

June 15-16, 2024

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 Vigil, 4:00 pm

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

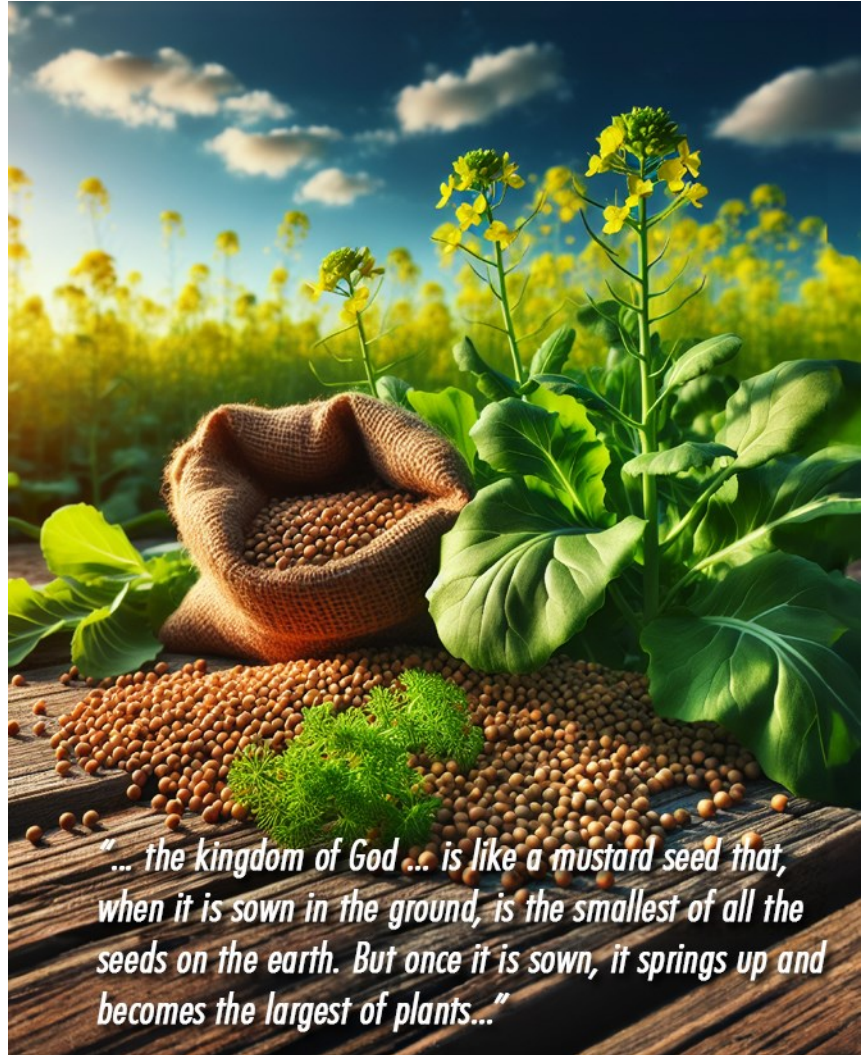
... or by appointment

Adoration

In church, Wed 8:30-11:00 am
Benediction at 10:45 am.
Chapel hours, Mon-Thu
8:00 am-2:30 pm

Rosary in the Church

Mon-Fri 7:30 am



"... the kingdom of God ... is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants..."

Eleventh 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.

THIS IS OUR PARISH—ENGAGE—BE PART OF THE VISION



Outreach Serving most in need & abandoned and to be evangelized by them	Dignity of Human Life
	Knights of Columbus
	Monthly Food Drive
	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	Project Linus Quilters
	Social Awareness & Justice Ministry:
	Caring For God's Creation
	Casa Alitas
	Casa Maria
	Christ Child Society of Tucson
	Dress a Girl Around the World
	Local Immersion Ministry
	Poor Box Program
	Prison Ministry
	Refugee Ministry
	Snack Pack Program
	Sr. Jose Women s Ministry
	Troubled Youth
	St Vincent de Paul

Spiritual Providing ways for us to enter into a closer relationship with God and be excited & understand our faith	Adoration
	Bible Study
	Daily Rosary
	Hispanic Ministry
	Cultvando Mi Fe
	Matachines
	Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe
	Men's Fellowship Group
	R.C.I.A.
	Religious Education
	Vocations Ministry
	Women's Prayer Group

Personal Providing help for people to care for their bodies and minds	AA
	Al-Anon
	Arts & Crafts Group
	Book Bunch
	Game Night
	Mental Health Ministry
	Outreach Ministry
	Sassy Solos
	YogaFaith

Pastoral Meeting the needs of our home, the parish, to support the parishioners	Communion Ministry with the Sick and Homebound
	Finance Council
	Funeral Ministry
	GriefShare
	Liturgical Ministry:
	Altar Servers
	Art & Environment
	Eucharist
	Hospitality
	Lector
	Martha's Kitchen
	Music Ministry
	Pastoral Council
	Stephen Ministry

This Week's Parish Ministry Meetings and Events

Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
Mon, Jun 17	9:00 AM	Quilter's Sew Day	Saguaro Room
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	Church
Tue, Jun 18	5:30 PM	Music Ministry - Bilingual Choir	Church
	6:00 PM	Men's Prayer Group	Marian Room
	6:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group	Saguaro Room
Wed, Jun 19	8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
	1:00 PM	Understanding Sunday Scripture	Catalina Room
	6:30 PM	R.C.I.A.	Mesquite Room
Thu, Jun 20	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian Room
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian Room
Fri, Jun 21			
Sat, Jun 22	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
Sun, Jun 23	3:30 PM	R.C.I.A.	Mesquite

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Join more than 80,000 Catholics who will be attending the National Eucharistic Congress, July 18-21, 2024, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Our Catholic Church throughout the country has been observing a three-year time of study, prayer, and action to increase our knowledge, love, and life as a Eucharistic

community. The concluding event is the National Eucharistic Congress in July 2024. The program includes celebrations of Mass, prayer, workshops, and activities for all who attend. Various speakers, musicians, and animators will make this a time of excitement and encouragement for all who

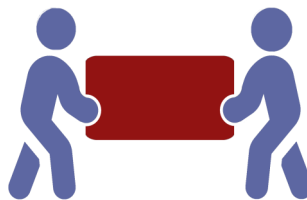
attend. Scheduling, speakers, and registration information can be found at the link: <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/register>.

For questions and additional information, contact the registration team at the following email NECRegistration@euchar.org.

Do You Have Time To Help Set-Up for Events at Church?

From time to time our Maintenance Coordinator, Dave Geer, could use some help setting up tables and chairs for events in the Parish Hall. If you would like to volunteer time on an as-needed basis, please contact Dave at 520-825-9611, extension 103 to let him know that he can contact you when needed.

Thank you, in advance, for your Stewardship.



2024 Summer Mass Schedule (Starting July 14)

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:00 AM
9:00 AM
11:00 AM

Sunday 5:00pm Mass
will resume on
September 8th.

Reminder - If you have not responded to the Annual Catholic Appeal please visit [Annual Catholic Appeal – Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Tucson](#) and remember to indicate that you are from Santa Catalina parish.



Recordatorio - Si usted no ha respondido a la Campaña Católica Anual, por favor visite la Campaña Anual Catholic Appeal – Fundación Católica para la Diócesis de Tucson y recuerde indicar que usted es feligrés de la parroquia de Santa Catalina.

Meet the Ministry - Mental Health Ministry

The Mental Health Ministry was created to be the voice for the silent, connecting the mind, body and soul embraced through faith, respect, empathy and dignity by removing the stigma about mental health. We believe that people who live with mental illness, like any other illness, are deserving of love, compassion, respect and inclusion. Whether you are experiencing symptoms or have a loved one who is suffering, we are here to let you know, you are not alone.

Education is the first step to removing stigma. There are resources available for individuals, family members and friends and we endeavor to make sure people are aware of them. We run

periodic articles in the bulletin about mental health topics and resources. This ministry also offers Mental Health Focus sessions every other month (September through May) to educate and put people in touch with resources to help them manage their conditions or help their family members or loved ones.

What we do does not require a big commitment in time, but it does require a commitment of your heart. We welcome anyone who would like to help us achieve our mission. If you want to learn more about our ministry or are interested in joining, send an e-mail to Leslie Fore at sajm@santacatalinaparish.org.



Do You Know About 988?

The **988 Lifeline** is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Get help for yourself or your loved one anytime you need it.

¿Conoces el 988?

El número 988, conocido como “988 Lifeline” es una red nacional de centros de crisis, a nivel local, que brindan apoyo emocional gratuito y confidencial a personas en crisis suicidas o angustia emocional las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana. No espere, obtenga ayuda para usted o su ser querido cuando la necesite.

Book Bunch

Do you love to read fiction, old and new? Join us for discussion of the novel *One of Our Own* by Will Cather on July 11th. Upcoming book selections are as follows:

Aug. 8 *The Legend Of Colton H. Bryant* by Alexandra Fuller

Sept. 12 *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict

For more information please contact Marilyn Smith at lobby@santacatalinaparish.org.



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.



Pastoral

We are blessed to be part of such a caring community here at Santa Catalina Parish. It reminds me of the words of Saint Paul in 1 Corinthians, where he declares, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." This should give us great comfort in our times of trial, which we know will come to all of us in our lives. For Paul goes on to say, "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is

honored, all rejoice together." And that, brothers and sisters, is the core of Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers are caring Christians, the voice, hands, and spirit of the Body of Christ, who want to make a difference in the lives of those who are hurting. They are compassionate, trustworthy, skilled, and full of faith - someone who will exercise strict confidentiality, who will not judge, who will listen and walk faithfully with you in a distinctively Christian, one-to-one caring relationship on your journey of healing. If you or someone you know

We Are One Body in Christ



could benefit from Stephen Ministry, please contact the church office at 520-825-9611. Or call Judy Rossman at cell 206-660-5268; email StephenMinistry@santacatalinaparish.org. You will also find us on the Santa Catalina Parish webpage at www.santacatalinaparish.org/stephenministry. All information is held in strict confidentiality.

The Redemptorists – Who We Are

Ever wonder about the priests that serve us here at Santa Catalina? Well here's a quick look! The Redemptorists are a religious order of priests and brothers dedicated to the principles of our founder, St Alphonsus Liguori. We live in community and



Our belief is in the importance of partnership in mission and in the commitment that all baptized have a rightful place in the life and ministry of the church.

are passionate about preaching the Gospel. There are about 5,300 of us around the world who are currently serving in 78 countries. While most of us are Roman Catholics, Redemptorists also

belong to Greek Catholic, Syrian -Malabar in India and Chalden Catholic of Iraq.

Los Redentoristas – Quiénes Somos

¿Alguna vez te has preguntado acerca de los sacerdotes que nos sirven aquí en Santa Catalina? Bueno, ¡Echa un vistazo rápido.

Los Redentoristas son una orden religiosa de sacerdotes y hermanos dedicados a los principios de nuestro fundador, San Alfonso Liguori. Vivimos en comunidad y nos apasiona predicar el Evangelio.

Somos alrededor de 5.300 personas en todo el mundo que actualmente prestamos servicio en 78 países. Si bien la mayoría de nosotros somos católicos romanos, los Redentoristas también pertenecen a los greco-católicos, sirio-malabares en la India y católicos de Chalden en Irak. ¡Más por venir.

Creemos en la importancia de la colaboración en la misión y en el compromiso de que todos los bautizados tengan un lugar legítimo en la vida y el ministerio de la iglesia.

Saint of the Week

St. Therese of Lisieux— The Little Flower of Jesus

Marie-Francoise-Therese Martin was born on January 2, 1873, and baptized two days later on January 4th. "All my life, God surrounded me with love. My first memories are imprinted with the most tender smiles and caresses...Those were the sunny years of my childhood."

Therese was not yet fifteen when she approached the Carmelite authorities for permission to enter their order. She was refused. The priest-director advised her to return when she was twenty-one. "Of course," he added, "you can always see the bishop. I am only his delegate." The priest did not realize what kind of girl he was dealing with.

To his dying day, Bishop Hugonin of Bayeux never forgot her. She came to his office with her father one rainy day and put her surprising request before him. "You are not yet fifteen and you wish this?" the bishop questioned. "I wished it since the dawn of reason," young Therese declared. Her father's support of her request amazed the bishop. She continued to elevate her request to enter the Carmelite Monastery ultimately reaching an audience with Pope Leo XIII. With tear-filled eyes she cried out: 'Most Holy Father, I have a great favor to ask you!...Holy Father, in honor of your jubilee, permit me to enter Carmel at the age of fifteen.' He responded, 'Go – go – you will enter if God wills it.'

Therese would pass away from Tuberculosis at 24.

Within months, the Carmelites at Lisieux began to receive reports of "favors and graces" attributed to Therese. "Story of a Soul" had been published in October 1898 and pilgrims began to visit her gravesite at Carmel.

The cause for beatification and canonization grew at the beginning of the twentieth century. Thousands of letters poured into the Carmel monastery in Lisieux. Her canonization took place on May 17, 1925 at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome with 500,000 crowding St. Peter's Square.

In 1997, St. Therese was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope John Paul II, making her the second Carmelite nun to receive that distinction after St. Teresa of Avila. Pope John Paul II stated:

"Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face is the youngest of all the "Doctors of the Church", but her ardent spiritual journey shows such maturity, and the insights of faith expressed in her writings are so vast and profound that they deserve a place among the great spiritual masters. "



ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

Today's Readings (June 16, 2024)

First Reading: And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. (Ez 17:24)

Psalm: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. CPs 92)

Second Reading: Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. (2 Cor 5:9)

Gospel: "It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the

ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.

But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants." (Mk 4:31-32)

This Week's Gospel Meditation

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this — but even more wonderful — is at play when Mark says of Jesus, "he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything." Jesus is the long-awaited messiah-king, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to wait. Thus, his parables are riddles,



meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples — who hear things explained directly — barely grasp what he is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn't the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act?

Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

Tierra, semilla, dar fruto y cosecha son palabras claves en la parábola del Evangelio de este domingo. Dios quiere hacernos partícipes para trabajar en su viña y así ser colaboradores directos de su obra de salvación. Hoy escucharemos dos parábolas, la de la semilla que crece lentamente y la del grano de mostaza que crece hasta hacerse grande y convertirse en un arbusto. Jesús sabía muy bien el texto del profeta Ezequiel, donde describe el deseo de Dios para su pueblo: "Yo mismo sacaré del cedro una patilla y la plantaré en una alta montaña de Israel, se desarrollará, dará frutos y se convertirá en un cedro magnifico; bajo él descansarán aves de todas las especies, se cobijarán a la sombra de sus ramas" (Ezequiel 17:22-23).

¿Qué significan estas parábolas ahora en este tiempo? ¿A qué me invitan? Creo que, Jesús desea que maduremos en la fe para actuar conforme a los dones que nos ha regalado. El Señor espera mucho de cada uno de nosotros, porque nos ha dado las herramientas para trabajar. Y la herramienta principal es su Palabra sembrada en nuestros corazones, que silenciosamente crece por medio de la oración y la acción, para enseguida participar en la misión encomendada para lograr una sociedad más justa y comprometida. El modelo a seguir es Cristo, el alimento para el camino es la Eucaristía, que fortalece y santifica. Recordemos que, de lo pequeño, como la semilla de mostaza, Dios hace grandes cosas. ¿Qué ha hecho en mí para adecerle?

This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention	By
Mon, Jun 17	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ Elizabeth & Lewis Mitte	the family
Tue, Jun 18	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Keith Haines	Rita Quin
Wed, Jun 19	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Joe Harris	Pat Lotker
Thu, Jun 20	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ Larry Zering	Ruth Zering
Fri, Jun 21	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Stan Graves	Dave Maloney
Sat, Jun 22	4:00 PM	Fr. Gary Ziuraitis	✠ Calixto & Remedios Yap	Evelyn Silver
			✠ Rosemary Blanda	Josephine Di Gennaro
	7:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Judith A. Moncevicz & Vincent Bellian	Paul & Susan Moncevicz
			✠ Shirley Shelby	Cynthia Pylkka
Sun, Jun 23	9:00 AM	Fr. Gary Ziuraitis	✠ Eloisa Garcia Pence	Louis & Delia Moore
	11:00 AM	Fr. Gary Ziuraitis	For the Intentions of the Parish	
	5:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	Fr. James Modeen (living)	Chris & Camy Culhane

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Readings for the week of June 16, 2024

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41



Spiritual



Cliff Bentz

Anita Garcia

Noly Roca

Joe Mudd III

Dottie Bentz

Allen Grandel

Maureen Schlosser

Mary Frances Clark

Leland Bracy

Walter Henrich

Robert Shelby

James F. Leising

Mario Calbone

Phyllis Henrich

Mary Sloan

Diane Clark

David Maloney

Charles Soulé

Mark Cowie

Ana F. Marquez

Carolina Soulé

Mimi Cuono

Denjal Noval

Bob Stamer

Albert Diaz

Margarita Peña

Bill Terrazas

Rachel Flint

Edward Peña

Kelley Thomas

Dorothy Fuerstenberg

Arianna Peralta

Steven Zenizo

Santa Catalina Parish



Spiritual Adoption

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

...Bishop Fulton J Sheen



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

Stewardship



Weekend June 1-2	Totals	Attendance
Offertory	\$19,392	1045
Major Maintenance	\$865	
Total	\$20,257	
Last Year's Offertory	\$22,361	998
Parish Rectory	\$533	



The Parish Office is closed
Thursday & Friday July 4-5
in observance of America's
Independence Day.

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Living Parables

Whenever someone begins a sentence with, “This parable means...” I roll my eyes. (Sometimes I do this inwardly, to be polite. But I still do it.)

We have a tendency to treat the parables like our mom’s favorite casserole recipe. Ah yes, we think as we sit down to dinner, smiling as we inhale the aroma of childhood. Good ol’ mushy-chicken-rice-thing. I recognize you. I know exactly what you are. I don’t even have to think about you.

Parables are often presented as an example of how God stoops to meet the limits of human

understanding: truth, but in a cute little story! And while it’s certainly true that the parables of Christ — each word, each detail, each character — are painstakingly crafted to suit the imagination and intelligence of man, we need to be careful how we think about that.

Sometimes we have a tendency to think of parables as simple and formulaic. We consign them to the genre of bedtime stories, whose point is to soothe, to lull. But these are stories that are meant to keep us awake. They are meant to keep us wondering.

When Christ spoke of the mustard seed, he was speaking the truth in words that his disciples needed to hear two thousand years ago. But he was also speaking to you today. And

he was speaking to you tomorrow, and next year, and three years from now, and on your deathbed. If you read this parable on each of those occasions, you will hear something different each time. The parable, you see, is something alive.

It doesn’t change, exactly, because the truth never changes. But people change, and what they need to hear changes too.

Don’t ever make the mistake of thinking you can finish Jesus’ sentences.

“With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it.” —

Mark 4:33

Question: Why do the Gospels differ in their details? I was surprised to learn that not all of the Gospels tell the same stories, for example, the Nativity. Doesn’t this take away from their credibility?

Answer: Take any event that happens, from family trips to national politics and ask two or three different people to explain what happened. You will get a different version of the same story. People tend to tell the story from their perspective, and past experience shades what we recall and how we recall it. Our choice of words and what details we leave in or out is also influenced by the audience who is listening to our tales.

The Gospel writers are no different. Each one tells

the story of Jesus from their own perspective. Versions differ in some details, not because one is true and the other is not, but because each Gospel writer, or Evangelist, has a different theological point to communicate as well as a different audience for whom he is writing. He picks and chooses the details of his Gospel based on what message he is preaching, what his audience may already know, and what message they need to hear. The various details of the Gospels point more to their authenticity as a record of the church’s experience and understanding of Jesus. In a good study Bible, the background notes for each Gospel contain a lot of information that helps us better understand each Evangelist and his message. ©LPi

Poor Box - Helping those in need in Tucson

Every quarter, the Social Awareness and Justice Ministry (SAJM) recommends local organizations that serve the poor to receive \$500 each from the "Poor Box" funds. Fr. Huy approves the recipients. Thank you for your generous donations. A recent recipient is Casa Maria Soup Kitchen.

At Casa Maria, Catholic Workers are devoted to acts of mercy (feeding and clothing those in need, visiting the ill, etc), living simple lives, and the search of justice for the poor. In each action, they use their faith and try to revive the faith in those who have lost it, making them understand that Christ has never

left their lives. Many Santa Catalina parishioners volunteer in the soup kitchen and other activities at Casa Maria.

Currently, Brian Flagg, who runs the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen has become a member of the South Tucson City Council. He and the council are trying to remove a terrible slumlord. As this happens, they want to be sure that the properties that he owns are not wiped out or become something that won't serve the local people.

They have purchased the El Camino Motel, which has 20 units, to prevent the residents from being evicted. They are trying to buy 5 more motels,



with approximately 365 units and renovate them for use by low-income families to save them from eviction and homelessness and fight gentrification of the area. If gentrification is not stopped, these hotels will probably close, displacing hundreds of people who will end up on the street. Casa Maria has a campaign going to raise funds to buy these motels.

What's in the Basket?



Have you wondered why a basket is brought to the altar during the Offertory procession on weekend Masses? We are offering our prayers and petitions to the Lord for the protection of the spiritually adopted babies. The basket contains the prayer cards that parishioners pledged to pray daily for the babies in danger of abortion. If you want to also



participate, there are blank cards in the Narthex that you can sign and add to the Spiritual Adoption Program prayer basket; be sure and keep the card that contains the daily prayer.

Meet the Ministry - Caring for God's Creation - An SAJM Ministry

The Care for Creation Ministry supports Santa Catalina's mission by caring for our common home through environmental education and action. We are guided by the Catholic Coalition and Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'*.

We have 3 main goals:

Respond to the Cry of the Earth:

- Celebrate Earth Day by planting trees wildlife friendly trees
- Accomplished designation for St. Kateri Habitat
- Restore flora in Memorial Garden with native plants
- Assist in maintaining Memorial Garden

Adopt Sustainable Lifestyles:

- Evaluate ways the Parish can decrease our carbon print
- Raise awareness
- Optimize educational opportunities
- Sponsor recycling events

Discover Catholic Ecology
(our relationship with living things and the environment):

- Celebrate and learn from St. Francis of Assisi the Patron for Ecology
- Sponsor a 'Blessing of Animals' near October 4th the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi
- Create a garden dedicated to the Blessed Mary within our Memorial Garden
- Sponsor a Mass for the parish at Catalina State Park
- Create a team led by a Care For Creation member for caring for our Stations of the Cross



We need members to help us achieve our goals! We have many gardening and non-gardening opportunities, so please contact one of our co-leaders: Mary Hojnacki or Kathie Calbone at sajm@santacatalinaparish.org.

Summer Sew Day

Monday, June 17th, Saguaro Room, 9am - 3pm

Summer is upon us and sewing is a good way to spend time *indoors*. Spend the entire day (bring a lunch) or part of the day. We have a few sewing machines available so you don't have to worry about bringing your machine. We even have fabric and kits to help you get started. Just bring your

sewing tools and machine if desired.

Please stop by to see what this ministry is all about. Come join our group of quilters while helping children in need. For information contact us by phone: 520-825-9611, x110 or by email: lobby@santacatalinaparish.org.

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Providing Security Through Blankets

Catalina Community Quilters
Tucson, AZ Chapter

Outreach

Sharing in the Spirit of Christ, we are here “not to be served, but to serve”. With empathy, encouragement, and perhaps some persuasion, our mission is to serve others, one-on-one, prioritizing their individual needs with the hope of lowering their emotional stress, improving their well-being and causing a positive spillover into their family and relationships at home. Vincentians accept that all of us are not perfect, so we strive to

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present a safe space where those-in-need can express themselves while not being judged. If you are in need, or want to support us or want to learn more about our us, call (520) 825 8288 or email:

svdpcatalina@gmail.com. God Bless You.

