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A REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

December 21-22, 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



Fourth 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

Personal

Mental Health Sassy Solos Yoga Faith

AA Al Anon Arts & Crafts Group

Game Night Outreach Ministry Book Bunch

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

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

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Meetings and Events This Week

| Day | Time | Meeting/Event | Location |
|-------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Mon, Dec 23 | 4:00 PM | Music Ministry/choir rehearsal | Church |
| | 5:30 PM | Music Ministry - Bilingual Choir | Church |

Tue, Dec 24

No Meetings



Wed, Dec 25

No Meetings

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| Thu, Dec 26 | 4:00 PM | Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting | Marian Room |
| | 7:00 PM | AA Meeting | Marian Room |
| Fri, Dec 27 | | No meetings | |
| Sat, Dec 28 | 2:30 PM | Reconciliation | Church |
| Sun, Dec 29 | | No meetings | |



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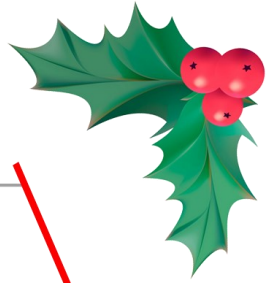
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Al-Anon & AA Meetings Thursdays in the Marian Room, Al-Anon is 4-5:00 PM, contact Judy at 520-639-8650. AA is 7-8:30 PM, contact Art at 520- 825-5218.





December 2024 Mass Schedule



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed |
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| <p>22</p> <p>7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 PM</p> | <p>23</p> <p>8:00 AM</p> | <p>Christmas Eve 24</p> <p>8:00 AM 4:00 PM (w/overflow) 7:00 PM Concert 8:00 PM</p> | <p>Christmas 25</p> <p>8:00 AM 9:00 AM (w/overflow) 12:00 PM (bilingual)</p> |
| <p>29</p> <p>7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 PM</p> | <p>30</p> <p>8:00 AM</p> | <p>31</p> <p>8:00 AM</p> | <p>Solemnity of Mary Holy Day of Obligation 1</p> <p>8:00 AM 9:00 AM</p> |

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Sunday Missals Still 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

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each Sunday, making it easier to engage with the liturgy.

If you want to use a Missal during Mass, please *take* a copy from the gathering space (while supplies last). *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.

Arts and Crafts Ministry Brings Smiles with Their Decorations

Our Christmas decorations were so greatly appreciated by the Sabino Canyon Rehabilitation and Care Center that they've asked if we could do something for Valentine's Day. At our meetings on January 14 and 28, we'll be making fluffy, colorful heart shaped decorations to put on doors and on walls in the Activity Room at the Center. We'd like to invite you to join us in creating these easy decorations. All you need to bring is scissors, card stock paper or heavy construction paper, tissue paper (while red, pink, and white are the most commonly used colors for Valentine's Day, feel free to bring any color you like), and a pencil. We'll provide sample heart shapes you can trace and glue.

During the months of February and March, the Arts and Crafts group will turn our attention to creating animal portraits using



Christmas Eve Is A Great Time To Start Family Memories & Traditions

Christmas Eve is a special time for families to create lasting memories and enjoy quality time together before the holiday rush. Start with a cozy family dinner, whether it's a traditional feast or simple comfort food. Many families attend an evening Mass, a Church Concert or share a Christmas story, like *The Night Before Christmas*, to reflect on the holiday's meaning.

A fun tradition is opening one gift early. Some families exchange special *Christmas Eve* boxes filled



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whatever medium you prefer. Watch for more information about this activity soon.

The Arts and Crafts group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 1:30 - 3:30 in the Cholla Room. †

with treats, pajamas, or a holiday movie. Watching classic Christmas movies, such as *Home Alone* or *It's a Wonderful Life*, adds warmth and joy.

Preparing for Santa's visit, with cookies, milk, and a reindeer treat, keeps the magic alive.

Finally, consider reflecting on the past year and giving back through volunteering or acts of kindness. These traditions help foster connection, gratitude, and the true spirit of Christmas. †

YogaFaith Resumes in January

We will resume classes 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. †



Santa Catalina Catholic Church is inviting passionate individuals to volunteer for our Adoration ministry. To uphold the continuity of this cherished spiritual practice, we seek volunteers who can dedicate time to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is always attended. By offering your time, you contribute to nurturing our community's faith and devotion.

Whether you can commit to an hour weekly or join our list of substitutes, your participation is deeply valued. This opportunity allows us to preserve the tradition of perpetual prayer and reflection within our parish.

Would you like to spend an hour with Jesus?

We are particularly looking for at least two volunteers to commit to the same hour every Wednesday, as well as substitutes to step in as needed. Adoration takes place every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the church, where all are welcome to spend time in the presence of our Lord.



If you're interested in being part of this meaningful ministry, please email pc@santacatalinaparish.org. Join us in sustaining this vital practice and enriching our parish life. ✚

Unable to attend Mass but want to receive Communion?

If you are unable to attend Mass but would like to receive Communion, please reach out to the church office. A minister from Santa Catalina Parish's Communion Ministry for the Sick & Homebound

will arrange a visit to bring Communion to you. For assistance, please contact Jeanette Wojciuk-Graf at lobby@santacatalinaparish.org ✚



The Symbols of Advent

The Advent Wreath and the Colors of Advent are probably the most popular symbols of the season. The Advent wreath is a circular garland of evergreen branches where four candles (and often a fifth, in the center) are arranged. During Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each week representing the coming of the Lord. The first, second and fourth weeks' candles are violet, the primary color of Advent, symbolizing royalty as we await the birth of Jesus Christ our King. The rose colored candle used during the third week represents joy as Christmas draws nearer. If used, white is the color of the center candle, representing the purity of Christ.

Another symbol, The Jesse Tree represents the family tree of Christ as a member of the royal family of King David, whose father was Jesse.

Through this family history (see Mt 1:6-16), the story of God's salvation plan is recalled in the royal line from Jesse to the coming of the Messiah. Each day of Advent a homemade ornament is added to the Jesse Tree, a small tree made of evergreen branches. These symbolic ornaments each represent a family member, event or prophecy that moves God's plan to fulfillment in Jesus.

Other symbols include a Nativity Scene (Crèche) representing the birth of Jesus, and often including figures of Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, shepherds, angels, and animals. Angels, which are significant in the Advent season as messengers of God's announcement of Jesus' birth to Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds. Evergreens, plants like holly, ivy, and pine represent eternal life and God's everlasting love. ✚

The Meaning of the 12 Days of Christmas

The "12 Days of Christmas" often interpreted as a fun holiday carol, has been associated with symbolic meanings over the years. While the exact origins of these meanings are debated, some interpretations suggest Christian symbolism, particularly as part of a catechism tool during a time of religious suppression from the 16th - 19th Centuries. Here's one popular symbolic interpretation:



Partridge in a Pear Tree

Represents **Jesus Christ**. The partridge is a bird known for protecting its young at great risk.



Two Turtle Doves

Symbolizes the **Old and New Testaments** of the Bible, emphasizing the unity of scripture.



Three French Hens

Represents the **theological virtues: faith, hope, and charity (love)**.



Four Calling Birds

Refers to the **four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John**, spreading the "good news."



Five Golden Rings

Symbolizes the **first five books of the Old Testament (the Torah): Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy**.



Six Geese a-Laying

Represents the **six days of Creation**, as described in Genesis.



Seven Swans a-Swimming

Symbolizes the **seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord**.



Eight Maids a-Milking

Refers to the **eight Beatitudes**, teachings of Jesus from the Sermon on the Mount.



Nine Ladies Dancing

Represents the **nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control**.



Ten Lords a-Leaping

Refers to the **Ten Commandments**, the foundation of moral law.



Eleven Pipers Piping

Represents the **eleven faithful apostles (excluding Judas Iscariot)**.



Twelve Drummers Drumming

Symbolizes the **twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed**, a statement of Christian belief.

Embracing the Unpredictable Path of Grace

As Christmas approaches, today's Gospel focuses on Mary's visit to Elizabeth. Two women, unexpectedly caught in God's plan, meet with joy and faith. Elizabeth, advanced in years, carries John the Baptist, while Mary, a young virgin, bears the Savior of the world. Their meeting magnifies the Lord's greatness and teaches us to trust His plan, even when it disrupts our own.

Advent invites us to embrace uncertainty like they did. The greatest miracles often come disguised as challenges. Mary said "yes" to God's will, even without fully understanding it. Elizabeth rejoiced in Mary's blessings, recognizing God's hand at work.

This reminds me of when I was sent



to Santa Catalina as an inexperienced new priest. I felt out of place, struggling to see God's grace in the chaos. But over time, I realized He was shaping me, using the experience to help me grow in faith and trust.

This week, let's reflect on life's surprises. Are we open to God's grace in the unexpected? Do we celebrate His blessings in others? As we light the fourth candle, let's prepare our hearts to welcome Christ, trusting that God's plan always brings joy, even in life's unpredictability.

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled" (Luke 1:45).

- Fr. Huy Vu

Abrazando el Camino Impredecible de la Gracia

Al acercarnos a la Navidad, el Evangelio de hoy se centra en la visita de María a Isabel. Dos mujeres, inesperadamente atrapadas en el plan de Dios, se encuentran con alegría y fe. Isabel, de edad avanzada, lleva a Juan el Bautista, mientras que María, una joven virgen, lleva al Salvador del mundo. Su encuentro magnifica la grandeza del Señor y nos enseña a confiar en Su plan, incluso cuando interrumpe el nuestro.

El Adviento nos invita a abrazar la incertidumbre como lo hicieron María e Isabel. Los milagros más grandes a menudo llegan disfrazados de desafíos. María dijo "sí" a la voluntad de Dios, incluso sin comprenderla completamente. Isabel se regocijó en las bendiciones de María, reconociendo la mano de Dios obrando.

Esto me recuerda cuando me enviaron a Santa Catalina como un sacerdote nuevo e inexperto. Me sentí fuera de lugar, luchando por ver la gracia de Dios en ese caos. Con el tiempo, me di cuenta de que Dios me estaba moldeando y fortaleciendo mi fe a través del desafío.

Esta semana, reflexionemos sobre las sorpresas de la vida. ¿Estamos abiertos a la gracia de Dios en lo inesperado? Al encender la cuarta vela, preparemos nuestros corazones para recibir a Cristo, confiando en que Su plan, incluso en medio de la incertidumbre, siempre trae alegría.

"Bienaventurada tú que has creído, porque lo que te ha dicho el Señor se cumplirá" (Lucas 1:45).

- Fr. Huy Vu

This Week's Liturgy Schedule

| Date | Mass | Celebrant | Intention | By |
|-------------|---|---|--|--|
| Mon, Dec 23 | 8:00 AM | Fr. Brian Johnson | For men and women discerning religious life | |
| Tue, Dec 24 | 8:00 AM 4:00 PM 8:00 PM | Fr. Huy Vu Fr. Huy Vu | | |
| Wed, Dec 25 | 8:00 AM 9:00 AM 12:00 PM | Fr. Huy Vu Fr. Huy Vu | | |
| Thu, Dec 26 | 8:00 AM | Fr. Steve Rehrauer | For those living with mental illness, depression, & suicidal thoughts | |
| Fri, Dec 27 | 8:00 AM | Fr. Lester Mendonsa | ✠ Donald Dauer | Ann Dauer |
| Sat, Dec 28 | 4:00 PM | Fr. Brian Johnson | For the Intentions of the Parish | |
| Sun, Dec 29 | 7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM 5:00 PM | Fr. Steve Rehrauer Fr. Steve Rehrauer Fr. Steve Rehrauer Fr. Lester Mendonsa | John & Mary Jo Desautels (I) ✠ Yvonne Manachi Hilda Moctezuma (I) For new and expectant parents | Andrew, Isabel, & Desautels family Mona Manachi Andrew, Isabel, & Desautels family |

Today's Readings:

First Reading: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Mi 5:1)

Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

Psalm: "Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" (Heb 10:7)

Gospel: "And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Lk 1:43)

Readings for the week of December 22, 2024

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| Sunday: | Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45 |
| Monday: | Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66 |
| Tuesday: | Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79 |
| Wednesday: | Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 |
| Thursday: | Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22 |
| Friday: | 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 |
| Saturday: | 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18 |





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The Hidden Truth –Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorma

If you have ever been visibly pregnant, chances are that someone, somewhere, whom you do not know, has reached out to touch your stomach.

I've had this happen to me, and sure, it's a little strange. Generally, I prefer people to ask before they touch me. But it's also very sweet, this great mystical excitement inspired by a pregnant belly. We know that belly is special. We know enclosed within it is hope and potential — the very future of our world. Hidden, but real. How can we help but venerate it?

It's why the pregnant Madonna is my favorite devotional image. I even prefer it over the depictions of the Madonna and Child because I find in the sight of Mary's swollen belly more to meditate upon than I find in the unveiled face of the Christ Child. Salvation and redemption, enclosed in flesh, moving, and growing and breathing, but I

cannot see it. It's real and it's true and it's there. And it is hidden.

There is much about God that we know with certainty. But there is so much that remains beyond our sight, beyond our comprehension. Questions of evil and sorrow. Pain and tragedy. Life and death. Why don't we have all the answers? We grow very impatient about this. We're like teenagers who want to be trusted with all the family secrets. We hate feeling left out of the loop.

But truth, like life, does not come to us showing its face. Perhaps this is because we could not bear its terrible beauty. Perhaps it's because we would not recognize it if it was laid bare for us to see.

But it's there, right in front of us. We can reach out and touch it. We may not see it. We may not understand it. But we can know it. LPi. †

The Traveling Vocations Cross

... is a weekly program to pray for Catholic vocations. Participating parishioners attend either the 4 PM Mass or the 5 PM Mass. The priest will call the week's participant to the Altar at the end of Mass to receive the Cross. Participants pray for vocations and return the Cross the following weekend before the appropriate Mass. Members of the Ministry will be outside after the designated Masses to sign up participants. Please pray to promote Catholic vocations. †



Question: Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

Answer: In giving gifts, we share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son.

No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all. †

Advent

SAYING "YES" TO GOD

The will of God is to make each of us "full of grace," just like Mary. A wonderfully appropriate Scripture passage for Advent, the Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38) is a main part of the Christmas story.

Christ became human because Mary was willing to yield to "the power of the Most High." Without Mary's assent at the Annunciation, God's plan for the Incarnation would have had to unfold another way. Mary's cooperation was essential, for God does not force his creatures to bend to his will. Rather, we are invited to cooperate with grace.

Mary serves as a model for each of us who have also been invited to cooperate with God's transforming presence. Christ can only be born in us if we, like Mary, are willing to say "Yes" to God's invitation and open ourself to the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit. Like Mary, we are all called to nurture and give birth to Jesus so that he may be born anew in our hearts and in our world.

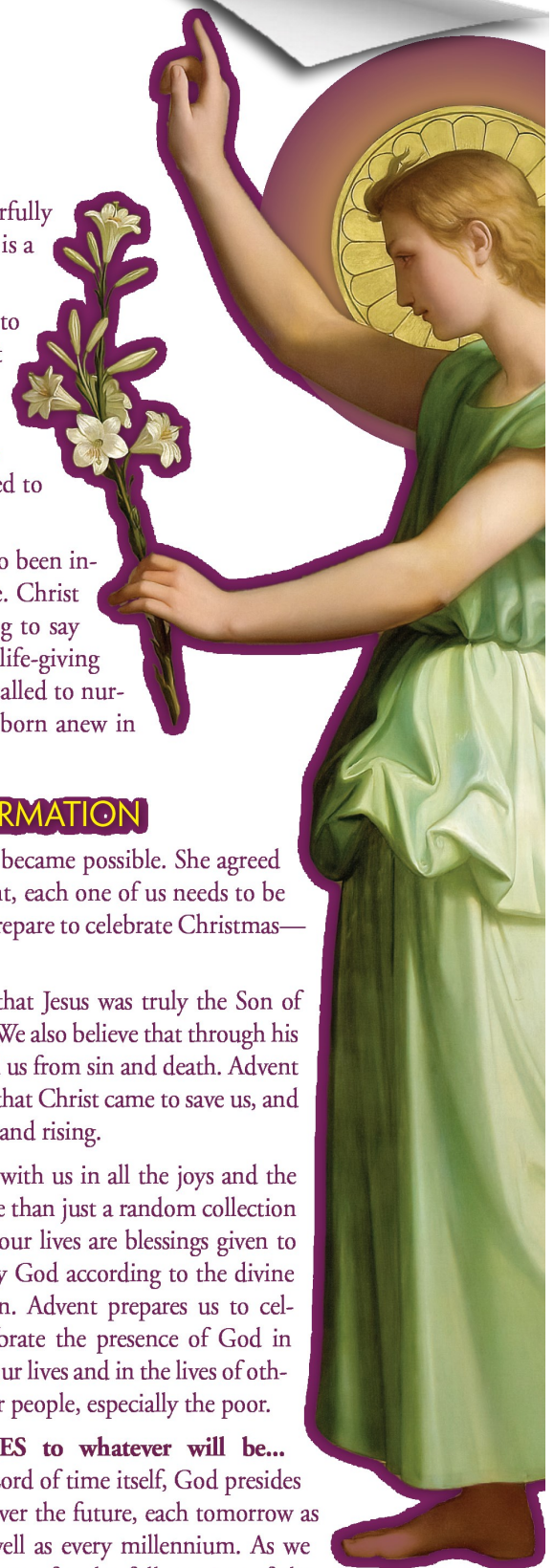
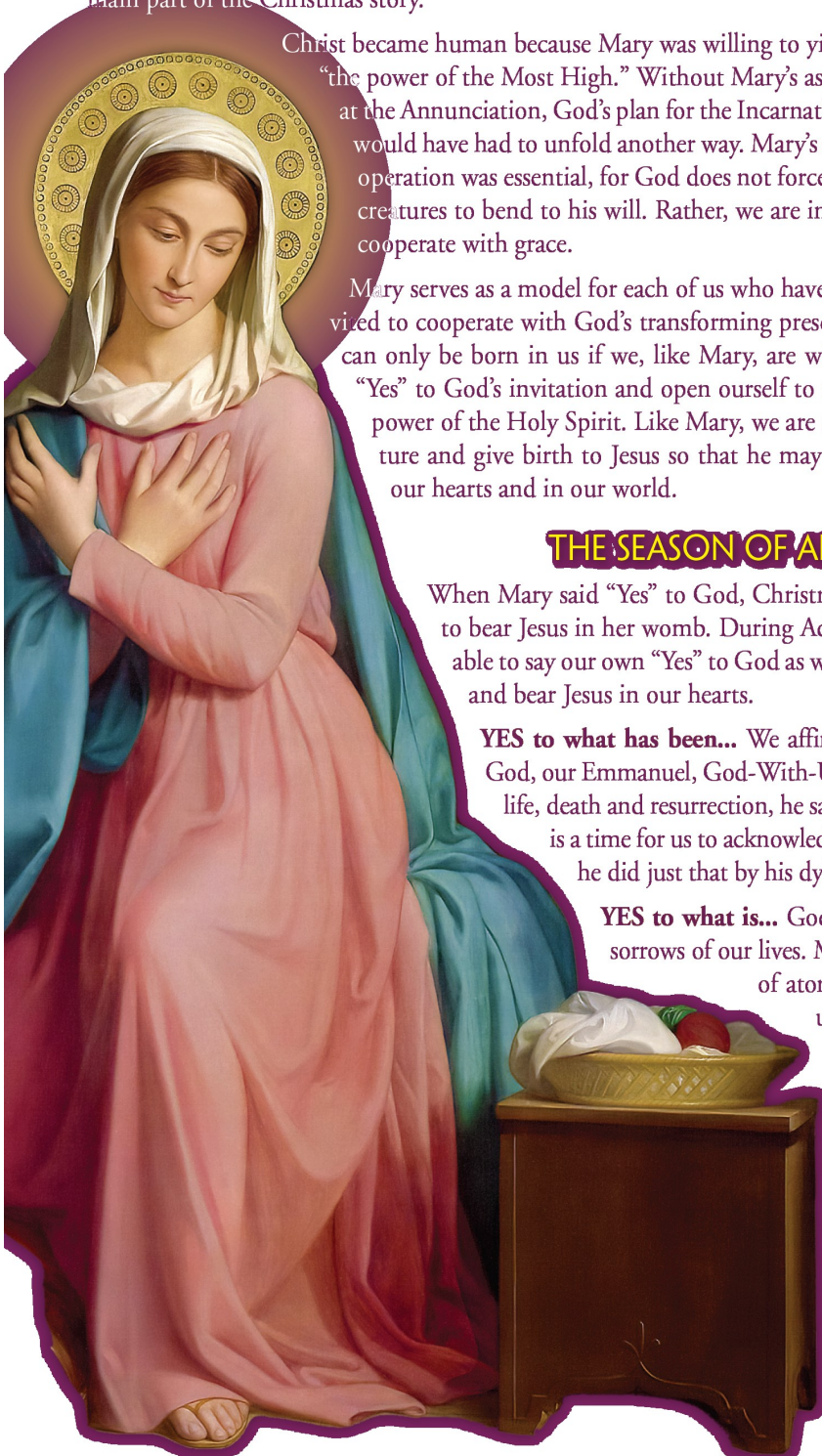
THE SEASON OF AFFIRMATION

When Mary said "Yes" to God, Christmas became possible. She agreed to bear Jesus in her womb. During Advent, each one of us needs to be able to say our own "Yes" to God as we prepare to celebrate Christmas—and bear Jesus in our hearts.

YES to what has been... We affirm that Jesus was truly the Son of God, our Emmanuel, God-With-Us. We also believe that through his life, death and resurrection, he saved us from sin and death. Advent is a time for us to acknowledge that Christ came to save us, and he did just that by his dying and rising.

YES to what is... God is with us in all the joys and the sorrows of our lives. More than just a random collection of atoms, our lives are blessings given to us by God according to the divine plan. Advent prepares us to celebrate the presence of God in our lives and in the lives of other people, especially the poor.

YES to whatever will be... Lord of time itself, God presides over the future, each tomorrow as well as every millennium. As we yearn for the full coming of the kingdom of God, our desire for the coming of Christ gets renewed in Advent.



How You Can Contribute To Our Ministries And Take The Entire Donation* Off Your Tax Bottom Line

Dear Parishioners,

As we approach the 2024 tax year, I want to share an incredible opportunity to support vital ministries in our church—**without spending an extra dime**. Arizona's tax credit programs allow you to redirect the money you already owe in state taxes to qualified organizations, at no additional cost to you.

Several of our Santa Catalina Social Awareness and Justice Ministries (SAJM) are approved by the State of Arizona to receive these tax credits. **This is in addition to any CTSO (Catholic Tuition Support Organization) donation you may already be planning.**

Here's How It Works:

- 1) **Support a Ministry:** Select one or more ministries from the list below, along with their 5-digit codes.
- 2) **Enter the Code:** Use the appropriate Arizona tax forms (links provided below) to enter the code and donation amount.
- 3) **Make a Difference:** Your tax dollars will be redirected to your chosen charity instead of going to the state.

It's that simple. According to the Arizona Department of Revenue, cash donations made to these qualified charities are eligible for tax credits on your Arizona Personal Income Tax Return.

SAJM Qualified Ministries:

- **Christ Child Society of Tucson (#22131):** Provides clothing and essential items to children in need.
- **NAMI Southern Arizona (#21027):** Offers support, education, and advocacy for individuals and families affected by mental illness.

- **Saint Vincent de Paul of Santa Catalina Parish (#20830):** Provides emergency assistance with rent, utilities, and food for those in our community facing hardship.
- **Sister Jose Women's Center (#20826):** Offers shelter, meals, and support services to women experiencing homelessness.
- **Youth On Their Own (YOTO) (#20365):** Supports homeless youth by providing basic necessities and resources to help them stay in school and graduate.

How to Claim the Credit:

- **For Qualifying Charitable Organizations (QCO):** Use Arizona Form 321. This applies to most of the ministries listed above. Enter the organization's code and donation amount in the designated section.
- **For Qualifying Foster Care Organizations (QFCO):** Use Arizona Form 352.

*** Maximum QCO Credit for 2024:**

- \$470 (single, married filing separately, or head of household)
- \$938 (married filing jointly)

Deadline Alert: Don't forget to claim your tax credit by April 15, 2025.

By participating, you ensure your tax dollars go directly to causes that reflect your faith and values while supporting those in need. I encourage each of you to prayerfully consider supporting one or more of these ministries. **Together, we can make a meaningful impact in our community.**

- Fr. Huy Vu ✝

Santa Catalina Parish and Casa Maria: A Thanksgiving Miracle



During Thanksgiving week, Santa Catalina Parish parishioners and Casa Maria volunteers came together to address an urgent need for food donations, especially for families with children.

Through their collective efforts, they gathered an extraordinary amount of food, enough to fill two overloaded trucks. These deliveries, made just two days before Thanksgiving, ensured that every family had a meal to celebrate the holiday.

This remarkable achievement showcases the dedication of the

Casa Maria Ministry and the incredible generosity of the parish community.

The Founder of Casa Maria expressed heartfelt gratitude, deeply moved by the abundance of food and monetary contributions. In a time when donations can be unpredictable, this outpouring of support felt nothing short of miraculous.

This inspiring story underscores the strength of community and the spirit of giving. It serves as a powerful reminder of what we can accomplish when we come together to help those in need. A sincere thank you goes out to everyone who contributed—



through time, food, money, or prayers—to make this effort a resounding success. Your kindness and generosity made a tangible difference in the lives of many this Thanksgiving. †

SAJM Needs Volunteers

We all know how blessed we are and may be wondering how to express appreciation for our blessings and give to those in greater need. There are many opportunities in the Social Awareness and Justice Ministry.

From an hour once a month packing weekend nutrition bags for the school children at a nearby school, making sandwiches for Casa Maria, serving meals at Sr. Jose, packing travel snacks for the immigrants at Casa Alitas, gardening in our

memorial prayer garden, to name a few, involvement can vary from an hour a month to weekly activities.

If you are interested, send an e-mail to sajm@santacatalinaparish.org and we will be happy to discuss options with you.

Thank you for considering joining us to be the hands and feet of Christ. †



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

Join the next Local Immersion Tour on January 15 or 17, 8:00–11:30 AM. Tours depart from the church parking lot and visit Casa Maria Catholic Workers

Community and Sister Jose Women's Center. Email sajm@santacatalinaparish.org to reserve your spot. †



Outreach

Save The Date For March For Life On Jan 18, 2025*

The 52nd Annual Tucson March for Life will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025. The day will begin with a Mass at St. Augustine Cathedral at 9:00 AM, celebrated by Bishop Weisenburger. This Mass will serve as a prayerful start to the event, setting the tone for a day of reflection and unity.

Following the Mass, a peaceful and non-confrontational march will begin at approximately 10:15 AM. Participants will march through Tucson, making their way to Holy Hope Cemetery for a special rose ceremony at the Shrine of the Innocents. This ceremony is a solemn moment to honor the sanctity of life and remember those who

have been lost to abortion.

The Tucson March for Life is an opportunity to come together as a community to stand in support of life.



Participants are invited to join any or all aspects of the event, whether for the Mass, the march, or the rose ceremony.

For those interested in carpooling, please email prolife12345@aol.com to arrange transportation.

*** Please note date update from previous announcement. †**