

# Santa Catalina

## Catholic Church

April 20-21, 2024

SANTA CATALINA IS A REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY  
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### Parish Office

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### Mass Schedule

#### Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:00 am

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil, 4:00 pm

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

### Reconciliation

Wednesday 8:45 - 10:00 am

Saturday 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

... or by appointment

### Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of the month

at 8:00 am Mass

... or by appointment

### Eucharistic Adoration

In the church, Wed 8:30 - 11 am

Benediction at 10:45 am in the  
chapel, Mon-Thu 8am -2:30 pm

### Rosary in the Church

Monday-Friday 7:30 am



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Parish Mission:

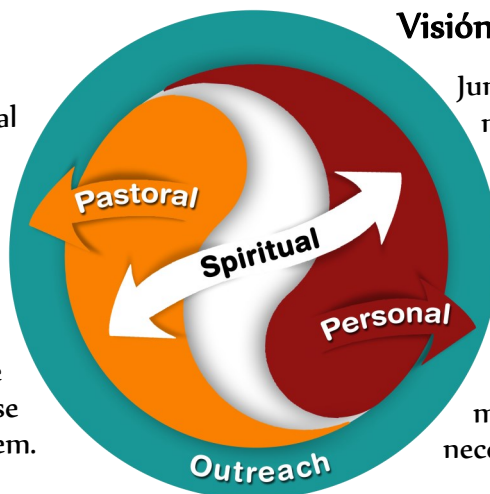
As members of God's Faith Community at Santa Catalina Catholic Parish, we commit our lives to being the voice, hands, and spirit of Christ, as our way of continuing God's call to love and peace.

### 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.

<b>Spiritual</b> Providing opportunities for the individual to be excited about their faith, understand their faith and enter into a closer relationship with God	Adoration
	Bible Study
	Daily Rosary
	Men's Fellowship Group
	R.C.I.A.
	Religious Education
	Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Vocations Ministry	

<b>Personal</b> 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

<b>Outreach</b> 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	

<b>Pastoral</b> 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

As followers of Christ, we must take individual responsibility to grow spiritually. We must become excited about our faith, learn more about our faith and enter into a closer relationship with God. We cannot evangelize to other people if we do not have a strong relationship with Christ and understand our faith. We have to go to the root and determine who we are as

Christians. We must also take care of ourselves physically so we can continue to be the hands and feet of Christ to the outside world.

We must take care of our homes and the church, ever widening our circle of influence so that we can proclaim the redemption of Christ to the community and eventually the unchurched.

Santa Catalina Catholic Church will work to support our members with opportunities to grow spirituality and physically, to serve the church and to help them reach the ultimate goal of serving the abandoned and most in need and to be evangelized by them; remembering that people can be in need in many ways - financial, physical, mental, spiritual.

# This Week's Parish Ministry Meetings and Events

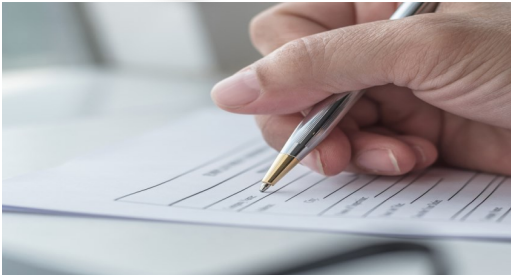
Date	Event	Time	Room
Mon, Apr 22	Casa Alitas Snack Pack assembly meeting	5:00 PM	Saguaro Room
	Finance Council meeting	1:00 PM	Conference Room
	Music Ministry - English Choir	4:00 PM	Church
	Psalms: a School of Prayer	10:00 AM	Mesquite/Ocotillo
	St. Vincent de Paul	10:00 AM	Marian Room
	Stephen Ministry meeting w/ care receiver	8:30 AM	Cholla
Tue, Apr 23	Arts & Crafts for All	1:30 PM	Cholla
	Men's Fellowship Group	6:00 PM	Marian Room
	Music Ministry - Bilingual	5:30 PM	Church
	Women's Prayer Group	6:00 PM	Saguaro
Wed, Apr 24	Cultivando Mi Fe	9:00 AM	Mesquite/Ocotillo
	Eucharistic Adoration	8:30 AM	Church
	Finance Council Meeting	9:00 AM	Conference Rm
	R.C.I.A. Sessions	6:30 PM	Mesquite
	Reconciliation	8:45 AM	Church
	St. Vincent de Paul	10:00 AM	Marian Room
	Understanding Sunday Scripture	1:00 PM	Catalina
Thu, Apr 25	AA Meeting	7:00 PM	Marian Room
	Al-Anon Meeting	4:00 PM	Marian Room
	Hispanic Ministry	9:30 AM	Mesquite
Fri, Apr 26	Grief Share	10:00 AM	Mesquite/Ocotillo
	Psalms: A School of Prayer	9:00 AM	Saguaro
Sat, Apr 27	Reconciliation	2:30 PM	Church
Sun, Apr 28	ACTS, Women Pulpit Pitch	12:00 AM	Church
	R.C.I.A. Sessions	3:30 PM	Mesquite

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## Parish News



The Diocese of Tucson is looking for a Chief Financial Officer, a Property

Director, and a Finance Controller. Each of these positions offers an opportunity for the successful candidate who wants to contribute to the mission of the Church. These ministerial employment positions are crucial for the day-to-day operations of the Diocese as well as strategic planning and

## Employment Opportunity

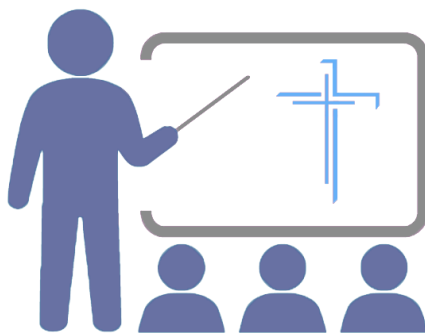
major projects. Successful candidates have 10+ years of work experience, along with formal education supporting their expertise.

Depending on the position, the following requirements also may apply: Certified Public Accounting [CPA] certification, Master's in Business [MBA], architectural certification, and a project management background.

Detailed job descriptions, along with information on the application process, is found on the Diocese of Tucson website <https://diocesetucson.org/Apply/Employment>.

## Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Are you a woman or man feeling regret, grief, or sadness following an abortion? Come and receive God's love and mercy for emotional and spiritual healing on a Rachel's Vineyard retreat, May 10-12, 2024. For more information visit [www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org](http://www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org) or Call/Text 520-743-6777.



Lead children on an exciting adventure through the sacraments at this year's Vacation Bible School! Join us for VBS June 10-14th, 9:00 am-12:00pm.

Volunteers needed for crafts, snacks,

games, and more. No experience needed—you will be fully trained! We promise a fun, faith-filled, joyous week as you work in community with your fellow volunteers to gently lead our children to Jesus!

Contact Katharine at [RE@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:RE@santacatalinaparish.org) or 505-670-1897 with any questions or to volunteer!

## Vacation Bible School: Volunteers Needed



## May Mental Health Focus - Anxiety, Depression, Trauma and Grief with Dr. Rose Bricker

Do you or your loved ones experience the following symptoms:

- *Anxiety* - excessive fear and worrying; a sense of panic and doom; digestive problems; feeling tired, both physically and mentally; and having trouble concentrating,
- *Depression* - Difficulty sleeping or sleeping too much, loss of interest and motivation, anger and irritability, feeling hopeless and helpless.

Come learn about healthy interventions and skills that can reduce the symptoms of anxiety, depression, trauma and grief. Join Dr. Rose Bricker for a discussion in the Parish Hall on May 5th at 1:00 pm.



## Panel sobre salud mental: ansiedad, depresión, trauma y duelo con la Dra. Rose Bricker

¿Usted o alguno de sus seres queridos experimentan los siguientes síntomas?

- *Ansiedad* - miedo y preocupación excesiva, una sensación de pánico y fatalidad, problemas digestivos, sentirse cansado, tanto física como mentalmente, tener problemas para concentrarse.
- *Depresión* - dificultad para dormir o dormir demasiado, pérdida de interés y motivación, ira e irritabilidad, sentimiento de desesperanza e impotencia.

Venga a aprender sobre lo que es una intervención de salud mental saludable y como poder reducir los síntomas de ansiedad, depresión, trauma y duelo. Únase a la Dra. Rose Bricker en un conversatorio a efectuarse en el Salón Parroquial, el día 5 de mayo a la 1:00 pm.

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## YogaFaith

YogaFaith meets every Tuesday from 9:30-10:30 in the Santa Catalina room located in the Parish Hall.

Please bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing that allows you to stretch and move in various standing, sitting, kneeling and prone postures. We

begin with a prayer and ask for special intentions. Through cleansing breaths, we ask the Holy Spirit to be with us as we stretch and move to realign our standing posture, strengthen our core and improve our balance.

All are welcome.



## The Pastoral Council Wants To Hear From You ¡El Consejo Pastoral quiere saber de usted!

The Pastoral Council wants your feedback, comments and questions about our parish. Please look for us at mass or at church events (we will be wearing our name badges) and let us know what you think. You can also send an e-mail to [pc@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:pc@santacatalinaparish.org).



El Consejo Pastoral quiere sus opiniones, comentarios y preguntas sobre nuestra parroquia. Búsquenos en misa o en eventos de nuestra parroquia (estaremos usando nuestra identificación) para decirnos lo que piensa. De la misma forma, puede enviar un correo electrónico a la dirección [pc@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:pc@santacatalinaparish.org).

We also would like to start an “Ask the Pastoral Council” article for the bulletin. So feel free to send any questions that you would like to be answered to our e-mail.

Nos gustaría comenzar un artículo para el boletín titulado “Pregunte al Consejo Pastoral”. No dude en enviar cualquier pregunta a nuestro correo electrónico. Le responderemos con prontitud.

### Ask the Pastoral Council

*Where does the money in the Poor Box go and who makes the decision?*

The Social Awareness and Justice Ministry proposes organizations that are approved by Fr. Huy on a quarterly basis (March, June, September and December). The Poor Box ministry has a list of local organizations that help the poor and disadvantaged. The chosen organizations are given \$500. The number of organizations depends on the balance of the poor box for that quarter. The organizations that receive



### Pregúntale al Consejo Pastoral

*¿A dónde va el dinero de la Caja para los Pobres (“Poor Box”) y quién toma la decisión?*

El Ministerio de Conciencia Social y Justicia, propone organizaciones aprobadas por el P. Huy trimestralmente (marzo, junio, septiembre y diciembre). El ministerio “Poor Box” tiene una lista de organizaciones locales que ayudan a los pobres y desfavorecidos. Las organizaciones elegidas reciben 500 dólares. El número de organizaciones depende del saldo de la Caja para los Pobres para ese trimestre. Las organizaciones que reciben los fondos se informan en el boletín trimestralmente.



## Announcement for the Traveling Voca-

- The Traveling Vocations Cross program is a weekly activity to pray for Catholic vocations.
- We only ask parishioners who will attend either the 9 AM or the 5 PM Mass to participate.
- Each priest will call the week's participant to the Altar at the end of Mass to receive the Traveling Vocations Cross.
- Participants pray for vocations and return the Cross the following weekend before the appropriate Mass.



## Celebrating Our Patron Saint

**Feast of St. Catherine of Siena  
Mass, Monday, April 29,  
8am Mass, Church  
Fellowship gathering after Mass in  
the Parish Hall.**

She was born in 1347 in Siena, Italy and was one of 25 children. While still a young girl she yearned for perfection and joined the Third Order of St. Dominic. Burning with love for God and

neighbor, she strengthened peace and harmony, defended the rights and freedom of the pope, and promoted the renewal of religious life. She dedicated writings filled with sound doctrine and spiritual inspiration. Catherine was canonized in 1461. In 1970 she was declared one of the first women saints to be named a Doctor of the Church. \*



St. Catherine of Siena

**Prayer written in 1373 by St. Catherine of Siena  
Virgin and 1st Woman Doctor of the Church**

*“Holy Spirit, come into my heart, draw me to yourself by the power of your divine love. O my God, grant me charity with filial fear. Preserve me, O ineffable love, from every evil thought; warm me, inflame me with your dear love, and every pain will seem light to me. My Father, my sweet Lord, help me in all actions. Jesus love, Jesus love. Amen “*

Original painting of St. Catherine of Siena, © 1978, by Br. Gebhard Frohlich, S. J.

\* Read more about St. Catherine on our website: <https://santacatalinaparish.org/about-StCatherine.html>

Who are our shepherds today? What voices do we hear? Who do we follow or pay attention to? In such a materialized part of society, which seeks personal power forgetting about those around it and enveloped in such advanced technology, it is almost impossible to distinguish the good Shepherd. Engrossed in herself and her selfish whims, she easily distances herself from the truth and justice so necessary to approach the shepherding of Jesus through his Word. However, if we pay attention in the midst of daily life, we will realize that there are shepherds who risk their lives for their sheep. As a living example, we have the Bishop of the Diocese of Matagalpa, Nicaragua, Monsignor Rolando Álvarez, sentenced to 26 years in prison for telling the truth and



¿Quiénes son nuestros pastores hoy en día? ¿Qué voces escuchamos? ¿A quién seguimos o hacemos caso? En una parte de la sociedad tan materializada, que busca el poder personal olvidándose de los que lo rodean y envuelta en la tecnología tan avanzada, es casi imposible distinguir al buen Pastor. Ensimismada en sí misma y en sus caprichos egoístas se aleja fácilmente de la verdad y la justicia tan necesarias para el acercamiento al pastoreo de Jesús por medio de su Palabra. Sin embargo, si ponemos atención en medio de la vida cotidiana, nos daremos cuenta que sí existen pastores que arriesgan la vida por sus ovejas. Como ejemplo vivo, tenemos al Obispo de la Diócesis de Matagalpa, Nicaragua, Monseñor Rolando Álvarez condenado a 26 años de cárcel por

seeking justice for his community.

Pope Francis as our greatest Pastor invites us to go towards ourselves and reflect on the following: “Dear brothers and sisters: in this time, many thoughts and concerns lead us to return and delve into ourselves. Let's pay attention to the voices that reach our hearts. Let's ask ourselves where they come from. Let us ask for the grace to recognize and follow the voice of the good Shepherd, who takes us out of the fold of selfishness and guides us towards the pastures of true freedom (03-05-2020). On this Sunday let us make the words of

Jesus our own and follow his example of guiding those we love on the right path. “The good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep” (John 10:11).

decir la verdad y buscar la justicia para su comunidad.

El Papa Francisco como nuestro máximo Pastor nos invita a ir hacia nosotros mismos y reflexionar en lo siguiente: “Queridos hermanos y hermanas: en este tiempo, muchos pensamientos y preocupaciones nos llevan a volver y a adentrarnos en nosotros mismos. Prestemos atención a las voces que llegan a nuestros corazones. Preguntémonos de dónde vienen. Pidamos la gracia de reconocer y seguir la voz del buen Pastor, que nos saca del redil del egoísmo y nos guía hacia los pastos de la verdadera libertad (05-03-2020). En este domingo hagamos nuestras las palabras de Jesús y sigamos su ejemplo de guiar a los que amamos por el buen camino. “El buen Pastor da su vida por las ovejas” (Juan 10:11).



# This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Spiritual

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention	By
Mon, Apr 22	8:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	Bonnie Minck (d)	Gary Minck
Tue, Apr 23	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	Matthew Palma (d)	Rita Quin
Wed, Apr 24	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	Mildred Troike (d)	Diane Wisniewski
Thu, Apr 25	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	Scott Foss (d)	Tom & Donna Opsatnick
Fri, Apr 26	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	Any Person	
Sat, Apr 27	4:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	for the Intentions of the Parish	
Sun, Apr 28	7:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	Any Person	
	9:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	William & JoAnn Boynton (d)	Deanne Boynton
	11:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	Cornelio Ormsby (living)	Gloria Ormsby
			Hilda Moctezuma (living)	Andrew, Isabel, & Desautels family
5:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	Maria Elena Gutierrez & Aldo Angulo (d)	Sandra Ashley	

## Daily Mass Readings



Readings in English



Readings in Spanish

Readings for the week of April 28, 2024

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

# Spiritual



Mario Calbone	Gregg Sciabica	Diane Clark	Steven Zenizo
Mimi Cuono	Dawn Sciabica	Susann Rein	Leland Bracy
David W. Maloney	Renae Terrazas	Robert Perry	Bill Terrazas
Molly McCabe	Peter Maher	Bob Bernal	Walter Henrich
Gregg Sciabica	Mary Sloan	Margarita Peña	Phyllis Henrich
Dottie Bentz	Dottie Bentz	Edward Peña	Albert Diaz
Molly Mc Cabe	Linda Slivinski	Kelley Thomas	Robert J. Shelby
	Robert Ciszewski	Rachel Flint	Dorothy Fuerstenberg

Norma Jean Deskus, March 21  
 Diego Zell, March 24  
 Eva Gutierrez, March 25  
 Annamarie Mudd, March 28

## The World Day of Prayer for Vocations

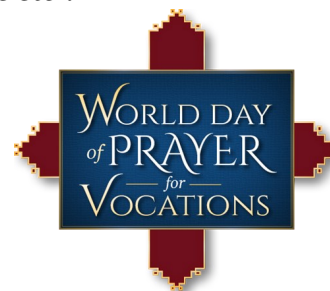
... was established in 1964 by Pope Paul VI as a day for all Catholics throughout the world to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for

more vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life.

Keep our parish priests and deacons in your prayers throughout this week

Encourage your children,

grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.



## Stewardship

Weekend 04/06-07	Totals	Mass Attendance
Offertory	\$ 32,636	1330
Major Maintenance	\$ 990	
Total	\$ 33,626	
Last Year's Offertory	\$ 15,899	2279
Parish Rectory	\$ 12,075	



I am grateful to everyone who lends their hands, voices, and joyful Spirit to make our 2024 Holy Week & Easter celebrations successful!

Our Sacred celebration was beautiful because everyone shared their time, gifts, and talents.

May the Risen Christ bless you abundantly.

- Fr. Huy

# Redemption in Saint Alphonsus and in the life of the Redemptorists

### The key to reading Alphonsian spirituality is LOVE

Much has been said about the Redemptorist Missionaries, sons of Saint Alphonsus, who preach the Spirituality of Redemption. Still, in the light of Holy Week, the word redemption is on the rise, and as heirs of a redemptive spirituality, it becomes almost an obligation for Redemptorists to have clear inspirations about what Theology understands by redemption.

Therefore, as a follower of Alphonsus, Fr. Evaldo Caesar, C.Ss.R shares with us some of these inspirations that motivate the way of being a Redemptorist missionary.

To do so, let us quickly return to the historical context in which Alphonsus lived: the city of Naples in the 18th century. Among many spiritual lines, there was a strong current called Jansenism, a rigorist, extremist, exclusionary spirituality.

For Jansenists, Jesus was a severe judge, whose death saved a chosen few; the world for the Jansenist was evil and depraved; they were rigorists with penitential practices and preached that communion was reserved for very few people, whose sanctity was rigorously proven.

But Alphonsus did not think like that and dared to question this evil and petty spiritual line. For him, God wants everyone, without exception, to be saved in Christ, through Jesus' passionate love for sinful humanity. The key to reading

Alphonsian spirituality is love: God's love for man and man's effort, recognizing this love, to love God.

For Saint Alphonsus, the incarnation is a possibility of redemption, of loving healing for the injured human being. God did not send his Son Jesus to pay for our sins but to teach us unconditional love for Him, which is capable of rescuing us from human turpitude. In freedom and love, Jesus offers himself to the extreme so that our desire to be closer to God may be extreme.

Jesus' suffering is seen as **an act of radical 'passion'**; the madness of the cross is the madness of love. When suffering, Afonso teaches us, Jesus Christ wants to provoke in us a quick response of love, which heals and alleviates suffering. This answer, however, is always personal. And prayer is a clear sign that there is a sincere desire to be in Christ. Hence, Alphonsus' lapidary statement: **"Whoever prays is saved; whoever does not pray condemns himself."**

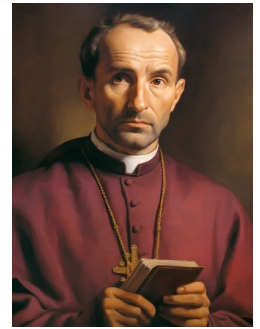
Redemption is born within the person and spills over into the mission. There is no redeemed mission or pastoral; There are men and women who, seeking redemption, produce redemptive actions around them. For Afonso, redemption is visceral, loving, and liberating. He did not convert to Christianity, but he converted to Jesus Christ. Redemptorist

spirituality and our love for redemption were born more from the heart than from reason.

Alphonsus goes through theories of redemption, going from atonement and satisfaction to the thesis of Jesus' loving donation for humanity, establishing a positive vision of Creation and Man. Redemption is not an act to safeguard God's honor (satisfaction), but to recover the meaning of love in humanity, of men towards God who loves them infinitely (giving). Redemption did not come to correct Creation but to give fullness to everything that God touched with his hands.

Redemptorists, spiritual heirs of Saint Alphonsus, have a radical obligation to open themselves to the cultural plurality of redemption. We are all over the world, in different ways of understanding life, and in all of them, the sense of redemption will be unique.

Redemptorists are called to never succumb to real evil in the world. At the same time, they must be aware that evil will never be eliminated by the evangelization of the Church, however perfect it may be. The definitive and full redemption is from Jesus Christ and in Him alone!



ST. ALPHONSUS  
LIGUORI

## Abortion Signature Campaign in Arizona

As most Catholics are aware, there is a signature campaign occurring in our state sponsored by the Arizona for Abortion Access. The abortion campaign has been collecting signatures to put abortion on the ballot for 2024 to enshrine a right to unrestricted abortion with a constitutional amendment to the Arizona Constitution. Our purpose here today is to make all of you aware of this campaign so that you can make an informed decision about the signature effort. For Catholics, we emphasize that this is not a political issue, it is a moral issue.

Millions of dollars from the abortion industry are flooding into Arizona from out of state. The features of

the proposed abortion amendment are the following:

- The language in the signature campaign as well as in the proposed amendment is vague and misleading.
- It removes most safety standards at abortion clinics. Specifically, a qualified medical doctor will not be required, allowing other healthcare workers to recommend an abortion.
- It eliminates current parental consent laws thereby keeping parents out of decision-making with their minor child.
- It has the potential of allowing late-term abortions, including the



potential of taxpayers funding them.

Arizonians deserve far better than the measures being proposed in this signature campaign. What can we do?

We can pray. We can speak up. We must stay informed.

Finally, we urge you *not to sign* or endorse this signature campaign.

### Earth Day is April 22

Earth Day is a reminder of the importance of environmental conservation and sustainability, encouraging us to come together and take action for a healthier planet and brighter future.

Through various events, toolkits, and initiatives, we aim to raise awareness, inspire change, and foster a deeper connection with nature. Let's unite in our efforts to protect the Earth today and for generations to come. Together, we can make a meaningful impact and create a more sustainable world.

Go to [earthday.org](http://earthday.org) to find out what you can do to help the Earth.

### Prayer For The Earth

Lord, you gave us a dwelling place that You saw to be good and delighted in. You made us feel at home. When I see your handiwork in the mighty Catalina's, or in the flight of a hummingbird, I rejoice and recognize the work of your hands. Our sin defiles the beauty of your creation every time we place material gain or our own comfort above our duty to protect what you have given us. Lord, give us the strength to be wise stewards and let our faith inspire us to Care For Our Common Home. Amen





# Outreach

We all know how blessed we are and may be wondering how to express appreciation for our blessings and give to those in greater need. There are many opportunities in the Social Awareness and Justice Ministry. From an hour once a month packing weekend nutrition bags

for the school children at a nearby school, making sandwiches for Casa Maria, serving meals at Sr. Jose, packing travel snacks for the immigrants at Casa Alitas, gardening in our memorial prayer garden, to name a few, involvement can vary from an hour a month to

weekly activities.

If you are interested, send an e-mail to [sajm@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:sajm@santacatalinaparish.org) and we will be happy to discuss options with you.

Thank you for considering joining us to be the hands and feet of Christ.

**I Am Thirsty** “The future of our humanity depends on our ability to safeguard and share clean water,” decreed Pope Francis on World Water Day. Living in the desert we are constantly reminded of water’s importance. Try taking a walk, playing golf or planting a garden without water.

How can you conserve water to build our groundwater supply? Landscapes use about 40% of a household’s water budget. Most homeowners run their

irrigation too often. It is better to water deeply and less often to encourage deep root growth. Group plants with similar water needs together and discover more desert plants to grow. planting native trees can provide shade for people, plants and wildlife. The temperature will be 10 to 20 degrees cooler under the tree.

The University of Arizona has lots of information on irrigation (<https://waterwise.arizona.edu>).

Jesus came to bring “living wa-

ter.” Let us make choices that will benefit our fellow man and planet, insuring clean, abundant water for all.

If you are interested in joining the Care for Creation ministry, please send an e-mail to [sajm@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:sajm@santacatalinaparish.org).



## A little boy opened the big family Bible...

He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the

pages. “Mama, look what I found,” the boy called out.

“What have you got there, dear?”

With astonishment in the young boy’s voice, he answered,

“ I think it’s Adam’s underwear!”



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## Your generosity helped a young couple in their time of need

A couple with two young children came into our office. The husband has a good job, but had been out with a medical condition for a few months and his medical pay had run out. He was going back to work in two weeks, but they were behind on their utility bills and had a disconnect notice. We were able to bring their bills up-to-date, avoiding a disconnect and helping this family out of a short-term crisis. They were so relieved to have this burden removed from their shoulders.

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

Join the next Local Immersion Tour on May 15th and 17th from 8:00 - 11:30 am.

The tours leave from the church parking lot and take a small group to Casa Maria Catholic Workers Community which provides meals and clothing for those in need,

and Sister Jose Women's Center which provides meals, clothing, shelter, and counseling for homeless women.

If you are interested in a tour, send an email to reserve your spot to [sajm@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:sajm@santacatalinaparish.org).

