

August 17-18, 2024

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A REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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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)

Reconciliation

Wed 8:45-10:00 am
Sat 2:30-3:30 pm
... or by appointment

Anointing

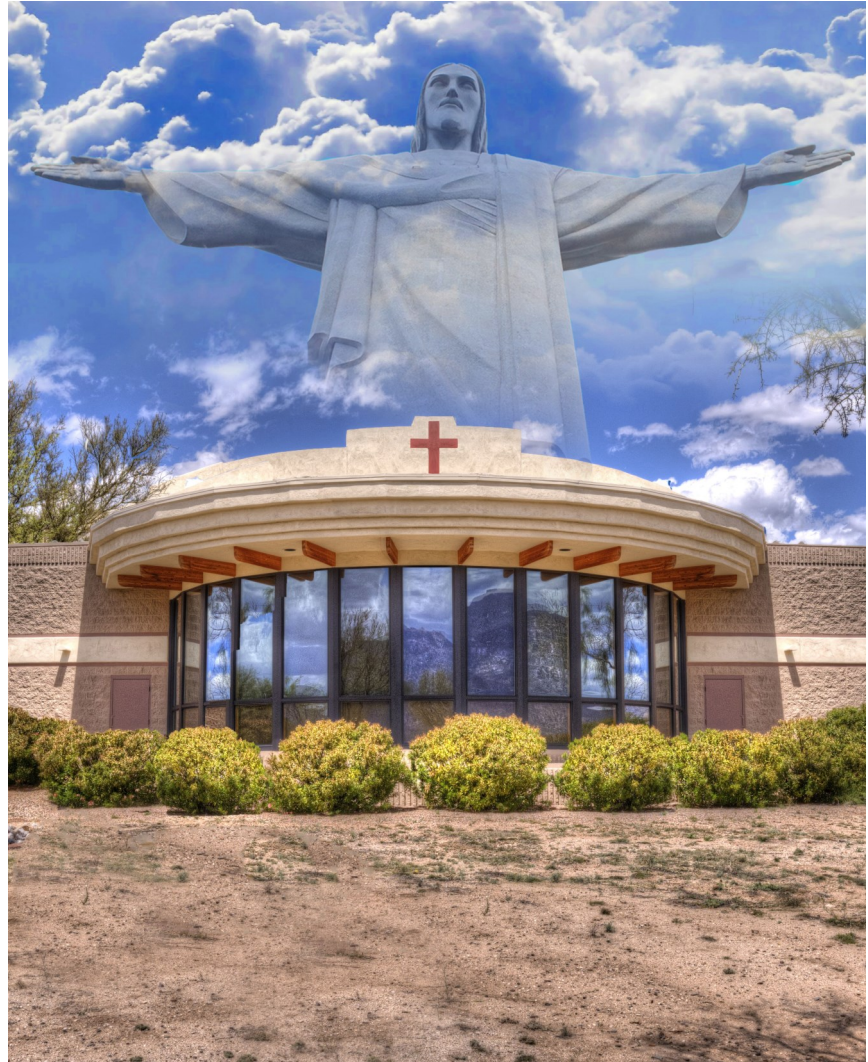
First Friday of the month
at 8:00 am Mass
... or by appointment

Adoration

In church, Wed 8:30-11:00 am
Benediction at 10:45 am.
Chapel hours, Mon-Fri
8:00 am-2:30 pm

Rosary in the Church

Mon-Fri 7:30 am



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



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
Matachines
Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Men's Fellowship Group
R.C.I.A.
Religious Education
Vocations Ministry
Women's Prayer Group

Personal

Providing help for people to care for their bodies and minds

AA
Al-Anon
Arts & Crafts Group
Book Bunch
Game Night
Mental Health Ministry
Outreach Ministry
Sassy Solos
YogaFaith

Pastoral

Meeting the needs of our home, the parish, to support the parishioners

Communion Ministry with the Sick and Homebound
Finance Council
Funeral Ministry
GriefShare
Liturgical Ministry:
Altar Servers
Art & Environment
Eucharist
Hospitality
Lector
Martha's Kitchen
Music Ministry
Pastoral Council
Stephen Ministry

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

Meetings and Events This Week

Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
Mon, Aug 19	9:00 AM	Quilters Group Open Sew	Catalina Room
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
Tue, Aug 20	9:30 AM	Yoga Faith	Catalina Room
	8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
Wed, Aug 21	9:30 AM	Cultivando Mi Fe	Mesquite, Ocotillo Rooms
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
	1:00 PM	Understanding Sunday Scripture	Catalina Room
	6:30 PM	R.C.I.A.	Mesquite Room
Thu, Aug 22	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian Room
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian Room
Fri, Aug 23	10:00 AM	Grief Share class	Mesquite, Ocotillo Rooms
Sat, Aug 24	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
Sun, Aug 25	3:30 PM	R.C.I.A.	Mesquite

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A message from Bishop Weisenburger

Dear Faithful in Christ,

As both Roman Catholics and faithful citizens, we have a moral obligation to participate in the political process. This includes educating ourselves on matters of fundamental importance to our faith and society. One of those critical issues is Immigration and the Church’s response to those arriving at our Nation’s borders.

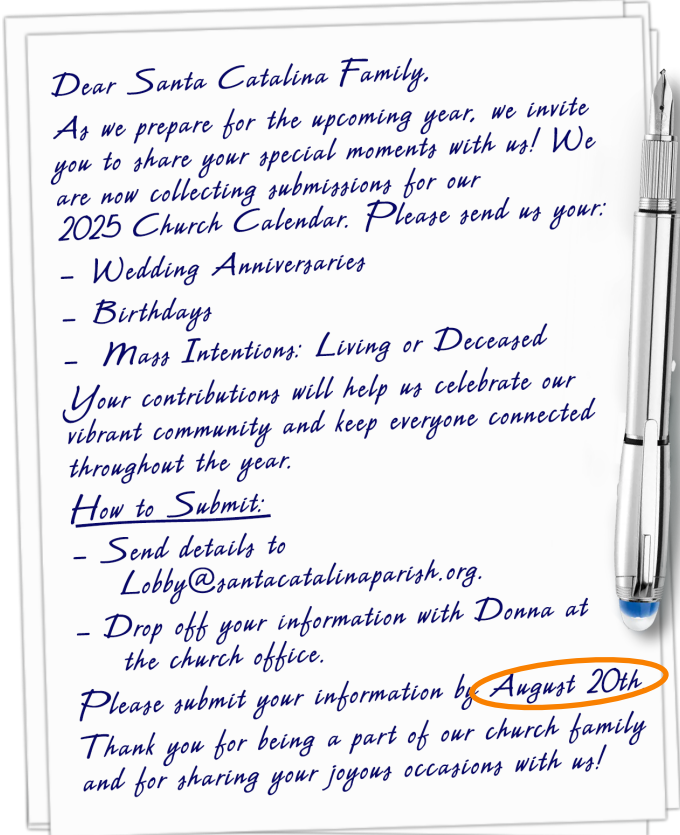
The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has created a document “*Responding to False Claims About Catholic Organizations Serving Newcomers*” and it contains some clarifying insights into the Church’s teaching. I pray that you find it helpful.

May God bless you abundantly!
Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger



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A message from Fr. Huy



Would You Like to Have Your Loved One Remembered in Our Memorial Garden?

Our Beautiful Memorial Garden Wall has six large brick panel walls with the names of deceased parishioners engraved on a beautifully designed bronze plaque.

If you are interested in ordering a plaque for your loved one, please contact Madeline Rugama at 520-825-9611 ext. 104. A \$500 donation is asked to cover the cost of the

plaque for continued maintenance and beautification of the Memorial Wall and Garden.

The plaques will be blessed at our All Souls Day Mass on November 2, 2024. **Orders must be placed by August 29, 2024.**



Do you wear a hearing aid? We have installed a Hearing Aid loop in the church. Switch hearing aid to T-coil.

Save the Date - September Mental Health Focus - "Mental Health and Aging"

How does aging affect your Mental Health? Why is my Mental Health getting worse as I age?

Join the Santa Catalina Mental Health Ministry for its September Mental Health Focus presented by Meira Year, RN, MA, MFT.

The session will be held on Sunday September 22 at 1 pm OR Monday September 30 at 6 PM in the parish hall.

The same presentation will be given at each session, so choose the one that best fits your schedule.



Reserve La Fecha - Grupo focal en salud mental durante el mes de septiembre: "Salud mental y envejecimiento"

¿Cómo afecta el envejecimiento a la salud mental? ¿Por qué mi salud mental empeora a medida que envejeczo?

Únase al Ministerio de Salud Mental de Santa Catalina en su grupo focal sobre la Salud Mental, durante el mes de septiembre, presentado por Meira Year, RN, MA, MFT. Habrá dos sesiones con el mismo contenido, así que elija la que mejor se adapte a su horario.

Las sesiones se llevarán a cabo el domingo 22 de septiembre a la 1 pm y el lunes 30 de septiembre a las 6 pm, en el salón parroquial.

Sassy Solos Meetings Resume

Our Sassy Solo meetings will begin on September 5 - we continue to meet on the first Thursday of each month, September through May, at 11am, in the Ocotillo Room. Our group encourages a social outlet for our members. Our meetings are open to single women who enjoy getting together for lunches, dinner, plays, local outings and events.

At our meetings we ask our members to bring input on events that may be happening in Oro Valley, Tucson or surrounding areas. After the meeting we go to a local restaurant for lunch. We have 35 members at present and welcome any new



women who might be interested in our group. We carpool to events that may be outside our local neighborhoods.

Last season we enjoyed a Christmas luncheon at one of our members home, a picnic in the spring, happy hours, plays, cooking demo at the Chinese Cultural Center, Ben's Bells tour, a garden tour, and lots of new friendships.

If this sounds like it might be of interest to you, please join us at our meeting on Sept 5. If you would like more information, please call the Parish Office.

I hope to see you at our meetings. - Carol Guibert



Novena for the November 5th National Election

Santa Catalina's Pastoral Council has prepared and recommends to all parishioners and ministries the following Novena as spiritual preparation for the November 5 National Election.

Novena 5 Intention:

Pray for Justice and Reform in our Nation and our Church and for Peace and protection of Life in our World.

"O God, grant that we who call on you in our need, as we exercise our right and duty to vote, may discern what is right, and with your guidance, Do It. God, Holy Spirit, light up our minds with the fire of

your Divine Love, Grant us your gifts of Wisdom, Council and



Knowledge as we discern our choices in praying and voting for Justice, Reform, Peace and Life. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth."

In addition, Pray one decade of the Rosary, The Descent of the Holy Spirit, or the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

We recommend beginning the Novena Prayer in August and repeating the Novenas (9 days) several times leading up to November 5.

GriefShare This Fall

Losing a loved one is very difficult. GriefShare can be of help. It is a Christian-based video program with excellent presenters, professional counselors and psychologists, as well as people who share their stories of how they cope with the loss of loved ones.

During thirteen sessions, participants view and discuss the videos and related workbook material.

There is a \$20 fee for the required GriefShare workbook. You may purchase it when you register at the first session. You may also purchase the workbook on-line and register at griefshare.org



Schedule:

Tuesday 6-8:00 PM
Sept 10 through Dec 3
Mesquite Room

"GriefShare" durante este otoño

Perder a un ser querido es muy difícil. "GriefShare" puede ser la ayuda necesaria. Es un programa en video, de base cristiana, con excelentes presentadores: consejeros y psicólogos profesionales, así como personas que comparten sus historias sobre cómo afrontan la pérdida de sus seres queridos. Durante trece sesiones, los participantes ven y discuten los videos y utilizan el material del libro de trabajo. El libro de trabajo podrá ser adquirido al momento de registrarse para la primera sesión. Este libro tiene un precio de \$20. También se puede registrar en línea y adquirir el libro de trabajo en el sitio de internet griefshare.org

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Men's ACTS Retreat Aug 29-Sept 1, 2024

ACTS is a four-day, three-night Catholic Retreat, led for men or women by parishioners serving to build a stronger Christian community in your parish.

ACTS stands for Adoration, Theology, Community and Service. ACTS helps reignite our faith by meeting us where we are in our spiritual journey.

The retreat provides an opportunity for a personal, as well as communal encounter with God, and promotes Christ centered discipleship.

The retreat will be held August 29-September 1, 2024 at the Redemptorist Renewal Center. We can only take a limited number of retreatants. If you are interested in attending this retreat or know



someone who is, please contact Michael Steber (520) 245-5858, Arturo Carrillo (915) 309-7260, or Richard Neubauer (906) 250-3705 to register for this retreat.

My Experience at the National Eucharistic Congress - Such a Blessing

Hello Dear Brothers, and Sisters in Christ,

Several weeks ago I had the blessing and privilege to attend the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, along with over 50,000 fellow Catholics.

My words cannot describe all that went on there in Indianapolis; however here is my best attempt. I attended Morning rosary, and Mass, followed by encounter sessions. The afternoons were devoted to breakout sessions, and the evenings were filled with music, speakers, and adoration.

On the opening night, the four pilgrimage routes arrived at Lucas Oil Stadium. There was Adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The people were



cheering as loudly for the Blessed Sacrament as for any sports team!

On Saturday, there was a Eucharistic Procession through the city. It ended a mile away at the Indiana War Memorial where Bishop Andrew Cozzens prayed before the Blessed Sacrament. It was the most reverent, holy scene. All the crowd adoring and praising Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The importance of unity in the Church, devotion to the Eucharist, and the crucial role of the laity in the Church was the theme of many speakers. The evening ended with The Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord Jesus processing around the stadium. 50,000 people and

you could of heard a pin drop with the silence, reverence, and prayers being lifted up.

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle shared that Pope Francis said "He desires the congress to lead to "conversion to the Eucharist." "The presence of Jesus in the Eucharist is a gift and the fulfillment of his mission." And "Those who choose to stay with Jesus will be sent by Jesus."

It was bitter sweet for the congress to be coming to an end. There was a peace in being with that many Catholic Christians, worshiping and receiving Jesus in the Mass and in Adoration. But it is not over! I, as well as each of you are charged with lighting a fire and not letting it be extinguished.

I pray that I can be part of setting us ablaze for Jesus and those we love and beyond.

Blessings, Joyce Watt

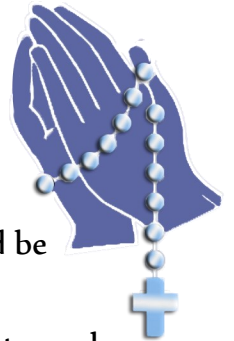
A Brief History of the Rosary by Dan Rudden

The Rosary is a form of combined prayer and meditation that has been around for over 1200 years. Monks would recite and chant the 150 Psalms of the Bible as a major part of their worship. Since it was tough for most people to memorize the 150 psalms, they recited 150 "Our Fathers" instead.

To keep track of their prayers, people first used 150 little pebbles to keep count. Later they used a thin rope having 50 knots, 3 times for a total of 150 prayers. During the 13th century, theologians interpreted the Psalms as veiled mysteries about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. They began to write a series of Psalters, or praises to honor Jesus & 150 Psalters honoring Mary were also composed.

The interpretation the Psalters led to the implementation of meditations being attached to each bead. This innovated version of the Rosary

was widely spread by Blessed Alan de la Roche. The prayers were later broken out into sets of 10 and these groupings became known as decades. Each decade of ten "Hail Mary's" would be preceded by one "Our Father".



Around the year 1700, the thoughts used in the Rosary started to become narratives. St. Louis de Montfort composed the most common set of narratives that eventually became used as meditations for each decade of the rosary.

These narratives were divided into five Joyful, five Sorrowful, and five Glorious meditations that are referred to as "mysteries". Just recently, in 2002, Pope John Paul II introduced another set of five meditations referred to as the "Luminous Mysteries".

The Traveling Vocations Cross Program Resumes

The Traveling Vocations Cross program is back for the September 2024--May 2025 season.

This is a weekly program to pray for Catholic vocations.

New: We are now asking parishioners to attend either the 4 PM Mass or the 5 PM Mass in order to participate.

The 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.

Members of the Vocations Ministry will be outside after the above designated Masses to sign up weekly participants. Please pray to promote Catholic vocations.



This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Spiritual

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention	By
Mon, Aug 19	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ Poor Souls in Purgatory	
Tue, Aug 20	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Phil Sloan	the family
			✠ John Dugan	Gerry Dugan
Wed, Aug 21	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	David & CJ Pomerantz (L)	Sandy Pomerantz
			✠ Frank Petroni	Sandra Ashley
Thu, Aug 22	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ Michele Taube	Pierre Gadd
Fri, Aug 23	8:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	✠ Nick Iannuzzi	Rita Quin
			✠ Donna Goode	Mike & Jan Brenny
Sat, Aug 24	4:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Hermina Takacs	Kate Takacs
			✠ Rogelio Rubio	by daughters
Sun, Aug 25	7:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	Sophie Zvonar (L)	Santa Catalina Parish staff
	9:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	For the Intentions of the Parish	
	11:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Roberto Dansie	Feliciano Calof

Readings for the week of August 18, 2024

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (9a)/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58
 Monday: Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14
 Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51



Today's Readings (20th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading: "Come, eat of my food, and drink of the wine I have mixed!" (Prv 9:5)

Second Reading: Therefore, do not continue in ignorance, but try to understand what is the will of the Lord. (Eph 5:17)

Gospel:

"For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." (Jn 6:55)

Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Spiritual



Dottie Bentz Mark Cowie Jose Gutierrez Denjal Noval Susann Rein Alan Varalli
 Cliff Bentz Mimi Cuono Walter Henrich Margarita Peña Noly Roca Sophie Zvonar
 Scott Bieber Albert Diaz Phyllis Henrich Edward Peña Linda Slivinski June Sienkiewicz
 Mario Calbone Renee Ford David W. Maloney Robert Perry Bob Stamer
 Diane Clark Anita Garcia Irma Moran Frank Reilly The Welsh family
 Bill Terrazas Rene Terrazas Kelley Thomas Steven Venizo Bob Baker

Stewardship



Weekend Aug 3-4	Totals	Attendance
Offertory	\$16,901	
Major Maintenance	\$1,310	821
Total	\$18,211	
Last Year's Offertory	\$10,592	947
Parish Rectory	\$2,273	

2024 Summer weekend

Mass Schedule July 14 - Sept 8th

Saturday: 4:00 PM
 Sunday: 7:00 AM
 9:00 AM
 11:00 AM

Reminder: This Sunday

The Living Rosary

"The Living Rosary" is a prayer service where each person represents one of the beads of the rosary and leads the corresponding prayer while reflecting on the mysteries of Jesus's life.

Please join us to pray Rosary for the Health and Peace in our Families, in our community, and around the world.

Sunday, August 18th

12:30 PM-2:00 PM in the Parish Hall

"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world." *Pope Blessed Pius IX*



Del Rosario Viviente

"El Rosario Viviente" es una oración de servicio en la cual cada persona representa una cuenta del Rosario dirigiendo la oración correspondiente, mientras se medita sobre el misterio de la vida de Jesús.

Todos están invitados a rezar con nosotros el Rosario por la salud y la paz en nuestra familia, nuestra comunidad, y en todo el mundo. ¡Acompáñanos a rezar el Rosario!

Domingo 18 de Agosto

12:30 PM-2 :00 PM en el Salón Parroquial

"Dame un ejército rezando el Rosario y Yo conquistaré el Mundo." - *Pope Blessed Pius IX*

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman (©LPi)

The Fullness of Life

Like any other child of the '90s raised by budget-conscious parents, I've spent my fair share of Sunday mornings in line at an Old Country Buffet, hot plate in hand. Kids ate for chump change on Sundays, and I never left that fine establishment without getting our money's worth. I always came away stuffed to the gills. But I never, ever remember feeling satisfied.

In fact, if I recall correctly, most of the time I felt rather empty. I was always thinking about the food I didn't get to eat — whatever I couldn't fit on my plate, or whatever they were bringing out from the kitchen just as we were about to leave.

As I've gotten older, it's a feeling I've encountered again and again, and not just at buffets. Haven't we all? The people you think are perfect

reveal themselves to be deeply flawed. The things you want the most are never as satisfying to possess as they are to long for. The experiences you anticipate the most end up being letdowns, when instead it's the ordinary moments — maybe even the hard moments, the painful moments — that stand out, that become cherished memories.

Today's scripture readings equate wisdom and fullness with an acceptance of something that makes no sense, that defies scientific explanation, cultural norms, and even common sense: the Real Presence of our God in the Eucharist.

Is it strange to believe that we are consuming the Body and Blood of Christ in our worship, and that only by doing so will we ever achieve everlasting life?

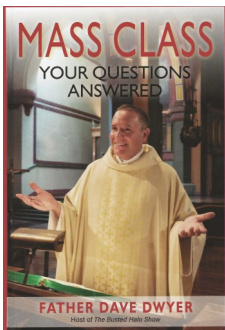
Perhaps. But we are asked to do many strange things as Christians. We are asked to love when we do not feel like loving, when the object of that love has not earned it. We are asked to forgive even when the recipient of that forgiveness does not seek it or merit it. We are asked to believe, in moments when belief feels impossible.

Socrates says that the only wisdom is in knowing that you know nothing. Perhaps the only spiritual fullness is in knowing that there is only emptiness to be had here in this world, that there is no physical experience or indulgence that can really make you feel satisfied and strong. That the only food that really nourishes you in a way that lasts is a small white Host you can barely taste on your tongue.

"My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink." — John 6:55

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Do We Really Believe that Communion is Christ's Flesh?



Visit the parish [website](#) to read Fr. Dave Dwyer's response.

If you are reading an electronic copy of the bulletin, click the QR code. If you are on a printed version, use your phone's camera to scan the QR code. On your computer, visit: <https://santacatalinaparish.org/Mass-Class818.html>

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Report Abuse

If you or someone you know is a victim of abuse Contact law enforcement (911), call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson (520-623-0344) or visit <https://diocesetucson.org/reportabuse>.



Outreach

Vincentians: Agents of Hope

We often think of Hope as just an emotion, but real Hope is the confident expectation of what God has promised. Hope can be a process with three key components: a Goal, a Pathway, and an Agency (Aid/Help). A truly hopeful person sets a goal, develops a pathway to that goal and creates change to help achieve it. However, the levels of hopelessness that we see is staggering. Some shrug and say “what difference does it make” or, their only plan went up in smoke from so many setbacks. When there are so many things to be upset about, numbness can overwhelm a person. We often meet people with high levels of

hopelessness, and seemingly little help. But, what a privileged position we’re in to be “Agents of Hope” and to reach out to our Friends in Need with a compassionate hand on behalf of you, our church family. What a privilege to try to help them renew a Goal, find a Pathway, and Aid them in finding that stable place... that’s real Hope! Thank you for supporting us in our efforts to bring real Hope to our Friends in Need. God Bless You! - Rick Stockton



Meet the Ministry - Local Immersion Ministry - An SAJM Ministry

This ministry was created in 2015 by Sister Jean Mariani, who served Santa Catalina Catholic as Director of Human Concerns. She, and others since, have led many of our parishioners to witness the homeless and the poorest of the poor of Tucson, being served by volunteers emulating “The Essential Teachings of Mother Teresa.”



- Today it is very fashionable to talk about the poor. Unfortunately, it is not fashionable to talk with them.
- I want you to be concerned about your next-door neighbor. Do you know your next-door neighbor?
- Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do ... but how much love we put into action.

We take parishioners twice a month, to visit Casa Maria Soup Kitchen and Sister Jose’s Women’s Center as they serve the homeless and poor of Tucson. While on a Local Immersion tour, parishioners discuss their prior life experiences serving and supporting charitable organizations,

what they experienced on the tour, and how they could provide help and support in the future to this growing problem.

Casa Maria provides a breakfast soup and a bag lunch to approximately 450 homeless individuals, and a food bag to about 125 local families everyday, except Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Sister Jose’s Women’s Center provides:

- 1) Sisters Helping Sisters Day Program, which serves homeless women three meals, showers, laundry, clothing, and personal hygiene products.
- 2) A Safe Place for Women Night Program, which offers approximately 40 women with hot meals and a safe place to sleep.
- 3) Moving Forward Program, which provides case managers who help women enter the rental or job markets.

The tours will start up again in September. Watch the bulletin for the dates.

Arizona Abortion Access Act

In the past, the members of our Dignity of Human Life Ministry have spoken from the pulpit about the pro-abortion signature campaign. We have also provided informative bulletin articles on this important issue. The purpose of the signature campaign by the Arizona for Abortion Access group was to get a constitutional amendment on the ballot that would enshrine unrestricted abortion in Arizona. Unfortunately, as a result of their pro-abortion signature effort, the proposed amendment may be on the ballot this November, pending verification of the signatures.

Citing the right to abortion, Article II of the Arizona Constitution will be amended by adding Section 8.1. It reads there must be “a compelling state interest to deny, restrict or interfere with an abortion” and the state cannot “infringe on an individual’s autonomous decision making” to have an abortion. This

allows “absolute autonomy” for a woman making the abortion decision. What such “absolute autonomy” *does not say* is “do what you want as long as it doesn’t hurt anyone.” Sadly, “absolute autonomy” means “do what you want.” It only follows that “absolute autonomy” to choose an abortion has many *victims*.

Families are the victims. Sister Lucia dos Santos, one of the three children who witnessed the Blessed Mother’s apparitions at Fatima quoted that “the final battle between the Lord and Satan will be about the Family.” The abortion amendment eliminates parental notification, thereby shutting parents out, in spite of the fact that we have always been a family-oriented culture.

Women and underage girls are the victims. Saint Mother Teresa stated: “Women and girls experience immediate and possibly life-threatening complications after

abortions.” Moreover, and very disturbing, women and young girls are vulnerable for coercion, exploitation and human trafficking.



Babies are the voiceless first victims. It’s the baby’s heart that is stopped by abortion. St. Mother Teresa stated: “It is a poverty to decide that a baby must die so that you may live as you wish.”

Our society is also the victim. Life is our first right. Without life, no other right can be worth defending. The inalienable right affirmed by the Declaration of Independence is the right to life – whether young or old, weak or strong, healthy or handicapped.

Finally, we must stay informed and continue to pray for all who are threatened by this extreme amendment.

Win \$1000s - Football Mania is Back

Support Knights of Columbus #12345 Santa Catalina. Have a blast playing this exciting sweepstakes based on college football. Get your game cards and WIN.

Get one game card and play all 10 weeks of the fundraiser.

You get 3 new teams each week. If your three teams score

the most to fewest total points...you win! When you enter the FootballMania sweepstakes, you are eligible to win up to \$400 in each of the 10 weeks of the FootballMania season.

Tickets are \$20 a piece and will be on sale after mass August 24 - September 15. You can also scan



the QR code to buy tickets.

Please contact the parish office if you have questions.



Outreach

The Prison Ministry would like to share these Prayers of Intercession for Prisoners

Pray for prisoners and their relationship with God, that they would:

- Allow God to work in them and accomplish His purpose in their lives
- Remain strong in their faith and know that if they ask for forgiveness they will be forgiven
- Stay away from harmful associations that will lead them astray

Pray for prisoners' relationships with others, that they will:

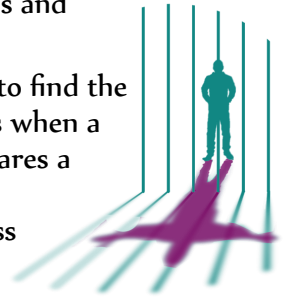
- Be committed to keeping a strong connection with their family, despite being separated
- Experience reconciliation in strained or broken relationships
- Have strength and courage to be a friend to the lonely, the discouraged, the lost

Pray for volunteers who enter the prisons to minister to the inmates that God would:

- Use their lives to draw many into a saving relationship and faith in Jesus Christ
- Let the love of Jesus be shown in

their actions and attitudes.

- Help them to find the right words when a prisoner shares a feeling of hopelessness or a doubt that God could ever forgive their particular crime



We appreciate your prayers. For more information about the Prison Ministry, contact Deb Auclair at sajm@santacatalinaparish.org.