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Catholic Church

December 7 -8, 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



Second 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

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 9	9:00 AM	Quilt Group Open Sew	Catalina
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian
	3:00 PM	Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe	Marian
	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	Church
	5:00 PM	Advent Penance Service	Church
Tues, Dec 10	9:30 AM	Yoga Faith	Catalina
	1:30 PM	Arts & Crafts for All	Cholla
	2:00 PM	Dignity of Life monthly meeting	Marian
	3:00 PM	Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe	Marian
	4:00 PM	Advent Parish Mission	Church
	6:00 PM	Men's Prayer Group	Marian
	6:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group	Saguaro
Wed, Dec 11	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
	10:00 AM	Dress a Girl Ministry Meeting	Mesquite
	1:00 PM	Understanding Sunday Scripture	Catalina
	3:00 PM	Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe	Marian
	4:00 PM	Advent Parish Mission	Church
	4:30 PM	Faith Formation class K-8th	Parish Hall
6:30 PM	O.C.I.A.	Mesquite	
Thurs, Dec 12	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	4:00 PM	Advent Parish Mission	Church
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian
Fri, Dec 13	9:00 AM	Faith Fellowship - The Chosen	Catalina
	10:00 AM	Grief Share class	Mesquite
Sat, Dec 14	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
	5:00 PM	Parish Game Night	Parish Hall
Sun, Dec 15	8:00 AM	Faith Formation class K-8th	Mesquite, Ocotillo, Cholla
	12:00 PM	Las Posada	Parish Hall
	12:15 PM	O.C.I.A. & Confirmation class	Conference
	1:00 PM	Mental Health Focus - Sunday Session	Conference
	3:30 PM	O.C.I.A.	Conference



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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.



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El Amor es Primero - Una Misión Parroquial de Adviento

10 - 12 de diciembre. 4:00 - 5:00 por el p. Charlie Wehrley, C.Sr.R.

Aprende a amarte a ti mismo tal como Dios lo creó. tú. Dios nos creó para ser perfectamente imperfectos. Aprende cómo poner el amor en primer lugar en tu vida para que puedas sé un gran regalo para los demás, así como para ti mismo y para Dios.

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

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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.

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. ☩

Coping with the Holidays - A Medical and Spiritual Discussion with Dasa Schmidt and Fr. Huy This Sunday (December 8)



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 Este domingo (8 de diciembre)

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. †

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. †



Parish Game Night - December 14

5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Family Fun Night, Ages 3 to 103. Join us for a delicious dinner, board games, cards, lots of laughs, and fellowship. Please bring a dessert to share. †



Noche de Juegos Parroquiales - 14 de diciembre

5 p.m. a 8 p.m. en el Salón Parroquial. Noche de diversión familiar, 3 años a 103. Acompáñanos a disfrutar de una deliciosa cena, juegos de mesa, cartas, mucho de risas y compañerismo. Por favor, traiga un postre para compartir. †

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. †



Advent Penance Service

December 9, 5-6:30

In the church



Servicio de Penitencia de Adviento

9 de diciembre, 5-6:30

en la iglesia

Unable to attend Mass but want to receive Communion?

If you're unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion, please call the church office. A minister from Santa Catalina Parish's Communion Ministry with the Sick & Homebound

will visit with you.

Contact: Jeanette Wojciuk-Graf,
lobby@santacatalinaparish.org †



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Patroness of the United States

Holy Day of Obligation, December 9th. Mass at 9 AM

From Bishop Weisenburger:

Most Holy Days of Obligation that fall on Sunday and are thus transferred to Monday are not celebrated as "obligatory," such is not the case of December 8th. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is not a Holy Day that ceases to be obligatory when transferred from Sunday to Monday.

The celebration of the Immaculate Conception this coming December, which will be transferred from Sunday the 8th to Monday the 9th, is to be celebrated as a

Holy day of Obligation. †



Charisms: Gifts of the Spirit for Unity and Service

Pope Francis, in his teaching on charisms, beautifully reminds us that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are bestowed on individuals for the benefit of the Church. These diverse and purposeful gifts are not personal privileges but treasures meant to **enrich** the community and **build up** the Body of Christ.

1. Diverse and Unique Gifts:

Charisms are uniquely distributed to individuals according to the Spirit's will. Unlike sacraments or virtues, which are universally shared, charisms are tailored to each person.

2. Purpose: Service to the Community

The purpose of charisms is to serve the community. Pope Francis teaches that they are not given for personal sanctification alone but for the common good, strengthening and unifying the Church.

3. Charisms as Ornaments of the Church:

Pope Francis describes charisms as the "jewels" or ornaments bestowed by the Holy Spirit to make the Bride of Christ—the Church—more beautiful.

4. Role of Laity and Women:

Charisms highlight the unique and significant role of the laity and women in the Church. Pope Francis affirms, "The laity are not merely collaborators or auxiliary troops for the clergy but have their own charisms and gifts." Their contributions are not merely institutional or sociological but rooted in a biblical and spiritual dimension, enriching the

Church in profound ways.

5. Inclusion of All Gifts:

Charisms are not limited to extraordinary manifestations. Even **ordinary** gifts, when inspired by love and the Spirit, take on extraordinary value. Pope Francis assures us that no one is excluded and that each person has something to offer.

6. Charity Multiplies Charisms:

Charity is a vital element that unites and multiplies charisms. Through love, the gifts of one person become the gifts of all, fostering a spirit of mutual enrichment within the Church.

7. Unity through Charity:

Charity creates a deep unity within the Church, allowing diverse charisms to be shared and appreciated. Pope Francis emphasizes that this unity ensures that individual charisms contribute to a collective love for the Church and its mission.

Through his teaching, Pope Francis reminds us that these gifts of the Spirit are not meant to separate or isolate but to unify and serve. Through love and charity, charisms become a source of strength, beauty, and unity for the Church, helping all members to grow together in faith and mission.

This reflection is inspired by Pope Francis's catechesis on November 20th, during his series on The Spirit and the Bride. It offers us a profound understanding of the role and purpose of charisms in the life of the Church. ✚

Prayer for the second week of Advent

Prayer of Preparation:

With abiding hope as we look forward to Jesus' arrival — Make straight the paths, Lord! Fill us with holy excitement, in Your name. Amen.

Stewardship Weekend Nov 16-17

Offertory: \$17,032

Rectory: \$1908



Gospel Reflection, 2nd Sunday of Advent

Hearing God's Voice in Chaos

Have you ever felt like you're drowning in a sea of noise and distractions? Like the world around you is moving at a million miles an hour, and you're just trying to keep up? I know I have. And I'm guessing I'm not alone.

But here's the good news: in all that chaos, God's voice is still speaking. We see this in the story of John the Baptist, who received God's word in the wilderness—not in a grand palace, but in the quiet, rugged beauty of the desert.

And what was John's message? "Prepare the way of the

Lord; make his paths straight." It's a call to repentance, to turn back to God and make room for the coming of Christ.

Advent is a season of preparation. It's a time to step into the quiet of our hearts, clear the clutter, and make space for the Savior who comes to bring Peace to our chaos.

Reflection Questions: What noise or distractions are keeping me from hearing God's voice? What specific obstacles do I need to clear to make room for the Savior? - *Fr. Huy Vu*

Escuchando la Voz de Dios en el Caos

¿Alguna vez te has sentido como si te estuvieras ahogando en un mar de ruido y distracciones? ¿Como si el mundo a tu alrededor se moviera a un millón de kilómetros por hora y tú solo estuvieras tratando de mantenerte al día? Yo sí. Y supongo que no estoy solo.

Pero aquí están las buenas noticias: en medio de todo ese caos, la voz de Dios sigue hablando. Vemos esto en la historia de Juan el Bautista, quien recibió la palabra de Dios en el desierto, igualito como el nuestro aquí en Tucson, un lugar tranquilo y lleno de vida, no en un gran palacio.

¿Y cuál fue el mensaje de Juan? "Preparen el camino del

Señor; aplanen el camino". Es un llamado al arrepentimiento, a volver a Dios y hacer espacio para la venida de Cristo.

El Adviento es un tiempo muy importante para nosotros, un tiempo para preparar nuestros corazones a la llegada del Niño Dios. Es un tiempo para entrar en la quietud de nuestros corazones, despejar el desorden y hacer espacio para el Salvador que viene a traer paz a nuestro caos.

Preguntas para Reflexionar:

¿Qué ruido o distracciones me impiden escuchar la voz de Dios? ¿Qué obstáculos específicos necesito despejar para hacer espacio para el Salvador? - *Fr. Huy Vu*

Remembering Advent

It always makes me laugh a little, these apocalyptic Gospel readings that come at the beginning of Advent.

What a funny juxtaposition — all of us stringing twinkle lights and wrapping presents, with Jesus thundering on about the end of the world. It's Christmas! Don't be a downer. Pour me some more eggnog and turn up the Nat King Cole. Well, except it's not Christmas. It's Advent.

There's nothing wrong with the cultural accessories that have developed alongside this religious holiday. But here's the thing: when Satan knows we're watching the front gate, he slips in the back door. And something I've found is that one back door he likes to use in my life is Cultural Christmas.

I love Cultural Christmas. I tend to overdo Cultural Christmas. I overschedule, I overdecorate, I over gift. All this "over" leads to — you guessed it! — overwhelm.

Satan sneaks in with the twinkle lights and the Christmas carols and he snatches The Present like the nasty little Grinch he is. He photobombs my experience of the religious holidays with the anxieties I so willingly embrace because of the production that is Cultural Christmas.

So, remember to rest this Advent, folks. Rest your heart. Rest your hands. Watch the back door *and* the front. Remember that this is the perfect time to be thinking about the state of your soul and not just the state of your house. - *Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention	By
Mon, Dec 9	9:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	† Jacob Manachi	Mona Manachi
			† Patricia Mc Callum	Drew & Sheliah Drewienkowski
			† Robert Urwin	Michael & Kay Shannon
Tue, Dec 10	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	† James Kern (living)	James Kern
Wed, Dec 11	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	† Jahala Noble Ford	Melanie Ford Hill
Thu, Dec 12	9:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	† Nancy & Giuseppe Valentine	Nick Valentine
	6:30 PM			
Fri, Dec 13	8:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	† Marty Burke	Sheila Burke
			† Meghan Canterna	Aunt Liz
			† JoAnn Boynton & Anna Nicholas	Deanne Boynton
Sat, Dec 14	4:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	† Theresa Shirey	the Shirey family
			† Leslie Porter	James Kern
			7:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson
Sun, Dec 15	9:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	Our Lady of Life Ministries	James Kern
			† Autumn McKinney	Liz & John
			† Blanche Butler	Beverly Mulvey
			† Diego Zell	Alejandra Zell
	5:00 PM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	For the Deacons who serve our parish	

Readings for the week of December 8, 2024

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13



Today's Readings (December 8)

First Reading: "For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship." (Bar 5:3-4)

Second Reading: So that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ. (Phil 1:10-11)

Gospel: "The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." (Lk 3:5-6)

Psalms: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

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	Lawrence Breving
				Sr. Jean Mariani	Ronald Fuhrmann

The Hispanic Ministry ...warmly invites 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!

Why Do We Do That? - Catholic Life Explained

Question: What is the Hispanic Advent custom of “Las Posadas”?

Answer: “Posada” is the Spanish word for inn or lodging. “Las Posadas” refers to a traditional Advent custom in preparation for the birth of Jesus, beginning on December 16. For nine successive evenings, groups reenact the search of Mary and Joseph for shelter in Bethlehem. Two children dress as Mary and Joseph, sometimes with Mary riding on an actual donkey. They are usually accompanied by children dressed as angels and shepherds along with the Wise Men. Adults accompany them as they process to designated homes where they sing Christmas songs and request lodging. Part of the group enters the home and becomes the



chorus that responds to the request for lodging. In the beginning the request is rebuffed. They move to several more homes where the ritual is repeated. Eventually, at the last home, their need is recognized, and they all enter the home where a party ensues. This is repeated in different neighborhoods and homes each of the nine days.

While this custom teaches children an important aspect of the Christmas story, it also emphasizes the need for hospitality to strangers and the continual need we all have to make room for Jesus in our “posada.” ✚
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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. ✚



The Advent Wreath Candles remind us that Christ is the light of the world, the One who “shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” We use four candles to represent each week of Advent. Traditionally they come in the liturgical colors of the season. Purple has historically represented penance and sacrifice. We see the same color for the season of Lent. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, we light a rose color. The priest will wear rose vestments at Mass. This is Gaudete Sunday. *Gaudete* means “rejoice” in Latin. On the third Sunday of Advent, we’re roughly halfway through the season. The Church chooses the midpoint to remind us to celebrate in the midst of our anticipation!

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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Outreach

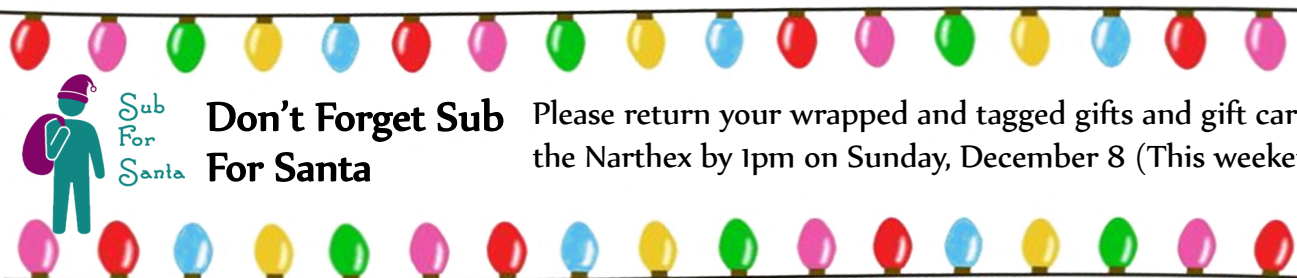
Would like to find out how you can help the homeless in Tucson?

Join the next Local Immersion Tour on December 20th, January 15th and 17th from 8:00 - 11:30 am.

The tours leave from the church parking lot and take a small group to Casa Maria Catholic Workers Community which provides meals and clothing for those in need, and Sister Jose Women's Center

which provides meals, clothing, shelter, and counseling for homeless women.

If you are interested in a tour, send an email to reserve your spot to sajm@santacatalinaparish.org.



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Don't Forget Sub For Santa

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

The Beginning of Project Linus

On Christmas Eve, 1995, an article titled "Joy to the World" appeared in Parade Magazine. It was written by Pulitzer Prize winning photo-journalist, Eddie Adams. Part of the article featured a petite, downy haired child named Laura: "Laura has unusual compassion for others," Charlotte Barry-Williams of Oceanside, California, says of her daughter, who was diagnosed with leukemia in 1993. "I guess part of the reason is that she has experienced so much pain herself."

Monday, Dec 9th
Saguaro Room
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

A special "blankie" has helped Laura, 3, get through more than two years of intensive

chemotherapy. She takes it to the hospital with her when she goes for treatment. When first diagnosed, 97 percent of her bone marrow contained cancerous cells. Although chemotherapy has helped eradicate the cancer, she has had to endure nausea, high fevers and the loss of her hair. An allergic

reaction at one point caused her to **Project ♥ Linus** lose vital signs.

"She doesn't understand what cancer means," her mother says. "She's a very joyous and happy person, very curious." Her mother hopes Laura can start preschool next spring. After reading the article, Karen Loucks decided to provide new handmade security blankets to Denver's Rocky Mountain Children's Cancer Center, and Project Linus was born. There are now over 300 chapters in all 50 states with an estimated 80,000 volunteers nationwide. We must admit, as quilters, we hope that we are in a small way making a difference in some child's life in our local area. If you need a break from holiday activities and would like to spend a few quiet hours making a quilt for a child, the sewing room will be open. We have a few sewing machines, material and kits available. Just bring your sewing tools.

Contact: 520-825-9611,
lobby@santacatalinaparish.org



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. †



Living out the Parish Mission

Through a recent encounter with a friend in need, it was obvious that our Parish Mission is being lived out and is not just words on paper.

We recently had a woman come to our office for assistance with a large utility bill. Her husband had a sudden, serious medical issue and was unable to work. They had two children and she was very concerned because she had to find a job, as she was a stay at home mom. Her search was made harder because she needed flexible hours to take her husband to doctor appointments.

We were able to help her with her rent and the utility bill to relieve the immediate pressure so she

had time to find a job. In addition, we gave her resources to find a job. We also provided a listening ear and heartfelt prayers for her situation. Her relief at knowing that we were here to help was obvious.

Your support of our conference is the blessing that turns the tide in the lives of the people we encounter. If you are interested in becoming a Vincentian, please contact us at svdpcatalina@gmail.com or (520) 825 8288.

God Bless.



Are you thinking of volunteering at Santa Catalina?

It is important that you go through the volunteer application process.

The Diocese of Tucson requires that all volunteers go through a compliance process in order to volunteer. It is very important to ensure that volunteers, particularly those that might work with vulnerable people, are properly screened and trained.

This process, while not difficult, has several steps and can be time-consuming. If you are still trying

to figure out where you would like to share your talents with the parish, we recommend that you start the process, so that you are approved by the time you are ready to volunteer.

Our Office Administrator, Donna Opsatnick is our Compliance Officer. Please contact her by calling 520-825-9611 if you want to start the process and she can provide the details. You can apply online with the Diocese of Tucson or come to the Parish Office which now has a dedicated computer to assist volunteers who may need help. †

Outreach

After careful consideration, we have determined that our resources can be more effectively utilized by focusing on providing additional bed space and ensuring a safe, supportive environment for our guests. Therefore, we will halt the acceptance of used clothing donations and home goods effective immediately.

Through our wonderful partnership with Bringing Out the Best (5320 E. Speedway Blvd), they will be accepting donations on our behalf on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 11am -3pm. This change will allow us to provide an overnight space for an additional 12 women. Thank you for your continued support for women who are unhoused.

Sr. Jose Has Changed Its Donation Process

- For A Good Reason - Facility Expansion Project

Changes to donation process for

Sr. Jose - Donations We Accept:

New, seasonal clothing (with tags), pet food and supplies, gently used rolling luggage, blankets, backpacks, gently used walking shoes and bras, new underwear and socks, toiletries (toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant, etc.), feminine hygiene products, and adult incontinence products.



Please drop off donations at the front desk at 1050 S Park Avenue. Park in any open space when you arrive. New donation hours: Wed, Thu, Sat, 12pm-3:30pm. †