

Santa Catalina Roman Catholic Church

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PARISH OFFICE

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MASS SCHEDULE DAILY

Monday-Friday at 8 AM

WEEKEND

Saturday Vigil, 4 PM Sunday, 7 AM Live Stream, 9 AM, 5 PM Bi-lingual, 11 AM

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 8:45-10 AM Saturday 3-3:45 PM

or by appointment

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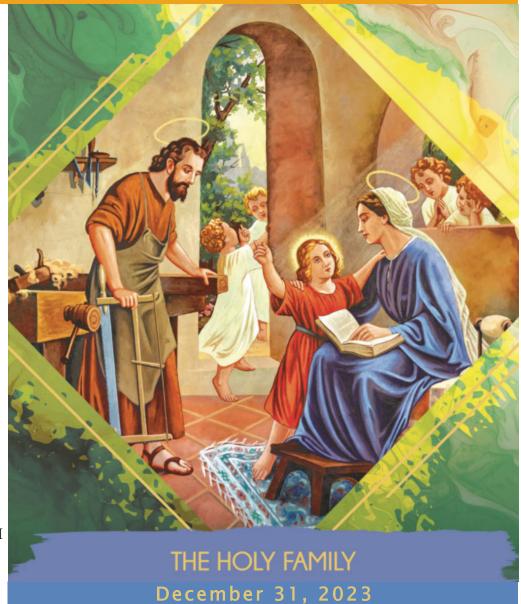
First Friday of the month at 8 AM Mass **or by appointment**

ADORATION

In Church Wed 8:30-11 AM In chapel, Mon-Thu 8:30 AM-2:30 PM

ROSARY IN THE CHURCH

Monday-Friday 7:30 AM



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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.

MISION DE DECLARACION DEL PLAN

Como miembros de Dios en la comunidad de fe de la Parroquia Católica de Santa Catalina, Comprometemos nuestras vidas para ser la voz, manos, y el Espíritu de Cristo, como una manera de continuar con el llamado de Dios, por el amor y la paz.



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If you wish to add or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the Parish Office at 825-9611. **Please note**: It may be two weeks before you see new names added. In order to ensure an updated prayer list, names will be listed for two months and then removed.

Mario Calbone
Mimi Cuono
David W. Maloney
Pat Miller
Dawn Sciabica
Jeremy Kowalczyk
Walter Henrich



Phyllis Henrich Gerry Hooper Diane Clark
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PARISH NEWS



How Does Online Giving Benefit Me and My Church?

DONOR BENEFITS

- •Convenient anytime, anywhere access through the internet.
- •Secure and Confidential. Adheres to banking security standards.
 - •Flexible. Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.

CHURCH BENEFITS

- •Stabilize Contributions. Regularly scheduled gifts occur automatically. Allows church to effectively manage monthly expenses.
 - •Efficient. Participation saves time and expense in bookkeeping.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

– Fr. John Muir

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NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

MINISTERIOS EN ESPAÑOL

Sociedad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

1er Viernes de cada mes, de 9-10:30, Marian RM. Todos son bienvenidos, compartimos nuestra devoción a la Virgen de Guadalupe, rezamos el Santo Rosario y hacemos nuevos amigos.

Cultivando mi fe

Grupo de estudio bíblico mediante Lectio Divina. Estudiamos, meditamos, reflexionamos e intentamos practicar las enseñanzas del Evangelio. Todos los miércoles 9 -10:30 AM.

Coro Bilingüe

Ven y canta con nostros en la Misa de 11 AM cada Domingo. Los ensayos son los Martes a las 5:30 PM en la Iglesia.

Centro de bienvenida

Pase y eche un vistazo al estante de folletos del Centro de Bienvenida de la parroquia en el nártex. Tenemos información sobre todos los aspectos de nuestra vida parroquial: registro, matrimonio, funerales, RICA, Educación Religiosa, Caballeros de Colón, nuestros muchos comités de Conciencia Social y nuestros grupos de apoyo. También tenemos una variedad de folletos devocionales sobre una variedad de temas. La mayoría de los folletos también están disponibles en español.

CAMPAÑA PARA LA CASA PARROQUIAL DE SANTA CATALINA

¿Cómo puede aprender sobre esta propuesta de la Casa Parroquial y ser parte de este importante proyecto?

Tome una copia del paquete de información de la Casa Parroquial de Santa Catalina que se encuentra en la mesa del Nártex.

Meta de recaudación de fondos de la campaña: \$500,000

Promesas hasta la fecha (al 18/12/2023): \$477,000

Número de donantes actualmente: 200

"CULTIVANDO MI FE"

"Las cosas humanas necesitan ser conocidas para ser amadas; las divinas necesitan ser amadas para ser conocidas" **Padre Pío**

Te esperamos para que nos acompañes a meditar, contemplar, orar y cultivar nuestra

mediante el estudio de la Palabra de Dios.

Donde: Salón Mesquite.

Cuando: Todos los Miércoles de 9-10:30 AM Todos son bienvenidos!! Es un grupo en español!!

Si tienes preguntas llama o manda un texto a: Laura (520) 954-7819

👺 COLECTA DE ALIMENTOS PARROQUIAL



6 y 7 de Enero en todas las Misas

Traiga artículos no perecederos y déjelos en los carritos afuera de las puertas de la Iglesia. Los artículos más necesarios son: mantequilla de maní, arroz y pasta, carne y pescado enlatados, latas de sopa, cajas de jugo y refrigerios para el almuerzo.

Todas las donaciones de alimentos van a Casa María, Impacto del Sur de AZ y al Banco de Comida de la Comunidad. Estas organizaciones están muy agradecidas por su ayuda.

Se pueden aceptar donaciones en efectivo. Coloque su donación en un sobre marcado como "Colecta de alimentos" y colóquelo en la canasta de recolección en cualquier misa. Además, las donaciones en línea se pueden hacer a través de Donaciones en línea.

NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA



¿DE QUÉ MANERA ONLINE GIVING NOS BENEFICIA A MÍ Y A MI PARROQUIA?

BENEFICIOS PARA LOS MIEMBROS DE LA PARROQUIA

- *Práctico*. Acceso a cualquier hora y de cualquier lugar por medio del internet.
- Seguro y confidencial. Se apega a los estándares de seguridad de los bancos.
 - *Flexible*. Inicie, detenga o cambie sus donativos en cualquier momento.

BENEFICIOS PARA LA PARROQUIA

- **Estabilizar donativos**. Los donativos programados de manera regular ocurren automáticamente. Permite que la iglesia pueda manejar efectivamente sus gastos mensuales.
 - Eficiente. Participar ahorra tiempo y gastos de contabilidad.

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA

Como familias de fe, siempre debemos de estar abriendo caminos de esperanza, amor y paz entre nuestros miembros de la familia. Vivimos nuestra realidad con gran confianza en Dios. Luchamos cada día por ser mejores, por mantener viva la fe que nuestros padres nos han heredado. La liturgia de hoy nos dice que la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret vivió de manera sencilla, cumpliendo con sus deberes religiosos y civiles, pero siempre confiando en Dios. "Una vez que cumplieron todo lo que ordenaba la Ley del Señor, volvieron a Galilea, a su ciudad de Nazaret. El niño crecía y se desarrollaba lleno de sabiduría, y la gracia de Dios permanecía con él (Lucas 2,39-40). Si el amor, el respeto y la comprensión están presente en la familia, los niños crecen en sabiduría y gracia. ¿Cómo está mi familia en términos de escucha y acompañamiento?

"En cada familia hay problemas, y a veces también se discute. Padre me he peleado...; somos humanos, somos débiles, y todos tenemos a veces este hecho de que peleamos en la familia. Os diré una cosa: si nos peleamos en familia, que no termine el día sin hacer las paces. Si, he discutido, pero antes que termine el día, haz las paces. Y sabes ¿por qué? Porque la guerra fría del día siguiente es muy peligrosa. No ayuda. Y luego, en la familia hay tres palabras, tres palabras que hay que custodiar siempre: Permiso, gracias, perdón (Papa Francisco 12/27/2020). ¿Qué debo trabajar en mi familia para vivir en armonía?

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Schedule of Events for January 1-7

 Φ = *Mass Intentions*

Monday, January 1

9 AM Solemnity of Mary Mass — Fr. Huy Vu, Church

₱ Frank Zarzecki (living) by Lourdes Gonzalez

Tuesday, January 2

8 AM Mass - Fr. Huy Vu, Church

♣ Bob Harding (d) by Laura & Dennis Blackall
5:30-6:45 PM — Bilingual Choir Rehearsal, Church
6-8 PM — Men's Fellowship Group, Marian Room
6-8 PM — Women's Prayer Group, Saguaro Room

Wednesday, January 3

8 AM Mass - Fr. Charlie Wehrley, Church

† Terry Culhane (d) by Chris & Camy Culhane
 After Mass-11 AM − Eucharistic Adoration,

Church

8:45-10 AM — Reconciliation, Church 10 AM-1 PM — St. Vincent de Paul, Marian Room 1-2:15 PM — Understanding the Sunday Scripture, Catalina Room

6:30-8:30 PM — R.C.I.A Sessions, Mesquite, Ocotillo Room

Thursday, January 4

8 AM Mass — Fr. Steve Rehrauer, Church

♣ Kathy Curran (d) by Annamae Dugan
1-3 PM — SAJM Meeting, Saguaro Room
4-5 PM — Al-Anon Meeting, Marian Room
7-8:30 PM — AA Meeting, Marian Room

Friday, January 5

8 AM Mass – Fr. Charlie Wehrley, Church

 $\ ^{f t}$ Mary Zvonar (d) by Sophie Zvonar

9-10:30 AM — Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Marian Room

10 AM-12 PM — GriefShare Support Group, Mesquite, Ocotillo Room

Saturday, January 6 PARISH FOOD DRIVE

3-3:45 PM — Reconciliation, Church

4 PM Vigil Mass - Fr. Huy Vu, Church

₱ James J. Kelly (d) by Ruth Kelly

Sunday, January 7

7 AM Mass — Fr. Steve Rehrauer, Church

- **†** *Judith A. Moncevicz (d) by Paul H. Moncevicz*
- 🕆 Kathleen Chi-weili Bedeski (d) by Robert Bedeski

9 AM Mass - Fr. Huy Vu, Church

- **☆** Mary Zvonar (d) by Sophie Zvonar
- **†** For deceased Rusiecki family members by the family
- 🕆 Richard Bakowski (d) by Bernadette Bakowski

11 AM Bilingual Mass — Fr. Huy Vu, Church

- 🕆 Esteban Romero (d) by Jose Romero
- 🕆 Kathleen Chi-weili Bedeski (d) by Robert Bedeski
- 3:30-6:30 PM R.C.I.A Sessions, Mesquite Room

5 PM Mass — Fr. Charlie Wehrley, Church

† For the Intentions of the Parish

BE ACTIVE IN YOUR PARISH

SAVE THE DATE

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

AFTER THE DAILY MASS, CHURCH

Join Fr. Huy for the sacrament of Anointing after Mass.

PARISH FOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 AND 7

Please bring non-perishable foods to help those in need.



Let us remember those from our parish family who have died recently and returned to the Lord. We give thanks for their lives and offer comfort to their

Carmen MacKenzie, November 28 Alvin Kastelic, December 11

Reza por los difuntos Recordemos a todos aquellos de nuestra familia parroquial quienes recientemente han muerto y han regresado al Señor. Damos gracias por sus vidas y ofrecemos consuelo a sus familias.

Daily Mass Readings | January 1-7

MONDAY: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/

Lk 2:16-21

TUESDAY: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28 WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 2:29 – 3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

THURSDAY: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

FRIDAY: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

SATURDAY: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 SUNDAY: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a,

5-6/Mt 2:1-12

PARISH MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

Understanding Sunday Scripture WEDNESDAYS, 1-2:15 PM, CATALINA RM *Come to discuss the upcoming Sunday Mass*

readings.

Knights of Columbus #12345 1ST MONDAYS, 7PM, PARISH HALL

This is the Knights monthly general council meeting. All men interested are invited to attend.

Dignity of Human Life Ministry 2ND TUESDAY, 2-3:30 PM, MARIAN RM

DHL's focus is prayer, education, and action against abortion. Meeting open to all.

Arts & Crafts for All

2ND AND 4TH TUESDAYS, 1:30-3:30 PM, CHOLLA RM

Come learn new art skills. No talent required!

Quilter's Sew Day

3rd Monday, 9 AM-3 PM, Saguaro Rm

Quilters gather to quilt for charity. Fabric and sewing machines available.

Men's & Women's Prayer Group

TUESDAYS, 6-8 PM, MARIAN/SAGUARO RM

A place where we share our journey with Christ. Come join us.

Dress a Girl Around the World

2ND WEDNESDAY, 10-11 AM, CHOLLA RM

This group sews dresses for girls worldwide.

Outreach Ministry

3RD MONDAY, 1-2PM, CHOLLA ROOM

This ministry supports the parish and parish community by reaching out to those who need assistance in various ways.

Social Awareness & Justice Ministry 1ST THURSDAY, 1-3 PM, SAGUARO RM

We put Catholic Social Teachings into action by serving those in need.

Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe 1ST FRIDAY, 9-10AM, MARIAN RM

Everyone is welcome.

Prayer Shawl Group

1ST MONDAY, 1-2 PM, CATALINA ROOM

Bring your needles or hooks, yarn is provided.

Sassy Solos

1ST THURSDAY, 11 AM-12 PM, MESQUITE RM

All single women, any age, are invited to attend this planning meeting.

Communion Ministry with the Sick and Homebound

3RD TUESDAY, 9-10 AM, MESQUITE RM

Stop by to find out how you can assist your fellow parishioners.

Vocations Ministry

1ST THURSDAY, 3:30-5 PM, CATALINA RM

We promote vocations especially religious life.

Stephen Ministry

2ND THURSDAY, 9 AM-12 PM, MESQUITE RM

We bring Christ's love and healing to those experiencing difficult situations.

Book Bunch

2ND THURSDAY, 1-2 PM, CHOLLA RM

You are invited to attend and discuss books of all sorts.

BE SOCIAL AT SANTA CATALINA!



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY NEEDS YOU

1ST MONDAY 1-2 PM, CATALINA RM

Do you like to crochet or knit? Join us at our next gathering!

Our parish group can use some more hands to continue this much needed ministry. They meet once a month to gather supplies, knit and crochet, and

get updates. They pray while they work. Knitting/crocheting can be done at home as well.

Receiving a shawl can be a source of warmth and comfort. Please consider donating some time to knit or crochet for others. Please contact the parish office, 520-825-9611, for more information about this group or to request a Prayer Shawl, we will be happy to assist you.



The Book Bunch

2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 1-2 PM, CHOLLA RM

Do you love to read fiction, old and new?

Join us for discussion of the novel *These Is My Words* by Nancy Turner.

Upcoming book selections are as follows:

January 11 –

These Is My Words by Nancy E. Turner For more information please contact Marilynn Smith at bearcreeker36@gmail.com.

Welcome Center

Stop by and check out the parish **Welcome Center** brochure rack in the narthex. We have information about all aspects of our parish life – registration, marriage, funerals, RCIA, Religious Education, Knights of Columbus, our many Social Awareness committees and our support groups. We also stock a variety of devotional brochures on a variety of topics. Most brochures are also available in Espanol.



PARISH FOOD DRIVE

JANUARY 6 AND 7 AT ALL MASSES

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.

Cash donations can be accepted. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "Food Drive" and drop it in the collection basket at any Mass. Also, online donations can be made via *Online Giving*.

MORE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SANTA CATALINA

	Sat	2 Advent starts	9 3-Day Rosary Our Lady of Guadalupe 12pm in church	16	23 4th Sunday of Advent 4pm Vigil Mass	30 Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, Joseph Vigil Mass – 4pm	
	Fri	-	8 Advent Mission ends Immaculate Conception Mass with Talk – 8am Fellowship in Parish Hall Penance Service 4pm – 5:30pm	15	22	59	, Year
123	Thu		7 Advent Mission 4-4:45pm Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass 5pm	14 Piano Recital by Rouzbeh Tebyanian 3:30pm, church Concert	21 Lessons and Carols 3:30pm, church	28	er 8 th at 9am — <i>Happy New Year</i>
December 2023	Wed		6 Advent Mission 4pm to 4:45pm	13	20	27	ice" Dec 6-8 Obigation-Decembe I- January 1st, Mass a
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	Mon		4	11 3-Day Rosary Our Lady of Guadalupe After daily Mass	18	25 Christmas Day 9am Mass 11am Bilingual Mass	First Sunday of Advent – December 2-3 Advent Mission on Mary- "O Full of Grace" Dec 6-8 Immaculate Concception, Holy Day of Obigation-December 8 th Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God- January 1st, Mass at 9am
	Sun		3 Advent starts	10 3-Day Rosary Our Lady of Guadalupe 12pm in church	17 Los Posada - 6pm Parish Hall	24 4th Sunday of Advent No 5 pm Mass Christmas Eve 4pm Mass 7pm Concert 8pm Mass	31 Holy Family, Jesus, Mary,Joseph Masses-7am, 9am, 11am

HAPPENINGS AT SANTA CATALINA

NEW YEAR'S EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 30 — The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

• Vigil Mass 4 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 — THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Masses: 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM Bilingual, No
 5 PM Mass



MONDAY, JANUARY 1 — SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

9 AM Mass

2024 MARCH FOR LIFE DETAILS

On Saturday, January 20, 2024, the Dioceses of Tucson will hold the 34th Tucson March for Life. It will begin at 9 AM with a Mass in the St. Augustine Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Weisenburger. The March will start at approximately 10:15 AM from the Cathedral to



Holy Hope Cemetery (On Oracle just North of E Fort Lowell). The March covers about 3.8 miles and takes about 1 hour and 15 minutes.

At the cemetery, there is a brief presentation by the Bishop which is followed by a rose ceremony where a March participant, who was born in each year that Roe v Wade was in force (1973-2022), places a rose at the Shrine of the Innocents. You can attend any or all activities.

Hope to see you at the March. If you would like to carpool, send an email to prolife12345@aol.com with your name and phone number and we will contact you to make arrangements. Also, let us know if you will be in attendance representing Santa Catalina Parish

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Why are we still marching since Roe was overturned?

A. Abortions were allowed throughout the US with Roe in force. Once it was overturned, the states are making the decisions whether to allow or ban abortions. Approximately half of the states have allowed abortions, which includes Arizona. The movement to abolish abortions in all 50 states has just begun. Be a part of that movement.

Q: What if I start the March but can't continue?

A. There are a number of "rescue" cars at the end of the procession that will take you to the cemetery.

Q: If I march from the Cathedral to the Cemetery do I have to walk back to my car at the church?

A. At the end of the Cemetery activity, participants with cars at the cemetery will transport you back to the church.

Q: Is it dangerous to march on the streets to Holy Hope?

A. The complete route is protected by traffic cones which marchers must not cross and the route is patrolled by about 5 Tucson police officers on motorcycles. They ensure that the march is non-confrontational and peaceful.

Dignity of Human Life Ministry

MINISTRY NEWS

NEXT LOCAL IMMERSION TOURS ARE JANUARY 9 AND 12



Would you like to learn more about two local organizations that help the poor here in Tucson and how you might be able to help them? Join the next Local Immersion Tour on SOCIAL AWARENESS & JUSTICE MINISTRAL Feeding and Clothing Encouraging Casa Maria Care for Christ Child / Dress A Girl Creation Snack Pack Mental Health Casa Alitas St. Jose' Prison Local Immersion Women's Troubled Youth Refugee

January 9 or 12 from 8-11:30 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 sajm@santacatalinaparish.org.

SAVE THE DATE - JANUARY MENTAL HEALTH FOCUS

The Mental Health Ministry is hosting an expert panel discussion called "Understanding the Levels of Psychiatric Care is Key to Treatment Success." The discussion will be held on January 21 from 1-3 PM OR January 29 from 6-8 PM. The same program will be repeated twice, so feel free to attend the one that fits your schedule. Watch the bulletin for more details.



COMING SOON: NEW LOCAL IMMERSION TOUR TO CASA ALITAS



Beginning in early 2024, the Local Immersion Ministry will offer immersion experiences at Casa Alitas (CA).

CA provides invaluable humanitarian aid to migrant families refugees and asylum seekers who have left their home countries to escape violence and poverty and have travelled through Mexico. The aid is provided after they are processed by the Border Patrol and ICE, which provides them with documentation and orders to report to an immigration hearing.

CA staff and volunteers greet the travelers, help them contact family members in the U.S., and obtain a confirmation number for a plane or bus ticket, which family members in U.S. have purchased.

CA provides a safe place to rest, rehydrate, and eat; a change of clothes, hygiene items; and a chance to wash up. Volunteer medical providers offer skilled medical support. Travel bags are also provided.

The new immersion program will be about three to four hours in length. Participants will car pool from the church to the Casa Alitas Welcome and Drexel Centers. While visiting these centers, participants will learn about the immigration and asylum processes, and see CA volunteers providing services.

If you are interested, please send an email to Don Fore at <u>sajm@santacatalinaparish.org</u>. The schedule and number of visits will be based on the number of people interested.

SAVE THE DATE

Casa Alitas Underwear and Sock Drive after all masses on January 27 and 28



MORE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SANTA CATALINA

STEWARDSHIP

	Weekly	Mass Attendance
12/16-17/2023	\$16,573	1,181
Last Year	\$23,412	1,042

- All checks are to be made payable to Santa Catalina Church. If you want to designate your check to a
 specific ministry, please write Maintenance, Stephen Ministry, Snack Pak, Religious Education, Rectory, or
 any of our other ministries on the memo line.
- The only exception is St. Vincent DePaul. Those checks must be written to St. Vincent DePaul.
- Cash is always accepted, and/or you can sign up for Online Giving.
- In the coming weeks, please read the parish bulletin inserts to learn how you can play a part in the development and construction of a new rectory.



PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 AND TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

CLOSED for the New Year Holiday

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3-JANUARY 5

• Normal hours: 9 AM-2:30 PM

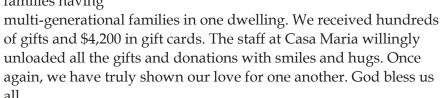
THE SUB FOR SANTA THANK YOU!

"LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU."

Your response to help needy families with gifts for their children and gift cards for their family needs was overwhelming!! Through your generosity we were able to provide 26 families multiple gift cards and a total of 104 children received gifts. Children per family ranged from 1 to



9 with some families having



Your Social Awareness and Justice Ministry at Santa Catalina Catholic Church

MORE NEWS

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

- 1. Call 911 to make a police report.
- **2.** If the abuse happens in any other state, call the Police or Sheriff's Office in the specific area of that state.
- **3.** Call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson 1-800-234-0344 and/or the Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection at 520-838-2513.

SANTA CATALINA PARISH RECTORY CAMPAIGN

How can you learn about this proposed on-site rectory and be a part of this important parish wide project?

Take a copy of The Rectory at Santa Catalina Parish information packet from the table found in the Narthex.

Campaign Fundraising Goal - \$500,000 Pledges-to-Date (as of 12/18/2023) - \$477,000 Number of Doners Presently: 200

WE HAVE GREAT NEWS! THE INDIVIDUAL TAX CREDIT LIMITS HAVE INCREASED

The amount you can now contribute to Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) has increased. If filing as a single taxpayer you can give up to \$1,307, and a married couple filing jointly can contribute up to \$2,609, and you, the donor can receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit off your Arizona tax liability. Brochures are in the vestibule or visit www.ctso-tucson.org to make an online contribution.

DID YOU KNOW?

Lo-Gluten hosts are available at all the weekend Masses and at daily Masses. The Lo-Gluten Communion station is by the podium near the piano.

LOURDES VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE EXPERIENCETM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 10 AM

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers will present a 2-hour Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage ExperienceTM at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church. As part of this Spiritual opportunity to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette you will:

- immerse yourself in the Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette
- touch the Grotto Rock and experience the healing grace of Lourdes Water
- receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray a Candlelight Rosary
- receive a bottle of Lourdes Water
- prepare a petition to be placed in the Grotto in Lourdes, France

Come and encounter the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother. Invite your family, children, and friends! Our Lady extends her invitation to all! The next best thing to visiting Lourdes itself is a pilgrimage journey without the travel! A Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful, under the usual conditions, who attend this Experience.

Admission is free; donations are welcome. For more information, contact St. Mark the Evangelist Parish (520) 469-7835.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Al-Anon and AA meetings are on Thursday evenings. For

details about Al-Alon, call Judy at 520-639-8650. For more information on AA meetings, call Art at 520-825-5218.



St. Vincent de Paul provides compassion and support to

individuals in need, regardless of race, origin, or religion. Office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 10 am to 1 pm in the Marian Room. For more information, please call 520-825-8288 or email svdpcatalina@gmail.com.

Al-Anon and AA Worldwide Marriage

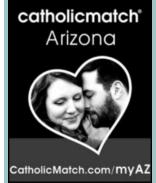
Encounter — As we celebrate Holy Family Sunday, let us remember that God's love for us is reflected in the love for each other in our family. Why not celebrate and encourage that love by giving your spouse the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on February 3-4 in Phoenix or April 6-7 in Tucson.

Charismatic Mass for the New Year — "Whenever you begin any good work you should first of all make a most pressing appeal to Christ our Lord to bring it to perfection." – St.
Benedict. Joyfully praise God, pray for all your intentions, celebrate Mass. Join us at 6:45 PM (just after the 6 PM

Vietnamese mass) on Thursday, January 11, at Our Lady of La Vang / St Frances Cabrini, 3201 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson. If you cannot attend in person, join on Zoom, meeting ID: 814 4930 0841 Pass code: 352734 (For help, text 520-981-8800). Send prayer requests, or see Zoom instructions, at https://TucsonCCR.org. Hosted by the Diocese of Tucson Renewal Committee.

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