



# Santa Catalina

## Roman Catholic Church

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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

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

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

*second sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



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**December 10, 2023**

#### **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  
 Mary Ann Schlacks  
 Sallianne Schlacks  
 Philip Cotton  
 Paul Krantz



Deacon Bill Krueger  
 Joann Stumtf  
 Pat Miller

Dawn Sciabica  
 Jeremy Kowalczyk  
 Walter Henrich  
 Phyllis Henrich  
 Gerry Hooper

# PARISH NEWS

## Christmas Flowers: In Honor of A Loved One



As is our tradition at Santa Catalina Parish, we invite you to contribute to our Christmas flowers by a making a monetary donation in honor of your loved ones. Please fill out this form so we can list your loved ones name in our in our bulletin after Christmas.

Cash or checks may be put in the collection baskets next weekend or dropped off at the Pastoral Center. Please be sure to label your envelope "Christmas Flowers" and enclose this form. **Please print clearly.**

My gift is for the intention of:

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Given by:

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John the baptizer was a chosen messenger whose role was to prepare the way for God's entry among his people. He is part of a long line of traditional prophets looking forward to the advent of the Messiah and preparing the people for that historic event. John's message was simple: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.' His message speaks to us across the ages and urges us to prepare a place for the Lord in our hearts.

John the Baptist began his ministry in the desert by proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. This baptism was a Jewish form of preparation for the coming of the Lord that encouraged people to change their lives for the better and seek forgiveness from God. Advent is an invitation to conversion, and Isaiah in the first reading gives us some down-to-earth advice on improving our lives. Isaiah talks about filling in valleys of prejudice, leveling down mountains of pride, and straightening the crooked paths of injustice. This week, we ask ourselves what in our lives that needs a complete turning around to allow God to come close to us. Are there areas of ourselves that we do not want to be disturbed even though we are aware that they prevent God from entering?

Prayer and penance in Advent time enable us to make a fresh start. Preparing a way for God in our hearts is time-consuming and costly. It demands attentive listening to what God is saying to us. It requires action on our part by making the necessary changes in our behavior. This involves removing all blockages and obstacles that prevent him from coming close. Preparing a way for the Lord may mean walking a new path. Christ cannot save us without our co-operation. He does not force an entry into our lives but waits to be invited.

The voice of John the Baptist also reminds us that we have the important task of announcing Christ to others. Our everyday life is a message telling everyone through acts of kindness, honesty, and faithfulness. We may be the only book about Christ that many people will ever read. John the Baptist invites us to turn this Advent season into real spiritual homecoming by making the necessary preparations for the arrival of the Savior into our lives.

– Fr. Huy Vu



## Las Posadas

**DOMINGO, 17 DE DICIEMBRE**

**6 PM IN EN EL SALON PARROQUIAL**

*Todos son bienvenidos para ayudar a María y José a pedir refugio-posada.*

*Tocaremos puertas y cantaremos villancicos. Cuando encuentren posada escucharemos la historia de esta tradición, disfrutaremos golosinas, tamales, buñuelos, champurrado, chocolate calentito y quebraremos la piñata.*

*Trae un amigo o un vecino. ¡Evento gratuito, ven te esperamos!*



### 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 (a finales de noviembre): 355.000 dólares**

### ¡AQUÍ ESTOY!

**¡FELIZ CUMPLEAÑOS BEBÉ ESPIRITUALMENTE ADOPTADO!**



*Su bebé adoptado espiritualmente nació este mes, nueve meses después de que su madre le concibiera. El único cambio al nacer es un cambio en el sistema de soporte vital externo del bebé. El (ella) no es diferente ahora de lo que era antes de nacer, excepto que respira y come de manera diferente. Es realmente un milagro. Comenzó como una célula de 46 cromosomas y ha crecido durante los últimos nueve meses hasta convertirse en este bebé humano único que ahora podemos ver. Nunca en la historia, ni nunca más, existirá nadie que sea exactamente como tu bebé adoptado espiritualmente. Sus oraciones le salvaron la vida. Gracias en nombre de todos los bebés y sus padres por sus oraciones amorosas que ayudaron a que pudieran nacer "para que tengan vida y la tengan en abundancia".*



*hombres que están eligiendo seguir la vida religiosa como hermanos y sacerdotes redentoristas. Para obtener más información o para donar en línea, visite [www.coredemptorists.org](http://www.coredemptorists.org) o escanee el código QR a continuación.*

*Este domingo, un Misionero Redentorista te invita a apoyar a nuestros seminaristas Redentoristas a través de la Asociación Corredentorista. La Provincia de los Redentoristas de Denver tiene actualmente 9 seminaristas: 4 que estudian Filosofía en el Bronx, NY, 2 que están en el Noviciado fuera de la Ciudad de México, y 3 que están estudiando teología en San Antonio, TX. Su participación como corredentorista nos ayuda a formar a estos*

**Para apoyar a nuestros seminaristas redentoristas,  
visite [www.CoRedemptorists.org](http://www.CoRedemptorists.org)**



*¡Gracias!*

## NOTICIAS DE LA PARROQUIA

### *Flores de Navidad: En Honor de nuestros seres queridos*



Como es nuestra tradición en la Parroquia de Santa Catalina, le invitamos para que aporte su donación monetaria para las flores de Navidad en honor de nuestros seres queridos ya fallecidos. Por favor llene esta forma para agregar el nombre de sus seres queridos a la lista de nuestro boletín después de Navidad. Cheques y efectivo puede depositarlo en la colecta durante las Misas del fin de semana, ó puede traerlo a la oficina de la Parroquia. Por favor asegúrese de marcar en el sobre "Christmas Flowers" junto con esta forma.

**Por favor escribe con letra de molde.**

Mi donación es por la intención de:

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### **SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO**

Juan el Bautista era un mensajero escogido cuya función era preparar el camino para la entrada de Dios a su pueblo. Es parte de una larga lista de profetas tradicionales que esperan con ansias el advenimiento del Mesías y preparan al pueblo para ese evento histórico. El mensaje de Juan era simple: 'Preparar el camino del Señor, enderezar sus sendas'. Su mensaje nos habla a través de los tiempos y nos insiste a preparar un lugar para el Señor en nuestros corazones.

Juan el Bautista inició su ministerio en el desierto, en el que proclamaba un bautismo de arrepentimiento para el perdón de los pecados. Este bautismo era una forma judía de preparación para la venida del Señor, que animaba a las personas a cambiar sus vidas para mejorar y buscar el perdón de Dios. El Adviento es una invitación a la conversión, e Isaías en la primera lectura nos da algunos consejos prácticos para mejorar nuestras vidas. Isaías habla de llenar los valles de los prejuicios, derribar las montañas del orgullo y enderezar los caminos torcidos de la injusticia. Esta semana, nos preguntamos qué es lo que necesita un cambio completo en nuestras vidas para permitir que Dios se acerque a nosotros. ¿Hay áreas de nosotros mismos que no queremos que se perturben, a pesar de que somos conscientes de que impiden que Dios entre en ellas?

La oración y la penitencia en el tiempo de Adviento nos permiten empezar de nuevo. Preparar un camino para Dios en nuestros corazones requiere mucho tiempo y es costoso. Exige una escucha atenta de lo que Dios nos dice. Requiere acción de nuestra parte haciendo los cambios necesarios en nuestro comportamiento. Esto implica eliminar todos los bloqueos y obstáculos que le impiden acercarse. Preparar un camino para el Señor puede significar caminar por una nueva senda. Cristo no puede salvarnos sin nuestra cooperación. Él no entra a la fuerza en nuestras vidas, sino que espera ser invitado.

La voz de Juan el Bautista también nos recuerda que tenemos la importante tarea de anunciar a Cristo a los demás. Nuestra vida cotidiana es un mensaje que todos transmitimos a través de actos de bondad, honestidad y fidelidad. Puede que seamos el único libro acerca de Cristo que mucha gente leerá alguna vez. Juan el Bautista nos invita a convertir esta temporada de Adviento en un verdadero regreso espiritual al hacer los preparativos necesarios para la llegada del Salvador a nuestra vida.

— P. Huy Vu

## Schedule of Events for December 11-17

✠ = Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 11

**8 AM Mass – Fr. Steve Rehrauer, Church**

✠ *Jahala Noble Ford (d) by Melanie Ford Hill*

10 AM-1 PM – St. Vincent de Paul, Marian Room

5-6:15 PM – Choir Rehearsal, Church

### Tuesday, December 12

**8 AM Mass – Fr. Huy Vu, Church**

✠ *Edward Borquez (d) by Family*

✠ *Janet Trautman (d) by Nancy Mosman & family*

9:30-10:30 AM – YogaFaith Meeting, Catalina Rm

1:30-3:30 PM – Arts & Crafts for All, Cholla Room

2-3:30 PM – Dignity of Human Life, Marian Room

**5:30-7:30 PM – Feast of Our Lady of**

**Guadalupe – Fr. Lester Mendonsa, Church**

✠ *For all deceased Guadalupanas and Matachines*

6-8 PM – Men's Fellowship Group, Marian Room

6-8 PM – Women's Prayer Group, Saguaro Room

### Wednesday, December 13

**8 AM Mass – Fr. Huy Vu, Church**

✠ *Marty Burke (d) by Sheila Burke*

✠ *Keith Haines (d) by Rita Quin*

✠ *Loreto Sanchez (living) by Fr. Huy*

After Mass-11 AM – Eucharistic Adoration,  
Church

8:45-10 AM – Reconciliation, Church

10 AM-1 PM – St. Vincent de Paul, Marian Room

10-11:30 AM – Dress a Girl Ministry Meeting,  
Catalina 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, December 14

**8 AM Mass – Fr. Gary Ziuraitis, Church**

✠ *Frank Keroran (d) by Robert and Patricia Perry*

✠ *George Wittman (d) by Angie & Gene Denahan*

9 AM-12 PM – Stephen Ministry Christmas Party,  
Parish Hall

### Thursday, December 14 cont.'

9 AM-12 PM – Stephen Ministry Meeting,  
Mesquite Room

3:30-4:30 PM – Advent Piano Recital, Church

4-5 PM – Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting,  
Marian Room

7-8:30 PM – AA Meeting, Marian Room

### Friday, December 15

**8 AM Mass – Fr. Charlie Wehrley, Church**

✠ *Bill Stockton (d) by Santa Catalina SVDP  
Vincentians*

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

### Saturday, December 16

3-3:45 PM – Reconciliation, Church

**4 PM Vigil Mass – Fr. Gary Ziuraitis, Church**

✠ *Laura Hojnacki (d) by Frances Sikanowicz*

✠ *Stan Bruzza (d) by Maureen Schlosser*

✠ *Gordon Wendlandt (d) by Geri Conser*

### Sunday, December 17

**7 AM Mass – Fr. Huy Vu, Church**

✠ *For the Intentions of the Parish*

8-11 AM – Knights Pancake Breakfast, Parish Hall

**9 AM Mass – Fr. Huy Vu, Church**

✠ *Stacey K Wiederin (d) by Family*

✠ *Sandra Whitt (d) by Ken & Nancy Whitt*

**11 AM Bilingual Mass – Fr. Gary Ziuraitis,  
Church**

✠ *Raquel de Rodriguez (d) by Esperanza Aquino*

3:30-6:30 PM – R.C.I.A Sessions, Mesquite Room

**5 PM Mass – Fr. Steve Rehrauer, Church**

✠ *Thanksgiving by Lourdes Gonzalez*

✠ *Terry M. Chihrin (d) by Rick & Maryjane Carsten*

6-8 PM – Las Posadas, Parish Hall



## BE ACTIVE IN YOUR PARISH

### SAVE THE DATE

#### LOS POSADAS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

6 PM, PARISH HALL

Join the Spanish Ministry for Los Posadas

#### LESSONS AND CAROLS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

3:30 PM, CHURCH

Come listen to the choir as they sing Christmas toons.



### DAILY MASS READINGS | DECEMBER 11-17

- MONDAY:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/  
Lk 5:17-26
- TUESDAY:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- WEDNESDAY:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10/Mt 11:28-30
- THURSDAY:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 & 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/  
Mt 11:11-15
- FRIDAY:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6/Mt 11:16-19
- SATURDAY:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac & 3b, 15-16, 18-19/  
Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- SUNDAY:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54/1 Thes  
5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## 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!

## LAS MAÑANITAS



Join us for this traditional “Mañanitas” to

### *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

5:30 PM — SERENADE

6:00 PM — BILINGUAL MASS WITH MARIASHIS

*Matachines Dancers will begin Mass with a prayer dance.*

Bring your family and friends for this special event to celebrate the Lady of the Americas.



### YOGAFAITH CLASS

TUESDAYS, 9:30 AM

CATALINA ROOM

YogaFaith is Bible-based, Christian Yoga for all levels of experience and all are welcome. If you have questions, contact Rebecca Luczyk at 440-785-5044 or [rluczyk@gmail.com](mailto:rluczyk@gmail.com)



### 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 Marilyn Smith at [bearcreeker36@gmail.com](mailto:bearcreeker36@gmail.com).

A book discussion group for women of all ages!



### A CHRISTMAS PIANO RECITAL

Rouzbeh Tebyanian (Music Director at Santa Catalina Parish)

Thursday, December 14 at 3:30 PM, Church

\$20 tickets are available at the door.

## Las Posadas

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

#### 6 PM IN THE PARISH HALL

All are welcome to help Mary and Joseph seek shelter-Posada for the night. We will knock on doors and sing Christmas Carol. When shelter is found we will hear the story of this timeless tradition, enjoy traditional Hispanic treats, tamales, buñuelos, champurrado, hot chocolate and break open a piñata.

Hope to see you there, bring a friend or neighbor. Free event!





**MORE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SANTA CATALINA**

December 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p></p> <p>3 Advent starts</p> <p></p>	<p>4</p> <p>11 3-Day Rosary Our Lady of Guadalupe After daily Mass</p> <p></p>	<p>5</p> <p>12 Mañanitas Our Lady of Guadalupe - 5:30pm Bilingual Mass-6pm</p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p>6 Advent Mission 4pm to 4:45pm</p> <p></p>	<p>7 Advent Mission 4-4:45pm Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass 5pm</p>	<p>8 Advent Mission ends Immaculate Conception Mass with Talk - 8am Fellowship in Parish Hall Penance Service 4pm - 5:30pm</p>	<p>2 Advent starts</p> <p>9 3-Day Rosary Our Lady of Guadalupe 12pm in church</p> <p></p>
<p>17</p> <p>Los Posada - 6pm Parish Hall</p> <p></p>	<p>18</p> <p>11 3-Day Rosary Our Lady of Guadalupe After daily Mass</p> <p></p>	<p>19</p> <p>12 Mañanitas Our Lady of Guadalupe - 5:30pm Bilingual Mass-6pm</p> <p></p>	<p>20</p> <p>6 Advent Mission 4pm to 4:45pm</p> <p></p>	<p>21 Lessons and Carols 3:30pm, church</p> <p></p>	<p>22</p> <p>8 Advent Mission ends Immaculate Conception Mass with Talk - 8am Fellowship in Parish Hall Penance Service 4pm - 5:30pm</p>	<p>23 4th Sunday of Advent 4pm Vigil Mass</p>
<p>24 4th Sunday of Advent</p> <p><u>No 5 pm Mass</u></p> <p>Christmas Eve 4pm Mass 7pm Concert 8pm Mass</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day 9am Mass 11am Bilingual Mass</p> <p></p>	<p>26</p> <p>12 Mañanitas Our Lady of Guadalupe - 5:30pm Bilingual Mass-6pm</p> <p></p>	<p></p> <p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>21 Lessons and Carols 3:30pm, church</p> <p></p>	<p>29</p> <p>8 Advent Mission ends Immaculate Conception Mass with Talk - 8am Fellowship in Parish Hall Penance Service 4pm - 5:30pm</p>	<p>30 Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, Joseph Vigil Mass - 4pm</p>
<p><b>First Sunday of Advent - December 2-3</b>  <b>Advent Mission on Mary- "O Full of Grace" Dec 6-8</b>  <b>Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation-December 8<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God-January 1<sup>st</sup>, Mass at 9am - Happy New Year</b></p>						

## CHRISTMAS EVENT SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

- 4th Sunday of Advent Vigil Mass, 4 PM

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

- 4th Sunday of Advent – Masses: 7 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM Bilingual,  
No 5 PM Mass

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

- 4 PM Mass; 7 PM Christmas Concert, 8 PM Mass

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY

- 9 AM and 11 AM Bilingual Masses



## YOU SPOKE AND WE LISTENED!

Fr. Huy and the Pastoral Council thank all who filled out the Parish Survey. We have taken the last several months to compile the data and make the appropriate adjustments in various stages. The reason for this approach is we understand that not many of us like change, even if the change is beneficial. In this article, we would like to point out some of the changes that resulted directly from your feedback.

### LITURGY

- We have introduced the time of 'silence' before Mass to allow parishioners to ready their hearts and minds as they prepare to participate in the Sacred Liturgy.
- We have reinstated the online Mass - 7 AM Sunday Mass is streamed each week.
- We have moved announcements to an earlier time to begin Mass on time.
- We have streamlined announcements to reduce duplication with the bulletin.
- We have adjusted the 'pre-Mass' slides to make them accessible to everyone.
- We have adjusted how Mass intentions can be scheduled/requested to accommodate the pastoral needs of our parish.

### MINISTRY

- We have invited Santa Catalina ministry leaders to share with you the work they are doing through bulletin articles.
- 35 children attended and 10 youth assisted with Vacation Bible School in June.
- The Pastoral Council has developed a process to welcome new parishioners.
- We are currently working on a new parish website to allow for more timely updates and information on what is happening at the parish.

### THINGS WE'RE CURRENTLY WORKING TO IMPROVE

- We are working on improving our sound system and training our lectors so our parishioners are attentive during the Liturgy of the Word.
- We are working to add additional Reconciliation services during the season of Advent and Lent to accommodate the pastoral needs. Please also understand that we only have one priest for most of the sacramental responsibilities at Santa Catalina.
- We have made the necessary changes to streamline the compliance process for our volunteers. Please understand the compliance process is a necessary tool to help protect our parish and the diocese.

There are going to be other changes based on the survey that will take a bit longer to accomplish, so keep an eye out for bulletin articles that will keep you up-to-date on what is happening.

## MINISTRY NEWS

CASA MARIA FOOD KITCHEN



### DON'T FORGET "SUB FOR SANTA" GIFTS ARE DUE THIS WEEKEND

The Social Awareness and Justice Ministry is sponsoring a "Sub for Santa" project to benefit families in

need in Tucson.

If you picked up a tag in the Narthex, please remember that we need the gifts this weekend. Remember that specific packaging and tagging instructions are on the tag.

Please leave your wrapped and tagged gifts in the Narthex by Sunday, 12/10/23.

If you have questions, please contact the parish office. Your message will be forwarded to the SAJM project lead. Thank you!



### THE LADIES AT SR. JOSE WOMEN'S CENTER NEED YOUR HELP

SISTER JOSÉ WOMEN'S CENTER



Sr. Jose has seen the need for services grow at an alarming rate. During 2022, there was a 60% increase in folks who are unsheltered in Pima County. Women make up 37% of the homeless population and 78% of these women are unsheltered. Sr. Jose's has seen a 35% increased demand for services in the past year. In addition, more older women are seeking assistance - 35% of the guests are over 55. The shelters biggest needs are:

- New underwear and socks, ankle and long
- Tennis shoes (new or gently used)
- Backpacks
- Bras and sports bras of all sizes (new or gently used)
- Sleeping bags or light weight yoga mats
- Travel sized items - hand sanitizer, body wash, shampoo conditioner, tissues
- Hair ties, brushes, and combs
- Dog and cat food
- Blankets
- Cooler weather clothes
- Deodorant

You can take your donations to the center at 1050 S. Park Ave. Call 520-909-3905 if you have questions.

If you are interested in helping at the center, send an e-mail to Sally Sample at [sajm@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:sajm@santacatalinaparish.org).

### THANK YOU FOR DONATING TO THE POOR BOX

In 2014, poor boxes were placed in the back of our church. We have been blessed with your generous donations throughout the years. Every quarter, the Social Awareness and Justice Ministry nominates local organizations who work with the poor to receive a \$500 donation and they are approved by Fr. Huy. Since 2014, we have distributed \$71,500 to 80 organizations (some recipients have received multiple donations over the years). Every quarter, articles about the organizations that received that quarter's donations are put in the bulletin. Our church has had a significant impact thanks to your generosity!!





# MORE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SANTA CATALINA

## STEWARDSHIP

	Weekly	Mass Attendance
11/25-26/2023	\$21,963	1,224
Last Year	\$26,292	1,003

- 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, Rectorry, 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 rectorry.



The liturgical seasons of our Catholic faith are a simple yet profound beauty. Like Autumn and Winter, we die to the sinful parts of our lives during Lent. Like Spring, we rise and flourish to a new, vibrant life in Christ during Easter. And like Summer, we settle into a comfortable rhythm during Ordinary time. But unlike the cycle of seasons in nature, there are times when we get stuck in a cold and dreary season of our lives due to spiritual crisis, loss of a loved one, loneliness, illness, disability, divorce, broken relationships, job loss, and many other challenges.

We need not endure these times of trial alone. Stephen Ministers are your brothers and sisters at Santa Catalina Parish, the “voice, hands, and spirit of Christ.” We are trained, trustworthy and compassionate lay people whose mission is to bring God’s peace and healing to those who are hurting. Through distinctively Christian, one-to-one caring relationships, Stephen Ministers walk with you faithfully on your journey to wholeness.

Is it time to bring the joy of Spring back into your life? 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) or 206-660-5268. All information is held in strict confidentiality.



This Sunday a Redemptorist Missionary is inviting you to support our Redemptorists seminarians through the Co-Redemptorists Association. The Denver Province of Redemptorists currently has 9 seminarians: 4 studying Philosophy in The Bronx, NY, 2 who are in Novitiate outside of Mexico City, and 3 who are studying theology in San Antonio, TX. Your participation as a Co-Redemptorist helps us to form these men who are

choosing to pursue religious life as Redemptorist brothers and priests. For more information or to give online please visit [www.coredemptorists.org](http://www.coredemptorists.org) or scan the QR code below.

To support our Redemptorist seminarians,  
visit [www.CoRedemptorists.org](http://www.CoRedemptorists.org)



Thank you!

## MORE NEWS



### 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](http://www.ctso-tucson.org) to make an online contribution.

### 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 late November) - \$355,000**

### MARCH FOR LIFE

The 34th annual Tucson March for Life will take place on Saturday, January 20, 2024. A Mass will be held at St. Augustine Cathedral at 9 AM celebrated by the Bishop. This will be followed by a peaceful and non-confrontational march at approximately 10:30 AM to Holy Hope Cemetery for a rose ceremony at the Shrine of the Innocents. You can participate in any or all of the activities. If you wish to carpool, send an email to [prolife12345@aol.com](mailto:prolife12345@aol.com) and we will contact you and discuss arrangements.



### ADDITIONAL RECONCILIATION TIMES

For the Season of Advent, we are adding additional Reconciliation times. The dates are:

(Advent Penance Service)

Wednesday, December 13, 8:45-10 AM

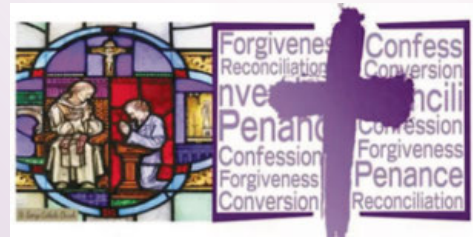
Thursday, December 14, 8:45-10 AM

Saturday, December 16, 3-3:45 PM

Tuesday, December 19, 8:45-10 AM

Wednesday, December 20, 8:45-10 AM

Saturday, December 23, 3-3:45 PM



### HERE I AM!

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED BABY!



Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month - nine months after her mother conceived her. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. She is no different now than she was before birth except that she breathes and eats differently. She is truly a miracle. She began as a 46-chromosome cell and has grown over the past nine months into this unique human baby we now can see. Never in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is exactly like your spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers saved her life. Thank you on behalf of all the little babies and their parents for your loving prayers that helped to bring them to birth "so that they might have life and have it to the full!"

# 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](mailto:svdpcatalina@gmail.com).

**Advent Reflections** – Spend quality time with scripture, song, and silent reflection on Advent, to prepare your heart for Jesus’ coming. Join us at 6:45 PM on Thursday, December 14, at Our Lady of La Vang/St Frances Cabrini, 3201 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson. Or come before 6 PM to receive Holy Communion during the parish’s Vietnamese mass. 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.

**Annual Advent Day Mass**  
As is our custom, the Diocese


of Tucson Catholic Cemeteries will hold the Annual Advent Day Mass on Saturday December 16 at 8:30 AM at both Catholic Cemeteries: Holy Hope Cemetery; 3555 N. Oracle Road and at Our Lady of the Desert Cemetery 2151 S. Avenida Los Reyes. Following this, Wreaths Across America will be holding a wreath laying ceremony, placing wreaths at each of our Veteran graves. This ceremony will begin at 10 AM at the Veterans Section at Holy Hope Cemetery. All are welcome.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** – Is your marriage prepared to be blessed by the Lord? We invite you to prepare to have

the best marriage ever by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on February 3-4, 2024 in Phoenix or April 6-7, 2024 in Tucson.

**Teachers Wanted at IHS** – Elementary (3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades) and Middle School (social studies, science, math) teachers wanted at Immaculate Heart School in Oro Valley! Passion for teaching? Love the Catholic faith? Join us in our mission of ‘evangelization through education’! Part-time and full-time opportunities available. Call Sr. Veronica at 520-297-6672 with any questions and visit [www.ihsschool.org](http://www.ihsschool.org) to apply!

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