

# Santa Catalina

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# Catholic Church

A REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

April 5-6, 2025

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Mon-Fri 9:00 am-3:30 pm

## 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



## Fifth Sunday of Lent

### 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.

# Lenten & Holy Week Calendar 2025

## Wednesday, April 9 – Reconciliation & Adoration

- 8:45 AM - 10:00 AM – Reconciliation
- 8:30 AM - 8:30 PM – Adoration

## Friday, April 11 – Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper

- 8:45 AM - 10:00 AM – Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM – Stations in the Garden
- 6:00 PM – Soup Supper (*Last one this season – Bring a bowl and spoon*)

## Saturday, Sunday (April 12 – 13)

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- **Saturday:** 4:00 PM Vigil Mass
- **Sunday:** 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 5:00 PM Masses

## Wednesday, April 16 – Tenebrae Service

5:30 PM – In the church

## Holy Thursday, April 17 – Evening of the Lord's Supper

- *No daily Mass*
- 6:00 PM – Mass
- 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM – Repose of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration with Taizé Meditation

## Good Friday, April 18 – Stations of the Cross

- *No daily Mass*
- Adoration in Parish Hall: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- 12:00 Noon – Stations in the Garden
- 3:00 PM – Passion of the Lord Service

## Holy Saturday, April 19 – Easter Vigil

- *No Reconciliation and no 4:00 PM Mass*
- 6:00 PM – Easter Vigil Mass

## Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord, April 20

- Masses: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM (*with overflow*), and 11:00 AM
- No 5:00 PM Mass

## Divine Mercy Sunday (April 26 – 27)

- **Saturday:** 4:00 PM Vigil Mass
- **Sunday:** 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 5:00 PM Masses
- 2:30 PM – Divine Mercy Holy Hour



## Parting for Now, Reuniting in Fall

Time has come for us to return to our Wisconsin home. Our 5 months as Parishioners here have been a delight.

Thank you for welcoming us into the Santa Catalina Parish family. This is a special and blest Parish. Be assured of our continued prayers for you all. Have a fulfilling Holy Week and glorious Easter season.

Stay cool this summer and we'll see you in November. †



## This Week's Meetings & Events

Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Location / Room
<b>Mon, Apr 7</b>	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian
	1:00 PM	Monthly Prayer Shawl meeting	Catalina
	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	Church
	5:30 PM	Music Ministry - Bilingual Choir	Church
<b>Tue, Apr 8</b>	9:30 AM	Yoga Faith	Catalina
	1:30 PM	Arts & Crafts for All	Ocotillo
	2:00 PM	Dignity of Life monthly meeting	Marian
	4:00 PM	5 PM Mass Choir Rehearsal	Church
	6:00 PM	Men's Prayer Group	Marian
	6:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group	Saguaro
<b>Wed, Apr 9</b>	8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
	9:00 AM	Cultivando Mi Fe	Mesquite
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian
	10:00 AM	Dress a Girl Ministry meeting	Saguaro
	1:00 PM	Understanding Sunday Scripture	Catalina
	4:30 PM	Faith Formation Classes K-8th	Mesquite, Ocotillo, Cholla
<b>Thu, Apr 10</b>	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	1:00 PM	Book Bunch monthly meeting	Cholla
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian
<b>Fri, Apr 11</b>	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
	9:00 AM	Friday Faith Fellowship - The Chosen	Catalina
	10:00 AM	Grief Share class	Mesquite, Ocotillo
	5:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Prayer Garden
	6:00 PM	Lenten Soup Supper	Parish Hall
<b>Sat, Apr 12</b>	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
	5:00 PM	Parish Game Night	Parish Hall
<b>Sun, Apr 13</b>	12:15 PM	O.C.I.A. & Confirmation	Conference



## 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](mailto:lobby@santacatalinaparish.org) ☩

## Tenebrae Service – A Journey Through Darkness

Wednesday, April 16th | 5:30 PM | In the Church.

Step into one of the most solemn and powerful services of Holy Week—the Tenebrae Service.

Tenebrae, meaning "darkness" or "shadows," is an ancient service that draws us into the suffering and sacrifice of Christ through scripture, candlelight, and silence. As we recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of Jesus' Passion, the service leaves us in silence—unresolved—reminding us that the story is not complete until Easter.

**A Gradual Darkening** – Throughout the service, we extinguish candles one by one from a special candelabrum known as the "hearse," symbolizing the growing darkness as Christ approaches the Cross. Only the Christ candle remains, representing His enduring light in the midst of suffering.

**A Moment of Silence & Sound** – In the final moments, the church is plunged into darkness, and a loud noise—the "strepitus" (Latin for "great noise")—shatters the silence, recalling the earthquake and the tearing of the temple veil at Jesus' death.

**A Time for Reflection** – This powerful experience sets the mood for the coming days of the Triduum, drawing us into the mystery of Christ's Passion and preparing our hearts for the light of the Resurrection.

This is a deeply moving and unique liturgical experience that brings the reality of Holy Week into focus. We invite you to join us for this powerful service of reflection and anticipation.

Come, sit in the shadows, and journey through the Passion of Christ as we await the dawn of Easter. ☩

## Palm Sunday Enactment of the "Passion of the Lord"

As Palm Sunday weekend ushers us into Holy Week, our Passion Play Ministry humbly presents the "Passion of the Lord" to our parish. This year, our team dedicates their performance in loving memory of Greg Nelson, a cherished founding member who was called home to God late last year. His presence

continues to be profoundly missed. This enactment has been a revered tradition at Santa Catalina for over 25 years, and its continuation and growth depend on your support. If you feel called to participate or are interested in discussing potential involvement, we encourage you to reach out. Please call the parish

office at 520-825-9611 and request to speak with a team member.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the ministry members for their dedication and to all parishioners for your continued support and encouragement. ☩



## Parish Community Coffee & Donuts on the Patio,

Sunday, April 6th after each morning Mass. Join us and your fellow parishioners. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. ☩



## Mental Health Stations of the Cross

The Mental Health Stations of the Cross offer a way to reflect on the struggles and triumphs of mental health journeys, drawing parallels between Jesus' suffering and the challenges faced by those with mental illnesses and their loved ones. These stations are a form of prayer and reflection, similar to the traditional Stations of the Cross, but adapted to address the specific realities of mental health. They are designed to foster compassion, understanding, and hope for those who are struggling with mental health issues. Pamphlets are located in the Narthex and the Adoration Chapel. †



## Parish Game Night - April 12

5 pm to 8 pm in the Parish Hall. Family Fun Night, Ages 3 to 103. Join us for a delicious dinner, board games, cards, lots of laughs, and fellowship. Please bring a dessert to share. †



## Noche de Juegos Parroquial - 12 de abril

5 pm a 8 pm en el Salón Parroquial. Noche de diversión familiar, 3 años a 103. Acompáñanos a disfrutar de una deliciosa cena, juegos de mesa, cartas, mucho de risas y compañerismo. Por favor, traiga un postre para compartir. †

## Join the Book Bunch and Bring A Friend

... on April 10th. The discussion will be on *The List* by Buck Storm and Bill Perkins.

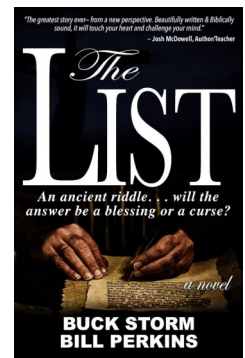
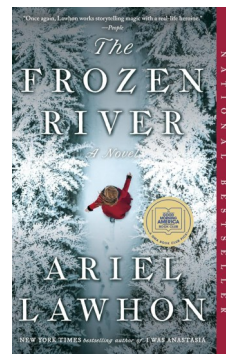
Set against the spectacle and grandeur of ancient Israel and the brutal violence of the Roman Empire, here is a tale not to be missed. Step into *The List* and experience the Christ story as you never have before.

Get a start reading *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawson. It will be the book discussed on May 8th.

From the New York Times bestselling author, 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.



The Book Bunch meets in the Cholla Room at 1pm. †

## Annual Senior Women's Spring Tea

Join us for a delightful afternoon at the Annual Senior Women's Spring Tea on Thursday, April 24, from 1:00 to 2:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Enjoy tea, cookies, and warm conversation as you reconnect with old friends and meet new ones.

Please bring your own cup and saucer.

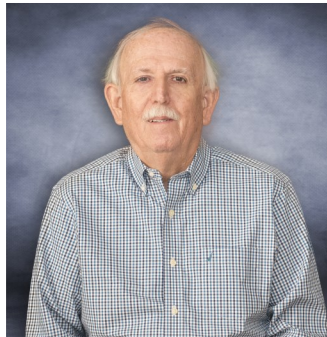
Space is limited, so be sure to RSVP by April 9 by calling Diane Wisniewski at 815-953-8950.



Relax to the beautiful harp music of Carolyn Ancel. Hosted by the Seniors' Social Ministry. †

## Meet the Pastoral Council - John Howard

I am originally from a small town in the heart of the lake's region in Minnesota. After HS graduation, I received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point where upon graduation, I was commissioned a 2Lt. Shortly thereafter I met and married my wife, Linda. I served six years in the Army and then entered the business world. We moved to Houston TX where we lived for 40 years, and I worked in management in the Oilfield Services Industry. I retired in 2016, and we moved to Saddlebrooke in 2020 to be near our two sons and their families.



We loved our faith communities in Houston and were active members of our parishes. I was engaged in a number of ministries as well as community outreach and a nonprofit that worked with overseas Catholic Missions.

We joined SCCC once Covid protocols allowed us to do so. At SCCC, I am a member of the Hospitality and Casa Maria ministries, and more recently, the PC. I am also engaged in community service activities in the Copper Corridor.



We have truly found a faith home at SCCC. It has been and is such a warm and welcoming parish that feeds us spiritually. ✚

## Share Your Voice: We're Listening

We're eager to hear your feedback, questions, or any encouraging words you might have about our parish! Please share your thoughts with us by using the new "Comment Box" located in the narthex, by emailing us at [pc@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:pc@santacatalinaparish.org), or by

speaking directly to any member of the Pastoral Council. Your valuable input is essential in helping us strengthen and grow our community. ✚



## We are seeking adorers to sign up for Adoration

We are actively seeking dedicated volunteers to support our Adoration Ministry. As we aim for sustainability in our spiritual practices, we urgently need volunteers to help cover various hours at the church, ensuring that the Blessed Sacrament is never left unattended. Whether you're able to commit to a regular weekly hour or serve as an occasional substitute, your contribution is incredibly valuable.



Currently, we have several time slots available for adorers: 8:30-9:30, 9:30-10:30, 10:30-11:30, and 5:30-6:30. If you feel called to participate, please reach out by sending an email to [pc@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:pc@santacatalinaparish.org). Adoration takes place every Wednesday from 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM in the church. Everyone is invited to join and experience the presence of our Lord during these times. ✚

## It's the 5th Sunday of Lent and...

...we are approaching the end of Lent. It concludes on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

"During Lent, the Church renews the call to conversion. The new man is born in Baptism. God makes us His children and incorporates us into Christ and His Church. From the heart of a person renewed according to God, good behaviors flow. We are called to abandon sinful behaviors and to fix our gaze on what is essential" (Pope Francis).

What would be considered essential? First, it would be to look within ourselves to find the answer, beginning with our own actions and those of others. Sometimes we are so harsh in our judgments. We apply the law of the stone without mercy—hard-hearted, slow to practice forgiveness. Yet You, Lord, forgive me with the gentleness of a Gospel written

on the ground, that is, on soft earth. Let us take this moment to ask Jesus for the gift of learning mercy—the same mercy He showed to the woman caught in adultery.



What must that accused woman have felt when Jesus asked her:

Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin anymore" (John 8:10–11).

Indeed, the challenge of conversion is to sin no more. It is learning, day by day, to be good—to ourselves and to others. ©LPi †

### Today's Readings:

**First Reading:** Thus says the LORD, who opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters. (Is 43:16)

**Psalm:** The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

**Second Reading:** Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:14)

**Gospel:** Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." (Jn 8:10-11)

### Readings for the week of March 30, 2025\*

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56



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## Gospel Reflection: A Path of Mercy: From Judgment to New Beginnings

In the Gospel, we witness a profound moment between Jesus and the woman caught in adultery—a powerful encounter of grace and healing. While the religious leaders used the Law to condemn, Jesus created a sacred space of mercy through his gentle silence, the mysterious writing on the ground, and his simple yet powerful challenge:

*"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." (John 8:7)*

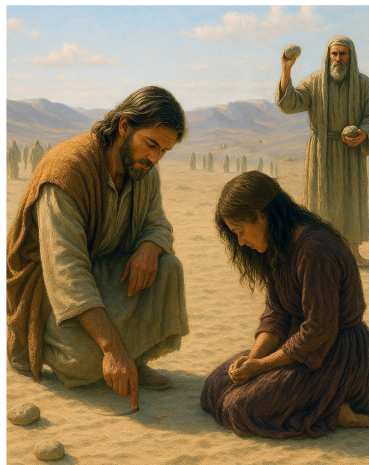
Jesus invites each of us to pause and reflect on the stones we carry—the judgments against others, and perhaps even harsher ones against ourselves. He does not dismiss sin or pretend it doesn't matter; instead, he offers us a new path beyond judgment and condemnation where healing becomes possible.

When Jesus speaks to the woman, he extends compassion while gently encouraging her toward change:

*"Neither do I condemn you. Go, and*

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"Los escribas y los fariseos trajeron a una mujer que había sido sorprendida en adulterio y la hicieron poner de pie en el medio" (Juan 8:3). ¿Por qué la hacen poner en el medio? ¿Por qué no exponerla en la periferia? La razón es algo que nos afecta prácticamente todos los días. El centro es lo que estabiliza la identidad de una comunidad. Nosotros, los humanos, tendemos a centrarnos alrededor de una víctima acusada y condenada, aunque raramente lo admitimos. Esto renueva nuestras comunidades frágiles y nuestro poder como aquellos que utilizan la acusación como arma. Esto es efectivo porque a menudo es una víctima quien representa algo verdaderamente peligroso para el grupo. En este caso, el adulterio representa la desintegración de una comunidad y de quienes la integran, porque plantea preguntas como: ¿quién es mi padre? ¿De quién es este niño? ¿Este niño es uno de nosotros o de un extraño? Los



*from now on do not sin any more." (John 8:11)*

This is the essence of true transformation. It's not just about avoiding punishment, but about embracing a new beginning offered by Christ.

As we continue our Lenten journey toward Holy Week, let's reflect together:

- **Where do I need Christ's mercy most deeply today?**
- **What stones of judgment am I holding onto that Christ invites me to set down?**

**How can I receive Christ's forgiveness and respond genuinely to his call to "sin no more"?**

Christ meets us exactly as we are—not to condemn, but to offer us grace, renewal, and healing. Let us open ourselves fully to his mercy, becoming living reflections of the compassion and forgiveness we've been given. - Fr. Huy Vu †

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acusadores colocan a la adúltera en el centro porque su comunidad, como la mayoría, está construida alrededor de convertir a un enemigo en víctima. Una vez que entiendes esto, lo verás casi en cualquier lugar donde se

agrupen los humanos (familias, política, lugares de trabajo, deportes, escuelas, etc.). La buena noticia es que Jesús expone esta dinámica señalando hábilmente los corazones infectados de pecado de todos, excepto de la mujer. Todos se van, simbolizando la desintegración del antiguo orden, y ella queda "sola ante él". Una nueva comunidad ha comenzado, estructurada alrededor del amor misericordioso de Cristo. ¿Qué hay en tu centro? ¿Qué hay en el centro de nuestras comunidades parroquiales y familiares? Esfuérzate por centrarte en el perdón de Cristo, y experimentaremos la nueva comunidad duradera que llamamos la Iglesia. †



## This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention
Mon, Apr 7	8:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	† Viola Fox by Joe & Deb Sieverding
			† Herbert Hoffman by Theresa Hoffman
Tue, Apr 8	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	† Aide & Marie Marchand by Bernie & Anita Lee
			Benjamin Hoffman (living) by Theresa Hoffman
Wed, Apr 9	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	† Dorothy Tartaglia by Michael & Kay Shannon
Thu, Apr 10	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	† Jerome Small by Mary Gansheimer
			† Roberto Bansie by Feliciana Caloff
Fri, Apr 11	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	For The Intentions of The Parish
Sat, Apr 12	4:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	† Greg Nelson by The Passion Play team members
			† William Fox by The Fox family
Sun, Apr 13	7:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	For those with mental illness by Mental Health Ministry
			† Scott Lewer by Bob & Lois Helland
	9:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	† Elaine Ackerman by Herb & Mary Helene Kranze
			† Greg Nelson by The Passion Play team members
	11:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	For Our Lady of Life Ministries by James Kern
			† Greg Nelson by The Passion Play team members
For those with mental illness by Mental Health Ministry			
5:00 PM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	† Lorenzo Berumen, Jr by Leonor Berumen	
			For those with mental illness by Mental Health Ministry

### Come Pray the Rosary Every Sunday in May | Ven a rezar el Rosario todos los domingos de mayo

May is the Month of Mary. Let us show our devotion to the Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary, singing Marian hymns and asking for her intercession in our needs.

We Invite all our parishioners to join us in praying the Rosary to our Blessed Mother Sundays throughout the month of May In the Church at 1:00 PM. The Rosary and songs will be in both English and Spanish so that all may participate. Please join us in this spiritual experience.

Refreshments will be served on the patio afterwards (weather permitting). †



Mayo es el mes de María. Demostremos nuestra devoción a la Santísima Madre rezando el Rosario, cantando himnos marianos y pidiendo su intercesión por nuestras necesidades.

Invitamos a todos nuestros feligreses, a unirse a nosotros para rezar el Rosario a nuestra Santísima Madre, todos los domingos de mayo en la Iglesia a la 1:00 p. m. El Rosario y los cantos, se cantarán en inglés y español para que todos puedan participar. Únase a nosotros en esta experiencia espiritual.

Al terminar la actividad, se servirán refrigerios en el patio (si el clima lo permite). †

# Spiritual



## Please Pray for Our Parishioners

Gloria Carbajal	Linda Howard	Maureen McCabe	Robert Perry	Jeanie Polak
Mimi Cuono	Michael Sienkiewicz, Jr	John Melkun	Jaime Santiago	Derek Palmer
Leslie Fore	David W. Maloney	Molly Minke	Linda Slivinski	Charles Lohr
Anita Garcia	Manuel Martinez	Cecilia Montano	Bob Stamer	
Pat Gasca	Bertha Martinez	Edward Montano, Jr	Gregory Surowiec	
Billy Higgins	Molly McCabe	Joseph O'Connor	Bill Terrazas	
Rene Terrazas	Jeffrey Van Slyae	Raul Velasquez	Sophie Varalli	

## What is the Chaplet of Divine Mercy?

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is an intercessory prayer invoking God’s mercy on the world, utilizing words drawn from the text of The Diary of St. Faustina Maria Kowalska. St. Faustina was a Polish nun who received visions of Christ imploring her to spread the message of his Divine Mercy, specifically through the recitation of this chaplet.

Prayed with an ordinary five-decade Rosary, the chaplet opens with a recitation of the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Apostle’s Creed. The beads usually used for the Our Father are used to recite

this prayer: “Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world,” followed by ten Hail Marys and the words “Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.” †



ST. FAUSTINA MARIA KOWALSKA  
1905 - 1938

Financial Report	Weekend 3/23/25	Attendance
Offertory	\$17,977	1453
Major Maintenance	\$580	
Total	\$18,557	
2024	\$17,766	1668
Rectory	\$100	

## Legacy Humor

George returned home one day to find the living room overwhelmingly loaded with flowers. He ask Gracie, “What’s with all the flowers?”



Gracie said, I told you I was going to visit Blanche in the hospital today.

“So?” George asked. “Oh, George, remember? You told me to be sure to take her flowers.”

**The Allure of Being Right** - *By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

It wasn't a real question.

"The law of Moses says we should stone her. What do you say?" the Pharisees asked Jesus as they brought the adulterous woman before him. But they weren't really asking. They didn't care what Jesus' answer was. They didn't ask his opinion because they wanted to know. They asked because they wanted to use his words against him.

Righteousness, truth — that wasn't the goal. The goal was being right.

And in the middle of the whole scene, dragged before Jesus, used as a literal prop in this staged drama, is a woman. A real flesh-and-blood woman.

I find myself wanting to know more about her. She had been "caught in the act," they claimed, but I wonder what that even means. With whom was this act committed, and what were the reasons for her participation in it? Was she coerced? Was she scared? Was she confused? Was it really a cut-and-

dry, black-and-white situation of adultery, of lust, of making the wrong decision?

We will never know the answers to these questions, and it doesn't matter — it's not our business. God knows the answers. God knows the truth of the matter: what she did, what she chose, what she felt. Because she wasn't a prop to Him. She was a person.

When God looks at us, he sees more than the worst decisions we've ever made.

I worry that we use one another as props even today, when we try like the Pharisees to illustrate "What is Right." We have a terrible tendency to see only decisions, and in doing so we dehumanize the people behind them.

Too often, we don't care about righteousness or truth. We just care about being right. ©LPi



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**If someone is interested in becoming a priest, how does he go about it?**

Discerning a vocation can happen in any number of ways. It might come as a surprise to the person called or to family or friends. Sometimes it is a gradual process, and other times it is as quick and bright as lightning. Regardless of how it starts, a vocation to the priesthood or religious life requires a process of discerning, testing, and preparing. The best place to begin would be with lots of prayer, receiving the sacraments, and attending daily Mass whenever possible. Then talk to Fr. Huy or a priest you know and trust. The Diocese of Tucson has a vocation ministry and with a vocation director you may also want to talk to.

Remember that many young Catholic men have considered the priesthood. Some are ordained and others realize this is not their calling. However, we are all called to be of service to others as we practice our faith. These are extraordinary times in which we live, and they require an extraordinary witness to faith and to God's presence in the world. Our work, our ministry as Catholics, is to be the body of Christ with and for others. The Church needs priests. If God calls you to ordained service in the church, He will provide the grace, direction, and support you need. Just listen and respond with all your heart, mind, and soul. ©LPi



# 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, juice boxes, and lunch snacks. All food donations go

## Monthly Food Drive: **This Weekend**

to Casa Maria, Impact of Southern AZ, and the TriCommunity Food Bank.

These organizations are very grateful for your assistance. †



## Join Us for CCST's Red Wagon Fundraising Luncheon— April 27, 2025

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](http://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.



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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](mailto: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. †

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

Join the next Local Immersion Tour on 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](mailto:sajm@santacatalinaparish.org). †



## Meet the Ministry - Santa Catalina Saint Vincent de Paul Conference

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is a world-wide Christian community; founded in Paris in 1833. Following Christ Through Service to Those in Need; the Society has been Catholic since its origins and remains an international Catholic voluntary organization of lay people, both men and women, called Vincentians.

We serve those in need regardless of creed, ethnicity, gender, social background, or political opinions. It is our hope that our "Neighbors in Need" catch a glimpse of God's love for them as we help relieve their suffering and perhaps be an answer to their prayers for assistance. We are called to follow Christ through service to those in need through person-to-person contact. Our office hours are from 10am to 1pm every Monday and



Wednesday in the Church's Marian Room within the Parish Hall.

We are blessed to be able to help and we are able to help the poorest of the poor in our local communities largely through you, our parishioners. THANK YOU for your support! We are a 501(c)3 Tax Exempt conference, # 38-3813972 and a Qualifying Charitable Organization for the State of Arizona. Arizona QCO Code – Tax Credit 20830.

If you want to learn more about us or are feeling called to serve those in need within our local community and you have a few hours a week available to help families through tough times, give us a call at (520) 825 8288 or email us at [svdpcatalina@gmail.com](mailto:svdpcatalina@gmail.com) . ☩

## 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. ☩

## Care for Creation Ministry Prepares for Earth Day

SAJM invites you to join us in preparing for Earth Day by reflecting on our environment.

During this Lenten season, take the time to download the beautifully designed "Climate" Stations of the Cross developed by the Metro New Your Catholic Climate Movement ([MNYCCM@gmail.com](mailto:MNYCCM@gmail.com)).

Each Station includes a quote from Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudate Si-On Care for Our Common Home*. The beautiful artwork are paintings by the German artist, Gebhard Fugel (1863-1939). The stations were created...to be shared in combination with stunning examples of the plight of Mother

Earth, our common home. We think that you will find them a rewarding and spiritual experience. Take a moment to use this opportunity to prayerfully engage and reflect on the Stations and on Mother Earth.

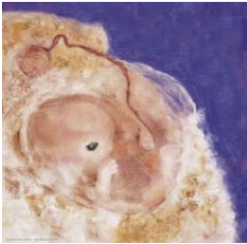


They can be downloaded at:

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/stations-of-the-cross-in-the-wake-of-the-climate-crisis/>

Earth Day is coming, April 22. We will be in touch with you. We gratefully acknowledge the Catholic Climate Covenant for this content. ☩

## Month 1 - Developing Baby – “My heart is beating!”



Your spiritually adopted baby has been quite active over the past month. Already your baby is 10,000 times bigger than at conception. Your baby has developed the foundations of his brain, spinal cord, and nervous

system by the 20th day. His heart began to beat on the 21st day, pumping blood through its own circulatory system and the blood type can be different from his mother's. Your baby is most vulnerable during the next month of being aborted. Pray that the Lord of Life might move the heart of his mother to give him the most precious gift of all -- the gift of life. ✝

Su bebé espiritual ha estado muy activo durante su primer mes. Durante este primer mes su bebé espiritual es 10,000 veces mas grande que al momento de su concepción. A los 20 días, su bebé ha desarrollado las funciones de su cerebro, espina dorsal y sistema nervioso. A los 21 días su corazón comenzó a latir, enviando sangre a través de su sistema circulatorio y el tipo de su sangre puede ser diferente al de su madre. Su bebé espiritual es más vulnerable durante el próximo mes de que pueda ser abortado. ¡Ore para que el Dios de vida pueda tocar el corazón de la madre para que le de el regalo mas precioso de todos ¡El regalo de la vida. ✝