

February 22-23, 2025

# Santa Catalina

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Catholic Church

A REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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Mon-Fri 9:00 am-3:30 pm

## Mass Schedule

### Daily Mass

Mon-Fri 8:00 am

### Weekend Mass

Sat 4:00 pm (Vigil)

Sun 7:00 am  
9:00 am  
11:00 am (Bi-lingual)  
5:00 pm

## Reconciliation

Wed 8:45-10:00 am

Sat 2:30-3:30 pm

... or by appointment

## Anointing

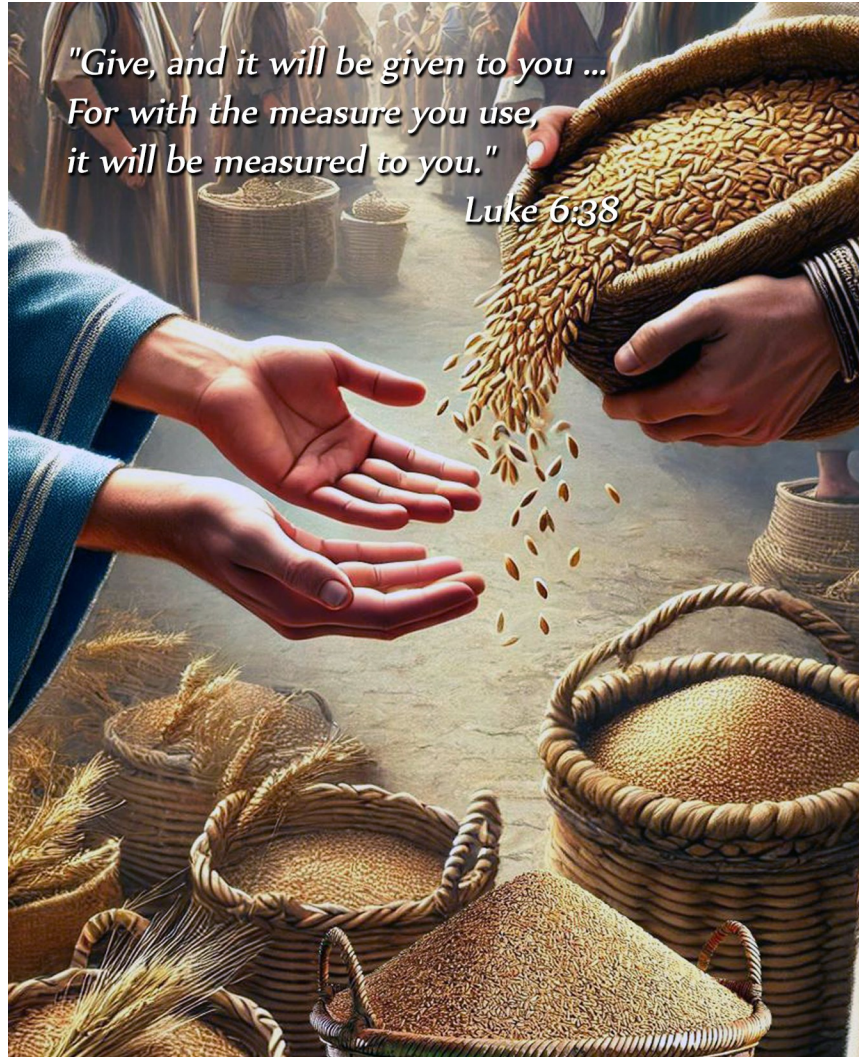
First Friday of the month  
at 8:00 am Mass  
... or by appointment

## 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



## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Parish Mission:

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

### Misión Parroquial:

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

## Parish Vision:

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



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

## Join Our Vibrant Parish Community - Become a Part of Santa Catalina Parish

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

### To Join our parish

- Visit our website at [www.santacatalinaparish.org](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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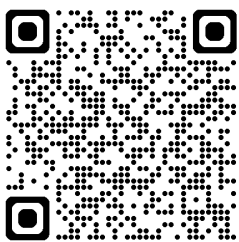
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## This Week's Meetings

Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Room
Mon, Feb 24	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian
	10:00 AM	Sacred Scripture Study - The Prophets	Mesquite, Ocotillo
	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	Church
	5:30 PM	Music Ministry - Bilingual Choir	Church
Tue, Feb 25	9:30 AM	Yoga Faith	Catalina
	1:30 PM	Arts & Crafts for All	Ocotillo
	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
Wed, Feb 26	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	Understanding Sunday Scripture	Catalina
	4:30 PM	Faith Formation Classes K-8th	Mesquite, Ocotillo, Cholla
Thu, Feb 27	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	10:00 AM	Sr. Karen Berry class	Saguaro
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian
	6:30 PM	Sacred Scripture Study - The Prophets	Mesquite, Ocotillo
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian
Fri, Feb 28	9:00 AM	Friday Faith Fellowship - The Chosen	Catalina
	10:00 AM	Grief Share class	Mesquite, Ocotillo
Sat, Mar 1	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
Sun, Mar 2	8:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes K-8th	Mesquite, Ocotillo, Cholla
	12:15 PM	O.C.I.A. & Confirmation	Conference

## Want to be In the Know at SCCC? Sign-up for Flocknote



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Text **SANCAT** to **84576** or

Visit

[Santacatalinaparish.flocknote.com](http://Santacatalinaparish.flocknote.com)

Stay connected and informed with ease! †





## Join Your Santa Catalina Family—We Need You

Santa Catalina Catholic Church is more than a place of worship—it's your spiritual home. If you attend Mass here, we invite you to officially register and become part of our vibrant parish family. Why Register? By registering, you strengthen your connection to the Church and allow us to better serve you.

As a registered member, you:

- Gain a true sense of belonging in our parish community
- Receive pastoral and spiritual care tailored to your needs
- Have access to faith formation programs for youth and adults, including preparation for the seven sacraments

- Stay connected with parish events, ministries, and opportunities
- Have the chance to share your gifts and talents in parish life

### How to Register:

Online: <https://www.osvhub.com/santa-catalina-church/directory/register>

In Person: Pick up a registration form at the parish office during business hours

Questions, verify your registration or other assistance: (520) 825-9611.

Make Santa Catalina your home—register today and let's grow in faith together. ✚

## Help Us Save Catholic Education (And It Will Not Cost You A Dime)



It's not too late. Find out how you can help save Catholic education through Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO). Please pick up a brochure in the

vestibule that will explain how you can get a dollar-for-dollar tax credit or visit the CTSO website at [www.ctso-tucson.org](http://www.ctso-tucson.org).

Make your contribution by April 15, 2025, for the 2024 tax year. ✚

## Are You Getting the Bishop's Messages?

Sign up for the Diocese Flocknote at: [news.diocesetucson.org/subscribe](http://news.diocesetucson.org/subscribe) or Text DOTNEWS to 84576 to receive local Catholic news, events, faith formation and more. ✚



## Friday Night Lenten Soup Suppers

Make your first Lenten resolution. Plan to attend these wonderful (and delicious) fellowship evenings.



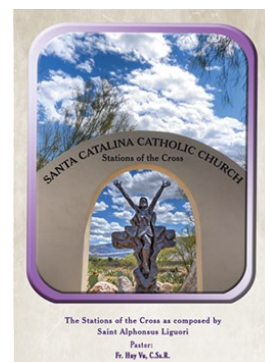
Our Santa Catalina Ministries will prepare crockpots of meatless soups each Friday evening in Lent.

So, grab your bowl and spoon and join us in the Parish Hall on March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, April 4th & 11th.

Come to the Stations of the Cross in the Memorial Garden at 5 pm and then come for soup.

**Stations of the Cross** booklets are available at the Garden and downloadable from our website:

<https://santacatalinaparish.org/index.html#Stations> ✚



## Save the Date - March Mental Health Focus

### Understanding PTSD: Recognizing Trauma and Supporting Healing in the People you Love

**Signs and Symptoms** of PTSD may last months to years. PTSD symptoms may include:

- Flashbacks, or feeling like the event is happening again
- Trouble sleeping or nightmares
- Feeling alone or detached from others
- Losing interest in activities
- Having angry outbursts or other extreme reactions
- Feeling worried, guilty, or sad
- Frightening thoughts
- Having trouble concentrating

- Having physical pain like headaches or stomach aches
- Avoidance of memories, thoughts, or feelings about what closely associated with traumatic events
- Problems remembering
- Negative beliefs about themselves or others
- Irritability
- Feeling very vigilant
- Startling easily



### Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

[samhsa.gov/mental-health/post-traumatic-stress-disorder](https://samhsa.gov/mental-health/post-traumatic-stress-disorder)

Join Jessica Brubaker, MS, LPC, NCC, the Director of Training at Transitions Counseling and Consulting, as she discusses Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), shedding light on what trauma really is, how it impacts the mind and body, and how PTSD manifests in daily life.

The sessions are March 24th at 6 pm and March 30th at 3 pm.

The same presentation will be given twice, so attend the one that fits your schedule. †

## Upcoming Sassy Solos Meeting

The Sassy Solos will meet on March 6th at 11 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

Los "Sassy Solos" se reunirán el 6 de marzo a las 11 am en el Salón Ocotillo.

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

## Parish Game Night - March 8

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. †



## Noche de Juegos Parroquial - 8 de Marzo

5 pm a 8 pm en el Salón Parroquial. Noche de diversión familiar, 3 años a 103. Acompáñanos a disfrutar de una deliciosa cena, juegos de mesa, cartas, mucho de risas y compañerismo. Por favor, traiga un postre para compartir. †

## Meet the Pastoral Council - GyGy Somogyi

I was born in Budapest, Hungary. Escaped Communism with my mother and waited four years in Austria for entry visa to the USA. Attended Rutgers University, graduated with BS in Accounting and received my MBA in Management.

I was employed by Public Service Electric and Gas Company where I trained the designers and engineers in the use of Intergraph's computerized workstation to assist them in the design of the Salem Nuclear



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Power plant. I worked in Information Technology for 35 years.

20 years ago my husband and I decided to retire in SaddleBrooke. The closest church to us was Santa Catalina and I became an active member, especially after my husband passed away. I was involved with the Youth Program for years, became Eucharistic Minister, Hospitality Minister, and Pastoral Council member. I met my current husband here and we were married in Santa Catalina Church. ✝

## The Relic of Santa Catalina

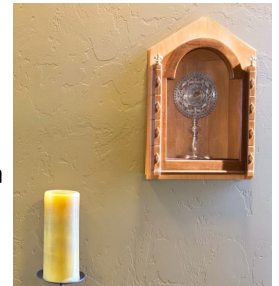
When a church is consecrated in the name of a saint, a relic from that saint is placed within the church. Santa Catalina Catholic Church was consecrated on November 1, 1981, marking the day it officially became Santa Catalina Catholic Church.

As you enter the church, you will find Santa Catalina's picture on the left side. Below her picture, on the lower left, is her relic. It is very small



and can be difficult to identify, but it is a piece of her clothing.

We are fortunate to have Deacon Al De LaRiva, who was present at the time of the church's consecration. He has provided valuable insight into the origin of the relic.



- Contributed by GyGy Somogyi ✝

## Are You Feeling That 'Job' Had It Easy?

Life is good, every day is a gift from God. Yet some days bring sorrows and difficulties that make us think we have a lot in common with Job, or even that Job had it easy! These times can test our faith when, like Job, in desperation we ask "why?"

Our loving Redeemer never intended for us to carry these burdens alone. Stephen Ministers are your brothers and sisters at Santa Catalina Parish, the very voice, hands, and spirit of Christ who bring His hope and healing to those who are hurting. Through distinctively Christian, one-to-one caring relationships, we provide

compassionate, confidential emotional and spiritual care in a wide variety of life situations that include grief, divorce, strained or broken relationships with family or friends, job loss, spiritual crisis, search for meaning in your life, chronic or terminal illness, rehabilitation, and relocation. Begin your journey of healing today. If you or someone you know could benefit from Stephen Ministry, please contact the church office at 520-825-9611, or Judy Rossman at [StephenMinistry@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:StephenMinistry@santacatalinaparish.org). All information is held in strict confidentiality. ✝



## Is Ash Wednesday a Holy Day of Obligation?

Ash Wednesday (March 5) marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for Easter. Celebrated by Christians worldwide, especially Catholics, it falls 46 days before Easter Sunday.

On this day, ashes made from the burned palms of the previous year's Palm Sunday are blessed and applied to our foreheads in the shape of a cross. The accompanying words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," remind us of our mortality.

Despite the often packed churches, you may be surprised to hear that the answer to the above question is no, it is not a holy day of obligation.

Holy days of obligation commemorate a particular event (such as the birth of Christ at Christmas) or

celebrate particular people (such as Mary's Immaculate Conception or the feast of All Saints). Ash Wednesday is a day of penance, fasting, and abstinence to begin the season of Lent. In a sense, it focuses on a *concept* rather than something particular and concrete.

Of course, repentance ought to be reflected in particular, concrete ways! That's one of the reasons that attending Mass on Ash Wednesday is a very good idea. It marks the beginning of a solemn season of penance. Despite all its comparisons to the desert, Lent can be very fruitful for our spiritual growth! Beginning this season with the celebration of Mass and the reception of ashes is a sign of our commitment to God and to spiritual growth. ©LPi

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## Fasting, *Explained*

The practice of fasting predates Christianity. The Old Testament is full of examples of righteous men and women mortifying their flesh for the purpose of making atonement or simply to grow closer to God. Jesus himself fasted for forty days and forty nights in preparation for the beginning of his public ministry, and we see his disciples following his example in the Acts of the Apostles.

Fasting continues to be an important part of Christian devotional life today. Many people feel the practice of fasting enhances their prayer and helps them fulfill St. Paul's advice to "put to death the deeds of the body" (Romans 8:13) to grow in the Spirit. Most Catholics will associate fasting with the liturgical season of Lent, which begins and ends with obligatory fasting for all members of the Latin Catholic Church between ages 18 and 59.

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## Join the Friday Faith Fellowship

Join us for Friday Faith Fellowship on Friday mornings, 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. ✝





### Ripples of Mercy: What You Give Returns

This week, Jesus calls us beyond the Golden Rule—*“Do to others as you would have them do to you”*—and invites us to an even higher standard: *“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful”* (Luke 6:36). Mercy is more than kindness—it is **love in action**.

This teaching isn't just theoretical—it's lived out in the story of **David and Saul**. King Saul, who sought to kill David, was delivered into David's hands. Justice would have allowed David to take revenge, but instead, he chose mercy. David's actions perfectly captured what Jesus teaches us today: **mercy multiplies when it is given**.

This principle is known as the *Law of Echo*: our words and deeds send ripples into the world, shaping the reality we experience. Jesus affirms this when He says: *“Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and gifts will be given to you”* (Luke 6:37-38). If we sow mercy, we will reap mercy. If we choose resentment, it will return to us in kind. A well-known story illustrates this truth.

There was once a man who had heard Buddha's teaching: *“Never return evil for evil.”* Wanting to test this wisdom, he approached Buddha one day to see if he truly practiced what he preached. The man began shouting hateful words, calling the great teacher a **stupid fool**. Buddha listened

patiently. When the man finally ran out of things to say, Buddha asked, *“My son, if someone offers you a gift but you refuse it, to whom does the gift belong?”*

The man answered scornfully, *“Any fool knows that. The gift goes back to the giver!”*

Buddha then said, *“I decline to accept your insults.”*

Then Buddha added: *“My son, a man who slanders a virtuous person is like a man who flings dust into the wind. The dust doesn't reach its target. It only blows back into the face of the man who threw it.”*

This story powerfully reflects Jesus' teaching. Just as the dust blown into the wind returns to the one who threw it, **anger, judgment, and vengeance do not harm our enemies as much as they damage our own souls**.

If we want a world filled with love and kindness, **we must first be agents of love and kindness**.

### Challenge for the Week:

This week, I invite you to take up Jesus' challenge. Each day, find one way to echo mercy. Forgive someone who has hurt you, **speak a kind word where there is tension**, or give generously without expecting anything in return. **Trust that what you send out will return to you in “good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and overflowing”** (Luke 6:38).

- Fr. Huy Vu





## This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention	By
Mon, Feb 24	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Tom Carroll	Mark & Monica Nelson
			✠ Kathleen Flowers	William Flowers
			Angela Schneider (living)	Deb Auclair
Tue, Feb 25	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Elizabeth Shepherd Steve W. Graca (living)	Howard Shepherd Chris & Deb Auclair
Wed, Feb 26	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Marie & Ralph Gates	Ruth Kelly
Thu, Feb 27	8:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	✠ Fedora Fischer Rubio	daughters
			✠ James Weston	JoAnn Weston
			✠ Kermit York	Ayde York
Fri, Feb 28	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ Alex Head	Joyce Watt
Sat, Mar 1	4:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Evelyn Ivanisin	Maureen Babcock
			✠ Gloria Armenta	Joe & Mariallyn Oczak
			✠ Mary Ciszewski	Marilee Jones
Sun, Mar 2	7:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	✠ Amy & Chip Hanna ✠ Judith A. Moncevicz & Vincent Bellian	the Heaps family Paul & Susan Moncevicz
	9:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	✠ Mario Calbone	SAJM Ministry
			✠ John Armenia & Betty Fink	Bruce Fink
			✠ Elaine Ackerman	Jean Shaffer
	11:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	✠ Lydia Bonilla Cartagena ✠ Amada & Josephine Magdaleno	Maria Cartagena Carol Smith
	5:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	Leslie Fore (living)	SC parish staff

### Today's Readings:

**First Reading:** "Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed." (1 Sm 26:23)

**Second Reading:** Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one. (1 Cor 15:49)

**Gospel:** "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Jn Lk 6:36)

**Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

### Readings for the week of February 24, 2025\*

Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40

Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50

Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16

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# Spiritual



## Prayers for Our Parishioners

Lawrence Breving	Fr. Pat Grile	Molly Minke	Bob Stamer
Gloria Carbajal	Julie Halvas	Cecilia Montano	Bill Terrazas
Diane Clark	Billy Higgins	Joseph O'Connor	Rene Terrazas
Kayla Cunningham	Linda Howard	Robert Perry	Ty Vallinoto
Mimi Cuono	David W. Maloney	Robert Perry	Nicole Vallinoto
Linda Slivinski	Sr. Jean Mariani	William Pylkka	Genna Vallinoto
Leslie Fore	Manuel Martinez	Jaime Santiago	Jeffrey Van Slyae
Ronald Fuhrmann	Bertha Martinez	Robert Shelby	Bernie Vertnik
Anita Garcia	John Melkun		

✝ Chuck Luce  
✝ Diane Clark

## Sign up to take The Weekly Vocations Cross Home

The Weekly Vocations Cross program invites you to pray for Catholic vocations. If you attend the 4 PM or 5 PM Mass, you can take the cross home for a week and pray using the provided pamphlet.

During Mass, the priest presents the cross to you at

the altar. You then display it in your home and return it before the same Mass the following week.

Sign up for this meaningful opportunity to support vocations! Sheets are available in the Narthex. ✝

## The Secret Ingredient

Mia was a talented baker in her small town, known for her sweet treats and cheerful smile. Her little bakery, *The Bread Basket*, was a favorite stop for everyone, especially during the Lenten season when she made special hot cross buns. But this year, something felt different. Her usual joy seemed dulled by the endless rhythm of baking, selling, and cleaning.

On Ash Wednesday, as Mia sat in the pew, the priest's homily about giving during Lent struck her. "Lent isn't just about giving things up," he said. "It's about giving of yourself—your time, your talents, your heart."

That night, inspired by his words, Mia made a bold decision. She would give away a portion of her baked goods every day during Lent to the less

fortunate in her town. The next morning, she prepared extra loaves of bread and buns, wrapping them carefully and heading out to the shelter on the edge of town.

At first, she was nervous. Would people accept her gift? Would they even like her baking? But as she handed out the warm bread, the smiles and heartfelt thanks she received began to warm her own heart. Word spread quickly, and soon, people began leaving small donations to help Mia continue her mission.

As Easter approached, Mia realized her bakery felt alive again—not just because of the delicious smells or busy customers, but because she had rediscovered her purpose. She hadn't just shared bread; she had shared hope, love, and kindness.

And that was the secret ingredient she'd been missing all along. ✝

## Judgment and Love – *By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

“Oh, well. I’m going to hell anyway, right?”

I have a few family members and friends who are not practicing Catholics who say this to me from time to time. It’s always spoken in a teasing manner, with a wink and a shoulder shrug, usually to explain away some sort of minor misbehavior they feel guilty about.

It saddens me that Christians have somehow gained this reputation as a people who judge, who condemn. I think in part it stems from a misunderstanding on the part of unchurched people (and lots of churchd ones, too) regarding what constitutes “judging.” It is absolutely not “judging” someone to disagree with a personal decision, whatever that decision may be, or to decline from participating in that decision. We all have functioning consciences; we are all supposed to discern the moral goodness of any action before we take it.

But it is judging someone if we allow their decisions

to impact how we treat them.

Today’s Gospel is an invitation for us to consider how we engage with people who disagree with us — or maybe even actively dislike us. Much is said these days of the “culture wars.” I certainly don’t disagree that it can often feel like you’re fighting a war when you’re trying to live as the Church teaches. The forces against you often seem overwhelming and nefarious. And guess what? They are.

But we need to remember who the enemy really is. The enemy is not other children of God, even if they are children of God who are actively promoting ideas that are wrong. Perhaps these people are misguided and mistaken. Perhaps they are misled by the devil. Have we not all been misled by him at some point?

We must interact lovingly with people who think differently and live differently from us. The Christian life absolutely demands it. ©LPi ☩

## March Lenten Calendar

### March 5 – Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM – Mass

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM – Reconciliation

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM – Adoration

12:00 PM – Ash Service

5:30 PM – Bilingual Mass

### March 18 – 20

Lenten Mission: ‘Pilgrims of Hope, Anchoring in Hope’ (Presenter: Fr. Peter Hill C.Ss.R.)

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM in the church

- Tuesday – ‘Anchoring in Love’

- Wednesday – ‘Anchoring in Prayer’

- Thursday – ‘Mary, Our Mother of Hope’  
(with Mass)

### Wednesdays in Lent

8:45 AM – 10:00 AM – Reconciliation

8:30 AM – 8:30 PM – Adoration

### Fridays in Lent

8:45 AM – 10:00 AM – Reconciliation

5:00 PM – Stations in the Garden

6:00 PM – Soup Supper

(Bring your own bowl and spoon)

Flyers with the complete Lenten schedule are available for you to take in the church’s Narthex.



# Outreach

## Snack Pak Program at The Coronado K-8 School

Santa Catalina Catholic Church, along with United Methodist Church, answers the call to feed hungry tummies. Our volunteers gather on the third Wednesday of each month to fill 240 bags for 60 eligible students selected by the school's social worker.

Each bag, tagged with a sticker indicating it is a gift from our two churches, contains carefully selected, nutritionally appropriate, and non-perishable items intended for the weekends throughout the month.



Santa Catalina Catholic Church has always faithfully and wholeheartedly supported this program, bringing joy to children's faces while nourishing them both physically and spiritually. ✝

## Thank You from the Christ Child Society of Tucson

Dear Parishioners of Santa Catalina Church,

On behalf of the Christ Child Society of Tucson, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your overwhelming generosity in response to our request for support for our Foster Teens Backpack Program.

Your contributions of toiletries, underwear, personal items, and monetary donations have once again demonstrated the spirit of kindness and compassion that defines our parish community. Because of your support, we are able to continue meeting our monthly goal of supplying 30 backpacks filled with essential items to foster teens in need.

Your generosity not only provides these young individuals with necessities but also reminds them that they are cared for and valued. May God bless

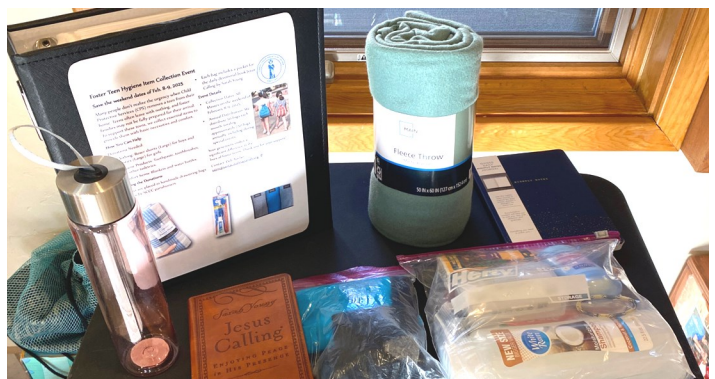
you abundantly for your kindness and support.

With sincere gratitude,

*Deb Auclair*

Chapter President, Christ Child Society, Tucson

<https://christchildtucson.org/>



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

Join the next Local Immersion Tour on March 26th or 28th 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). ✝



## The Plight of Homeless Women in Tucson - March 23

Did you know that there are almost 700 homeless women in Tucson?

Did you know women are substantially less likely to be served in shelters and transitional housing?

Did you know that the average age of homeless women at Sr. Jose Women's Shelter is around 60 years old?

Join the Santa Catalina Social Awareness and Justice Ministry as it hosts a presentation by Jean Fedigan, founder of Sister Jose Women's Center, on the plight of homeless women in Tucson and how you can help. The presentation will be in the parish hall on March 23rd at 2:00 PM. ✝



Dear Parishioners of Santa Catalina Catholic Church,

On behalf of all of the Tucson Samaritans, I am writing to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donations.

Your contributions enable us to continuously provide water, food, medical assistance and other essential supplies to individuals and families undertaking the perilous journey across the desert. Partners like you not only help save lives but also offer hope and compassion to those in need during their most vulnerable moments.

To stay updated on the impact of your generosity and to learn more about our ongoing efforts, please visit our website at [tucsonsamartians.org](http://tucsonsamartians.org) and subscribe to our newsletter.

Thank you again for your support.

Gratefully,

Channing (on behalf of Tucson Samaritans)



**Monthly Food Drive: Weekend of March 1-2** 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. ✝

## Remember to Sign up for Spiritual Adoption next Weekend

Not all newly conceived babies are allowed to be born. In fact, more than 4,000 babies lose their lives to abortion each day. We are asking you to spiritually adopt one of these babies who are in danger of abortion. You may “adopt” a child individually or as a family by signing up during Spiritual Adoption weekend on March 1 or 2.

As a Spiritual Adopter you will:

- Name your child, giving him/her the humanity they deserve.

- Pray daily for your child for 9 months, the power of prayer is great.
- Receive monthly reports that show your baby’s development.



There are millions of unborn babies at risk for abortion who need your prayers. Please spiritually “adopt” one and share the love for life.

Contact [prolife12345@aol.com](mailto:prolife12345@aol.com) ☩