

April 19-20, 2025

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Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Mon-Fri 8:00 am

Weekend Mass

Sat 4:00 pm (Vigil)

Sun 7:00 am

9:00 am

11:00 am (Bi-lingual)

5:00 pm

Reconciliation

Wed 8:45-10:00 am

Fri 8:45-10:00 am (Lent only)

Sat 2:30-3:30 pm

... or by appointment

Anointing

First Friday of the month

at 8:00 am Mass

... or by appointment

Adoration

In Church, Wed 8:30 am -8:30 pm

Chapel hours, Mon-Fri

8:00 am-2:30 pm

Rosary in the Church

Mon-Fri 7:30 am



The Resurrection of the Lord

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, administrar a los necesitados y ser evangelizados por ellos.

Join Our Vibrant Parish Community - Become a Part of Santa Catalina Parish

We invite you to join our dynamic and welcoming parish family. As a member of Santa Catalina Parish, you will find opportunities to deepen your faith, connect with others, and make a meaningful impact in our community.

To Join our parish

- Visit our website at www.santacatalinaparish.org to register online
- Stop by the parish office and ask Donna, to provide a paper registration form

We look forward to welcoming you to our parish family.

To Support our Parish Mission

We rely on your generosity to continue serving our community. There are two easy ways to share your gift with Santa Catalina Parish:

- **Online Giving:** sign up on our website at: <https://osvhub.com/santa-catalina-church/giving/funds>
- **Envelope Program:** Contact our parish office to learn more about our envelope program



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Please Silence Your Cell Phone ...at all times inside the Church. Thank you for understanding.



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Al-Anon & AA Meetings Thursdays in the Marian Room, Al-Anon is 4-5:00 PM, contact Judy at 520-639-8650. AA is 7-8:30 PM, contact Art at 520- 825-5218.



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This Week's Meetings & Events

Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
Mon, Apr 21	9:00 AM	Quilt Group Open Sew	Catalina Room
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
	10:00 AM	Sacred Scripture Study: Luke	Mesquite, Ocotillo Rooms
	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	Church
	5:30 PM	Music Ministry - Bilingual Choir	Church
Tue, Apr 22	9:30 AM	Yoga Faith	Catalina Room
	1:30 PM	Arts & Crafts for All	Ocotillo Room
	4:00 PM	5 PM Mass Choir Rehearsal	Church
	6:00 PM	Men's Prayer Group	Marian Room
	6:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group	Saguaro Room
Wed, Apr 23	8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
	9:00 AM	Cultivando Mi Fe	Mesquite Room
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
	1:00 PM	Understanding Sunday Scripture	Catalina Room
	4:30 PM	Faith Formation Classes K-8th	Mesquite, Ocotillo, Cholla Rooms
Thu, Apr 24	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	1:00 PM	Senior Women's Spring Tea	Saguaro Room
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian Room
	6:30 PM	Sacred Scripture Study: Luke	Mesquite, Ocotillo Rooms
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian Room
Fri, Apr 25	9:00 AM	Friday Faith Fellowship - The Chosen	Catalina Room
	10:00 AM	Grief Share class	Mesquite, Ocotillo Rooms
Sat, Apr 26	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
Sun, Apr 27	7:30 AM	Knight's Blood Drive	Parish Hall
	12:15 PM	O.C.I.A. & Confirmation	Conference Room

Wonderful News: Our Rectory Project Moves Forward

Dear Santa Catalina,

With joy and deep gratitude, I write to share long-awaited and truly uplifting news about our rectory project. After much prayer, perseverance, and diligent work behind the scenes, we are now ready to take a meaningful and exciting step forward—**together**.

As many of you know, the journey has required flexibility and trust. At the start of 2025, we made a necessary transition to a new architectural firm, inviting fresh perspectives that helped strengthen the foundation for our future rectory. I am pleased to report that the revised plans are now complete and have been submitted to the county for final approval.

Mark Your Calendars: Groundbreaking Ceremony
Thursday, May 15th @ 9:00 AM

On that day, we will gather as a parish family to bless the ground and celebrate the official beginning of construction. We are especially honored that our Apostolic Administrator, **Bishop Gerald Kicanas**, will be joining us for this joyous occasion.

A Sign of Hope on Our Pilgrimage

This milestone is more than a construction update—it is a living sign of hope. As we prepare for the Jubilee Year and embrace the Church's invitation to be *Pilgrims of Hope*, this project reminds us that even through delay and challenge, the Lord walks with us. Our shared dream, built on prayer and sacrificial love, is now becoming visible.

Thank You for Walking This Journey Together
Dear friends, thank you—from the bottom of my heart—for your unwavering faith, your continued prayers, and your generous support. This rectory is not just a building; it is a symbol of our mission and our journey forward in Christ.

Let us continue to pray for the smooth progression of approvals and the construction ahead.

May God, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to joyful completion.

With God all things are possible,
Rev. Huy Vu, C.Ss.R

Save the Date - April 30th - Ten Things You Need to Do Before Moving Into a Retirement Center

Our region offers a selection of top affordable retirement communities, which have been shown to improve seniors' emotional, physical, and mental health, leading to a longer and stress-free life. Planning ahead is essential, even if you are currently healthy, to prepare for any unexpected medical issues. Dawn Hecht, a self-employed senior advisor, will discuss the latest developments in senior living during a presentation at the parish hall at 10 am. Staying informed is crucial, as there have



been significant changes in this area. Please RSVP for this presentation at lobby@santacatalinaparish.org ☩

Save the Date - Alzheimer and Dementia:

Please join the Santa Catalina Mental Health Ministry as it presents its May Mental Health Focus on Monday May 12th at 6 pm and Sunday May 18th at 3 pm.



Katrina Johnson, the Memory Care Coordinator at Sunrise Senior Living will be presenting on the stages of Alzheimer's disease and Dementia, redirection and validation techniques, effective communication strategies, and caregiver burnout.

Katrina is certified through the Alzheimer's Association and has been a certified caregiver for nearly 14 years. Memory care is her passion, and she strives every day to champion the quality of life for all seniors.

The presentation will be in the parish hall. The same presentation will be given each session, so feel free to attend the one that fits your schedule. †

Por favor, acompáñenos en el "Ministerio de salud mental" de Santa Catalina mientras presenta su Foro de Salud Mental del mes de mayo, el lunes 12 de mayo a las 6:00 pm y el domingo 18 de mayo a las 3:00 pm.

Katrina Johnson, coordinadora de cuidado de la memoria en Sunrise Senior Living, hará una presentación sobre las etapas de la enfermedad de Alzheimer y la demencia; técnicas de redirección y validación, estrategias de comunicación efectivas y el agotamiento del cuidador.

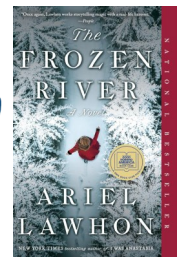
Katrina está certificada por la Asociación de Alzheimer y ha sido cuidadora certificada por casi 14 años. El cuidado de la memoria es su pasión y cada día se esfuerza por promover la calidad de vida de todos los adultos mayores.

La presentación se llevará a cabo en el salón parroquial. La misma presentación se dará en ambas sesiones, así que siéntase libre de asistir a la que mejor se acomode a su horario. †

Join the Book Bunch and Bring A Friend on May 8th The group will be discussing *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawson

New York Times Bestseller ♦ GMA Book Club Pick ♦
NPR Book of the Year

From the New York Times bestselling author of *I Was Anastasia* and *Code Name Hélène* comes a gripping historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history.



"Fans of Outlander's Claire Fraser will enjoy Lawhon's Martha, who is brave and outspoken when it comes to protecting the innocent. . . impressive."—The Washington Post

The Book Bunch meets on May 8th at 1 PM in the Cholla Room. †

Come to YogaFaith



YogaFaith meets Tuesdays from 9:30-10:30 in the Santa Catalina room, Parish Hall. Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing for various 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. †

Vienes a YogaFaith

YogaFaith se reúne los martes de 9:30 a 10:30 en la sala Santa Catalina, en el Salón Parroquial. Trae un tapete y usa ropa cómoda para diversas posturas.

Comenzamos con una oración y pedimos por intenciones especiales. A través de respiraciones purificadoras, invitamos al Espíritu Santo a estar con nosotros mientras nos estiramos y movemos para realinear la postura, fortalecer el núcleo y mejorar el equilibrio. ¡Todos son bienvenidos! †

The Power of Prayer: Supporting Vocations

Vocations are the foundation of a thriving Church, guiding communities in faith, service, and love. Praying for vocations is a vital way to support those discerning a call to priesthood, religious life, or lay ministry. Through prayer, we invite God to inspire and guide individuals as they respond to His call, deepening our own spiritual connection in the process.

This practice uplifts discerners and reminds us of our shared responsibility to foster a culture of vocation. Families can unite in prayer, reflecting on God's plan for their lives and others. Incorporate prayers for vocations into daily life—through personal prayer, family devotionals, or parish initiatives like adoration or novenas.

Every prayer is a seed planted in faith, nurturing a future filled with devoted priests, religious, and ministers. Let us remember: vocation is not just an individual call but a shared mission. May our prayers strengthen the Church and inspire many to answer God's call with courage and love. ✚



El Poder de la Oración: Apoyando las Vocaciones

Las vocaciones son la base de una Iglesia próspera, que guía a las comunidades en la fe, el servicio y el amor. Orar por las vocaciones es una manera vital de apoyar a quienes discernen un llamado al sacerdocio, la vida religiosa o el ministerio laical. A través de la oración, invitamos a Dios a inspirar y guiar a las personas mientras responden a Su llamado, profundizando al mismo tiempo nuestra propia conexión espiritual.

Esta práctica eleva a quienes están en discernimiento y nos recuerda nuestra responsabilidad compartida de fomentar una cultura vocacional. Las familias pueden unirse en oración, reflexionando sobre el plan de Dios para sus vidas y las de los demás. Incorpora oraciones por las vocaciones en la vida diaria—ya sea mediante la oración personal, devocionales en familia o iniciativas parroquiales como la adoración o las novenas.

Cada oración es una semilla sembrada con fe, que nutre un futuro lleno de sacerdotes, religiosos y ministros entregados. Recordemos que la vocación no es solo un llamado individual, sino una misión compartida. Que nuestras oraciones fortalezcan a la Iglesia e inspiren a muchos a responder al llamado de Dios con valentía y amor. ✚

Choose Life And Blessing

One of my favorite readings in the Old Testament is from Deuteronomy 30. The Israelites have been traversing the desert for 40 years and are about to cross into the Promised Land. Moses offers them a simple choice – “I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse.” Life and blessing, of course, is to follow the way of God. Death and curse, well, not a particularly good choice.

Like Moses and the Israelites, we are sometimes confronted with life-changing choices in our own life. Difficult situations arise, such as the loss of a loved one, loneliness, chronic or terminal illness, disability, divorce, broken relationships, job loss, spiritual crisis, finding meaning in our lives, and other stressful circumstances. Do we choose to carry these heavy burdens alone, or do we trust in Jesus' promise: “Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”? Do we

choose the path of healing, or the path of brokenness?

Stephen Ministers are the “voice, hands, and spirit of Christ,” your brothers and sisters at Santa Catalina Parish. We are trained, trustworthy and compassionate lay people whose mission is to bring our Lord'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.

Make the choice to bring life and blessing 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. All information is held in strict confidentiality. ✚



Volunteers Needed: Vacation Bible School

Lead children on an exciting adventure through the sacraments at this year's Vacation Bible School. Join us for VBS June 16th-20th, 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. ✝



A Journey in Imagery - Creating the Resurrection Image

On this anniversary of my first bulletin layout at SCCC, the Easter bulletin, I wanted more than just a nice image—I wanted something thought provoking that captured the spiritual journey of Holy Week and the hope that emerges from Easter morning.

What followed was a truly collaborative and creative experience with the help of a most unexpected artistic partner: AI.

What began with last year's over-used image of the empty tomb quickly grew into a visual conversation. I uploaded the reference, and AI and I ultimately created a depiction of Jesus leaving his tomb moments before his Resurrection to heaven. Each iteration was good... but not quite right. The lighting needed to be softer. The tomb needed more warmth while consistent with the coolness of dawn.

Each time, I provided feedback. Each time, the AI responded with a revised image. We adjusted the placement of the sun to reflect the earliest moments of dawn. We deepened the blues of the

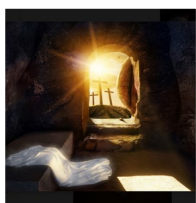
sky and added more subtle details to the burial cloth. We even explored other moments of Christ's journey—carrying His cross, but that time was over, and had no place on Easter morning.

What struck me most was how this process echoed our spiritual lives: refining, reshaping, drawing closer to something true. The image you see on the front of this bulletin is the result of that back-and-forth—a depiction of Jesus, having completed this chapter for our salvation, and now ascending into heaven. A new day dawns, the sun just peeking over the horizon, and the three crosses standing as the sole witnesses to His miracle.

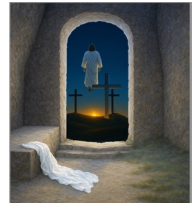
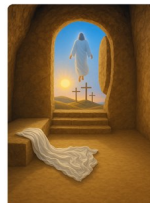
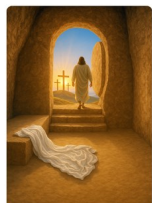
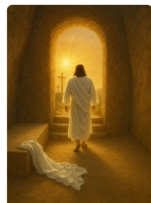
Technology can never replace faith, prayer, or community—but in this case, it became a surprisingly moving tool to express the story at the heart of Easter. I'm grateful for the opportunity to shape this visual representation of Easter morning and display it on this week's cover.

He is truly risen...and I think ChatGPT is seriously considering converting to Catholicism.

- Chris Auclair & ChatGPT ✝



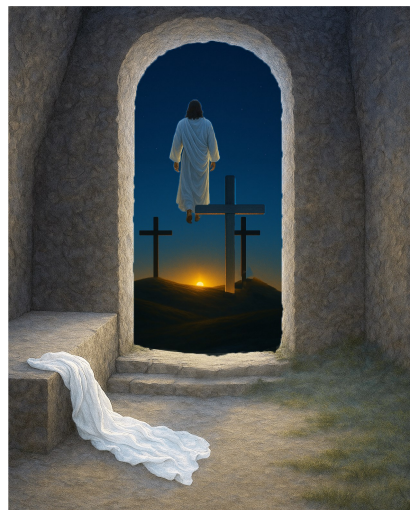
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Today's Cover

When I was a young boy, my parents told me about their wedding. Then a few years later, they showed me my mother's wedding dress and my dad's suit. It was astonishing to see and touch garments that connected me to the event that led to my existence. Of course, I already believed they were married based on their word. But these holy garments made the event real and tangible for me.

Something like this is at play when St. John reports encountering in Jesus' tomb, "the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place" (John 20:7). Those two separate cloths, for his head and for his body respectively, meant a great deal to St. John and to the early Christians. Some years after the resurrection, there surfaced reports of two cloths with unusual



The Lord Jesus lives, and we bear witness to this because we have been witnesses of His Resurrection.

The presence of the Risen One fills all things—and the whole world—with joy. He has fulfilled His promise: He is alive!

"Then the other disciple, who had arrived at the tomb first, also went in; he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead" (John 20:8-10).

Jesus will never die again. Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen! Do you believe this?

This is the greeting of Easter joy on this Easter Sunday.

All of us who are baptized should rejoice, because by being baptized, we are sons and daughters of God, heirs to Heaven, members of the Church, and

characteristics, one bearing the image of a crucified man's body, another smaller one with the image of a wounded man's face. Some call them the Shroud of Turin and the Veil of Manoppello; they both can be seen today.

These two cloths have a long and complicated history, and scholars debate aspects of them. If you're curious, I encourage you to read about them.

To be clear, I believe in the resurrection of Jesus because of the testimony of eyewitnesses and the gift of faith in the Church.

Nevertheless, seeing these two mysterious cloths have made the life-giving event of Jesus' resurrection more real and tangible for me. Maybe they will for you, too.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi †

therefore called to rise with Him.

However, we must be aware that

this doesn't happen quickly or as if pressing a magic button. It takes work—we must put in the effort to improve every day. We need to draw close to God's heart through a personal relationship with Him, especially through prayer and the sacraments. Salvation has already been accomplished; it is up to us to accept it and continue walking with faith and joy.

This is the great gift that Jesus offers us: salvation, grace, and love.

Alleluia! Happy Easter!

Let us allow Jesus to walk with us on the journey, and may His presence in the Eucharist comfort us every time we receive Him. ©LPi †

This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention
Mon, Apr 21	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ Betty Landmichael by Sheila & Bill Clarkin
Tue, Apr 22	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Betty Colvin by Doug & Colleen Goehler
			(L) Rudy & Clare Ormsby by Cornelio & Gloria Ormsby
Wed, Apr 23	8:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	(L) Bobbi Cawein by Bobbi Cawein
			(L) Leslie Fore by SAJM
			✠ Deceased Wilkin family by MaryAnn Wilkin
Thu, Apr 24	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	(L) Bill Watt by Joyce Watt
			✠ Chester Smalley by Francine & Rod Mundy
Fri, Apr 25	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Elizabeth & Harry Ford by Tom Ford
Sat, Apr 26	4:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	(L) Leslie Fore by SVDP
			✠ Bill Fox by Joanne McCutcheon
			✠ Anthony Vincent Agnone by John & Linda Agnone
Sun, Apr 27	7:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	✠ Mark Rhoades by the Einecker family
	9:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	✠ Mary Frances Clark by the Clark family
			✠ Frank Nicolisi by John Massie
			✠ Gary Van Praag by Emily Collins
	11:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	(L) Hilda Moctezuma by Andrew & Isabel Desautels
5:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	(L) For the Redemptorist priests who serve this parish	

First Reading: He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. (Acts 10:38)

Second Reading: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

Gospel: So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." (Jn 20:2)

Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)

Readings for the week of April 20*:

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15



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Spiritual

Please Pray for Our Parishioners



Jesus Rivas

Mimi Cuono	Jeffrey Van Slyae	Maureen McCabe	
Anita Garcia	Charles Lohr	Derek Palmer	
David W. Maloney	Gregory Surowiec	Jeanie Polak	
Bob Stamer	Pat Gasca	Sophie Varalli	
Robert Perry	Raul Velasquez	Michael Sienkiewicz, Jr	Mona Mariani
Leslie Fore	Edward Montano, Jr	Ty Vallinoto	Debra Elofson
Linda Howard	Molly McCabe	George Price	Mary Rose Hagstrom
Stacy Zieminski	Susann Rein	Ann Marie Arnold	Mollie Minke

Saints Who Fostered Vocations to the Priesthood.

Saint Francis Borgia (Died: 1572)
(Feast: October 10)



Francis Borgia came from a powerful and influential family. He lived an intensely holy life in the midst of enormous political responsibility. He was surrounded from childhood by caregivers chosen for their virtue. He served at the imperial court, where it is said he never spoke ill of others or indulged in vices. He married Eleanor, a lady-in-waiting of the empress, with whom he had eight children.

After Eleanor died, Francis made provisions for his children and estates and entered the Jesuits. Saint Ignatius of Loyola appointed him the order's commissary general of Spain. In this capacity, he founded Spain's first Jesuit novitiate as well as a number of schools. In 1565, he was chosen to lead the entire order.

When he was, as he said, "smitten with the sword of responsibility," he addressed his fellow Jesuits, begging them to offer to God the "fruits of obedience, humility, and patience," to give their neighbors "the oil of mercy and the other

remedies," to forget their own differences and "begin a new life, destroying the old man and raising up the new, so that the simplicity, obedience, charity, and humility of the primitive Society may be revived in our hearts." The Jesuit order expanded under his leadership, and he is sometimes called the second founder.



Prayer: Heavenly Father, through the intercession of Saint Francis Borgia, strengthen those you call from the world to your service. ✚

Financial Report	Weekend 4/05/25	Attendance
Offertory	\$36,648	
Major Maintenance	\$950	1369
Total	\$37,598	
2024	\$33,626	2279
Rectory	\$15,150	

An Invitation to Experience God's Boundless Mercy: Divine Mercy Sunday - April 27

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever." (Psalm 118:1)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue to bask in the radiant joy of Easter, our hearts are drawn to a profound celebration that Pope Saint John Paul II established for the universal Church in the Jubilee Year 2000. On the Second Sunday of Easter—marking the beautiful culmination of the Easter Octave—we gather as a community of faith to celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday**.

This special feast emerged through the mystical experiences of Saint Faustina Kowalska, to whom Jesus revealed the unfathomable depths of His merciful heart. Through her, Christ reminds us that His mercy is not simply an attribute but the very essence of His love for each of us—personally, intimately, and completely.

In our journey of faith, we sometimes find ourselves carrying burdens of regret, doubt, or spiritual weariness. Divine Mercy Sunday stands as a healing reminder that God's mercy awaits us not as a distant possibility, but as a present reality. As Jesus told Saint Faustina: *"My Heart overflows with great mercy for souls, and especially for poor sinners... Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though it's sins be as scarlet."*

The Divine Mercy devotion offers us five beautiful pathways to encounter God's transforming mercy:

- **Feast** - We celebrate God's infinite mercy on this special Sunday, when Christ promised extraordinary graces to those who approach Him with trust
- **Image** - We venerate the sacred image of the Merciful Jesus, with rays of pale and red light flowing from His heart, bearing the promise: *"Jesus, I trust in You"*
- **Novena** - We bring different souls before the throne of mercy through a nine-day journey of prayer beginning on Good Friday. There will be Divine Mercy brochures available in the Narthex.
- **Chaplet** - We offer prayers that echo the sacrifice of Christ, appealing to the Father's mercy for ourselves and our world
- **Hour of Mercy** - We pause at 3:00 PM—the sacred hour of Christ's sacrifice—to unite ourselves with His redemptive love

In a world often marked by division, judgment, and spiritual hunger, the message of Divine Mercy speaks directly to our deepest yearning for healing and reconciliation. As Saint John Paul II reminded us, "Where, if not in Divine Mercy, can the world find refuge and the light of hope?"

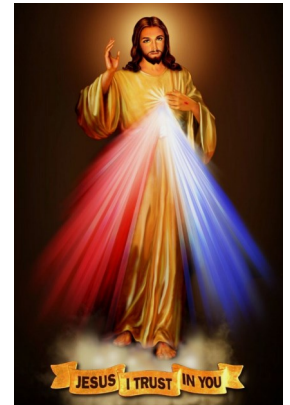
We warmly invite you to join us in this celebration of God's tender compassion:

Divine Mercy Holy Hour Sunday, April 27th at 2:30 PM Santa Catalina Church

Come as you are. Bring your hopes and burdens, your joys and sorrows. Together, we will place them in the merciful heart of Jesus, who waits for each of us with arms outstretched in love.

With prayerful anticipation,

"Jesus, I trust in You."



Outreach

Join Us for CCST's Red Wagon Fundraising Luncheon— April 27

Please join us for the fifth annual Red Wagon Fundraiser benefiting the Christ Child Society of Tucson (CCST) being held at The Highlands at Dove Mountain. Thanks to your generous past donations, we are made a lasting impact on our community in Southern Arizona. Details available online: www.christchildtucson.org

Making a Difference in 2024

Together, we accomplished so much:

- 750+ dignity bags distributed to foster teens
- 600+ layettes (baby shower in a bag), including 14,440 diapers, given to moms in need
- 1,450 books donated to children, plus a book vending machine for San Xavier Mission School

We work with eleven partner agencies to distribute layettes, including:

- Casa de los Niños
- Catholic Community Services of Southern AZ
- Pima Health
- Reachout ... and more

We collaborate with five agencies to distribute foster teen dignity bags, including:

- Children's Advocacy Center
- Casa de los Niños ... and others. We support kinship families and children with incarcerated parents.



SCAN OR CLICK
TO ATTEND

We also provide book vending machines which we refill biannually with books at 3 schools.

How Can You Help?

If you'd like to attend our fundraising event on April 27th, contact Deb Auclair at (585)309-9064 or sajm@santacatalinaparish.org, or follow the QR code.

If you are unable to attend our event, we gratefully welcome your donation by check. You can make a check payable to CCST and mail it to: PO Box 36212, Tucson, AZ 85740. Every contribution makes a tremendous difference.

CCST is an AZ Qualified Charitable Organization. QCO code 22131.

Your donation directly supports over 2,700 moms, infants, school-aged children, and teens each year. Every penny counts—all funds go toward essential program services, and donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. †

Save the Date - Apr 26 - 27 - Sock & Underwear Drive for Casa Maria Soup Kitchen



Casa Maria Soup Kitchen not only serves soup to hundreds of homeless people daily, they also provide daily essentials, like clothing, to those in need.

We all know how great we feel putting on new socks or underwear. Let us share that simple wonderful feeling with them. The collection will be April 26-27 after all masses. †

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

Join the next Local Immersion Tour on April 21 and April 23 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. †



Shower a Child with Comfort – Project Linus



Imagine yourself as a child—ill, frightened, or going through something difficult. What would bring you comfort?

A warm, cozy blanket to wrap up in can offer a sense of safety, love, and hope.



Join The Catalina Community Quilters at Santa Catalina Catholic

Church as we come together to create and share that warmth with children in need. Our handmade quilts provide comfort and security, and every stitch is a gesture of care.

All skill levels are welcome! Whether you're a seasoned quilter or just starting out, we invite you to spend the day with us (feel free to bring your lunch) or drop by when you can. Please bring your sewing machine, thread, and quilting tools. We'll

provide irons, ironing boards, cutting mats, and even have a few sewing machines available for use. We also offer blanket kits, rotary cutters, fabric, and patterns.

Project ♥ Linus



The Catalina Community Quilters is open to everyone in the Catalina area. Come see what this beautiful ministry is all about—bring a friend, the more the merrier!

We meet on the third Monday of each month, unless otherwise announced.

For more information, contact us:

520-825-9611

lobby@santacatalinaparish.org

Wouldn't it be wonderful if every child could be wrapped in the love of a handmade blanket?

God bless. ✚

SAJM Earth Day Reflection: Caring for Our Common Home

SAJM invites you to prepare for Earth Day by engaging in a thoughtful reflection on our shared environment.

During this Lenten season, we encourage you to explore the beautifully designed "Climate" Stations of the Cross developed by the Metro New York Catholic Climate Movement. Each Station features a meaningful quote from Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, paired with beautiful artwork by German painter Gebhard Fugel (1863-1939).

These Stations offer a unique opportunity to connect our spiritual journey with environmental awareness. The creators thoughtfully combined Fugel's traditional religious paintings with powerful images that highlight the current challenges facing



our planet. Many who have engaged with this resource have found it to be both spiritually enriching and environmentally illuminating.

We invite you to take a moment for prayerful reflection with these Stations, considering both your spiritual path and our responsibility toward Earth, our common home.

You can download the resource at: <https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/stations-of-the-cross-in-the-wake-of-the-climate-crisis/>

Earth Day is approaching on April 22nd.

We look forward to connecting with you about additional Earth Day activities soon.

We gratefully acknowledge the Catholic Climate Covenant for this content. ✚

Outreach

Introducing HELP WANTED

HELP WANTED is an occasional, as-needed column in our bulletin. It lets ministries "advertise" their needs to the parish. If something interests you and the timing works, contact the person listed to help or learn more. This is a great way to get involved without a long-term commitment.

To respond, email sajm@santacatalinaparish.org, addressed to the contact in the ad.

Thank you for supporting our ministries. All are welcome at the SAJM Meeting on May 1st at 1:00 pm in the Catalina Room.

HELP WANTED

Prayer Garden - We need helpers at 8:30 AM Wednesdays and Saturday's April and May to water the gardens, plant shrubs, trees and flowers and whatever is needed. We promote Pope Francis's "Laudato Si, On Care For Our Common Home."
Contact Mary Hojnacki or just show up.

Christ Child Society of Tucson – Foster Teens – do you have 2 hours of time once a month? We pack 50 drawstring bags with hygiene products, etc. for foster teens in South Tucson. Please consider joining us at the National Self Storage at 12071 N Thornydale Rd the first Friday of the month!
Contact Deb Auclair

Helping Hands needed to receive donations for Sr. Jose Women's shelter before all masses the weekend of May 17 and 18th. You would need to come to mass 15 - 20 minutes early. Contact Sally Sample.