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PASTORAL CENTER HOURS

Monday—Thursday

9 AM—4 PM

Closed for Lunch

12—12:30 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 4PM

Sunday

7, 9, 11 AM

12:30 PM, Spanish

5 PM, Life Teen Mass

Tuesday—Friday, 8 AM

CHAPEL

Monday - Friday

8 AM - 3 PM

use side entrance

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Wednesday

8:45-11 AM

Ordinary Time

November 16, 2014 ✦ Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

"Stay awake." My siblings and I used to huddle in our rooms on Christmas night, determined to stay up for Christmas dawn. We'd inevitably fall asleep, awakening around dawn to find the presents already around the tree and Jesus in the manger.

"Stay awake," we would say again on New Year's Eve. This got a little easier as we got older and beat on pots and pans to celebrate the New Year.

Special occasions call for special wakefulness. We anticipate, we watch, we try to glimpse the first signs of the holiday, birthday, or first day of vacation. These are important to us, and we don't want to miss them.

"Stay alert," Paul says to us. "Prepare for the Master's return," Jesus says to us. At the end of the Church year, everything is about watchfulness. We reflect on the end times, when Christ will return in glory to judge the living and the dead and draw all creation to himself.

What happens in the end? We show God what we've done with his many gifts. We behave as children of light and refuse to fall asleep (a metaphor for turning away from God) so we'll be found waiting when Christ comes again. We keep the faith, knowing our hope is in the Lord.

When we were children, the temptation to fall asleep was great; we didn't always make it to the first minutes of celebration.

As adults in faith, the stakes are much higher. If we fall asleep here, we may miss the party altogether.

Let's encourage one another while we still have time.

MARY KATHARINE DEELEY
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Today's Readings

Prv 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31 1 Thes 5:1–6 / Mt 25:14–30 or 25:14–15, 19–21

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Offered every Tuesday – Friday at 7:30am.

Reconciliation

Offered every Tuesday – Friday at 7:30am and Saturdays at 3:30pm.

Anointing of the Sick

Offered every 3rd Thursday after 8am Mass.

Parish Staff Can be reached at 520-825-9611 plus ext.

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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Weekly Collections

Weekend November 8 & 9, 2014

	Weekly	*Month to Date*	*Year to Date*
Actual Offertory	$18,964	$42,062	$292,292
Budgeted Offertory	$16,083	$32,166	$284,785

Direct debit is available, please call 520-825-9611 (x103) to set up automatic donations.

If you wish to add or remove a name from the prayer list, please call the Pastoral Center office at 825-9611. In order to ensure an updated prayer list, names will be listed for two months and then removed.

Sabrina Avitia
Bill Brady
Cora Brady
Margaret Mary Collison
The Di Maria Family
Adrian Duarte
Bernie Gorham
Paul Hoffman
Peggy Melville
Barbara Merritt

Shelia Monheim
Mike Moore
Lee Newswanger
Terrie Nieto & Family
Claudia O'Sullivan

Leah Catherine Ploutz
Matthew Robinson
Alec Samodouroff
The Shadonix Family
Andrea Marie Smith
Richard Swetonic
Elizabeth Szalay
Gerry Wolfgram
David Wooster

Parish News

Notes from Fr. Larry

Season of Giving and Receiving —

As the holidays approach, we are entering a time when people think about all they have been given and give thanks to God for his blessing. We are also looking forward to the birth of Christ once again. These two events tend to make people very generous in bestowing gifts, but have you ever considered how to receive a gift? It is very humbling to receive a gift from someone. A true gift is given when the giver expects nothing in return and the recipient did not expect or deserve the gift. Such was the gift of God's Son to us. We definitely did not deserve the gift and there is nothing we can do to repay the gift.

But what about the gifts that we give, are they truly gifts? Some people give gifts in the hope that they will receive a gift too. This gift exchange, while exciting because you never know what you will get, is just another form of paying back for something you did, not a real gift. Others give gifts so that people see them and respect them because of the gift. Again, not a true gift because the giver is looking for a return. A truly generous person may indeed receive recognition for their gift and the esteem of others; however, if that is their intention, then there was no gift. If they gave with no thought of return, then it was a true gift. How can we tell? We can't. It is between them and God, because God is the only one who can know their motivation.

And what about the gifts we receive? Are we truly humbled by them? Some people, out of pride, will refuse a gift, saying that they don't deserve it. That is exactly the point. A true gift is not something we deserve. No one deserves a gift, it is from the heart of the giver to you. And, if you deserved it, it would be payment or recompense for some action of yours. I have also encountered people who think they deserve gifts or handouts. These people will take all that you are willing to give with no thanks or humility. While the donation may be a gift on your part, it is definitely not a gift to the receiver. The proper response to a true gift is a "Thank you" from your heart to theirs.

What about the gifts we receive at birthdays, anniversaries and Christmas? Are they true gifts? That depends on you and the giver. If they were given from the heart and received from the heart, then they are true gifts.

During this season, let us ask God to help us to be givers and receivers of true gifts... gifts given with no expectation of repayment and gifts received with no feelings of merit.

Peace, Fr Larry

More Parish News

Thanksgiving Day Mass

November 27 at 9 AM

(No 8 AM Mass)

With Blessing of the Food

You are invited to bring your Thanksgiving food basket to be blessed for your Thanksgiving feast. This year, we will be taking up a collection to help out Saint Christopher Church. Recently, the Fire Marshal condemned and closed their Religious Education classrooms and Parish Hall. They are in need of financial help so that they can bring the classrooms and Parish Hall up to code for the continued education of the children in their parish. Please give generously and show support for our brothers and sisters at St. Christopher Church.

In Memory of

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 families.

Michael William Martin
September 22

Mary Tanghe-Miller
October

Muriel Dillon
October

Mel Juric
October 15

Les Edwards
October 21

Frank Nibley
Oct 26

Christmas Luncheon – Save the Date

We are looking for seniors who like to socialize.

Your Outreach Ministry is busy planning our 5th annual Senior Christmas Luncheon for December 9 from 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. We will provide a tasty meal, a surprise or two, and the opportunity to meet old and new friends. We need your help to round up guests for this event.

Don't drive? Not a problem. We would love to pick you up and deliver you back home after the festivities.

If you, a parent, friend or neighbor would enjoy a warm, spirited respite, please contact Mary Alice Bueser at 825-6748 or jbueser31@gmail.com by December 1 to reserve your place.

RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Rite of Christian Initiation

It is not too late for adult non-Catholics interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or Catholics who have not been confirmed and/or have not received First Communion to join us Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall.

Our topics for November 19 are *Liturgy - Beyond Words* and *Explanation of Mass/Catholic Calisthenics*.

Guidelines for Home Communion

At the end of Mass, the deacon or priest calls forth those who will be bringing communion to those who cannot attend in person. Most of these parishioners are C.A.R.E. Ministers who undergo background checks and special training before beginning the ministry. This is training beyond that given for Eucharistic Ministers. Father Larry has also given permission to spouses or family members to receive communion to take to their loved ones at home, but with some guidelines. All persons must present a pyx (special container) and go through a brief training with Judy Rossman, C.A.R.E. Director. It is not acceptable to place the consecrated hosts in a pocket or Kleenex. So if you want to receive communion at home and think a friend at church can just bring you communion, that is not the practice here at this parish. But we have over 50 trained C.A.R.E. ministers who are willing and want to provide this ministry. Please call Judy Rossman at 825-9611, x104 for more information.

Youth Ministry News

Lupita Parra, Director of Youth Ministry — 825-9611, x108 — YouthMinistry@santacatalinaparish.org

This year's Life Teen theme is MUSIC!

Each week we will use a song title, past or present, that represents the evening's topic.

Stay tuned with our Playlist below!

iTeens Radio Life Nights

Life Teen Mass @ 5p.m.
Life Nights 6-8p.m.

Life Nights are not only a place to learn about our Catholic faith and traditions, we also tackle issues that affect our lives. An example of this will be our Life Night on November 23. I have invited the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to conduct an evening on Mental Health. Their presentation is called "Ending the Silence".

I believe that education is the key to knowledge. Mental illness affects each one of us on a daily basis. This is a topic that people seldom like to talk about, even though we are all affected by it. One out of every four people has a mental illness of some sort. It affects people of all ages, race, religion or income. It is not a result of a personal weakness, lack of character, or poor upbringing. It is a medical condition that disrupts a person's thinking, feelings, mood, ability to relate to others and even on how an individual functions daily. Just as diabetes is a disorder of the pancreas, mental illnesses are medical conditions that often result in a diminished capacity for coping with the ordinary demands of life.

In Psalm 139: 1– 14 we are reminded of God's unconditional love for us. We are to be the person he created us to be in this wonderful world of ours! I am looking forward to this informative evening and encourage all of you to attend.

Advent Art Contest

This contest is open to **ALL** teenagers of Santa Catalina. All artwork entries must include at least one or more of the following **Advent** themes: Hope, Peace, Joy, Love. Your entry may be drawn, painted, or digitally created. It must also fit the Facebook cover photo dimensions of 4 inches wide and 1.5 inches high. **You must submit your creation to me no later than Wednesday, December 3.** The parish staff will select the winning entry, and I will announce the winner in the Sunday, December 14 bulletin.

The winner's art work will be posted on the Parish Facebook page from December 5 – December 24.

Life Teen Gospel Reflection - (John 2:13-22)

When we hear gifts, we usually think about gifts that we get from another person like new clothing, toys, electronics or really anything tangible. But I think what God is trying to remind us is that we get different kinds of gifts from Him. Even though they are not gifts that we can see or touch, the gifts from God are worth so much more. Sometimes it is hard to comprehend that the things we take for granted really are gifts. Sight, hearing, mobility, singing, dancing, being good at a sport - not everyone has these things and so the fact that we do is a gift. God doesn't give them to us we can keep them for ourselves as same as the servant did with his one gift, but I think he wants us to multiply and share them with others.

Gabriela, 17

Gospel Reflections are provided by Life Teen's Liturgy Planning Guide, 2013

SCCC Schedule of Events

✞ = *Mass Intention*

Dates to Remember

Family Mass

Sunday, November 23 at 11 AM

Gather up all the children and bring them to a Mass just for them.

Food Collection

Sat. & Sun., December 6 & 7

At all Masses

Please bring non-perishable food items to help support Casa Maria and Impact of Southern AZ.

Produce on Wheels WithOut Waste

Saturday, December 13

8–11 AM, Parking Lot

Get up to 60 lbs. of fresh produce for a $10 donation.

Living Stewardship Now

"Hide not your talents. They for use were made. What's a sundial in the shade?"

—Benjamin Franklin

La Corresponsabilidad Vivida Ahora

"No escondas tus talentos. Se hicieron para usarse. ¿Qué uso tiene un reloj de sol en la sombra?"

—Benjamin Franklin

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Saturday, November 15

10-11 AM — Eucharistic Minister Training, Church
3:30-3:45 PM — Reconciliation, Church
4 PM Mass — Fr. Paul Coury w/Deacon Joe assisting
✞ *For Glenn Arenz (d) — Toni Arenz*

Philippians 4:10-19 — Psalm 112:1-2,5-6,8-9 — Luke 16:9-15

Sunday, November 16

6-2 PM — Pancake Breakfast, Parish Hall
7 AM Mass — Fr. Larry w/ Deacon Bill assisting
✞ *For Tony Rua (d) — Mary & Paul Darcy*
9 AM Mass — Fr. Larry w/ Deacon Bill assisting
✞ *For Antonina & Josef Kielbasa (d) — Adam Kmiec*
11 AM Mass — Fr. Paul Coury w/Deacon Joe assisting
✞ *For the intentions of the Parish*
12:30 PM Spanish Mass — Fr. Abraham Guerrero w/ Deacon Al assisting
✞ *For Nora Devine (d) — Jim & Joanna Devine*
12:30-2 PM — First Reconciliation Class, Cholla Room
2-3 PM — Matachines Rehearsal, Church
5 PM Life Teen Mass — Fr. Larry w/ Deacon Al assisting
✞ *For Raymond Kraus (d) — Joan Kraus & Family*
6-8 PM — Life Teen, Parish Hall

Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12 — Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9 — 1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17 — John 2:13-22

Monday, November 17

10 AM-1 PM — St. Vincent de Paul, Marian Room
1-3 PM — Grief Support Group, Mesquite Room
3-4 PM — Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting, Marian Room
5-6:30 PM — Spanish Choir Practice, Church
6:30-8:30 PM — Spanish Prayer Group, Cholla Room
7-8:30 PM — Scripture Class w/John Halligan, Saguaro Room

Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5 — Psalm 1:1-4,6 — Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday, November 18

8 AM Mass — Fr. Larry ✞ *For Joan Andersen (d) — her husband, Robert*
9-10:30 AM — Health & Wellness Meeting, Saguaro Room
9 AM-12 PM — Stephen Ministry Meeting, Parish Center
1-3:30 PM — Arts & Crafts for Seniors, Cholla & Ocotillo Rooms
5:30-9 PM — NAMI Family to Family, Marian Room
7-8 PM — Men's Prayer Group, Saguaro Room

Revelation 3:1-6,14-22 — Psalm 15:2-5 — Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday, November 19

8 AM Mass — Fr. Bob Brazaskas ✞ *For Frank Pietrucha (d) — Fr. Bob Brazaskas*
8:45-11 AM — Eucharistic Adoration, Church
9-10 AM — C.A.R.E. Meeting, Catalina Room
10 AM-12 PM — Scripture Study w/ John Halligan, Saguaro Room
10 AM-1 PM — St. Vincent de Paul, Marian Room
12-1 PM — B.Y.O.L. Bible Study w/ Fr. Larry, Catalina Room

Wednesday, November 19, con't.

4-5:30 PM — Religious Education (Grades K-5), Meet in the Parish Hall
6:30-8 PM — Religious Education (Grades 6-8), Meet in the Parish Hall
6:30-8 PM — Foundation/Confirmation Classes, Parish Center
7-9 PM — R.C.I.A. Meeting, Catalina Room

Revelation 4:1-11 Psalm 150:1-6 — Luke 19:11-28

Thursday, November 20

8 AM Mass — Fr. Larry ✞ *For Dorothy Claas (d) — Ann Douer*
After Mass — Anointing of the Sick, Church
10-11 AM — C.A.R.E. Training, Saguaro Room
10-11 AM — Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass, Church
2-3 PM — Outreach Ministry Meeting, Catalina Room
4-4:45 PM — Children's Choir Practice, Church
4-5:30 PM— Al Anon Meeting, Marian Room
6-10 PM — Spirit of Motherhood Class, Cholla & Ocotillo Rooms
6:30-8:30 PM — English Choir (9AM) Practice, Church
7-8:30 PM —AA Meeting, Marian Room
7-10 PM — Knights of Columbus, St. Alphonsus Assembly, Saguaro Room

Revelation 5:1-10 — Psalm 149:1-6,9 — Luke 19:41-44

Friday, November 21

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8 AM Mass — Fr. Charlie Wehrley ✞ *For Maria Barlin (d) — Neil Barlin*
8:45-10 AM — Guadalupanos Board Meeting, Saguaro Room
6-7 PM — Matachines Rehearsal, Parish Hall

Revelation 10:8-11 — Psalm 119:14,24,72,103,111,131 — Luke 19:45-48

Saturday, November 22

8-11 AM — R.C.I.A. - Morning of Recollection, Catalina Room
8:30 AM-2:45 PM — Jordan Ministry Adult Formation, Parish Center
3:30-3:45 PM — Reconciliation, Church
4 PM Mass — Fr. Larry w/Deacon Joe assisting
✞ *For Rita Hoagland (d) — David Hoagland*

Revelation 11:4-12 — Psalm 144:1,2,9-10 — Luke 20:27-40

Sunday, November 23

7 AM Mass — Fr. Charlie Wehrley w/ Deacon Bill assisting
✞ *For Benjamin Asma (d) — Robert & Carolyn Bewalda*
9 AM Mass — Fr. Charlie Wehrley w/ Deacon Joe assisting
✞ *For Al Mancini (d) — his wife and children*
11 AM Family Mass — Fr. Larry w/Deacon Al assisting
✞ *For Rita Cotter (d) — The Breakfast Club*
12:30 PM Spanish Mass — Fr. Greg May w/ Deacon Al assisting
✞ *For the intentions of the Parish*
12:30-2 PM — First Reconciliation Class, Saguaro Room
2-3 PM — Matachines Rehearsal, Church
5 PM Life Teen Mass — Fr. Larry w/ Deacon Bill assisting
✞ *For Jerome Small (d) — Susan Pratt*
6-8 PM — Life Teen, Parish Hall

Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 — Psalm 23:1-3, -6 — 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 — Matthew 25:31-46

Parish Classes & Group Meetings

ARTS & CRAFTS FOR SENIORS
Every First/Third Tuesday, 1–3:30PM
Cholla Room
Learn new art skills. Art supplies are provided. Bring a friend.

DIVINE MERCY CENACLE
Every Second Tuesday, 9–10:30AM
Saguaro Room
Prayer and study group promoting the Divine Mercy message.

HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY MEETING
Every Third Tuesday, 9–10:30AM
Saguaro Room
Everyone is invited to attend.

OUTREACH MINISTRY
Every Third Thursday 2–3PM
Catalina Room
Everyone is invited to attend.

PRAYER SHAWL GROUP
Every first Monday from 1–2PM
Catalina room
Bring your knitting needles and crochet hooks, yarn is provided.

SASSY SOLOS
Every First Thursday, 11AM–12PM,
Mesquite Room
All single women are invited to attend this planning meeting.

SOCIAL AWARENESS MEETING
Every First Thursday, 1–2:30PM
Saguaro Room
Everyone is invited to attend.

SPANISH PRAYER GROUP
Every Monday, 6:30–8:30PM
Cholla Room
All are welcome to join us for prayer and music.

What's Happening at Santa Catalina

Save the Date

Christmas Family Fun Night

Come join us for an evening of joyous holiday celebration.

We will have:

Dinner
Cookie Decorating
Christmas Music
Christmas Craft
Photo Opportunity with Santa

Saturday, December 06, 2014
After 4:00 p.m. Mass
Where: Parish Hall

It will be a great opportunity for our parish to celebrate Jesus' birthday together. All are welcome.

Sponsored by Spirit of Motherhood – Donation gratefully accepted.

Adult Faith Formation

Presented by Jordan Ministry
Saturday, November 22
8:30 AM – 2:45 PM
Parish Center

This is an exciting time for Santa Catalina Parish. The Jordan Ministry has agreed to come to our parish, once a month, as instructors of Adult Faith Formation.

Session 1 – 8:30 – 10:15 AM
Intro to the Bible

Session 2 – 10:30 AM – 12:15 PM
Intro to the Old Testament

Lunch – 12:15 – 1:00 PM

Session 3 – 1:00 – 2:45 PM
Intro to the New Testament

The cost is $15 per session. Bring your own lunch (BYOL), drinks will be provided. If you have any questions regarding these sessions or upcoming sessions, please call Carol Padilla 825-9611, x107. These faith formation sessions are open to everyone. Bring a friend. Registration is required. Please call the Parish Office to register 825-9611.

St. Vincent de Paul — Thanksgiving Food Drive

Grocery bags for donations will be distributed after each Mass. Menus of suggested items are stapled on the bags.

Next weekend a St. Vincent de Paul de Paul truck will be parked conveniently near the church to accept donations.

Our parish youth group will assist any one who needs help. We can accept early donations on Mondays or Wednesdays from 10 AM to 1 PM. All the food will be on tables of the poor on Thanksgiving day. Cash donations go to food banks.

B.Y.O.L. Bible Study

Join Father Larry for his **B**ring **Y**our **O**wn **L**unch Bible study.

He meets with parishioners every Wednesday afternoon at 12 p.m. in the Catalina Room for lunch and discussion of the upcoming Sunday's Mass readings. Fr. Larry invites everyone to come for prayer and reflection.

Learning About the Mass with Kath and Qumen

HOW DOES MASS BEGIN?
Mass usually begins with a song or hymn and if we know the song we should join in the singing. The words of the song might be on a hymn sheet or book on your seat. When this song begins we know that it is time to stand up. We stand to greet the priest who will lead us in prayer; in this way we are also greeting Jesus who is present among us.

The Opening Procession
Mass always begins with a procession. There are different kinds of processions. Sometimes there are lots of people; sometimes it is the priest on his own. The procession might come from the front door or from the sacristy. Usually the procession includes the priest and the servers. In some places the people who are going to read and help to give out communion will also be in the procession. You might see one of the readers carry the book from which the Gospel will be read. This book is called the *Book of the Gospels*.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

"RESPECT LIFE ISSUES IN TODAY'S WORLD AND A CATHOLIC RESPONSE"

On October 19th, Fr. Domineco Pinti presented a Respect Life Seminar at Santa Catalina Parish. Fr. Pinti, the Tucson Diocesan Vicar for Life, spoke on the current concerns about secular views on life at conception thru the end of life.

Among the many points of information, was an emphasis on the importance of a loving FAMILY LIFE.

The event was attended by several Knights, their spouses, parishioners and religious.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

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USE IT OR LOSE IT

Talents in Jesus' time were large silver ingots. We define talents as our God-given abilities. Either way talents are there for a purpose—to be used. As Jesus' story shows, money has no value if it is buried. Our abilities are just as worthless if we never use them. Do you know what yours are? They are those special aptitudes unique to you. Unfortunately, the stories of the saints have not always helped us. Some of us believe we have to have extraordinary gifts like them to do anything worthwhile. Not long ago a scientist set up an experiment. She matched people recently diagnosed with multiple sclerosis with people who had had the same illness longer. She expected the newly-diagnosed would show an improved outlook with a new "buddy," and this proved true. Surprisingly, the outlook of the helpers improved even more. Just the listening and befriending made all the difference. Think carefully about what your true abilities are and use them for welcoming, spreading joy, making peace, healing, or comforting.

O LOS USAS, O LOS PIERDES

Los talentos en la época de Jesús eran barras largas de plata. Hoy definimos los talentos como las habilidades que Dios nos ha concedido. De cualquier modo, los talentos tienen un mismo propósito, que es usarlos. Tal como lo demuestra el relato de Jesús, el dinero enterrado no tiene valor. Nuestras habilidades carecen igualmente de valor si nunca las usamos. ¿Conoces tus habilidades? Se trata de esas aptitudes especiales que únicamente tú tienes. Desafortunadamente las historias de los santos no siempre nos han ayudado, pues algunos de nosotros creemos que tenemos que tener dones extraordinarios como ellos para hacer algo que valga la pena. No hace mucho que una científica hizo un experimento. Emparejó a personas que recién habían sido diagnosticadas con esclerosis múltiple con otras que sufrían de la enfermedad por más largo tiempo. Ella esperaba que los recién diagnosticados demostraran una mejor perspectiva junto a un "compañero" y así fue. Sorpresivamente, la perspectiva de los ayudantes mejoró aún más. Escuchar con un acercamiento amigable marcó la diferencia. Piensa bien cuáles son tus verdaderas habilidades y aptitudes, y dales buen uso, ya sea para demostrar acogida, difundir gozo, hacer la paz, reconciliar o consolar.

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dear Padre

November 16, 2014

How long should Mass be?

How long Mass is supposed to last? My sister leaves after an hour even if the priest is still talking. Shouldn't she stay until it's over?

There's no rule about how long Mass should last, but it's inappropriate to arrive late or leave before the final blessing or the end of the recessional song. People should leave early only if they get sick or if they're doctors, police officers, and fire fighters called away for an emergency.

Weekend activities should be scheduled around Mass. Saturday night Masses were designed for people who work Sundays and for parishes with too few priests to accommodate everyone on Sunday—they weren't designed to make it easier to get a good tee time on Sunday morning.

It's also important to remember that local customs and traditions affect the length of Mass. When I worked as a missionary in Brazil, Sunday Mass could go on for nearly three hours. When I celebrated Mass in Scotland, the pastor said I had to be done in a half hour.

Most areas have more than one church. Encourage your sister to either grow accustomed to the tradition of the parish she attends or look for another church. As a rule, I don't think it's good to "shop around" for Mass, but if your sister is that bothered by the length of the Mass at her current church, it might be better for her to go elsewhere.

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