

# Santa Catalina

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Catholic Church

August 24-25, 2024

A REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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## Parish Office

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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)

## Reconciliation

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

## Anointing

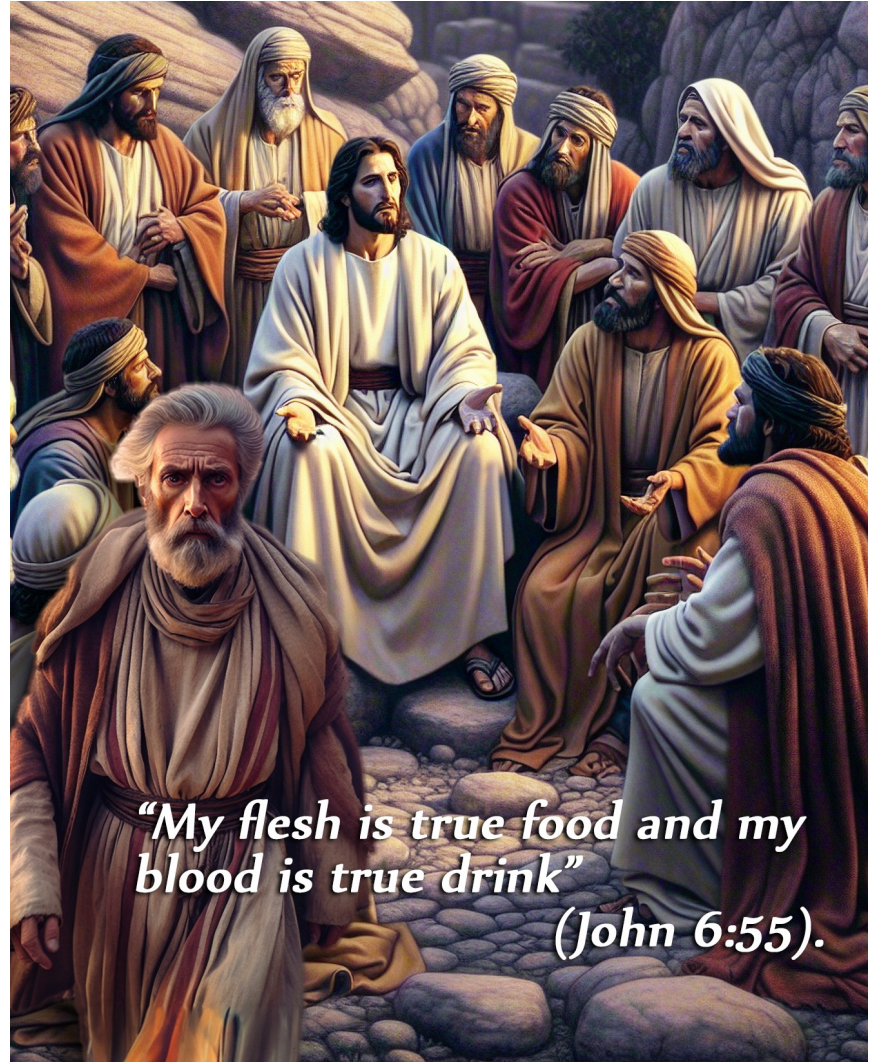
First Friday of the month  
at 8:00 am Mass  
... or by appointment

## 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



*"My flesh is true food and my  
blood is true drink"  
(John 6:55).*

## Twenty First 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



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

<b>Spiritual</b> 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	

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

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

## Meetings and Events This Week

Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
Mon, Aug 26	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
	9:30 AM	Yoga Faith	Catalina Room
Tue, Aug 27	1:30 PM	Arts & Crafts for All	Cholla Room
	6:00 PM	Men's Prayer Group	Marian Room
	6:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group	Saguaro Room
Wed, Aug 28	8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
	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 29	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 30	10:00 AM	Grief Share class	Mesquite, Ocotillo Rooms
Sat, Aug 31	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
Sun, Sep 1	3:30 PM	R.C.I.A.	Mesquite

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The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2nd (Labor Day)

Here's an old wives' tale ...that says you should never return an empty dish to someone who lent it to you. The belief is that returning an empty dish brings bad luck or signifies ungratefulness. I include a copy of the following poem in each empty dish I return. Click the card or go to [https://santacatalinaparish.org/gods\\_boxes.html](https://santacatalinaparish.org/gods_boxes.html) to download a full size, printable PDF version of this card . - Deb Auclair

*God's Boxes*

*I have in my hand two boxes  
Which God gave me to hold.  
He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box  
And all of your joys in the gold."*

*I heeded God's words, and in the two boxes  
Both my joys and sorrows I stored.  
But though the gold became heavier each day,  
The black was as light as before.  
With curiosity, I opened the black  
I wanted to find out why.*

*And I saw in the base of the box, a hole  
Which my sorrows had fallen out by.  
I showed the hole to God and mused,  
"I wonder where my sorrows could be."  
God smiled a gentle smile and said,  
My child, they're all here with me."*

*I asked why God gave me the boxes,  
Why the gold and the black with the hole?  
"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings,  
The black is for you to let go."*

*-Author unknown*

Click To Pray

Did you know you can pray with Pope Francis with *Click to Pray*? *Click to Pray* is the Pope's prayer app which helps us pray for the challenges facing humanity and the mission of the Church. It offers three brief moments of prayer each day which invite you to meet with Jesus and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father. You can also receive daily prayers sent to your e-mail.

Go to the app store on your phone and download the app today.

Do you wear a hearing aid?

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



### Remembrance Mass for Those Who Have Died by Suicide Tuesday, Sept. 10th at noon

In observance of World Suicide Prevention Day, Fr. Huy will celebrate a special Mass to remember loved ones lost to suicide and to promote healing for those who grieve their passing.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, Second Edition, states: "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives." (CCC 2283).



### Pope's Prayer for Mental Health Aug 2024

This month the Pope's prayer is for political leaders.

We pray that solidarity with those who live with mental health challenges enter deeply into the hearts of political leaders so that they will take concrete actions to relieve the stigma that causes unjust suffering for people who live with mental illnesses.

We pray political leaders will enact laws and fund programs and institutions that provide holistic care that promotes the dignity and equality of those who live with mental health challenges.

### Come join us for YogaFaith

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

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

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

NOTE: If you are new, you will need to sign a waiver and include

your phone number.

Sometimes the church needs the room for a special occasion, and a text message will be sent out, so you know not to come. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.



### Don't Forget the Sassy Solos Meeting

The Sassy Solos will meet on September 5th at 11 am 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 restaurant

for lunch.

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.



**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.



## Discipleship

Discipleship in Catholicism is a journey of faith, learning, and action guided by the teachings of Jesus Christ. It involves a commitment to live according to the Gospel and to spread its message through words and deeds. Disciples are called to a life of prayer, participation in the sacraments, and the practice of charity and justice. This path is not just about personal sanctification but also about contributing to the community and the Church's mission in the world. The ultimate goal of discipleship is to grow closer to God and to become a witness to His love and grace in every aspect of life. Through discipleship, we as Catholics aim to emulate Christ's example, serving others and promoting peace and unity within the human family.



## Discipulado

El discipulado en el catolicismo es un viaje de fe, aprendizaje y acción guiado por las enseñanzas de Jesucristo. Implica un compromiso de vivir de acuerdo con el Evangelio y de difundir su mensaje a través de palabras y obras. Los discípulos están llamados a una vida de oración, participación en los sacramentos y la práctica de la caridad y la justicia. Este camino no se trata solo de la santificación personal, sino también de contribuir a la comunidad y a la misión de la Iglesia en el mundo. El objetivo final del discipulado es acercarse más a Dios y convertirse en testigo de Su amor y gracia en cada aspecto de la vida. A través del discipulado, nosotros como católicos aspiramos a emular el ejemplo de Cristo, sirviendo a los demás y promoviendo la paz y la unidad dentro de la familia humana.

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## 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.**



## 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.



## How the Rosary Became a Torch of Hope

While Saint Dominic of Guzman is well known as the founder of the Dominicans, he is also known as Our Lady's first Rosary Champion. History tells that before he was born in the twelfth century in Spain, his mother, Blessed Jane of Aza, had a dream in which she saw a hound leaping from her womb with a torch in his mouth. In her own words, she said, "The animal seemed to set the earth on fire!"

Saint Dominic became a priest in 1194, and by 1214 had already been posted to the city of Toulouse in France, which was being plagued by the Albigensian heresy and overall moral corruption. Saint Dominic set about preaching and trying to convert the people back to God. However, his preaching met with little success until the day when, after having spent days praying, fasting and doing severe penances, Our Lady appeared to him as a mother bringing her child hope.

"Dear Dominic", she said lovingly, "Do you know which weapon the Blessed Trinity uses to reform the world?" Dominic cried out to her that he was at a loss. She replied, "In this kind of warfare, the battering ram has always been the Angelic Psalter." She then instructed the saint on how she wished

the Angelic Psalter to be prayed. It was thereafter that Saint Dominic began to preach what we now know as the "Rosary".

In subsequent centuries until today, devotees understand that the enormous power attributed to this beautiful Marian devotion comes from the structure of the Rosary, in which devotees meditate on the mysteries of our salvation, the Incarnation, the Redemption and eternal, interlaced with the Lord's prayer and the Angelic salutation (the Hail Mary).

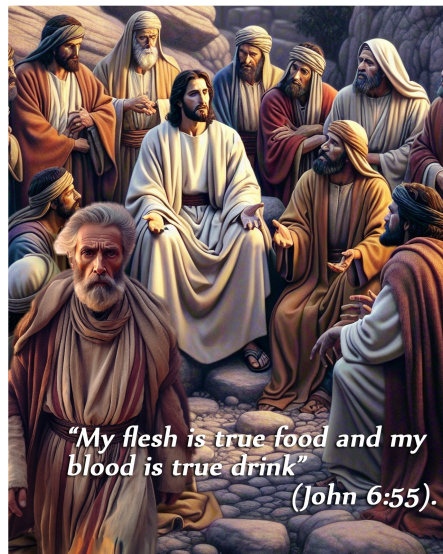
Since the day Our Lady gave the Rosary to Saint Dominic, Divine Providence has provided a saint in every century through whom the devotion to the Rosary has been rekindled, reminding humanity of the power of the Rosary and how it has brought untold spiritual hope, growth, conversion, protection and a good death to all who pray it consistently and with devotion.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us who have recourse to thee!



The famous Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky said, “Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing.” In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus does something harsh and dreadful — he watches his own disciples abandon him. What could possibly be loving about that?

Well, we notice the context is Jesus’ teaching about eating and drinking his body and blood. His followers hear this and say, **“This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?”** (John 6:60). We shouldn’t imagine we’d do anything different, because not even the ones who stay, like Peter, seem to understand what Jesus is saying. Then we hear this devastating line, **“Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went**



**about with him”** (John 6:66). Besides the night of the Last Supper, only now do Jesus’ disciples abandon him. And, painfully, Jesus just lets them go.

The best way to make sense out of this is love. Jesus is God’s love in action. He wants to become one with those whom He loves. He wants to love them as His own body. Yes, the oneness manifested in the Eucharist sounds harsh and dreadful because it is rooted in love which is willing to risk abandonment and separation to attain its goal: to be one body with the beloved. It is both terrifying and wonderful that Jesus will risk losing us in order to be one with us. Our response? Lord, we cannot grasp a love so great, but please help us never to abandon it, either.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

## Reflexión del Evangelio - XXI Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

Algunos de los seguidores de Jesús no pudieron creer lo que les dijo. Era demasiado para ellos: *“Mi carne es verdadera comida y mi sangre es verdadera bebida”* (Juan 6:55). A pesar de que Jesús lo explicaba de muchas maneras, algunos decidieron abandonarlo. Él no hizo nada por detenerlos, los dejó libres respetando su decisión. Después de esos acontecimientos de abandono, Jesús pregunta directamente a los doce: *“¿Quieren marcharse también ustedes? Pedro le contestó: Señor, ¿a quién iríamos? Tú tienes palabras de vida eterna. Nosotros creemos y sabemos que tú eres el Santo de Dios”* (Juan 6:67-69). Ahora, en la realidad que vivimos tan llena de ruido y modernidad, ¿sabemos a dónde vamos, a quién dirigimos? Pedro, lo supo y

el deseo de la Iglesia es que sepamos que solo Jesús tiene palabras de vida eterna. Y que su Pan de Vida se nos da gratuitamente en la Eucaristía.

*“La Eucaristía y la cruz son piedras de tropiezo. Es el mismo misterio, y no cesa de ser ocasión de división. ¿Quieren marcharse también ustedes? (Juan 6:67): esta pregunta del Señor resuena a través de las edades, como invitación de su amor a descubrir que sólo Él tiene palabras de vida eterna (Juan 6:68), y que acoger en la fe el don de su Eucaristía es acogerlo a Él mismo”.* (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, numeral 1335). Hagamos la prueba y veremos qué bueno es el Señor, como nos dice el Salmo de la liturgia de este domingo. ©LPi



# This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention	By
Mon, Aug 26	8:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	✠ Susan Crafton	Miles & Rose Crafton
Tue, Aug 27	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Ann Pomerantz	Sandy Pomerantz
Wed, Aug 28	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	Stephanie Trauner (L)	Pierre Gadd
Thu, Aug 29	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Jean Marchand	Cecile Marchand-Lanier
Fri, Aug 30	8:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	✠ Charles & Jean Barrett	Sandy Pomerantz
Sat, Aug 31	4:00 PM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	✠ Robert Mycka	Michael & Marlyce Mycka
	7:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	A change in our lifestyle to resist the degradation of our environment	
Sun, Sep 1	9:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ Valerie Sayedre	Don Romero
	11:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	For the Intentions of the Parish	

## Readings for the week of August 25, 2024

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69  
 Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22  
 Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26  
 Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29  
 Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30



## Today's Readings (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time )

**First Reading:**

“Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.” (Jos 24:18)

**Second Reading:**

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. (Eph 5:32)

**Gospel:**

Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” (Jn 6:68)

**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   Geri Goralski  
 Diane Clark   Anita Garcia   Irma Moran   Frank Reilly   The Welsh family  
 Bill Terrazas   Rene Terrazas   Kelley Thomas   Steven Venizo   Bob Baker

## Stewardship



Weekend Aug 10-11	Totals	Attendance
Offertory	\$19,842	821
Major Maintenance	\$555	
Total	\$20,397	
Last Year's Offertory	\$15,663	947
Parish Rectory	\$120	

## 2024 Summer weekend Mass Schedule July 14 - Sept 1st

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

*Do your homework...  
 Know what's on the ballot  
 before election day!*



## Novena for the Nov 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.

## Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### To Whom Shall We Go?

A friend of mine, who is a far better Christian than I can ever hope to be, once shared with me that her family sneers at her belief system and lifestyle.

She believes in fairy tales they tell her. She's looking for simple solutions from a kind-faced man in the sky because she doesn't want to grapple with complicated answers to complicated problems.

Religion, they argue, is the easy way out.

As she spoke about this, her voice became unsteady. Not with anger, but with emotion. "I would never call this life easy," she said. "If I was looking for something that was easy, I wouldn't choose Catholicism."

What was unspoken was *why* she has chosen Catholicism. I know the answer, but only because I know her. I knew her before she chose it wholeheartedly, and I know her now, and I see the difference. I see that these words are written so clearly across the days of her life: "Master, to whom shall we go?"

Once the truth is known in your soul, you see, it can never be unknown.

Following Christ is not about easy answers and simple teachings. Sure, it all sounds very basic: love one

another as I have loved you. What could be more straightforward?

But what does that mean? What does that look like in daily, modern life, in a world full of the fallen, whose flaws have given us rough edges and weakened wills?

I'll tell you what it looks like — it looks like a struggle. It looks like failure and mess and confusion and losing your way and finding it again, all because you remembered that within you there is a compass pointing due north. It's a constant state of wandering in the dark, following a Voice that asks you to go where you're afraid to go. And you follow the Voice not because it's the only voice there is and not because it's the voice that says what you want to hear, but because it's the only one that speaks the truth, and the truth pulls on you in a way you can't quite resist.

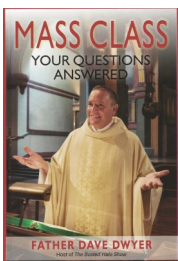
When Christ asks, "Do you also want to leave?" he is not gaslighting us. It's a genuine question. We are free to go. We are not prisoners.

But we have heard the words of everlasting life, and now we can only have peace if we follow where they lead.

*"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."* — *Joshua 24:15*

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## When we say, "Only say the word and my soul shall be healed" what's the word?



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/mc825.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>.



En el pasado, los miembros de nuestro Ministerio de la Dignidad por la Vida Humana han hablado desde el púlpito sobre la campaña de recolección de firmas a favor del aborto. También hemos publicado artículos informativos en boletines sobre este importante tema. El objetivo de la campaña de recolección de firmas del grupo “Arizona for Abortion Access” era conseguir que se incluyera en la papeleta electoral una enmienda constitucional que consagrará el aborto sin restricciones en Arizona. Desafortunadamente, como resultado de su esfuerzo de recolección de firmas a favor del aborto, la enmienda propuesta podría estar en la papeleta electoral este noviembre; se está esperando por la verificación de las firmas.

Citando el derecho al aborto, el Artículo II de la Constitución de Arizona será enmendado agregando la Sección 8.1. Que leería, *“...que debe haber “un interés estatal imperioso para denegar, restringir o interferir con un aborto” y que el estado no puede “infringir la toma de decisiones autónomas de un individuo” para abortar.”* Esta enmienda permite una “autonomía absoluta” para que una mujer tome la decisión de abortar. Lo que esa “autonomía absoluta” no dice es “haz lo que quieras siempre y cuando no lastime a nadie”. Lamentablemente, “autonomía absoluta” significa “haz lo que quieras”. De ello se desprende que la “autonomía absoluta” para elegir un aborto, tiene muchas víctimas.

## Ley De Acceso Al Aborto De Arizona

Las familias son las víctimas. La hermana Lucía dos Santos, uno de los tres niños que presenciaron las apariciones de la Santísima Virgen en Fátima, dijo que “la batalla final entre el Señor y Satanás será sobre la familia”. La enmienda sobre el aborto elimina la notificación a los padres, con lo que los excluye, a pesar de que siempre hemos sido una cultura orientada a la familia.



Las mujeres y las niñas menores de edad son las víctimas. La Santa Madre Teresa afirmó: “Las mujeres y las niñas sufren complicaciones inmediatas y posiblemente mortales después de los abortos”. Además, y esto es muy preocupante, las mujeres y las niñas son vulnerables a la coerción, la explotación y la trata de personas.

Los bebés son las primeras víctimas sin voz. Es el corazón del bebé el que se detiene con el aborto. La Santa Madre Teresa afirmó: “Es una pobreza decidir que un bebé debe morir para que tú puedas vivir como deseas”.

Nuestra sociedad también es víctima. La vida es nuestro primer derecho. Sin vida, ningún otro derecho merece ser defendido. El derecho inalienable afirmado por la Declaración de Independencia es el derecho a la vida, ya sea joven o viejo, débil o fuerte, sano o discapacitado.

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## Monthly Food Drive: September 7-8

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 to Casa Maria, Impact of Southern AZ, and the TriCommunity Food Bank. These organizations are very grateful for your assistance.



## September 1st - World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

In 2015, Pope Francis established September 1st as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The 2024 theme is "Hope and Act with Creation". The Pope states, it is a day to reaffirm our personal vocation to creation and to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he entrusted in our care and to protect all creation.

How did Pope Francis become a voice of caring for all creation? In 2015, he published an encyclical, *Laudato Si*, which means 'Praised Be'. The encyclical was meant as a teaching document to facilitate discussions and for education on ecological matters while

incorporating spirituality. On October 4, 2023, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis published his second document *Laudate Deum*, meaning 'Praise God'. He stressed we must have hope which is the theme for this year's World Day of Prayer. If you have any ideas on how we as a parish can do our part, please email the Care for Creation Ministry at [sajm@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:sajm@santacatalinaparish.org).



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## Sept Blood Drive at Santa Catalina

**When:** Sunday, September 22, 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM

**Where:** Santa Catalina Parish Hall

**How:** To schedule your appointment or for more information, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use Sponsor Code: sancta



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## 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 Football Mania sweepstakes, you are eligible to win up to \$400 in each of the 10 weeks of the Football Mania season.

Tickets are \$20 a piece and will be on sale after mass August 27 - September 15. You can also scan



the QR code to buy tickets.

Please contact the parish office if you have questions.



# Outreach

## Come Join Us for Mexican Fiesta Dinner and BINGO



**September 24 at 6 pm.**

Doors open at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$30 in advance and being sold after all masses. You can also get tickets at the Parish Office. Tickets will be \$35 at the door.

In addition to a delicious dinner, your ticket gets you a 3 pack of cards for 6 games. Beer, wine and soft drinks will also be available.



Winning games receive up to \$100 gift card. There will also be a 50/ 25 -25 Drawing. Hurry and get your ticket, seating is limited.



An atheist scientist came to God and said,  
"We've figured out how to make a man without you."

God said, "Really? Let me see you do it."

So the atheist bent down to the ground and scooped up some dirt.

God stopped him and said, "Oh, no you don't. Start with your own dirt..."