

Santa Catalina

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A REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Mon-Fri 8:00 am

Weekend Mass

Sat 4:00 pm (Vigil)

Sun 7:00 am
9:00 am
11:00 am (Bi-lingual)
5:00 pm

Reconciliation

Wed 8:45-10:00 am

Sat 2:30-3:30 pm

... or by appointment

Anointing

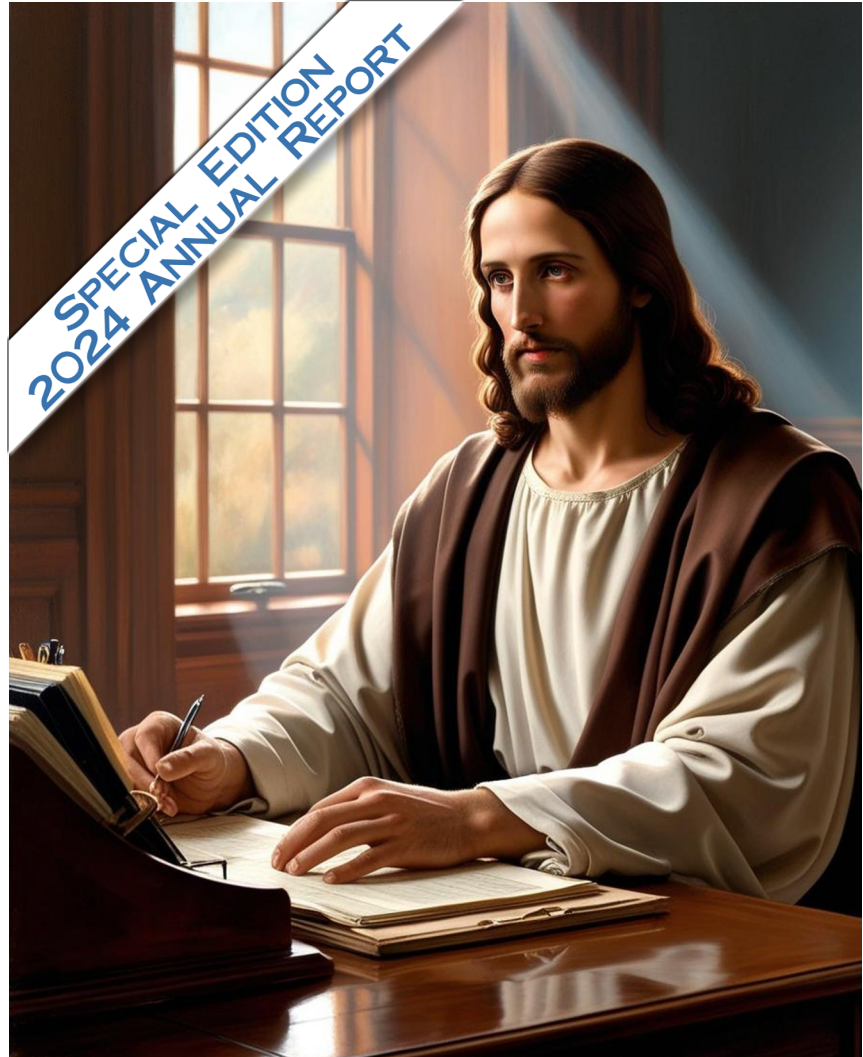
First Friday of the month
at 8:00 am Mass
... or by appointment

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



Feast of the Holy Family

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.

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

As we stand on the cusp of a new year, looking back at 2024 and stepping forward into 2025, we pause as pilgrims at a threshold—reflecting on our shared journey and discerning the path before us. In these moments, we see not only what has passed but also what God is calling us toward. Over the past year, our Santa Catalina Parish community has grown stronger in faith, more generous in service, and more confident in hope. I am deeply grateful for the countless ways you have brought our mission to life, and I look ahead with a spirit anchored in hope—hope that nourishes our hearts and guides our steps into the future.

Hope, in our Christian life, is more than an abstract comfort. It is the stabilizing anchor of our faith, keeping us steady amid uncertainty and orienting our gaze toward what God has in store. This profound truth resonates with the Jubilee Year 2025 theme: **“Pilgrims of Hope.”** Just as pilgrims journey with purpose, seeking a sacred destination, we, too, journey together—rooted in Christ, never alone, and always led by His guiding love. As a parish family, we embrace the coming year with a renewed commitment to live as people of hope, stepping forward in faith, confident that the Redeemer we follow strengthens and sustains us through every season.

In 2025, Santa Catalina Parish will focus on proclaiming the message of **Hope and Plentiful Redemption**, echoing the richness of Redemptorist spirituality that has long inspired our community.

Drawing from this tradition, we recommit to serving those on the margins, encountering Christ where others might not think to look, and allowing ourselves to be transformed by the people we serve. Our life as a faith community is not confined to Sunday pews; rather, it unfolds wherever we bring the Good News—be it in the Eucharist that nourishes us, our devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, or the quiet compassion expressed in our soup kitchen, care ministries, and outreach initiatives. This is the heart of our Redemptorist heritage: to go beyond comfort and toward those in need, embracing the invitation to be pilgrims who carry Christ’s mercy into every corner of life.

This holistic vision, discerned through prayer and dialogue with our Pastoral Council, challenges us to engage more deeply with the three pillars of stewardship—time, talent, and treasure—as we strengthen the very fabric of our parish. These pillars are not mere concepts; they are living practices that root our discipleship in gratitude and concrete action. By dedicating ourselves to spiritual growth, utilizing our gifts in service, and sharing our material resources, we become active participants in God’s mission, weaving our lives together in a tapestry of faith, love, and mercy.

Time: Our time is one of the most precious resources we possess. When we invest it in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, in attending Mass, in Scripture studies, or in parish ministries, we cultivate an environment where faith grows and relationships thrive. Time offered in Care

Ministries—like Martha’s Kitchen, the Funeral Ministry, Casa Maria, and Casa Alitas—transforms our hours and days into acts of solidarity and compassion. This is how we deepen the bonds of fellowship: by journeying together, acknowledging our shared dependence on God’s grace, and extending a helping hand to our neighbors.

Talent: Each of us carries unique talents—skills, insights, and abilities entrusted to us by God. These gifts may find expression in the choir’s harmonies, in teaching a faith formation class, in crafting a dress for a child in need, or in advocating for social justice through our Social Awareness & Justice Ministry. Our talents become visible signs of Christ’s presence when we dedicate them to lifting others up. Whether you are a Stephen Minister comforting the sorrowful, a volunteer who sews dresses for children, or a voice advocating for the dignity of human life, each offering of talent strengthens our common mission. By actively sharing what we do well, we become living witnesses of God’s love, enabling our parish family to shine as a beacon of hope.

Treasure: Our financial support ensures that the Gospel can be proclaimed, the sacraments celebrated, and the doors of Santa Catalina remain open to all who seek God’s love. Every contribution, no matter its size, invests in the spiritual vitality and future of our parish. This support extends beyond daily operations: it enables the growth of ministries, the training of new leaders, and the care of our clergy. I am

hopeful that by the fall of 2025, the new rectory will be completed—more than a structure of brick and mortar, it will be a home where our priests find rest and renewal, a place that allows us to better serve you and strengthens our collective life of faith.

As we embark on this year of pilgrimage, I invite each of you to reflect: How will you dedicate your time to worship and service? How can you place your talents at the service of others, widening the circle of care within our parish and beyond? In what way can you share your treasure, ensuring that the heartbeat of Santa Catalina Parish remains strong and generous? We are pilgrims walking this road together, supporting one another, and carrying the banner of hope into the world. Let us heed Christ’s call, inspired by the “Pilgrims of Hope” theme that grounds our Jubilee Year, embracing all that this future may hold.

With faith in God’s abundant grace, let us move confidently into 2025, strengthened by hope and anchored in the knowledge that with God, all things are possible. May this year be one of deepened discipleship, renewed devotion, and courageous service to our neighbors near and far. I thank you for your faithfulness, your generosity, and your willingness to join me in forging a brighter future for our Santa Catalina Parish.

In Christ’s love and mercy,

Fr. Huy, C.Ss.R Pastor, Santa Catalina Parish

Spiritual Life at Santa Catalina

At Santa Catalina, we embrace the call to cultivate a vibrant spiritual life, essential for deepening our relationship with God and one another. Throughout 2024, we offered diverse opportunities for parishioners to encounter Christ, grow in faith, and experience the strength of our community.

Sacramental Life

The sacraments are central to our Catholic faith, providing tangible encounters with God's grace. In 2024, we celebrated these milestones with reverence and joy, enriching the spiritual lives of our parishioners.

- **Mass**
 - Over 500 daily and Sunday Masses were celebrated, fostering spiritual nourishment and communal worship.
- **Reconciliation**
 - More than 150 hours dedicated to guiding parishioners in receiving God's mercy.
 - Two special Reconciliation services offered during Lent and Advent.
- **Anointing of the Sick**
 - Monthly communal celebrations on the first Friday and individual services in homes, nursing facilities, and hospitals.
- **Funerals: Ministry of Compassion and Support**
 - Care ministers accompanied 32 families through the loss of a loved one.
 - Grateful for our Funeral Coordinator, liturgy ministers, and Martha Kitchen ministry for their dedication.
- **Celebrating Love**
 - **Holy Matrimony:** Witnessed the union of five couples, marking the beginning of their journey together in faith.
 - **Milestone Anniversaries:** Blessed numerous couples celebrating significant anniversaries, recognizing their enduring love and commitment.
 - *"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."* (1 Cor 13:7)
- **Baptisms**
 - Five infants and children received the Sacrament of Baptism.
- **First Communions, Confirmations, and OCIA**
 - **Confirmation:** On August 24, 16 young adults received the sacrament, marked by an inspiring homily from Bishop Edward Weisenburger.
 - **OCIA:** Welcomed Ruth Reed into full communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil and are currently accompanying seven candidates.
 - **First Communion:** Eight young parishioners celebrated their First Eucharist.

Formation and Enrichment

Adult Ongoing Formation

We offer programs designed to deepen understanding of Scripture and faith:

- **Sunday Scripture Study:** Group sessions exploring Sunday readings.
- **Sacred Scripture Study:** Seasonal courses from Ascension Press on biblical themes.
- **Friday Faith Fellowship:** Weekly sessions featuring topics like *The Chosen* series.

Fostering Vocations and Prayer

- **Vocation Ministry:** Inspired by St. Alphonsus Liguori, promotes awareness and discernment of vocations, including priesthood, religious life, marriage, and single life. Its Traveling Vocations Cross visited 20 families, encouraging prayer for vocations. This ministry will expand youth outreach and encourage discernment among all parishioners.
- **Men's and Women's Prayer Groups:** Opportunities for fellowship and deepened prayer lives.
- **Hispanic Ministry:** Cultivates faith and culture in the parish through devotions, traditions, and community events. In 2024, they fostered special devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe, promoted prayer in October, coordinated the Matachines performing at the Diocese of Tucson Rosary Celebration, and held a successful Las Posadas celebration for over 100 participants. This ministry will continue to expand cultural celebrations, prayer initiatives, and fellowship opportunities for the wider parish community.

Prayer and Adoration

- **Daily Rosary:** Weekday gatherings for peaceful reflection and intercession.
- **Eucharistic Adoration:** Weekly scheduled Adoration in the church and daily prayer opportunities in the chapel.

Retreats: A Time for Renewal

Recognizing the need for spiritual renewal, we offered four retreats in 2024:

- **Lenten Retreat:** *"Behold, I make all things new"* (Rev 21:5), led by Fr. Royce, C.Ss.R (March 5–7).
- **Volunteer Retreats:** Focused on Redemptorist spirituality and parish mission (May 2 and November 15).
- **Advent Retreat:** *"Love Comes First,"* exploring love's transformative power, led by Fr. Charlie, C.Ss.R (December 2024).

Looking Ahead

As we journey into 2025 as *Pilgrims of Hope*, we aim to proclaim the message of hope and plentiful redemption. Together, we will deepen our faith and community through prayer, study, and fellowship.

Gratitude and Appreciation

We extend heartfelt thanks to our faith community, catechists, parents, sponsors, and volunteers for their unwavering support. Your efforts have profoundly impacted our spiritual life and formation programs. Let us continue to nurture and grow our vibrant faith community in the year ahead!

II. Pastoral Ministries: 2024 Highlights

Santa Catalina Parish's Pastoral Ministries reflect our mission to be the "voice, hands, and Spirit of Christ." This summary outlines each ministry's key roles, 2024 achievements, and goals for the future.

A. Liturgical Ministries

1. Altar Servers

- **Role:** Assist priests and deacons with tasks such as carrying the cross, holding the Missal, and preparing the altar.
- **2024 Impact:**
 - Reintroduced youth servers, with seven now serving at the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses.
 - Promoted intergenerational mentoring to encourage shared responsibility.
- **2025 Goals:**
 - Recruit parishioners of all ages, offering training and support.

2. Lectors

- **Role:** Proclaim Scripture with clarity and reverence.
- **2024 Impact:**
 - Enhanced the liturgical experience through faithful proclamation of God's Word.
- **2025 Goals:**
 - Expand to include bilingual lectors and volunteers for 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM Masses.
 - Provide ongoing liturgical formation.

3. Master of Ceremonies

- **Role:** Oversee major liturgical celebrations (e.g., Confirmation, Palm Sunday, Easter Triduum) for order and devotion.
- **2025 and Beyond:**
 - Train an understudy to assist and ensure continuity.

4. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs)

- **Role:** Assist with Holy Communion distribution at Mass and bring Communion to the sick, homebound, and hospitalized.

- **2024 Impact:**
 - Served ~30 homebound parishioners weekly.
 - Provided thorough training for reverent and safe distribution of both species.
- **2025 Goals:**
 - Host a special commissioning ceremony.
 - Recruit more EMHCs, especially for the 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM Masses.

5. Music Ministry

- **Role:** Enrich liturgical celebrations through music, fostering a prayerful atmosphere.
- **2024 Highlights:**
 - Hosted a Rouzbeh concert, Taizé Prayer Service, and Lessons and Carols.
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - Invite new choir members, cantors, and instrumentalists.

B. Liturgical Support Ministries

1. Mass Coordinators

- **Role:** Prepare liturgical spaces, materials, and ensure ministers are present.
- **2025 Need:** Additional volunteers with attention to detail and liturgical knowledge.

2. Hospitality Ministry

- **Role:** Create a warm, welcoming environment for parishioners and visitors.
- **Notable Mention:** WATSON, our “four-legged hospitality minister,” boosts morale.
- **Invitation:** Ideal for those who enjoy connecting with people and fostering community.

3. Altar Linen Ministry

- **Role:** Reverently clean and maintain sacred linens used during Mass.
- **Current Service:** Four dedicated volunteers.
- **Invitation:** Training provided for this meaningful behind-the-scenes role.

4. Art and Environment Ministry

- **Role:** Create sacred, visually engaging spaces reflecting the liturgical seasons.
- **2024 Impact:** Welcomed three new volunteers with a passion for design.
- **Invitation:** Seeking creative individuals with an eye for aesthetics.

C. Pastoral Care Ministry

Stephen Ministry

- **Role:** Provide compassionate, confidential one-on-one care for those facing grief, illness, or personal challenges.
- **2024 Impact:**
 - Offered ~450 care hours to 14 individuals.
 - Hosted two 13-week Grief Share programs, serving 22 people.
- **Looking Ahead:**
 - Increase outreach to men.
 - Recruit and train new Stephen Ministers and Leaders.

D. Communications Committee

- **Role:** Ensure clear, consistent, and engaging parish communication.
- **2024 Impact:**
 - Established a Parish Vision with Fr. Huy.
 - Created a branding strategy, including ministry icons and a style guide.
 - Redesigned the bulletin for improved clarity and engagement.
- **Challenges and Goals:**
 - Recruit volunteers for communications, bulletin production, and website maintenance.
 - Develop metrics to gauge communication effectiveness.

E. Pastoral Council

- **Role:** Advise the pastor and help shape the mission and vision of Santa Catalina Parish.
- **2024 Impact:**
 - Collaborated with Fr. Huy to define a clear Parish Vision.
 - Supported ministry growth and unity among parishioners.
- **Ongoing Mission:** Strengthen the link between the pastor and the broader faith community.

F. Finance Council (FC)

- **Role:** Oversee parish finances to ensure responsible stewardship and transparency.
- **2024 Impact:** Developed the annual budget and identified cost-saving strategies.
- **Key Responsibilities:** Advise on financial matters and manage parish resources efficiently.

Conclusion

Each ministry plays a vital role in the vibrant life of Santa Catalina Parish. Whether serving at the altar, offering care through Stephen Ministry, or enhancing parish communication, every contribution fosters a deeper encounter with Christ.

We invite all parishioners to consider how their unique gifts can serve our community and continue our shared journey of faith.

III. Outreach Ministries: 2024 Highlights

Santa Catalina Parish is dedicated to living the Gospel call to serve those in need. Through diverse Outreach Ministries, parishioners share their time, talents, and treasures to make a difference locally and globally. In 2024, these ministries continued to grow and thrive, touching countless lives with Christ's love and compassion.

Social Awareness and Justice Ministry (SAJM)

Mission: Puts faith into action by caring for God's creation, supporting vulnerable populations, and fostering social justice locally and globally.

- **Caring for God's Creation**
 - **Mission:** Protects and nurtures God's creation through environmental stewardship.
 - **2024 Highlights:**
 - Created a St. Francis garden with native plants for birds and butterflies.
 - Established a "Mary" garden with a bench and statue for prayer.
 - Maintained the Garden of Gethsemane, Memorial planters, and Stations of the Cross.
 - **Next Steps:**
 - Expand educational events on environmental stewardship.
 - Engage youth volunteers in garden projects.
- **Casa Alitas**
 - **Mission:** Assists asylum seekers arriving in Tucson with essential supplies and care.
 - **2024 Highlights:**
 - Held a parish sock and underwear drive.
 - Packed 600 travel snack bags bi-monthly.
 - Continued on-site volunteering and donations.
 - **Next Steps:**
 - Recruit more volunteers for monthly shifts.
 - Organize additional drives for toiletries and children's items.
- **Local Immersion**
 - **Mission:** Encourages encountering Christ in those facing homelessness and poverty.
 - **2024 Highlights:**

- Boosted parish support for Casa Maria and Sister José Women's Center.
- Organized monthly dinners at Sister José's with St. Vincent de Paul.

- **Next Steps:**
 - Plan immersion visits for early 2025.
 - Offer reflection sessions on poverty.
- **Sub for Santa Program**
 - **Mission:** Brings Christmas joy to families in need in partnership with Casa Maria Soup Kitchen.
 - **2024 Highlights:**
 - Provided over 300 gifts to children.
 - Distributed \$4,065 in gift cards to 43 households.
 - **Next Steps:**
 - Expand the gift card program to include essential items.
 - Recruit additional volunteers.
- **Sister José Women's Ministry**
 - **Mission:** Supports women experiencing homelessness through meals, donations, and personal connection.
 - **2024 Highlights:** Volunteers consistently served meals and provided essentials.
 - **Next Steps:**
 - Organize quarterly supply drives.
 - Encourage parish groups to sponsor weekly meal services.
- **Prison Ministry**
 - **Mission:** Brings Christ's compassion to the incarcerated through prayer and visitation.
 - **2024 Highlights:**
 - Participated in "Get-On-The-Bus AZ," reuniting children with incarcerated fathers.
 - **Next Steps:**
 - Seek volunteers skilled in music, Spanish, or faith-sharing.
 - Increase collaboration with Diocesan prison events.
- **Christ Child Society of Tucson**

- **Mission:** Supports mothers and children by providing newborn layettes and dignity bags for foster teens.
- **2024 Highlights:** Received generous donations for layettes and foster teen supplies.
- **Next Steps:**
 - Host workshops to assemble dignity bags.
 - Recruit parishioners to identify families in need.
- **Supporting Local Organizations**
 - **Mission:** Coordinates donations and volunteers for agencies aiding the hungry and homeless.
 - **2024 Highlights:**
 - Distributed \$6,295 from the Poor Box to 11 organizations.
 - Held monthly food drives and prepared 2,160 snack packs.
 - **Next Steps:**
 - Add fresh produce to drives.
 - Provide more volunteer slots for snack-pack assembly.
- **Dress a Girl Around the World**
 - **Mission:** Offers dignity and hope by sewing dresses for girls in developing countries.
 - **2024 Highlights:** Crafted and shipped over 400 dresses.
 - **Next Steps:**
 - Host sewing circles for new volunteers.
 - Coordinate broader distribution.
- **St. Vincent de Paul**
 - **Mission:** Serves those experiencing hardship by providing financial and spiritual support, embodying Christ’s compassion.
 - **2024 Highlights:**
 - Helped 268 households (698 individuals) with over \$122,000 in aid.
 - Participated in Lenten Soup Suppers, Ministry Fairs, and Sister José Women’s Center.
 - **Next Steps:** Recruit new volunteers to meet growing community needs.
- **Project Linus**
 - **Mission:** Provides handmade quilts and blankets to children in trauma, offering warmth and compassion.
 - **2024 Highlights:** Monthly gatherings encouraged fellowship as volunteers crafted 250–300 blankets, blessed at Mass, and distributed countywide.

- **Next Steps:**
 - Increase donations of fabric and supplies to meet growing requests.
 - Host a quilting workshop to welcome new members.
- **Dignity of Human Life Ministry**
 - **Mission:** Upholds the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death through prayer, education, and direct action.
 - **2024 Highlights:**
 - 80 parishioners participated in the Spiritual Adoption Program, praying for at-risk pre-born babies for nine months.
 - Joined 40 Days for Life vigils and raised awareness about key legislation.
 - **Next Steps:**
 - Increase parish education on pro-life issues.
 - Expand the Spiritual Adoption Program by recruiting new participants.

Conclusion

Through these ministries, Santa Catalina Parish offers a beacon of hope and service—fostering fellowship, advocating for life, and supporting those in need.

How You Can Get Involved:

1. Volunteer your time and talents.
2. Donate financial or material support.
3. Pray for guidance and strength in ministry work.

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me.” (Mt 25:40)

IV. Personal Ministries: 2024 Highlights

Yoga Faith Ministry

- **Mission:** Promotes holistic wellness—mind, body, and spirit—through gentle movement, prayer, and reflection.
- **2024 Highlights:**
 - **Increased Participation:** Attendance grew from 5 to over 15 regular participants.
 - **Spirit of Generosity:** Voluntary donations support parish and charitable initiatives.
 - **Supportive Space:** Sessions blend gentle movement with guided prayer, fostering spiritual renewal.
- **Next Steps:**

- Introduce additional class times (morning or evening) to accommodate various schedules.
- Collaborate with other parish ministries (retreats, health fairs) to reach more participants.

Arts and Crafts Group

- **Mission:** Encourages creativity, skill-building, and fellowship through art projects serving parishioners and the broader community.
- **2024 Highlights:**
 - **Community Outreach:** Painted rocks for a local memory care center and crafted Christmas decorations for a rehab center.
 - **Skill Sharing:** Workshops in acrylic painting, paper quilling, and more nurtured artistic talents.
 - **Growing Participation:** A welcoming environment drew many newcomers.
- **Next Steps:**
 - Host seasonal art drives (e.g., Easter craft sessions) to share art more widely.
 - Invite guest artists or teachers to broaden workshop offerings.

Parish Game Night

- **Mission:** Fosters fun, fellowship, and intergenerational connections among parishioners.
- **2024 Highlights:**
 - **Growing Attendance:** Monthly participation increased steadily, welcoming families, teens, and seniors.
 - **Youth Engagement:** The SanCat Youth Troupe assisted with setup, food prep, and cleanup, building leadership skills.
- **Next Steps:**
 - Introduce themed game nights for diverse interests (e.g., trivia, bingo).
 - Encourage new volunteers to help facilitate events and manage refreshments.

Mental Health Ministry

- **Mission:** Offers understanding, support, and accompaniment to individuals and families facing mental health challenges.
- **2024 Highlights:**
 - Promoted a compassionate parish environment that reduces stigma and improves access to resources.
 - Partnered with local mental health professionals for referral pathways.
- **Next Steps:**
 - Provide volunteer training on mental health awareness and crisis referrals.
 - Integrate spiritual and pastoral care for those seeking hope and community.

V. Other Ministries that provide for spiritual and community Growth

- **Al-Anon & AA:** Weekly support for those affected by addiction
- **Book Bunch:** Encourages spiritual and intellectual growth through shared readings, such as *A Hiker's Guide to Purgatory*.
- **Sassy Solos:** Monthly meetings for single ladies to share fellowship.

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention	By
Mon, Dec 30	8:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	Angie Lapinsky (L)	Tom & Donna Opsatnick
Tue, Dec 31	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ Mercy Lopez	her family
Wed, Jan 1	9:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	May God's grace and peace bless our parish family this new year	
Thu, Jan 2	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Berl Buchanan	Michael & Kay Shannon
Fri, Jan 3	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ John & Margaret Gaule	Tim Gaule
Sat, Jan 4	4:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Joseph F. Mudd III	Joanna Voisine
			61st wedding anniversary for Nick & Linda Vucich by Mark Friedman	
Sun, Jan 5	7:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	For all women and men affected by the tragedy of abortion	
	9:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Mary Zvonar	Sophie Zvonar
	11:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	For those living with mental illness, depression, and suicidal thoughts	
	5:00 PM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	For those discerning a religious life vocation	