

Santa Catalina

Catholic Church

April 27-28, 2024

SANTA CATALINA IS A REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY
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Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm

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



Fifth 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.

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



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

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

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

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

This Week's Parish Ministry Meetings and Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
Mon, Apr 29	Feast of St. Catherine Fellowship	7:00 AM	Agave
	St Vincent de Paul	10:00 AM	Marian
	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	4:00 PM	Church
Tue, Apr 30	YogaFaith	9:30 AM	Catalina
	Music Ministry/ bilingual choir reh.	5:30 PM	Church
	Men's Prayer Group	6:00 PM	Marian
	Women's Prayer Group	6:00 PM	Saguaro
Wed, May 1	Eucharistic Adoration	8:30 AM	Church
	Benediction	10:45 AM	
	Reconciliation - Fr. Brian Johnson	8:30 AM	Reconciliation Room
	Cultivando Mi Fe	9:00 AM	Ocotillo, Mesquite
	St. Vincent de Paul	10:00 AM	Marian
	Understanding Sunday Scripture R.C.I.A.	1:00 PM 6:30 PM	Catalina Mesquite
Thu, May 2	Fingerprinting	9:00 AM	Parish Hall
	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	4:00 PM	Marian
	AA Meeting	7:00 PM	Marian
Fri, May 3	Psalms: A School of Prayer	9:00 AM	Saguaro
	Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe	9:00 AM	Marian
	Grief Share	10:00 AM	Ocotillo, Mesquite
Sat, May 4	Reconciliation - Fr. Brian Johnson	2:30 PM	Reconciliation Room
	Parish Food Drive	Before Mass	Church Portico
Sun, May 5	Parish Food Drive	Before Mass	Church Portico

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Vacation Bible School: Volunteers Needed

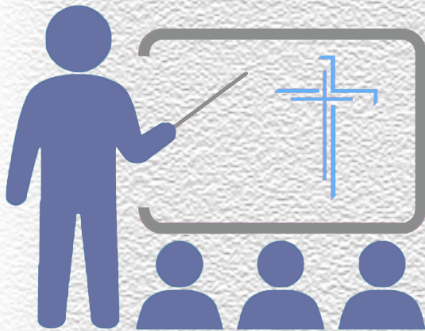
Lead children on an exciting adventure through the sacraments at this year's Vacation Bible School! Join us for VBS June 10-14th, 9:00 am-12:00pm.

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 or 505-670-1897 with any questions or to volunteer!



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 or Call/Text 520-743-6777.



We can't believe it's time to say "see you in December" as we are headed back to Wisconsin next week.

Our 5 months have been enjoyable and blessed as we celebrated many liturgies with you. May the coming months be kind to you as all in this Parish remain in our daily prayers.

Santa Catalina is a special Faith

community with Fr. Huy, Deacons Al and Flavio, our staff and many volunteers in this active Catholic parish.

Thank you for welcoming us.

Deacon Steve & Claire Letourneaux



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.

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.



Ask the Pastoral Council

“What is a Pastoral Council and what does it do?”. The Pastoral Council has its roots in Vatican II. It is a consultative body that makes recommendations to the Pastor concerning the spiritual needs of the parishioners.

The Council's vision is to assist our Pastor to lead the parish so we all can better know, love and serve God. This is accomplished through the identification and deliberation of possible programs and projects. Last year the council implemented the parish wide survey conducted last Spring, the Parish Ministry Fair last Fall, and a New Parishioner Welcome Program in November.



Pregunta al Consejo Pastoral

“¿Qué es un Consejo Pastoral y qué hace?”. El Consejo Pastoral se origina con el Concilio Vaticano II. Es un organismo asesor que hace recomendaciones al Pastor sobre las necesidades espirituales de los feligreses.

La visión del Consejo es ayudar a nuestro Pastor a liderar la parroquia para que todos podamos conocer, amar y servir mejor a Dios. Esto se logra mediante la identificación y consideración de posibles programas y proyectos. El año pasado, el consejo implementó la encuesta parroquial realizada la primavera pasada; en otoño se celebró la Feria de los Ministerios Parroquiales; y en noviembre, un Programa de Bienvenida a Nuevos Feligreses.

Who Are Stephen Ministers?

Yes, you have seen us in church wearing the blue shirts or handing out brochures. But who are we really? We are “The After people”. Stephen Ministers come into a person's life immediately after a crisis has hit and then provides care for as long after as needed.

We are, as the Ministry Compass states:
Compassionate, Full of faith,
Skilled, Trustworthy.

Here are some of the testimonies of persons who

received the help of Stephen Ministers:

“I realized that my Stephen Minister was a safe person who wasn't going to share what I told her with anyone else.” A Minister is held to confidentiality.

“What I needed the most was her unconditional love ... to know that no matter what I shared with her, no matter what I had done, she cared for me. Her care showed God's love for me.”

Stephen Ministers help those that they care for experience God during those times in life when they might be wondering, “Is God Even There?”

God's love is always there. The Stephen Minister is Jesus' hands and feet for caring for a hurting person.



Announcement for the Traveling Vocations Cross

- 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, me, inflame me with your dear
draw me to yourself by the power love, and every pain will seem
of your divine love. O my God, light to me. My Father, my sweet
grant me charity with filial fear. Lord, help me in all actions. Jesus
Preserve me, O ineffable love, 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>

This Week's Gospel Reflection

My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love.

That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth.

— Father John Muir, ©LPi



Unidos a Jesús jamás seremos vencidos y tendremos la fuerza necesaria para combatir las altas y bajas de la vida. Un ser humano pleno es aquel o aquella persona que se une a otros para hacer el bien y luchar por el bien común. Nuestra unión con Jesucristo es fraterna, es decir, conlleva convivir con la persona. Separados de Él no lograremos nada. Desde nuestro Bautismo, llevamos la savia de su Evangelio en nuestras venas. Así, que a trabajar se ha dicho, a ser mejores esposos y padres de familia. Mejores en la sociedad y en nuestra comunidad de creyentes, es decir en nuestra parroquia.

"Yo soy la vid y ustedes los sarmientos. El que permanece en mí y yo en él, ése da mucho fruto, pero sin mí no pueden hacer nada" (Juan 15:5). Las

catequesis dominicales del Papa Francisco son caminos seguros que dejan más claro el mensaje del Evangelio. Hoy nos dice: "Hay caminos que no llevan al Cielo: los caminos de la mundanidad, los caminos para autoafirmarse, los caminos del poder egoísta. Y está el camino de Jesús, el camino del amor humilde, de la oración, de la mansedumbre, de la confianza, del servicio a los demás. No es el camino de mi protagonismo, es el camino de Jesús como protagonista de mi vida" (05-10-2020). Entonces, ¿cuál camino escogeré? Pidamos al Señor nos ayude a estar vinculados a Él. Ya que sólo podremos dar frutos de vida eterna si estamos unidos a Jesús.

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This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention(s)	By
Mon, Apr 29	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	Maria Elena Gutierrez (d)	Sandra Ashley
Tue, Apr 30	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	Maria Elena Gutierrez (d) Katherine Jackson (d) by	Sandra Ashley Dennis & Laura Blackall
Wed, May 1	8:00 AM	Fr Brian Johnson	Maria Elena Gutierrez (d) Tommy Palma (d) by	Sandra Ashley Rita Quin
Thur, May 2	8:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	Maria Elena Gutierrez (d)	Sandra Ashley
Fri, May 3	8:00 AM	Fr Huy Vu	Maria Elena Gutierrez (d)	Sandra Ashley
Sat, May 4	4:00 PM	Fr Brian Johnson	Marcus May (d) Donna Goode (d)	Ginny Pergantis Mike & Jan Brenny
Sun, May 5	7:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	For the Intentions of the Parish	
	9:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	Rev. Sylvester Jaworski (d)	Ginny Pergantis
	11:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu Bilingual	25th Wedding Anniversary Diego Zell (d)	Laura Gallegos & Jesus Chavez Alejandra Zell
	5:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	For all persecuted Christians	

Readings for the week of April 28, 2024

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/I 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



Readings in Spanish



Readings in English

Spiritual



Albert Diaz	Diane Clark	Margarita Pena	Phyllis Henrich	Norma Jean Deskus	March 21
Bill Terrazas	Dorothy Fuerstenberg	Mario Calbone	Rachel Flint	Diego Zell	March 24
Bob Bernal	Dottie Bentz	Mark Cowie	Renae Terrazas	Eva Gutierrez	March 25
Carolina Soule	Edward Perna	Mary Sloan	Robert J. Shelby	Annamarie Mudd	March 28
Chris Machado	Gregg Sciabica	Maureen Schillosser	Robert Perry	Ronald Knudson	April 18
Cliff Bentz	Kelley Thomas	Mimi Cuono	Steven Zenizo		
David W Maloney	Leland Bracy	Molly McCabe	Susann Rein		
Dawn Sciabica	Linda Slivinski	Peter Maher	Walter Henrich		

Women's ACTS Retreat

ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology Service) is a four-day, three-night Catholic Retreat led by parishioners, to build a stronger Christian community in your parish. ACTS helps reignite our faith by meeting us where we are in our spiritual journey. It

provides an opportunity for a personal, as well as communal encounter with God, and promotes Christ centered discipleship. The retreat will be held May 16-19, 2024, at Redemptorist Renewal Center. If you are interested please contact:



Angela Schneider 520-400-4447,
Veronica Ortiz 520-248-0189 or
Eva Dorame 520-808-0326.

Stewardship

Weekend April 13-14	Totals	Mass Attendance
Offertory	\$ 28,257	1355
Major Maintenance	\$ 1,270	
Total	\$ 29,527	
Last Year's Offertory	\$ 17,033	1172
Parish Rectory	\$ 10,100	

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal			
	Goal	Fulfilled	% of Goal
	\$140,000	\$ 29,502	22%
No. Donors	100		



**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST
PARISHIONER:**

OLIVIA L. RODRIGUEZ

Saint of the Week: Saint Augustine of Hippo

Spiritual

St. Augustine of Hippo was a theologian, writer, preacher, rhetorician, and bishop. Although he experienced many hardships in his life, Saint Augustine set an example for men and women around the world to follow. His work is reflected in the lives of Catholics in the Augustinian tradition who continue to care for those in great need.

Born in 354 in Tagaste, Algeria, he was the son of a pagan father and Saint Monica, a devout Christian.

Raised a Christian, he lost his faith in youth and led a wild life. He lived with a woman at the age of 15 through 30 and had a son. He named him Adeodatus which means “gift of God”.

He taught rhetoric at Carthage and Milan, Italy. After investigating and experimenting with several philosophies, he became a Manichaean for several years. It taught of a great struggle between good and evil, and featured a lax moral code.

A summation of his thinking at the time comes from his Confessions: “God, give me chastity and continence – but not just now.”

Augustine finally broke with the Manichaeans and converted to Catholicism by the prayers of his mother.

At 33, Augustine was baptized by Bishop Ambrose of Milan. He made a commitment to spend the

remainder of his life as a “servant of God.”

Upon the death of his mother he returned to Africa, sold his property, gave the proceeds to the poor, and founded a monastery. In his religious journey he was a Monk, a Priest and Bishop of Hippo in 396.

Today, Catholics in the Augustinian tradition represent a growing community in Pennsylvania, New York, and other parts of the United States.

We continue to foster a sense of community and learn from St. Augustine of Hippo, his life, and his teachings.

Quotations of St Augustine:

- God has no need of your money, but the poor have. You give it to the poor, and God receives it.
- The honors of this world, what are they but puff, and emptiness and peril of falling?
- What do you possess if you possess not God?
- I will suggest a means whereby you can praise God all day long, if you wish. Whatever you do, do it well, and you have praised God.

[HTTPS://AUGUSTINIAN.ORG](https://augustinian.org)



Understanding Sunday Scripture

Fellow parishioners, I attend, when I can, the Wednesday Understanding Sunday Scripture at 1pm offered here at Santa Catalina. The group focus is on the readings for the upcoming Sunday mass. The readings are read and discussed, no homework.

I love this class, first because I have noticed that when I do attend it makes my love of the mass even more because I am more familiar with the readings and what God is saying to me and secondly because I love the people who share Christ's word with me.



I encourage you to give this class a try, no sign up, just come and see.

- submitted by Laura Blackall

Outreach



Your Santa Catalina SVDP sends a team down every month to prepare and serve dinner for the ladies at Sr. Jose Women's Center. If you are interested in helping, send an e-mail to svdpcatalina@gmail.com.



Don Fore, Joan Chyall, Leslie Fore and Barb Schultz

Knights / CTSO Tuition Assistance Application Deadline May 20

The deadline to return applications for tuition assistance through the Knights of Columbus program with the CTSO is May 20.

Applications are available in the Narthex and should be re-

turned to the parish office.

The Knights are very grateful to all of the Santa Catalina parishioners who are supporting our fellow parishioners by participating in the program this year.



What's been happening at Sr. Jose' Women's Center?



Your donations and volunteer efforts have helped the continuing need for services to the ladies who seek the resources of the center.

Guest services for 2023 expanded:

- There were 23,950 guest visits (17% increase)
- There were 14,463 overnight stays and dinners (19% increase)
- Over 32,264 breakfasts were served (29%

increase) plus the sack lunches served to the day guests

Construction is currently underway to provide space for 13 new overnight bed, a larger dining room and resting spaces and more showers. A donation center has been established adjacent to the center to free up space.

Funds have been raised to purchase a van which will support transporting our guests to appointments and errands.

To many of you who have so generously supported the mission of Sr. Jose", your contributions make our mission possible. Thank You.

SVdP - Living out our Parish Mission

Through a recent encounter with a friend in need it was obvious that our Parish Mission is being lived out and is not just words on paper.

We usually ask, "How did you hear about us?" The answers vary from friend to friend, 211 Arizona, utility company, etc. but this one was unique.

The friend in need is a single mother of 3 children under the age of 4 whose electricity had been shut off. When

asked how she had heard about us she responded that she put her crisis on Facebook asking where she could get help and the answer was, call Santa Catalina Catholic Church.

She took the advice, called, and was referred to St Vincent de Paul and due to your generosity, we were able to get her electricity turned back on that same day.



You are the voice, hands and spirit of Christ in our community.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Sharing love and prayers in a shawl

Stacks of prayer shawls were piled on a table, blessed by Father Vu at mass this month and given to parishioners to provide a hug and shawl to those in need. Parishioners were busy selecting the right shawl for the right person after mass and I picked three shawls for three friends.

One shawl went to a bridge partner who battles depression and health issues and was received with a grateful hug. Not a parishioner, but she felt maybe she should return to

church. A second shawl went to another bridge friend who is facing a final outcome of heart issues with strength and courage: "Everyday is a Blessing." Her gratitude was expressed in a beautiful card and note that I received on behalf of this ministry.

My third shawl was carried by a sister to her sister in Montana, who lives on a ranch in a rural area. She is dealing with an ill husband, difficult to assist as he struggles to exist. She was wrapped in the love and warmth of her shawl



to comfort her on lonely nights.

These acts of kindness are our mission in action.

- Contributed by Sally Sample

Outreach



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,

Parish Food Drive May 4-5

juice boxes, and lunch snacks. All food donations go to Casa Maria, Impact of Southern AZ, and the Tri-Community Food Bank. These organizations are very grateful for your assistance.

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.



