

Santa Catalina

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Catholic Church

Nov 30 - Dec 1, 2024

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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

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



First Sunday of Advent

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.

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

Spiritual

Bible Study Eucharist Adoration Hispanic Ministry Religious Education

Vocations Ministry O.C.I.A. Daily Rosary

Men's Fellowship Women's Prayer

Pastoral

Altar Servers Arts & Environment GriefShare Eucharist Liturgical Ministry Finance Council

Funeral Ministry Pastoral Council Communion Ministry Sick & Homebound Hospitality Liturgical Ministry

Lector Liturgical Ministry Music Ministry Martha's Kitchen Stephen Ministry

Personal

Mental Health Sassy Solos Yoga Faith

AA Al Anon Arts & Crafts Group

Game Night Outreach Ministry Book Bunch

Outreach

Refugees Ministry Care for God's Creation Casa Alitas Casa Maria Prison Ministry

Christ Child Society Dress A Girl Parish Food Collection Prayer Shawl Sr. Jose

Project Linus Quilters Ministry Snack Pack Program Local Immersion Poor Box Troubled Youth

Dignity of Human Life Knights of Columbus St Vincent dePaul SAJM

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Meetings and Events This Week

Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Room
Mon, Dec 2	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
Tue, Dec 3	9:30 AM	Yoga Faith	Catalina
	11:30 AM	Senior Christmas Luncheon	Parish Hall
	3:00 PM	Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe	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
Wed, Dec 4	8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
	9:00 AM	Cultivando Mi Fe	Mesquite/Ocotillo
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian
	1:00 PM	Understanding Sunday Scripture	Catalina
	3:00 PM	Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe	Marian
	4:30 PM	Faith Formation class K-8th	Parish Hall
Thu, Dec 5	6:30 PM	O.C.I.A.	Mesquite
	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	11:00 AM	Sassy Solos monthly meeting	Mesquite/Ocotillo
	1:00 PM	SAJM Monthly meeting	Mesquite
	3:00 PM	Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe	Marian
	3:30 PM	Vocations Ministry monthly meeting	Conference
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian
	6:00 PM	Taize Prayer Service	Church
Fri, Dec 6	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian
	9:00 AM	Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe monthly meeting	Marian
	9:00 AM	Faith Fellowship - The Chosen	Catalina
	10:00 AM	Grief Share class	Mesquite
Sat, Dec 7	3:00 PM	Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe	Marian
	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
	3:00 PM	Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe	Marian
		Sub for Santa event	Narthex
		Parish Food Drive	Church Portico
Sun, Dec 8		Parish Food Drive	Church Portico
		Sub for Santa event	Narthex
	8:00AM	Faith Formation class K-8th	Mesquite, Ocotill, & Cholla
	12:15 PM	Confirmation and O.C.I.A. class	Conference
	1:00 PM	Mental Health Focus - Sunday session	Saguaro
	2:00 PM	Honoring National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	Catalina
	3:00 PM	Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe	Marian
	3:30 PM	O.C.I.A.	Conference



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

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



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>.

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.




Stay Safe: Protect Yourself from Phishing Emails

Dear Santa Catalina Parish Family,
As we continue to grow in faith and community, your safety, both spiritual and digital, is important to me. Here are some tips to help you stay protected from phishing scams. At Santa Catalina, we use two email platforms to stay in touch:

Official Parish Emails: Always come from @santacatalinaparish.org (e.g., name@santacatalinaparish.org)

Flocknote

1. Look for the sheep icon in the subject line 
2. Verify the sender's information at the end of the message, which usually appears as "*Sent by Fr. Huy Vu, C.S.s.R, date & time*"

Important Reminders:

Santa Catalina will never ask for sensitive information, such as passwords, credit card numbers, social security numbers, or request gift cards from you over email.

If you're unsure about an email's legitimacy, always err on the side of caution. Report suspicious emails to communication@santacatalinaparish.org. Call Donna at the parish office **520-825-9611** to verify the legitimacy of the email or request.


To help keep our parish family informed, I've included a short [training video](#) on identifying and avoiding phishing scams. This short video provides valuable insights into phishing scams and how to protect yourself:

[Phishing Emails Scam Training Video](#) Key takeaways:

New Sunday Missals Available

Do you want to follow along with the readings at Mass? We've got you covered.

We're pleased to offer copies of the *Living Liturgy Sunday Missal* to anyone who would like one. This missal contains all the readings and responses for each Sunday, making it easier to engage with the liturgy.

1. Phishing emails don't always contain suspicious links but can still be harmful, such as asking you to provide personal information directly in the email. 
2. Scammers often use deceptive subject lines and email addresses
3. Legitimate organizations will not ask for sensitive info via email
4. Not all websites can be trusted, even if they appear in internet search results
5. Be cautious of emails that:
 - Create a sense of urgency
 - Contain misspellings or grammatical errors
 - Ask for personal or financial information

Stay safe online by:

1. Verifying sender identities
2. Being wary of generic greetings
3. Watching for inconsistent or suspicious language
4. Avoiding interactions with suspicious emails

Please take a moment to review these tips and share them with your loved ones. Thank you for your vigilance in protecting not only yourselves but also our Santa Catalina Parish family. Together, we can maintain a safe and connected community both online and in spirit. May God bless and protect us as we enter this busy holiday season.

In Christ the Redeemer,

Fr. Huy Vu, C.S.s.R

If you want to use a Missal during Mass, please *take* a copy from the gathering space (while supplies last) beginning on the 1st Sunday of Advent. *Keep* it in your car. *Bring* it with you to Mass.

Together, let's deepen our connection to the Mass and enhance our worship experience. ✚

Coping with the Holidays - A Medical and Spiritual Discussion with Dasa Schmidt and Fr. Huy



The Mental Health Ministry's next Mental Health Focus will be December 8th at 1 pm in the Parish Hall. Fr. Huy and Dasa Schmidt, Treatment Placement Specialist at Acadia Healthcare, will be presenting.

Join us to learn how to understand the difference between the holiday blues and depression, when to get help and how to help a loved one experiencing depression. Learn that it's OK to not be OK during the holidays and get ideas for ways to find new traditions.

We will also discuss the Church's compassionate response, inspired by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) ongoing campaign to end the stigma surrounding mental health. We will explore how the Church is working to support individuals and families affected by mental illness, including those impacted by suicide, offering healing, forgiveness, and hope through God's endless mercy. Learn how our faith community can be a place of understanding, support, and accompaniment for those who are struggling, and discover the Church's commitment to helping those in need.

All are welcome. ✝

Cómo afrontar las vacaciones: una conversación médica y espiritual con Dasa Schmidt y el P. Huy

El próximo Enfoque de Salud Mental del Ministerio de Salud Mental será el 8 de diciembre a la 1 pm en el Salón Parroquial. P. Huy y Dasa Schmidt, especialistas en colocación de tratamientos de Acadia Healthcare, harán la presentación.

Únase a nosotros para aprender cómo comprender la diferencia entre la tristeza navideña y la depresión, cuándo buscar ayuda y cómo ayudar a un ser querido que sufre depresión. Aprenda que está bien no estar bien durante las fiestas y obtenga ideas sobre formas de encontrar nuevas tradiciones.

También discutiremos la respuesta compasiva de la Iglesia, inspirada en la campaña en curso de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB) para poner fin al estigma que rodea a la salud mental. Exploraremos cómo la Iglesia está trabajando para apoyar a las personas y familias afectadas por enfermedades mentales, incluidas aquellas afectadas por el suicidio, ofreciendo sanación, perdón y esperanza a través de la infinita misericordia de Dios. Aprenda cómo nuestra comunidad de fe puede ser un lugar de comprensión, apoyo y acompañamiento para quienes luchan, y descubra el compromiso de la Iglesia de ayudar a quienes lo necesitan.

Todos son bienvenidos. ✝

Join the Fun - Parish Game Night

The last YogaFaith classes for the year will be on December 3rd and 10th. We will resume on January 7th from 9:30-10:30 in the Catalina room at the Parish Center. Join us to unwind from the holidays and prepare for



YogaFaith Class Schedule for December

We will resume on January 7th from 9:30-10:30 in the Catalina room at the Parish Center. Join us to

unwind from the holidays and prepare for a healthy, faith-filled 2025. Please arrive 10 minutes early and come with a mat and dressed in comfortable clothes. ✝



Don't Forget - Outreach Ministry's Annual Christmas Luncheon For Seniors is Tuesday, December 3rd from 11:30 - 1:30 in the Parish Hall. ✝



Would you like to spend an hour with Jesus?

Santa Catalina Catholic Church is seeking dedicated volunteers to support our Adoration ministry. As we strive for sustainability in our spiritual practices, we need volunteers to help fill the hours at the church, ensuring that the Blessed Sacrament is never left unattended. Your commitment will not only sustain this sacred tradition, but also strengthen our community's faith and devotion. Whether you can commit to an hour a week or serve on the substitute list, your presence is invaluable.

Join us in this meaningful service and help us

maintain the continuous adoration that is vital to our parish life. Together, we can ensure that our church remains a place of constant prayer and reflection. We are looking for a minimum of 2 people that are willing to commit the same hour each Wednesday, as well as a list of substitutes that can fill in when necessary. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to pc@santacatalinaparish.org. Adoration is held each Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the church. All are welcome to be in the presence of our Lord during this time. †



Are You Trying to Navigate Through A Difficult Time?

For navigationally-challenged people, the “Maps” application on our cell phone is perhaps the best invention since sliced bread. Enter your destination, press “Go”, and navigate like a pro. Wouldn't it be great if there was an application that helped us navigate the difficulties in our lives? Type in “spiritual crisis”, press “Go”, and we find the best path to our happiness. Or maybe it's a broken relationship, loss of a loved one, loneliness, illness, disability, divorce, job loss, or another heavy

burden. Hmm...I wonder when that application will be available?

But while we wait, know that we are not lost and alone. Our loving Savior stretches out his arms to us through our brothers and sisters here at Santa Catalina Parish. Stephen Ministers are caring Christians who want to make a difference in the lives of those going through difficult times. They are compassionate, trustworthy, skilled, and full of faith - someone who will exercise strict confidentiality, someone who will not

judge, someone who will listen and walk faithfully with you in a distinctively Christian, one-to-one caring relationship on your journey of healing. Take the first step of your journey. If you or someone you know could benefit from Stephen Ministry, contact us at 520-825-9611, or StephenMinistry@santacatalinaparish.org. All information is held in strict confidentiality. †



Taizé Prayer Service – December 5th at 6 PM in the Church

Taizé Prayer is an evening prayer for all Christian faiths. It is a monastic, simple, meditative form of worship, calling us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence around and within us. Mantra songs (like "Jesus, Remember Me"), prayerful silence, and short bible readings guide the focus of the prayer in a candle-lit environment.

Members from all the Mass choirs, accompanied by instrumentalists and Rouzbeh on the piano, lead us

into a prayerful contemplative state. This is a beautiful way to enhance us both spiritually and physically. Christ has called us to prayer.

Come join us on December 5th, at 6 pm in the Church, for a chance to meditate and pray together during this Advent season. †



An Examination Of Conscience & The Ten Commandments

An examination of conscience is the act of looking prayerfully into our hearts to ask how we have hurt our relationships with God and other people through our thoughts, words, and actions.

To make an examination of conscience, start by praying to the Holy Spirit, asking for help in making a good examination to prepare for Confession. Read through the items on this list and honestly reflect on your behavior for each item.

First Commandment

I am the LORD your God. You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve. Have I...

- Refused to accept what God has revealed as true?
- Denied the existence of God?
- Deliberately misled others about doctrine or the faith?

Second Commandment

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. Have I...

- Used the name of God in cursing or blasphemy?
- Failed to keep vows or promises that I have made to God?
- Blamed God for my failings?

Third Commandment

Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day. Have I...

- Set time aside each day for personal prayer to God?

Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother. Have I...

- Ensured that my children still under my care regularly frequent the sacraments of Penance and Holy Communion?
- Lived in humble obedience to those who legitimately exercise authority over me?

Advent Penance Service

December 9th
5:00pm to 6:30pm
In the church



Fifth Commandment

You shall not kill. Have I...

- Seriously considered or attempted suicide?
- Verbally or emotionally abused another person?
- Refused to control my temper?
- Been unforgiving to others, when mercy or pardon was requested?
- Sought revenge or hoped something bad would happen to someone?

Sixth & Ninth Commandments

You shall not commit adultery or covet your neighbor's wife. Have I...

- Lived up to these Commandments?

Seventh & Tenth Commandments

You shall not steal. & You shall not covet your neighbor's goods. Have I...

- Envied others on account of their possessions?
- Tried to live in a spirit of Gospel poverty and simplicity?
- Overcharge someone, especially to take advantage of another?

Eighth Commandment

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. Have I...

- Lied or gossiped or betrayed another's confidence?
- Knowingly and willfully deceived another?
- Told lies about another person in order to destroy his reputation.) †

Love Comes First - An Advent Parish Mission

December 10 - 12. 4:00 - 5:00

by Fr. Charlie Wehrley, C.Sr.R.

Learn to love yourself just the way God created you. God created us to be perfectly imperfect. Learn how to put love first in your life so you can be a great gift to others as well as to yourself and God.

Un examen de conciencia es el acto de mirar en oración dentro de nuestros corazones para preguntar cómo hemos dañado nuestras relaciones con Dios y otras personas a través de nuestros pensamientos, palabras y acciones.

Para hacer un examen de conciencia:

✦ Comience orando al Espíritu Santo, pidiendo ayuda para hacer un buen examen de preparación para la Confesión.

✦ Lea los elementos de esta lista y reflexione honestamente sobre su comportamiento para cada elemento.

primer mandamiento

Yo soy el SEÑOR tu Dios. Al Señor tu Dios adorarás y a Él solo servirás. Tengo...

✦ ¿Se negó a aceptar lo que Dios ha revelado como verdad?

✦ ¿Negó la existencia de Dios?

✦ ¿Engañó deliberadamente a otros acerca de la doctrina o la fe?

segundo mandamiento

No tomarás el nombre del Señor tu Dios en vano. Tengo...

✦ ¿Utilizó el nombre de Dios para maldecir o blasfemar?

✦ ¿Fallé en cumplir los votos o promesas que le hice a Dios?

✦ ¿Culpé a Dios por mis fallas?

tercer mandamiento

Recuerda santificar el día de reposo. Tengo...

✦ ¿Reserva tiempo cada día para la oración personal a Dios?

Cuarto Mandamiento

Honra a tu padre y a tu madre. Tengo...

✦ ¿Se aseguró de que mis hijos que aún están bajo mi cuidado frecuentan regularmente los

Un Examen De Conciencia

sacramentos de la Penitencia y la Sagrada Comunión?

✦ ¿Viví en humilde obediencia a quienes legítimamente ejercen autoridad sobre mí?

Quinto Mandamiento

No matarás. Tengo...

✦ ¿Ha considerado seriamente o intentado suicidarse?

✦ ¿Abusó verbal o emocionalmente de otra persona?

✦ ¿Se negó a controlar mi temperamento?

✦ ¿No ha perdonado a los demás cuando se pedía misericordia o perdón?

✦ ¿Buscó venganza o esperaba que algo malo le pasara a alguien?

Sexto y Noveno Mandamientos

No cometerás adulterio. No codiciarás la mujer de tu prójimo. Tengo...

✦ ¿Estuvo a la altura de estos Mandamientos?

Séptimo y Décimo Mandamientos

No robarás. / No codiciarás los bienes de tu prójimo. Tengo...

✦ ¿Envidió a otros por sus posesiones?

✦ ¿Trató de vivir en un espíritu de pobreza y sencillez del Evangelio?

✦ ¿Cobró de más a alguien, especialmente para aprovecharse de otro?

Octavo Mandamiento

No darás falso testimonio contra tu prójimo. Tengo...

✦ ¿Mintió, chismeó o traicionó la confianza de otra persona?

✦ ¿Engañó a otro a sabiendas y deliberadamente?

✦ Dijo mentiras sobre otra persona para destruir su reputación.) †

This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention	By
Mon, Dec 2	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Robert Hasty	Rita Quin
Tue, Dec 3	8:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	For Fr. Mike McAndrew and the pastoral work he does with	
Wed, Dec 4	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ The Pallantte family	Rita Quin
			✠ Timothy Mosman	The Mosman Family
Thu, Dec 5	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Colin Levett	Barbara Tillyard
Fri, Dec 6	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Tom Carroll	Mark & Monica Nelson
			✠ Helen Martin	Mary Barrios
			✠ Joseph Barrios	Mary Barrios
Sat, Dec 7	4:00 PM	Fr. Aaron Meszaros	✠ Betty Valdez	Sheila Clarkin
			✠ Judith A. Moncevicz & Vincent Bellian	Paul & Susan Moncevicz
			7:00 AM	Fr. Aaron Meszaros
Sun, Dec 8	9:00 AM	Fr. Aaron	For the Intentions of the Parish	
	11:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	Special intentions for Deacons that serve our parish	
	5:00 PM	Fr. Aaron Meszaros	For a successful Advent Parish Misson	

Readings for the week of December 1, 2024

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8



Today's Readings (November 24)

First Reading: In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land." (Jer 33:15)

Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (Ps 25)

Second Reading: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of

Our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. (1 Thes 3:12-13)

Gospel: "But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Lk 21:28)

Spiritual



Alan Varalli Bob Baker Edward Pena June Sienkiewicz Mimi Cuono Stacy Zieminski
 Anita Garcia Bob Stamer Frank Di Rosa Linda Howard Nicole Vallinoto Gino Di Gennaro
 Robert Shelby Cheryl Woodward Geri Goralski Linda Slivinski Nina Gravlin Jacqueline McCarthy
 Anne Metelski David W. Maloney Susann Rein Lucy Sanchez Renee Terrazas Ann Marie Arnold
 Bill Terrazas Diane Clark Tom Burns Margarita Pena Robert Poleski

Prayer of the Nine-Month Novena to Our lady of Guadalupe, To be prayed throughout the 9 months from March 2 to December 12, 2024

O Virgin Mother of God, we fly to your protection and beg your intercession against the darkness and sin which ever more envelop the world and menace the Church. Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, gave you to us as our mother as He died on the Cross for our salvation. So, too, in 1531, when darkness and sin beset us, He sent you, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, on Tepeyac to lead us to Him Who alone is our light and our salvation.

Through your apparitions on Tepeyac and your abiding presence with us on the miraculous mantle of your

messenger, Saint Juan Diego, millions of souls converted to faith in your Divine Son. Through this novena and our consecration to you, we humbly implore your intercession for our daily conversion of life to Him and the conversion of millions more who do not yet believe in Him. In our homes and in our nation, lead us to Him Who alone wins the victory over sin and darkness in us and in the world.

Unite our hearts to your Immaculate Heart so that they may find their true and lasting home in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Ever guide us along

the pilgrimage of life to our eternal home with Him. So may our hearts, one with yours, always trust in God's promise of salvation, in His never-failing mercy toward all who turn to Him with a humble and contrite heart. Through this novena and our consecration to you, O Virgin of Guadalupe, lead all souls in America and throughout the world to your Divine Son in Whose name we pray. Amen.



Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke †

Join Us for a Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe

We warmly invite you to participate in a special novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe, starting from December 3rd through December 11th. This sacred time of prayer and reflection will culminate in a joyous bilingual mass on December 12th at 6:30 p.m. in celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Each day, we will gather to pray the Rosary, which will be conducted bilingually to ensure that everyone feels welcome and included. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, deepen our faith, and seek the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Let us unite in prayer and devotion, and celebrate the blessings and grace that Our Lady of Guadalupe brings to our lives. We look forward to seeing you there.

We also warmly invite you to join us for Las Posadas on December 15th, following the 5 p.m. Mass. Bring your family and friends to this festive event, where we will enjoy traditional tamales and a piñata. We look forward to celebrating with you. †

Stewardship

Weekend Nov 16-17	Totals	Attd.
Offertory	\$15,423	
Major Maintenance	\$714	1172
Total	\$16,137	
Last Year's Offertory	\$15,653	1138
Parish Rectory	\$297	

Meet Sean Wu

Hello Santa Catalina Parish Family,

My name is Sean Wu, and I'm grateful to Fr. Huy and the parish community for the opportunity to share my journey with you. As a second-year seminarian with the Redemptorist Congregation, I'm honored to be part of the same religious community of which Fr. Huy is a member.

Before entering formation, I studied history outside of Boston and developed a passion for photography, writing, architecture, art, and travel. Though I'd always felt a call to the priesthood, I hadn't considered the Redemptorists until college. Their devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and commitment to serving the most abandoned resonated deeply with me.

Living in the Bronx for over a year has shown me that this community is more than just a religious group – it's a supportive family. We're dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel to those spiritually or materially marginalized, reflecting the spirituality of St. Alphonsus Liguori.

As I continue on this path, I humbly request your support – through prayer, financial assistance, and encouragement. Your support meant a lot to me in my formation. Your contribution will be a valuable investment to the future of the Redemptorist Congregation and enable us to spread the Good News and serve those in need.

Please consider supporting me in the following ways:

- **Prayer:** Include me in your daily prayers, asking for guidance and discernment.
- **Encouragement:** Letters and words of support are a great source of strength.
- **Financial Support:** Contributions can be sent to [Co-Redemptorist Association].

Thank you for considering my request. Your support means the world to me. I'll provide periodic updates on my journey through the parish bulletin.

Thank you again for your consideration. May Our Mother of Perpetual Help intercede for us.

Sincerely,

Sean Wu



Hola familia parroquial de Santa Catalina,

Mi nombre es Sean Wu. Estoy muy agradecido del padre Huy y de la comunidad parroquial, la oportunidad de compartir mi experiencia con ustedes. Como seminarista de segundo año de la Congregación Redentorista, me honra ser parte de la misma comunidad religiosa, de la que es miembro el padre Huy.

Antes de comenzar mi formación, estudié historia en las afueras de Boston y desarrollé una pasión por la fotografía, la escritura, la arquitectura, el arte y los viajes. Aunque siempre había sentido un llamado al sacerdocio, no había considerado a los Redentoristas hasta que llegué a la universidad. Su devoción a Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro y su compromiso de servir a los más abandonados resonaron profundamente en mí.

Vivir en el Bronx durante más de un año, me ha demostrado que esta comunidad es más que un grupo religioso: es una familia que brinda apoyo. Nos dedicamos a proclamar el Evangelio a quienes se encuentran marginados espiritual o materialmente, reflejando la espiritualidad de San Alfonso María de Ligorio.

A medida que sigo por este camino, solicito humildemente su apoyo, ya sea mediante la oración, la ayuda económica o el estímulo. Su apoyo significó mucho para mí en mi formación. Su contribución será una inversión valiosa para el futuro de la Congregación Redentorista que nos permitirá difundir la Buena Nueva y servir a los necesitados.

Por favor considere apoyarme de las siguientes maneras:

Oración: Inclúyame en sus oraciones diarias, pidiendo guía y discernimiento.

Ánimo: Las cartas y palabras de apoyo son una gran fuente de fortaleza.

Apoyo financiero: Las contribuciones pueden enviarse a [Asociación Co-Redentorista].

Gracias por considerar mi solicitud. Su apoyo significa mucho para mí. Les brindaré actualizaciones periódicas sobre mi recorrido a través del boletín parroquial.

Gracias nuevamente por su consideración. Que Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro interceda por nosotros.

Atentamente,

Sean Wu



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Local Immersion Tour Shows Parishioners Ways to Help the Poor

Deacon Steve Letourneau, his wife Claire and Carol Smith joined me for SCCC's November Local Immersion to see the poorest of the poor, and to see those who are putting love into action, right here at home. During our visit to Casa Maria, we had the opportunity to speak at length with a volunteer who for 13 years has been going to estate sales every weekend to gather clothing for the poor and homeless. We also had a chance to meet Brian Flagg, who has led Casa Maria for over 40 years. Each day, along with a core team and volunteers, 450 breakfast and lunches are provided to the homeless, and groceries to 150 poor families. We then visited Sister Jose Women's Center (SJWC), where we had the opportunity to have Jean Fedigan (the founder) share with us the plight of homeless women, as well as to show us how faith and love, make a difference. SJWC volunteers provide breakfast, and lunch to about 120 women each day. These women can also access many services, such as laundry and shower facilities. The shelter provides overnight beds to

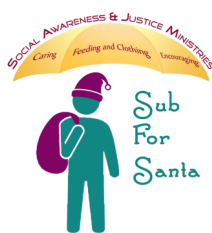
about 55 women. Both of these organizations, in very different ways, are also trying to stem the increase of the homeless and poor in our neighborhoods. If you want to see how you can make a difference, join me at a future Local Immersion. The next tours are December 20th, January 15th and January 17th.

Contributed by Don Fore, Local Immersion Ministry Leader ✝



FROM L TO R DON FORE, CLAIRE LETOURNEUX, DEACON STEVE LETOURNEUX AND CAROL SMITH

Sub For Santa - Tags available this weekend



The Social Awareness and Justice Ministry (SAJM) is sponsoring a Sub for Santa project (also known as a Giving Tree) to benefit families in need. Last year we helped 100 children. This year we have been asked to help 30-40 more children

than last year. Please join us in supporting these needy children and their families.

Recipient information will be available in the Narthex beginning November 23, 2024.

The Gift Tags include specific packaging and tagging information.

The tag ensures the gift is delivered to the correct recipient.

We will need you to complete a form with your contact information and which tag(s) you take in case we need to contact you.

There will be envelopes available for gift card donations. \$25 and up for the families to purchase Christmas dinner supplies and other needed items. Walmart, Visa, or Mastercard gift cards are requested. Gift cards will be collected before/after each mass by volunteers.

Please return your wrapped and tagged gifts and gift cards to the Narthex by 1pm on Sunday, December 8, 2024.

If you would like to help with this project or have questions, please contact the parish office at 520-825-9611. Your message will be forwarded to the SAJM project lead. Thank you . ✝

Monthly Food Drive: Weekend of Dec 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. †

Care For Creation Tips For Home

- Cut your shower time by 5 minutes
- Use green cleaning products
- Green your laundry - use cold water
- Run dishwasher only when full
- Track your use of paper and disposable products
- Use reusable shopping bags
- Use rechargeable batteries
- Use dimmers and 3-way bulbs
- Use reusable cup instead of bottled water
- Recycle paper, plastics, aluminum, glass, and electronics
- Donate things instead of throwing them away
- Plant native plants to minimize water



Tips for Buying Food for a Food Bank

Here are some tips and guidance if you donate to food pantries derived from feedback by those who use them:

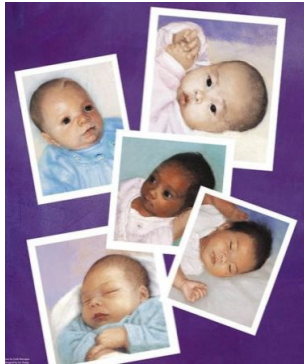
- Boxed milk is a treasure, as kids need it for cereal.
- Everyone donates pasta sauce and spaghetti noodles.
- Canned veggies and soup are awesome, but please buy pop tops.
- Oil is a luxury but needed for things like Rice a-Roni which they get a lot of.
- Spices or salt and pepper would be a real Christmas gift.
- Tea bags and coffee make them feel like you care.
- Sugar and flour are treats.
- Tuna and crackers make a good lunch.
- Canned meats are always appreciated.
- Hamburger Helper goes nowhere without ground beef.
- They get lots of peanut butter and jelly but usually not sandwich bread.
- Cake mix and frosting makes it possible to make a child's birthday cake.
- Dish Soap / Dishwashing detergent is very expensive and is always appreciated.
- Feminine hygiene products are a luxury and women will cry over that.
- Everyone loves Stove Top Stuffing.
- Everyone donates Kraft Mac and Cheese in the box. They can rarely use it because it needs milk and butter which is hard to get from regular food banks. Please buy brands that come with a cheese sauce (like Velveeta) †

Outreach



“Here I Am!” Happy Birthday Spiritually Adopted Baby

Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month - nine months after her mother conceived her. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. She is no different now than she before birth except that she breathes and eats differently. She is truly a miracle. She began as a 46- chromosome cell and has grown over the past nine months into this unique human baby we now can see. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is exactly like your spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers saved her life. Thank you on behalf of all of the little babies and their parents for your loving prayers that helped to bring them to birth “so that they might have life and have it to the full!” ✚



Su bebé espiritual ha nacido este mes. Nueve meses después de que su madre lo concibió. No es diferente ahora de lo que fue antes de nacer, a excepción de que ahora respira y come de una manera diferente. Ella es realmente un milagro. Empezó como 46 cromosomas y ha crecido durante los pasados nueve meses, convirtiéndose en este bebé, un ser humano único. Nunca antes en la historia existirá alguien que sea exactamente como su bebé espiritual. Sus oraciones le han salvado la vida. Gracias en nombre del bebé y sus padres, por sus oraciones amorosas que los ha ayudado a traer al bebé al mundo << Para que pueda tener vida y tenerla en abundancia >>. ✚