

February 1-2, 2025

# Santa Catalina

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Catholic Church

A REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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## Parish Office

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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 8:45-10:00 am

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

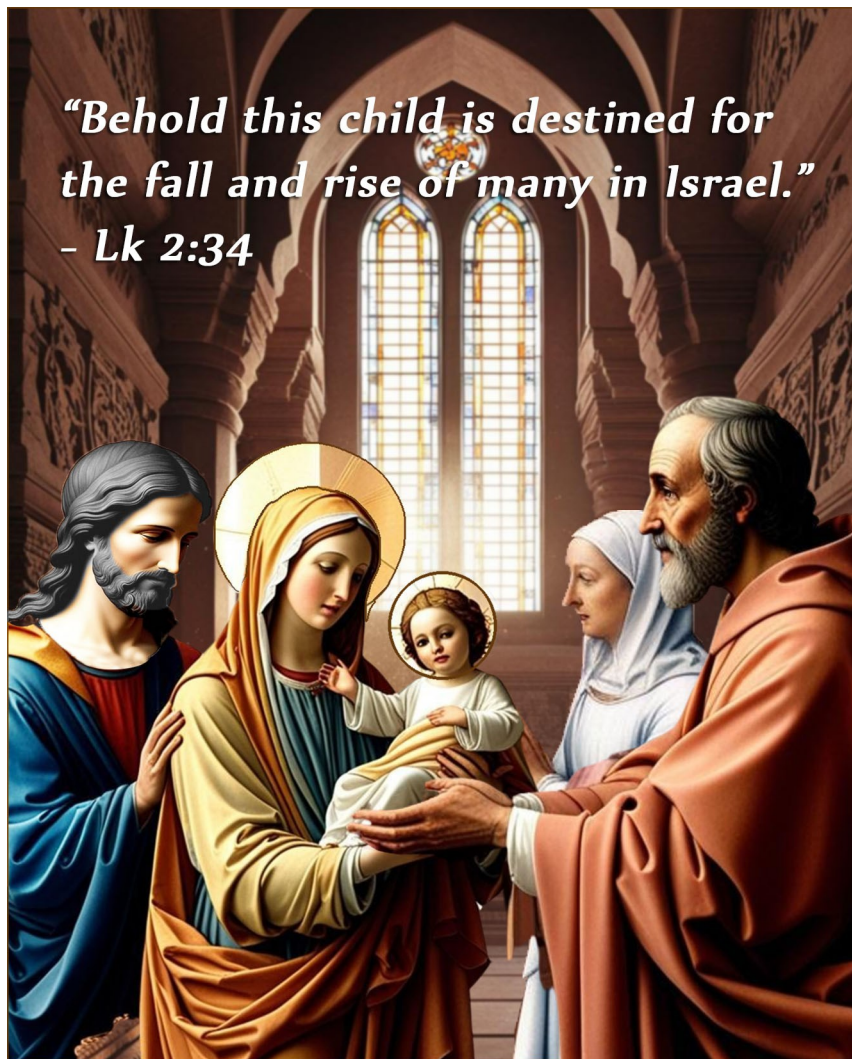
8:00 am-2:30 pm

## Rosary in the Church

Mon-Fri 7:30 am

*"Behold this child is destined for  
the fall and rise of many in Israel."*

*- Lk 2:34*



## Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

### Parish Mission:

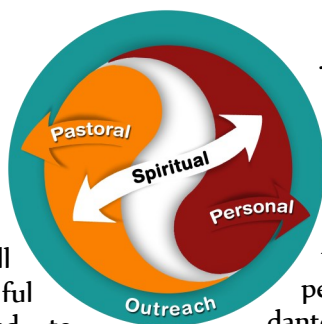
As members of God's Faith Community at Santa Catalina Catholic Parish, we commit our lives to being the voice, hands, and spirit of Christ, as our way of continuing God's call to love and peace.

### 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



**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

**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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## Meetings and Events This Week

Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Room
<b>Mon, Feb 3</b>	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian
	10:00 AM	Sacred Scripture Study - The Prophets	Mesquite, Ocotillo
	1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl monthly meeting	Catalina
	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	Church
	5:30 PM	Music Ministry - Bilingual Choir	Church
<b>Tue, Feb 4</b>	9:30 AM	Yoga Faith	Catalina
	4:00 PM	5 PM Mass Choir Rehearsal	Church
	6:00 PM	Men's Prayer Group	Marian
	6:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group	Saguaro
<b>Wed, Feb 5</b>	8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
	9:00 AM	Cultivando Mi Fe	Mesquite
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian
	1:00 PM	Mental Health Ministry meeting	Ocotillo
	1:00 PM	Understanding Sunday Scripture	Catalina
<b>Thu, Feb 6</b>	4:30 PM	Faith Formation Classes K-8th	Mesquite, Ocotillo, Cholla
	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	11:00 AM	Sassy Solos monthly meeting	Mesquite, Ocotillo
	1:00 PM	SAJM monthly meeting	Marian
	3:30 PM	Vocations Ministry monthly meeting	Conference
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian
	6:30 PM	Sacred Scripture Study - The Prophets	Mesquite, Ocotillo
<b>Fri, Feb 7</b>	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian
	9:00 AM	Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe	Marian
	9:00 AM	Friday Faith Fellowship - The Chosen	Catalina
<b>Sat, Feb 8</b>	10:00 AM	Grief Share class	Mesquite/Ocotillo
	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
	5:00 PM	Parish Game Night	Parish Hall
<b>Sun, Feb 9</b>	8:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes K-8th	Mesquite, Ocotillo, Cholla
	12:15 PM	O.C.I.A. & Confirmation	Conference

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All are welcome to attend the Cathedral Concert Series, featuring live classical music made available at no charge to attendees by the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Tucson. The community is encouraged to enjoy this season's classical music by reserving seats in advance at [tucsoncathedralconcerts.org](http://tucsoncathedralconcerts.org).

**February 11, 2025 ~ William Wolfram, Piano**

American pianist William Wolfram has appeared with many of the greatest orchestras of the world and has

## Diocese of Tucson Cathedral Concert

developed a special reputation as the rare concerto soloist who is also equally versatile and adept as a recitalist, accompanist, and chamber musician. Enjoy his transportive performance in Our Lady's Chapel at 6:30pm.

Check the website for more information on the 2025 offerings. [www.tucsoncathedralconcerts.org](http://www.tucsoncathedralconcerts.org) - **No Tickets Required.** ✝

## World Day of the Sick Mass

We invite you to a special Mass to honor the World Day of the Sick.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, Feb 15, at 10:00 AM

**Location:** St. Thomas the Apostle - 5150 N. Valley View Rd.

**Highlights of the Celebration:**

**Principal Celebrant:**

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger, J.C.L.

- Anointing of the Sick
- Blessing of Caregivers
- Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes
- Distribution of Lourdes Water

We hope to see you there. ✝

## Marriage Anniversary Mass 2025

Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger warmly invites you to a special Mass honoring couples celebrating significant marriage anniversaries in 2025. This celebration is for those who have received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and are marking their 1st, 5th, 10th, 25th, 50th, 60th, or longer wedding anniversaries this year.

**When:** Sun Feb 16, at 2:30 p.m.

**Where:** St. Augustine Cathedral, 192 S. Stone Ave.

All are welcome to join in this joyful celebration. To be recognized please register by Friday Feb 7 at <https://forms.office.com/r/KmvdLX6Kbi> ✝



## Forgiveness. and the Power to Heal – Retreat by Fr. Charlie Wehrley, C.S.S. R.

February 8, 2025 for 9am - 3 pm. Redemptorist Renewal Center - 7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd

Call 520-744-3400 to register - \$55 per person, includes lunch and handouts

Forgiveness liberates us from betrayal, anger, and resentment, embodying the way of Jesus. It empowers us to reclaim control from those who have hurt us and grants inner peace. Through His great love and forgiveness, Jesus Christ redeemed us. Forgiveness is central to His Great Commandment of Love: love God, your neighbor, yourself—even your enemy—as He loves us. Yet, many reject this teaching, refusing to

forgive those who hurt them or even themselves for past mistakes. Unforgiveness traps us, breaking our relationships with God, others, and ourselves. We cannot expect forgiveness from God or others if we withhold it. Redemption begins in our hearts through love, forgiveness, and reconciliation. If your heart is burdened by unforgiveness, this retreat offers freedom from past pain. ✝

**Join the Friday Faith Fellowship:** We'll be watching Season 1 of "The Chosen," a popular series about the life of Jesus and his chosen disciples. It's like Bible study without the homework! Come for fellowship, snacks, and discussion as we explore our faith together. ✝

## Create Animal Portraits with The Arts and Crafts Group

In February and March, members of the Arts and Crafts Group will focus on creating animal portraits. For this project, you can choose the art medium you would like to use: graphite or colored pencils, pastels or charcoal, pen and ink, collage, scratch board, or any type of paint (watercolor, acrylic, or oil).

Bring a picture of the animal you'd like to create and the necessary materials (i.e., appropriate paper

and tools). We'll have members who can show you how to use a grid or light board to transfer your picture to the paper. Come learn from each other as we create animal portraits!



The Arts and Crafts group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 1:30 – 3:30 in the Ocotillo Room. ☩

## Anxiety Disorders - Panic Disorder

Panic disorder involves frequent and unexpected panic attacks - sudden periods of intense discomfort, fear, or sense of losing control. These panic attacks can occur as frequently as several times a day or as rarely as a few times a year.

### Signs and Symptoms

- During a panic attack, a person may experience:
- Rapid heart rate or chest pain
- Shortness of breath
- Sweating
- Trembling or tingling
- Feelings of doom or imminent danger
- Feeling out of control
- Chills or hot flashes
- Nausea

### Get Help

Treatments, such as medicines and therapy, help most people with anxiety disorders.



Support groups and learning stress management techniques can also assist with managing symptoms.

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available. Call or text 988 or chat [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org)

If you are interested in the Mental Health Ministry or need information on resources for you or your loved one living with a mental illness send an e-mail to [mhm@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:mhm@santacatalinaparish.org). ☩

## Parish Game Night

Are you looking for Food, Fun and Fellowship?



Join us for Parish Game Night on February 8th from 5 pm to 8 pm. We have something for everyone - a delicious dinner, board games, cards, lots of laughs and fellowship. This is a fun night for everyone ages 3 to 103. Please bring a dessert to share.

¿Buscas comida, diversión, compañerismo y camaradería? Únase a nosotros para la noche de juegos parroquial el 8 de febrero de 5 p.m. a 8 p.m. Tenemos algo para todos: una deliciosa cena, juegos de mesa, cartas, muchas risas, compañerismo y camaradería. Esta es una noche divertida para todos, desde los 3 hasta los 103 años.

Por favor traiga un postre para compartir.

## Meet the Pastoral Council - Tania Hawley

My journey has taken me from Gilbert back to Oracle, Arizona, and the Tri-Community where my roots run deep. Growing up in San Manuel, I always cherished the values and traditions of my hometown. Two and a half years ago, my husband and I made the decision to return to this beloved community to raise our children with the same traditional morals and values, grounded in their Catholic faith.

For 11 years, I dedicated myself to a career as a registered nurse, specializing in acute neurosurgery and hospice care. However, I felt a higher calling and chose to put my career on hold to embrace the role of a stay-at-home mother. It is both an honor and a



TANIA HAWLEY

privilege to be at home, nurturing our children and serving our Lord Jesus Christ and our parish.



My husband, Brian Hawley, is an active member of the Knights of Columbus at Santa Catalina. Together, we are blessed with two wonderful children, Ava and Michael. I am also deeply involved in our

parish community, participating in the Music Ministry and volunteering with the Casa Maria Ministry. Previously, we were parishioners at St. Timothy's Catholic Church in Mesa. We are grateful to have found the parish of Santa Catalina, and I am happy to serve on the Pastoral Council. ✝

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## We are seeking adorers to sign up for Adoration

We are looking for dedicated volunteers to support our Adoration Ministry. As we strive for sustainability in our spiritual practices, we need volunteers to help fill the hours at the church, ensuring that the Blessed Sacrament is never left unattended. Whether you can commit to an hour a week or to serve as a substitute, your presence is invaluable. We still have some open hours for

adorers - 8:30 - 9:30, 9:30 - 10:30, 10:30 - 11:30, 3:30 - 4:30 and 5:30 - 6:30. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to [pc@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:pc@santacatalinaparish.org). Adoration is held each Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the church. All are welcome to be in the presence of our Lord during this time. ✝

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## New Round of GriefShare Scheduled

Losing a loved one is an incredibly difficult and emotional experience. GriefShare is a Christian-based program designed to provide support during this challenging time. It offers video presentations, workbook materials, and group discussions to help you understand and cope with grief. Participants

can register and purchase the required workbook for \$20 at the first session they attend, receiving valuable resources to guide them through the grieving process.

Thirteen Sessions: Fridays, 10:00AM - 12:00, February 7 - May 9, 2025. No session on Good Friday, April 18, 2025. Call the



parish office (520-825-9611) for more information, or pick up a brochure in the narthex. ✝

## The Traveling Vocations Cross

... is a weekly program designed to encourage prayer for Catholic vocations. Parishioners have the opportunity to attend either the 4 PM or 5 PM Mass, where the priest presents the Cross to the week's participant at the altar. Participants are then invited to pray for vocations throughout the week, using the Cross as a focal point for their spiritual intentions. At the end of the week, the Cross is returned before the same Mass the following weekend.

Ministry members will be available outside after the Masses to assist with sign-ups and provide additional information. This program is a beautiful way to unite our parish in fostering and supporting vocations through the power of prayer.

Join us in this meaningful mission of faith and encouragement. . ✝



## What is it like when you take the Vocations Cross Home?

My husband and I recently signed up to take the Vocations Cross home for a week, and it was a spiritually enriching experience. Many people might not realize how easy and meaningful it is to participate in this program. The cross comes with a pamphlet that includes a short prayer for each weekday, Monday through Friday, and each prayer is unique. We made it a special moment by saying the prayer together every evening at dinner. Beyond

that, having the beautiful cross in our home sparked more conversations about vocations and inspired us to say personal prayers for this important intention whenever we saw it. The Vocations Cross became a focal point of reflection and prayer for us, and we encourage others to embrace this opportunity for spiritual growth. - *Contributed by Don and Leslie Fore* ✝



## The Surprising Lives of Saints - presented by Sister Karen Berry, OSF

Thursdays starting Feb 13 through March 20

10:00-11:30 in the Saguaro Room

During this course, we will hear stories of normal people living in extraordinary times and making hard decisions. The stories will be about regular people and their worries, crises, and troubles. They will be official and unofficial saints from the early days of Christianity to modern times. These stories will hopefully help us to recognize our own call to holiness. Please call the parish office to register. A \$5.00 fee for materials can be paid at the first class.

This is Part One of a two-part course (Part Two next winter).

### Schedule:

- **Feb. 13** - Saints in General and Philip Neri
- **Feb. 20** - Peter, Mary Magdalene, Perpetua, and Felicity
- **Feb. 27** - Empress Irene and Queen Radegund
- **Mar. 6** - Saint Making in the Middle Ages
- **Mar. 13** - Margaret of Cortona and Thomas Aquinas
- **Mar. 20** - Saints and the Protestant Reformation



### How Do We Wait and Prepare?

What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophesies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword.

The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which “the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed” (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so



on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil

thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love.

This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

### La Presentación de Jesús

“Hoy celebramos la Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor. El Evangelio cuenta que, José y María llevaron al Niño a Jerusalén para consagrarlo a Dios, como prescribe la ley judía. Y, mientras describe un rito previsto por la tradición, este episodio llama nuestra atención sobre el comportamiento de algunos personajes. Reflejados en el momento en que experimentan el encuentro con el Señor en el lugar donde se hace presente y cercano al hombre. Estos son María y José, Simeón y Ana, que son modelos de acogida y entrega de sus vidas a Dios” (Papa Francisco).

¿Cómo me presento ante Dios cada día de mi vida? Nuestros modelos son Simeón y Ana que tuvieron la

lucidez para reconocer a Dios que llegaba en brazos de María y José al templo.

Ellos, ya ancianos, nos enseñaron y mostraron el camino de ver, abrazar a Dios hecho niño y a anunciar la esperanza. Abracemos también nosotros la ternura de Dios y llevémosla a los tristes, a los enfermos, y a los que no tienen voz en muchos lugares de la sociedad en que vivimos, tal como son los niños y los ancianos. Abramos nuestro corazón al misterio de Dios que está en tantas personas que nos encontramos a diario, en casa, en el trabajo, y en nuestros vecindarios. Ojalá, que al final de nuestros días, Dios nos de la dicha de poder decir como el anciano Simeón: “Ahora, Señor, ya puedes dejar que tu servidor muera en paz, como le has dicho. Porque mis ojos han visto a tu salvador” (Lucas 2:29-30).✠

## This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention	By
Mon, Feb 3	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	Leslie Fore (living)	Donna Opsatnick
Tue, Feb 4	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Robert Bieber	Tom & Donna Opsatnick
			✠ Gordon Wendlandt	Karen Wendlandt
Wed, Feb 5	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ Michael Quin	Rita Quin
			✠ Earl Auclair	Chris & Deb Auclair
Thu, Feb 6	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Evelyn & Etts Hanson	Bernie & Anita Lee
			Kathy Cole (living)	Deb Auclair
Fri, Feb 7	8:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	✠ Marie & Ralph Gates	Ruth Kelly
Sat, Feb 8	4:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Richard Weissenberger	Pat Scully
	7:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ William Pettit	Knights of Columbus Council
			For those living with mental illness by Mental Health Ministry	
			✠ Julius Takacs	Kate Takacs
Sun, Feb 9	9:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	Our Lady of Life ministries	James Kern
			For those living with mental illness by Mental Health Ministry	
	11:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	For those living with mental illness by Mental Health Ministry	
	5:00 PM	Fr. Brian Johnson	For those living with mental illness by Mental Health Ministry	

## Readings for the week of Feb 2, 2025

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6  
Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11/Mk 6:7-13  
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29  
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

## Today's Readings (February 2nd)

### First Reading:

Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek.  
(Mal 3:1)

### Second Reading:

Therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God.  
(Heb 2:17)

### Gospel:

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation." (Lk 2:29-30)

**Psalm:** Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Ps 24)





Mimi Cuono	Ronald Fuhrmann	Genna Vallinoto	William Pyklla
Anita Garcia	Robert Perry	Kayla Cunningham	Gary DeVault
David W. Maloney	Diane Clark	Julie Halvas	Linda Slivinski
Sr. Jean Mariani	Ty Vallinoto	Fr. Pat Grile	Molly Minke
Lawrence Breving	Nicole Vallinoto	Robert Shelby	Gloria Carbajal
Leslie Fore	Bernie Vertnik		

† Carol Perell

## The Thoughts of Many Hearts *By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

When Simeon cradles the infant Messiah in his arms, he speaks of salvation and glory and revelation. He speaks of his own death. He speaks of the fulfillment of God's promise to all people.

But most memorable, in my opinion, are his words about the hearts of men. This Child, he says, will be the way "the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

Perhaps you're like me. Perhaps you don't enjoy scrutinizing yourself, your actions, your intentions. You don't like reflecting on why you feel or react the way you do, and you really don't enjoy measuring those feelings and reactions against what you know they could be.

It's exhausting to sit with God, your heart in your hands, both of us looking at it, talking about it. So far too often, I opt out.

The oldest trick of the devil, you see, is to distract us from thinking about our hearts. It's not hard for him to

do. There are so many other things I could be doing, after all. Answering emails. Catching up on laundry. Scrolling Facebook. Worrying about inflation and the election. Stressing about my kid's dance recital and next week's busy schedule.

But where is God truly at work? Where is the place God will point to, when my life on Earth has come to its close?

It is the very depths of my heart. The place where I am my most authentic self, for better or worse. The place where all my pretensions crumble away, and I am alone with the truth of who I am and what I choose to do.

Am I brave enough to look into the depths of my own heart? ©LPi †

## Prayer to St. Joseph

For centuries, Christians have sought the intercession of St. Joseph, the obedient spouse of the Blessed Virgin and foster father of Christ. One particular novena is often called "the unfailing prayer to St. Joseph." It is thought to have originated in the first century A.D. and was sent by the pope to Emperor Charles as he went into battle. It is said that those who recite this prayer will not suffer a sudden death and will likewise be protected from drowning, the effects of poison and fire, falling into the hands of the enemy or being overpowered in battle. For the full text of this prayer, visit <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/library/novena-to-st-joseph-11865>

## A Message from Bishop Weisenburger

There are documents available on the Diocese Website that could prove useful for those at risk for sudden deportation. The Bishop urges you to review these documents that are on-line:



[A preparedness toolkit](#)



[A preparedness plan in](#)



[English](#) & [Spanish](#)

## Hand Carved In Bethlehem

Please visit the tables showcasing religious wares, including Nativity sets, rosaries, statues, crucifixes, charms, and more, after all Masses on the weekend of February 15 & 16.

Ayman Khair will be representing Christian families from the Holy Land, who have traditionally relied on selling their hand-carved religious items to tourists. Unfortunately, due to ongoing conflict in the Middle East and the war, tourism in the region has come to a halt, leaving these families without a source of income.

Your support during this critical time is essential to

help these families sustain themselves. They have turned to Christian communities in the United States to sell their beautiful hand-carved articles, crafted from the sacred Olive tree, a tradition passed down through generations.

This effort aims to provide these families with the means to continue living and surviving in the Holy Land, where the Christian population has tragically decreased from 22% to less than 2% over the last 20 years.

Thank you in advance for your kind support. ✝

## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) or OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)?

While reading the Bulletin, I noticed an activity listed as O.C.I.A., a term I was unfamiliar with. Curious if it might be a misprint, I inquired and was informed that it is correct. Wanting to know more, I did some research and here's what I learned:

In November 2021, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops decided to change the name from R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) to O.C.I.A. (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). This change was made to better reflect the "order" of the various "rites" involved in the process. The original Latin name, *Ordo Initiationis Christianae*

*Adultorum*, aligns with this new terminology, making O.C.I.A. a more accurate translation.



The stages of O.C.I.A., known as "the Rites," include the following: Inquiry, Catechumenate, Purification, Initiation, and Enlightenment. However, not everyone is required to complete the full process.

If you know someone who is considering initiation into the Catholic Church, they are encouraged to contact the Parish Office at 520-825-9611 for more information. - Contributed by GyGy Somogyi ✝

## Join the Friday Faith Fellowship

Join us for Friday Faith Fellowship starting Friday, February 7, 2025, immediately following Mass in the Parish Hall. We'll be watching Season 1 of *The Chosen*, a widely acclaimed series that brings the life of Jesus and his disciples to the screen in a fresh and inspiring way. It's Bible study without the

homework! Enjoy fellowship, snacks, and meaningful discussion as we deepen our faith and grow together in community. All are welcome—come and bring a friend. ✝



# Outreach

## Foster Teen Hygiene Item Collection Event

### Save the weekend dates of Feb. 8-9, 2025

Many people don't realize the urgency when Child Protective Services (CPS) removes a teen from their home. Teens often leave with nothing, and foster families may not be fully prepared for their arrival. To support these teens, we collect essential items to provide them with basic necessities and comfort.

### How You Can Help

#### Donations Needed:

- Clothing: Boxer shorts (Large) for boys and panties (Large) for girls.
- Hygiene Products: Toothpaste, toothbrushes, and other toiletries.
- Comfort Items: Blankets and water bottles.

#### Packaging the Donations:

- Items are placed in handmade drawstring bags sewn by SCCC parishioners.

- Each bag includes a pocket for the daily devotional book Jesus Calling by Sarah Young.

#### Event Details

- Collection Dates: All Masses on the weekend of February 8-9, 2025.
- Annual Distribution: We distribute 50 bags each month, totaling approximately 750 bags annually, including during special events.

Your generosity makes a significant difference in the lives of foster teens. Thank you for your support!

Contact: Deb Auclair,  
[sajm@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:sajm@santacatalinaparish.org) †



## Your SVDP In Action

Homelessness is real and can happen in an instant. We had a family whose circumstances demanded that they leave where they were living immediately.

So, a young Mom, Dad and 4 children under six camped out in their car overnight. We were able to work with an apartment complex that



accepted the family the same day that we promised a rent payment. We helped dry tears and handed out 4 stuffed animals and they were back on their feet! Thanks to your generosity, and the willingness of a property manager to work with us, we were able to make it all happen. †

## Save the Date: BINGO Night Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus February 18th at 5 PM in the Parish Hall



Get your tickets \$30, includes Pasta Fiesta dinner 3 pack of cards for 6 games (limited seating). Tickets at the door will be \$35. Winning games receive up to \$100 gift card, plus a 50/ 25-25 drawing. Beer, Wine, and soft drinks available. Tickets sold after masses and in parish office. †



## Girls in Zambia Receive Dresses from Santa Catalina

Dress a Girl Around the world is a ministry that sews dresses from size 1/2 to 14. Our vision is to advance the dignity of girls from all parts of the world who live in stressful areas. The group meets once a month from Oct. through May.

We meet the second Wednesday of the month at 10 am in the parish hall. Each dress is made to bring dignity and hope to all who wear them and hopefully deter any harm that may come to them. Each dress has a label attached that signifies that our ministry (which is world wide) is made with this in mind. At each meeting the ladies pick up fabric and supplies and also receive instructions of sewing the dresses. We



have specific guild lines that we follow. So far this year we have sown 242 dress and 29 skirts. Our dresses are made from 100 percent quality cotton and medium to dark colors and are easy to sew. Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 12th at 10 am. We would love to have more sewers so if you are thinking about joining us please come to the next meeting to find out what we are all



about. If you wish we can always use cash donations to help with high cost of buying fabric and supplies. Thank you ☩

## Prison Ministry Offers Residents Encounter Christ (REC) Retreat at Whetstone Prison



The first Residents Encounter Christ (REC) retreat was held at Whetstone Correctional Facility on January 10-12. Seven of the fifteen volunteers were Santa Catalina Parishioners (47%). The theme for REC01 was: "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Eph 6:11).

Over three days, volunteers gave Christian talks followed by table discussions. Day 1, "Dying to Self and Changing," focused on understanding God's



THE WHETSTONE REC01 TEAM: **FRONT ROW:** L-R: ANGIE, SR. ESTHER, TOM T., GLORIA T., MARTHA, CHRISTINE, JUAN D., SILVIA D. **MIDDLE ROW** L-R: DEB, LARRY L., EDITH L., PAUL, TOM M., DEACON MIKE, PAUL, JUAN. **BACK ROW:** MARK (OUR MUSICIAN)

forgiveness through Christ. Day 2, "Rising Again," emphasized the peace of knowing God is with us. Day 3, "Going Forth," encouraged inmates to be Christian examples and share their testimonies.

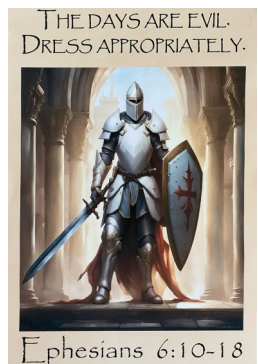
Twenty-six "Men-in-Orange" (Brothers-in-Christ) and fifteen volunteers, including two from NY, attended. More than half the men were non-Catholic

Christians. Some admitted they had misconceptions about Catholics, which changed during the retreat. One man initially rejected the retreat because of the Rosary but stayed after encouragement from Chaplain Wentz. He left feeling prepared for his return to the outside world this month. We hope to make this retreat an annual event at Whetstone and expand to other Wilmot complex prisons.

To learn more about prison ministry, contact Deb Auclair at [SAJM@santacatalinaparish.com](mailto:SAJM@santacatalinaparish.com).

Join us June 13 for "Get on the Bus AZ," a one-day event bringing children of incarcerated men to Whetstone for pizza, Father's Day cards, and visits.

Come prepared with tissues. ☩



# Outreach

**Would you like to find out how you  
can help the homeless in Tucson?**

Join the next Local Immersion Tour on February 19th and 21st from 8:00 - 11:30 am.

The tours leave from the church parking lot and take a small group to Casa Maria Catholic Workers Community which provides meals and clothing for those in need, and Sister Jose Women's Center which provides meals, clothing, shelter, and counseling for homeless women.



If you are interested in a tour, send an email to reserve your spot to [sajm@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:sajm@santacatalinaparish.org). †

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## Monthly Food Drive: This Weekend



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. †