Kocar by Peggy Hawkinson
	11:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	L For those with Mental illness by Mental Health Ministry
			L For parishioners celebrating a birthday in June
			† Maria Eugenia Quintero by Esperanza Aquino
	5:00 PM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	L For those with Mental illness by Mental Health Ministry
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Mon, Jun 9	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	† Fedora Fischer Rubio by daughters
			† Jonathan Fay by Laura & Dennis Blackall
			† For the Souls in Purgatory by Peggy Hawkinson
Tue, Jun 10	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	† Dale Sieverding by the family
Wed, Jun 11	8:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	† John & Christena Lee by Bernie & Anita Lee
			† Barbara Sterns by Peggy Hawkinson
			L Betty Nelson by Stephen Ministry
Thu, Jun 12	8:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	† Dale Sieverding by the family
			† Marilyn Macholan by Linda Lambert
Fri, Jun 13	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	† Dale Sieverding by the family
			† Gertrude Kern by James Kern
Sat, Jun 14	4:00 PM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	† Brendan Grainger by Pat Lotker
			† Ira Lester by Susan & Mark Allen and Leann & George Leuer
			L For parishioners celebrating a birthday in June
Sun, Jun 15	7:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	† Dale Sieverding by the family
	9:00 AM	Fr. Gary Ziuraitis	L For Our Lady of Life Ministries by James Kern
			† Rogelio & Baldomero Rubio-Thome by Aztrid Fischer
	11:00 AM	Fr. Gary Ziuraitis	L Ruben Cajigas, Jr by Teresa Cajigas
5:00 PM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	L Leslie Fore by SCCC staff	

# Spiritual

## Please Pray for Our Parishioners



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

Sonia VanderBloomer

## Leaving the Room

I was a full-grown adult before I realized that Pentecost is known as “the birthday of the Church,” and it only resonated with me because someone showed up to a church function with cake and candles. Leave it to buttercream frosting to drive home a theological reality I had been missing for 25 years.

I knew what Pentecost was, of course. It simply went over my head that, despite all the incredible, world-changing things that had come before the moment of Pentecost, prior to this day, the Apostles were just a group of guys in a room. It wasn't until Pentecost that they became the Church.

So what makes the Church...well, the Church, capital C? What makes it more than just a group of guys in a room?

It's true, they were a very special group of guys. They had the Truth — capital T. They had borne witness to Christ's miracles, to his life and to his passion and death.

But they were still in that room.

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they received graces and gifts that made them fit to carry out the Great Commission. The Truth wasn't enough, even with a capital T. They needed the Spirit — capital S — and more than that, they needed to receive it with the courage and faith necessary to do what needed to be done.

To get up and leave the room.

Because what good is any of it unless they leave the room? What does it matter, the tongues of fire and the miraculous bilingualism and, frankly, the coming of the Spirit, if no one ever hears about it?

The mission is what made them the Church. It's what makes us the Church. Without it, we're just a bunch of guys in a room.

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COLLEEN JURKIEWICZ DORMAN

## Prayer for Pentecost

Holy Spirit of God — Disturb this room with your presence today, filling us, empowering us, emboldening us.

Descend upon us with your gifts, your inspiration, and your promptings.

Lead us to where we should go, stirring within us the movement of God.

Amen.

Financial Report	Weekend of 5/25	Attendance
Offertory	\$24,463	963
Major Maintenance	\$380	
Total	\$24,843	
2024	\$21,654	1064
Rectory	\$5615	

## “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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## Why do we use incense at Mass?

The use of incense in Catholic worship is a practice rich with symbolism, tradition, and spiritual meaning. It has its roots in ancient Jewish temple rituals and has been embraced by the Church since its earliest centuries.

Incense, typically made from aromatic resins like frankincense and myrrh, is burned in a metal censer or thurible. As the fragrant smoke rises, it represents the prayers of the faithful ascending to heaven, echoing Psalm 141:2 — “Let my prayer rise like incense before you.” The visual imagery of smoke drifting upward creates a powerful sense of the sacred, lifting the hearts and minds of the congregation toward God.

Beyond its poetic symbolism, incense also signifies purification and sanctification. It is often used to bless the altar, the Gospel book, the offerings, clergy, and congregation—setting them apart as holy and dedicated to divine worship. Incense creates an atmosphere of reverence, mystery, and awe, engaging the senses and reminding the faithful that the Mass is not merely a human gathering but a sacred encounter with the divine.

During solemn liturgies such as Easter, Christmas, funerals, and Eucharistic adoration, incense adds a heightened level of solemnity and honor. Its use is never ornamental—it expresses reverence for what is holy, particularly the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.



In short, incense is more than a ritual detail; it is a visible sign of invisible grace, calling worshippers to deeper prayer, purification, and communion with God. †

## Meet the Ministry - Local Immersion Ministry - An SAJM Ministry

**Who We Are:** This ministry was created in 2015 by Sister Jean Mariani, who served Santa Catalina Catholic as Director of Human Concerns. She, and others since, have led many of our parishioners to witness the homeless and the poorest of the poor of Tucson, being served by volunteers emulating "The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa."

Today it is very fashionable to talk about the poor. Unfortunately, it is not fashionable to talk with them.

I want you to be concerned about your next-door neighbor. Do you know your next-door neighbor?

Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do ... but how much love we put into action.

**What We Do:** Currently, we take parishioners monthly, to visit Casa Maria Soup Kitchen and Sister Jose's Women's Center as they serve the homeless and poor of Tucson. While on a Local Immersion tour, parishioners discuss their prior life experiences serving and supporting charitable organizations, what they experienced on the tour, and how they could provide help and support in the future to this growing problem.

Casa Maria provides a breakfast soup and a bag lunch to approximately 450 homeless individuals, and a food bag to about 125 local families everyday, except Thanksgiving and Christmas.



Sister Jose's Women's Center provides:  
1) Sisters Helping Sisters Day Program, which serves homeless women three meals, showers, laundry, clothing, and personal hygiene products.  
2) A Safe Place for Women Night Program, which offers approximately 40 women with hot meals and a safe place to sleep.  
3) Moving Forward Program, which provides case managers who help women enter the rental or job markets.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Casa Maria Soup Kitchen contact Yvette Gonzalez and Sister's Jose's Women's Center contact Sally Sample, both at [sajm@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:sajm@santacatalinaparish.org)

**How To Join Us:** Local Immersion tours will start back in September. Watch the bulletin for more information. †

## Thank you Santa Catalina for your Generosity



On a busy Saturday morning at Sr. Jose Women's shelter, I unloaded my car, stuffed with donations from you, the parishioners. As the women watched the bags of water bottles bought in, I heard "thank you" and "may I have one". Soft, fresh robes to be worn after a needed shower filled the shelves in the laundry room, along with bags and boxes of toiletries, kleenex, combs and toothbrushes to meet basic needs. Wonderful hats and sunscreen were welcome items, along with bras and socks.

Cash donations will be used to keep water bottles available all summer and provide the flexibility of purchasing additional needs.

The staff is especially grateful for your generosity in caring for our women with such abundance. You are putting the SCCC mission into action, serving a vulnerable population in need.



This is Mental Health month and at Sr. Jose, there are 12 women enrolled in the mental health program, due to the diligence and support of staff. These ladies started with the day program, gradually reaching out to find new ways to deal with their circumstances. One has to commend their courage and perseverance to try and improve their skills in self care. †

**Experience talking:** Don't ask your wife when dinner will be ready while she's mowing the lawn.

## Meet the Ministry - Sister Jose Women's Center - An SAJM Ministry

**Who We Are:** We honor the legacy of Sister Jose' Women's center to to care and nurture homeless women within our community, and to support their vision "where every homeless woman has a safe harbor and a path to a sustainable life."



**What We Do:** Volunteers from our parish provide needed services at the Center. Our First Priority is meeting daily needs.

You may welcome our guests at the reception desk and help them with services of our Drop In program: showers, laundry, respite

You may prepare and serve breakfast, snack lunches or organize a team to provide our famous soup suppers.

You may use your special skills to share with our guests, like arts and crafts, yoga, sewing or massage.

You may help our ladies select clothing from our Retail shop.

You may help receive and sort donations of clothing.



Our Second Priority is to make our parish community aware of the Center and seek their financial support for the center. Volunteers from our parish work with Center staff in fund raising efforts as well as update our brochure available in the narthex. Parishioners also respond to the request for Donations of clothing to support the retail shop in the center.

**How To Join Us:** We need more Volunteers to provide services for the continuing increase in homeless women seeking assistance on a daily basis. To learn more about opportunities to volunteer at Sr. Jose Women's center, please contact the the Sr. Jose Volunteer Coordinator at 520 949 7106 or [volunteer@stjose.org](mailto:volunteer@stjose.org) . You may request an interview, a tour of the facility or attend the monthly Prospective Volunteer Information Session.

You might also consider becoming a part of the many parish ministries that provide a soup supper monthly at the center. If you are interested in either volunteer efforts, or have questions ,please contact us at [sajm@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:sajm@santacatalinaparish.org). You will be contacted by a ministry volunteer.

We are part of the Social Awareness and Justice Ministry (SAJM) that coordinates 12 parish ministries, providing services and education. Feel free to come and learn more about our ministries, and how we coordinate and support each ministry in their efforts .SAJM meets on the 1st Thursday of the month, at 1pm in the Catalina Room from September to May. ☩

# Outreach

## Knights of Columbus Jim Click Raffle

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\*).

\* Payable to **K of C Council #12345**.

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