

# Santa Catalina

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# Catholic Church

A REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

January 25-26, 2025

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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

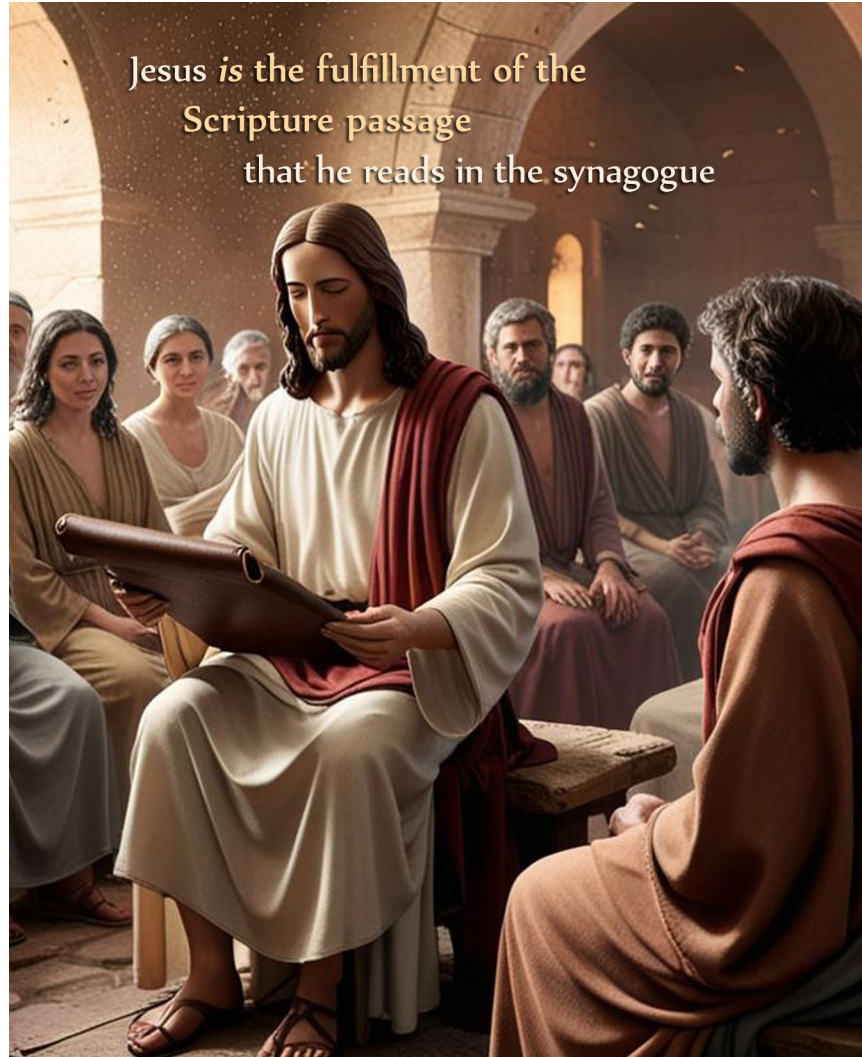
First Friday of the month  
at 8:00 am Mass  
... or by appointment

## 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



Jesus is the fulfillment of the  
Scripture passage  
that he reads in the synagogue

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Parish Mission:

As members of God's Faith Community at Santa Catalina Catholic Parish, we commit our lives to being the voice, hands, and spirit of Christ, as our way of continuing God's call to love and peace.

### Misión Parroquial:

Como miembros de la Comunidad de Fe de Dios en la Parroquia Católica Santa Catalina, comprometemos nuestras vidas a ser la voz, las manos y el espíritu de Cristo, como nuestra forma de continuar el llamado de Dios al amor y la paz.

## Parish Vision:

Together as a parish, we will strengthen our spiritual and personal lives so we can live out our mission as disciples. Led by the Redemptorist Charism, we will follow Christ the Redeemer, to build communities where all people can encounter the message of plentiful redemption, to serve the most abandoned, to minister to those in need and to be evangelized by them.



**Visión Parroquial:** Juntos como parroquia, fortaleceremos nuestra vida espiritual y personal para que podamos vivir nuestra misión como discípulos. Guiados por el Carisma Redentorista, seguiremos a Cristo Redentor, para construir comunidades donde todas las personas puedan encontrar el mensaje de abundante redención, y servir a los más abandonados, ministrar a los necesitados y ser evangelizados por ellos.

## Join Our Vibrant Parish Community - Become a Part of Santa Catalina Parish

We invite you to join our dynamic and welcoming parish family. As a member of Santa Catalina Parish, you will find opportunities to deepen your faith, connect with others, and make a meaningful impact in our community.

### To Join our parish

- Visit our website at [www.santacatalinaparish.org](http://www.santacatalinaparish.org) to register online
- Stop by the parish office and ask Donna, to provide a paper registration form

We look forward to welcoming you to our parish family.

### To Support our Parish Mission

We rely on your generosity to continue serving our community. There are two easy ways to share your gift with Santa Catalina Parish:

- **Online Giving:** sign up on our website at: <https://osvhub.com/santa-catalina-church/giving/funds>
- **Envelope Program:** Contact our parish office to learn more about our envelope program



**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.



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## This Week's Meetings (Jan 27—Feb 2)

Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
<b>Mon, Jan 27</b>	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
	10:00 AM	Sacred Scripture Study - The Prophets	Mesquite, Ocotillo Rooms
	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	Church
	5:30 PM	Music Ministry - Bilingual Choir	Church
	6:00 PM	Mental Health Focus - Monday Session	Saguaro Room
<b>Tue, Jan 28</b>	9:30 AM	Yoga Faith	Catalina Room
	1:30 PM	Arts & Crafts for All	Cholla Room
	4:00 PM	5 PM Mass Choir Rehearsal	Church
	6:00 PM	Men's Prayer Group	Marian Room
	6:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group	Saguaro Room
<b>Wed, Jan 29</b>	8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
	9:00 AM	Cultivando Mi Fe	Mesquite Room
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
	1:00 PM	Understanding Sunday Scripture	Catalina Room
<b>Thu, Jan 30</b>	4:30 PM	Faith Formation Classes K-8th	Mesquite, Ocotillo, Cholla Rooms
	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian Room
	6:30 PM	Sacred Scripture Study - The Prophets	Mesquite, Ocotillo Rooms
<b>Fri, Jan 31</b>	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian Room
	9:00 AM	Friday Faith Fellowship - The Chosen	Catalina Room
<b>Sat, Feb 1</b>	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
	-	Parish Food Drive	Portico
<b>Sun, Feb 2</b>	-	Parish Food Drive	Porticio
	8:00 AM	Faith Formation Classes K-8th	Mesquite, Ocotillo, Cholla Rooms
	12:15 PM	O.C.I.A. & Confirmation	Conference Room

## Word of God is Spirit and Life

We have so many appealing distractions: the television, the computer, and especially our phones. We can spend the day watching and searching for things that lead nowhere. Where do we set our eyes, our thoughts? Jesus didn't have these tools to proclaim the Kingdom of God. He read from the Prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me" (Luke 4:18). That same Spirit is within us, waiting to be together and gaze at one another.

The entire synagogue was attentive, their eyes fixed on Him. He said: "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21). The prophecy also foretells His disciples becoming ministers of this mission: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of peace!" (Isaiah 52:7). Christ's messengers would soon travel the world, filling every corner with His doctrine. Let us always remember that the Word of God is spirit and life. ©LPi †

All are welcome to attend the Cathedral Concert Series, featuring live classical music made available at no charge to attendees by the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Tucson. The community is encouraged to enjoy this season's classical music by reserving seats in advance at [tucsoncathedralconcerts.org](http://tucsoncathedralconcerts.org).

**February 11, 2025 ~ William Wolfram, Piano**

American pianist William Wolfram has appeared with many of the greatest orchestras of the world and has

## Diocese of Tucson Cathedral Concert

developed a special reputation as the rare concerto soloist who is also equally versatile and adept as a recitalist, accompanist, and chamber musician. Enjoy his transportive performance in Our Lady's Chapel at 6:30pm.

Check the website for more information on the 2025 offerings. [www.tucsoncathedralconcerts.org](http://www.tucsoncathedralconcerts.org) - **No Tickets Required.** †

## World Day of the Sick Mass

We invite you to a special Mass to honor the World Day of the Sick.

**Date & Time:** Saturday, Feb 15, at 10:00 AM

**Location:** St. Thomas the Apostle - 5150 N. Valley View Rd.

**Highlights of the Celebration:**

**Principal Celebrant:**

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger, J.C.L.

- Anointing of the Sick
- Blessing of Caregivers
- Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes
- Distribution of Lourdes Water

We hope to see you there. †

## Marriage Anniversary Mass 2025

Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger warmly invites you to a special Mass honoring couples celebrating significant marriage anniversaries in 2025. This celebration is for those who have received the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and are marking their 1st, 5th, 10th, 25th, 50th, 60th, or longer wedding anniversaries this year.

**When:** Sun Feb 16, at 2:30 p.m.

**Where:** St. Augustine Cathedral, 192 S. Stone Ave.

All are welcome to join in this joyful celebration. To be recognized please register by Friday Feb 7 at <https://forms.office.com/r/KmvdLX6Kbi> †



## Forgiveness. and the Power to Heal - Retreat by Fr. Charlie Wehrley, C.S.S. R.

February 8, 2025 for 9am - 3 pm. Redemptorist Renewal Center - 7101 W. Picture Rocks Rd  
Call 520-744-3400 to register - \$55 per person, includes lunch and handouts

Forgiveness liberates us from betrayal, anger, and resentment, embodying the way of Jesus. It empowers us to reclaim control from those who have hurt us and grants inner peace. Through His great love and forgiveness, Jesus Christ redeemed us. Forgiveness is central to His Great Commandment of Love: love God, your neighbor, yourself—even your enemy—as He loves us. Yet, many reject this teaching, refusing to

forgive those who hurt them or even themselves for past mistakes. Unforgiveness traps us, breaking our relationships with God, others, and ourselves. We cannot expect forgiveness from God or others if we withhold it. Redemption begins in our hearts through love, forgiveness, and reconciliation. If your heart is burdened by unforgiveness, this retreat offers freedom from past pain. †

**Join the Friday Faith Fellowship:** We'll be watching Season 1 of "The Chosen," a popular series about the life of Jesus and his chosen disciples. It's like Bible study without the homework! Come for fellowship, snacks, and discussion as we explore our faith together. †

## Parish Game Night

Are you looking for Food, Fun and Fellowship?



Join us for Parish Game Night on February 8th from 5 pm to 8 pm. We have something for everyone - a delicious dinner, board games, cards, lots of laughs and fellowship. This is a fun night for everyone ages 3 to 103.

¿Buscas comida, diversión, compañerismo y camaradería? Únase a nosotros para la noche de juegos parroquial el 8 de febrero de 5 p.m. a 8 p.m. Tenemos algo para todos: una deliciosa cena, juegos de mesa, cartas, muchas risas, compañerismo y camaradería. Esta es una noche divertida para todos, desde los 3 hasta los 103 años.

Por favor traiga un postre para compartir.

## Don't Forget the Sassy Solos Meeting

The Sassy Solos will meet on February 6th at 11 am in the Ocotillo Room.



Our group encourages a social outlet for our members. Our meetings are open to single women who enjoy getting together for lunches, dinner, plays, local outings and events. †

## No olvides la reunión de los "Sassy Solos"

Los "Sassy Solos" se reunirán el 6 de febrero a las 11 am en el Salón Ocotillo.

Nuestro grupo fomenta un encuentro social para nuestros miembros. Nuestras reuniones están abiertas a mujeres solteras que disfrutan de reunirse para almuerzos, cenas, obras de teatro, salidas locales y otros eventos. †

## Warning Signs and Risk Factors for Emotional Distress

- Eating or sleeping too much or too little
- Anger, feeling edgy or lashing out at others
- Overwhelming sadness
- Pulling away from people and things
- Not connecting with others
- Lack of energy or always feeling tired
- Feeling like you have to keep busy
- Having unexplained aches and pains, such as constant stomachaches or headaches
- Feeling helpless or hopeless
- Excessive smoking, drinking, or using drugs, including prescription medications
- Worrying a lot of the time; feeling guilty but not sure why

- Thinking of hurting or killing yourself or someone else
- Having difficulty readjusting to home or work life



SAMHSA's Disaster Distress Helpline provides counseling and support to people experiencing emotional distress related to natural or human-caused disasters. Disaster Distress Helpline SAMHSA. Call or text 1-800-985-5990. For more information go to [samhsa.gov/DDH](http://samhsa.gov/DDH).

If you are interested in the Mental Health Ministry or need information on resources for you or your loved one living with a mental illness send an e-mail to [mhm@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:mhm@santacatalinaparish.org). †



## Pastoral

### Meet the Pastoral Council - Dennis Blackall

I grew up a “Navy Brat”; moving every few years, mostly up and down the East Coast from Portsmouth, RI to Atlantic Beach, FL. I married my high school sweetheart (Laura) and joined the Coast Guard. We moved around the country for more than 38 years, then retired. Since retirement, we have followed our daughter, son-in-law and three grandkids first to Schertz, TX and finally in 2017 to Catalina.

Our passion since retirement has been interacting with the grandkids, serving our parish and serving



DENNIS BLACKALL

those in need within our local community. While in Schertz, we served in the church food bank and found that the Santa Catalina Saint Vincent de Paul’s service to the poor is a very good fit for us. As a member of the Pastoral Council and current President of Santa Catalina Saint Vincent de Paul Conference, I enjoy working with our many wonderful parishioners in helping those in need and making our parish a welcoming place to be. ✚



### A Do-Over, Please

I once discovered an amazing concept used in middle school sports: the “do-over.” When something goes wrong in a game, you simply call “do-over!” and get a fresh start. Imagine if life worked that way—regrettable words, broken relationships, illness, job loss, or even losing faith could be erased with a simple “do-over!”

While life doesn’t offer “do-overs,” there’s Good News: God never abandons us. Stephen Ministers are Christ’s hands and heart, bringing hope and healing to those who are hurting. Compassionate, trustworthy, and full of faith, they provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to help you

navigate life’s challenges. They listen without judgment, walk alongside you, and remind you that you’re not alone on your journey to healing.

If you or someone you know could benefit from Stephen Ministry, please reach out. Contact the church office at 520-825-9611 or Judy Rossman at [StephenMinistry@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:StephenMinistry@santacatalinaparish.org). All inquiries are completely confidential.

Find peace and hope in your life again—God’s love is always ready to restore and renew. ✚



### New Round of GriefShare Scheduled

Losing a loved one is an incredibly difficult and emotional experience. GriefShare is a Christian-based program designed to provide support during this challenging time. It offers video presentations, workbook materials, and group discussions to help you understand and cope with grief. Participants can register and purchase the required workbook for \$20 at



the first session they attend, receiving valuable resources to guide them through the grieving process.

Thirteen Sessions: Fridays, 10:00AM - 12:00, February 7 - May 9, 2025

No session on Good Friday, April 18, 2025

Call the parish office (520-825-9611) for more information, or pick up a brochure in the narthex. ✚

## The Surprising Lives of Saints - presented by Sister Karen Berry, OSF

Thursdays starting Feb 13 through March 20

10:00-11:30 in the Saguaro Room

During this course, we will hear stories of normal people living in extraordinary times and making hard decisions. The stories will be about regular people and their worries, crises, and troubles. They will be official and unofficial saints from the early days of Christianity to modern times. These stories will hopefully help us to recognize our own call to holiness. Please call the parish office to register. A \$5.00 fee for materials can be paid at the first class.

This is Part One of a two-part course (Part Two next winter).

### Schedule:

- Feb. 13 - Saints in General and Philip Neri
- Feb. 20 - Peter, Mary Magdalene, Perpetua, and Felicity
- Feb. 27 - Empress Irene and Queen Radegund
- Mar. 6 - Saint Making in the Middle Ages
- Mar. 13 - Margaret of Cortona and Thomas Aquinas
- Mar. 20 - Saints and the Protestant Reformation



## New Scripture Study - The Prophets - Messengers of God's Mercy—Begins this Week



Every Monday at 10:00 AM for 8 sessions (started January 13) or every Thursday at 6:30 PM for 8 sessions (started January 15).

If we consider that God is the

Divine Bridegroom and the Church is his Bride, then the prophets can be seen as “spiritual marriage counselors.” They afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted, calling us to return to our covenant relationship with God. They urge us to repentance, warn us of the dangers of sin, and announce the blessings of faithfulness. Their prophetic words speak to us even today, as

they draw us closer to our heavenly Bridegroom.

Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For more information or to register, contact Rogene Small at [ocia@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:ocia@santacatalinaparish.org) or call the parish office. †

## The Traveling Vocations Cross

... is a weekly program to pray for Catholic vocations. Parishioners attend either the 4 PM or 5 PM Mass, where the priest presents the Cross to the week's participant at the altar. Participants pray for vocations throughout the week and return the Cross

before the same Mass the following weekend. Ministry members will be outside after the designated Masses to assist with sign-ups. Join us in promoting Catholic vocations through prayer. †



## Gospel Reflection

A young couple in my parish told me they were expecting their second child, a baby boy. I knew that their five-year old only child Emma had been desperately wanting to be a big sister for years, so I said, "Emma must have been so happy when you told her the news." "Actually," they said, "she burst into tears. She wanted a baby *sister!*" How often in life God wonderfully fulfills our desires and we are sad because we don't approve of the *way* he does it. We want to control the gift and the delivery method.

The same thing occurs in the Gospel this week when Jesus announces in his hometown that the promise of an Anointed One bringing glad tidings to the poor is "fulfilled in your hearing" (Luke 4:21).



Tenemos tantas cosas atrayentes y entretenidas que nos distraen grandemente. La televisión, la computadora, y sobre todo nuestro teléfono; podemos pasar el día entero viendo y buscando cosas que no nos llevan a ningún lado. Cabe pues, que nos preguntemos lo siguiente: ¿Dónde ponemos nuestros ojos, nuestro pensamiento? Jesús, no tenía nada de estos instrumentos para anunciar el Reino de Dios. A Él se le entregó el rollo del Profeta Isaías, y leyó lo siguiente: "El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí" (Lucas 4:18). Y ese mismo Espíritu de Dios está en nosotros, esperando que llegue un momento del día para estar juntos y mirarnos.

Toda la sinagoga estaba atenta con los ojos clavados

After a moment of elation, his fellow townsfolk realize *this man* is the way God is fulfilling his promises, and they erupt into a violent outburst. So Jesus departs. How sad for them.

Every single Sunday at Mass, including this one, some version of this happens to many of us. God's word announces the fulfillment of God's promises in Christ, and we easily overlook or disdain it. His way is almost never according to our narrow expectations.

What's required of us is to set these aside, and to embrace a new openness to God's gifts, no matter how he wishes to give them. God is fulfilling his promises the way He likes — why be sad?

— Father John Muir ©LPi †

en él. Y les dijo: "Hoy se cumplen estas palabras proféticas y a ustedes les llegan noticias de ello" (Lucas 4:21). "Cristo es el autor y guía de toda actividad evangélica que está expuesta.

También la profecía predice que después de él sus propios discípulos serán los ministros de esta tarea cuando dice: "¡Qué hermosos son los pies del mensajero cuando anuncia la paz!" (Isaías 52:7). Se refiere a los pies hermosos de los mensajeros de Cristo. ¿Cómo no iban a ser hermosos, si en breve tiempo iban a recorrer el mundo e iban a llenar cada rincón de la tierra con esa santa doctrina del Salvador?" (Eusebio de Cesarea (260-340 La Demostración evangélica). Recordemos siempre, que la Palabra de Dios es espíritu y vida. ©LPi †



## This Week's Liturgy Schedule (Jan 27-Feb 2)

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention	By
Mon, Jan 27	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	† Gene Mullaly	Gerry Dugan
			† Robert Hasty	Rita Quin
Tue, Jan 28	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	† Alex & Carmella Caira	Joyce Watt
Wed, Jan 29	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	† Pauline Palma	Rita Quin
			† Garrith Bowman	the Walsh family
Thu, Jan 30	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	† Ronda Hasty	Rita Quin
Fri, Jan 31	8:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	† John Dugan	Gerry Dugan
			† Steve T. Graca	Chris & Deb Auclair
Sat, Feb 1	4:00 PM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	† Dale Sieverding	Sophie Zvonar
	7:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	† Judith A. Moncevicz & Vincent Bellian	Paul & Susan Moncevicz
Sun, Feb 2	9:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	† Michael Lee York	Thelma York & family
			† Donald Harris	Pat Lotker
				Fred & Karen Haider 55th wedding anniversary
	11:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer		For those affected by California fires
	5:00 PM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	† Benjamin Bonneprise	Elaine Schachtner

### Today's Readings:

**First Reading:** Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. (Neh 8:8)

**Second Reading:** For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:12)

**Gospel:** He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Lk 1:21)

**Psalm:** Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life. (Ps 19)

### Readings for the week of January 26, 2025\*

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21  
Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30  
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35  
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20  
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25  
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41



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## Prayers for Our Parishioners

Mimi Cuono	Ronald Fuhrmann	Genna Vallinoto	William Pyklla
Anita Garcia	Robert Perry	Kayla Cunningham	Gary DeVault
David W. Maloney	Diane Clark	Julie Halvas	Linda Slivinski
Sr. Jean Mariani	Ty Vallinoto	Fr. Pat Grile	Molly Minke
Lawrence Breving	Nicole Vallinoto	Robert Shelby	Gloria Carbajal
Leslie Fore	Bernie Vertnik		

## These Evil Days *By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

“Alas, that these evil days should be mine.”

If you’ve ever seen “The Lord of the Rings,” you might recognize this quote from “The Two Towers.” The words are spoken by King Theoden at the grave of his only son and heir, as Theoden contemplates the coming war for Middle Earth, a war which has already claimed the life of his son, a war he wants no part of, a war that seems utterly hopeless and unwinnable.

### *These evil days.*

You don’t have to be a fantasy enthusiast or even a Tolkien fan to identify with Theoden here. We have all experienced this same feeling of despair, perhaps increasingly in this age of technology and social media, when the ills of the whole world — violence, injustice, moral disorder and chaos — are in our

faces, on our phones, looming over our days.

But when we despair like this, we forget an important truth: this is the time of fulfillment, and we are lucky enough to be living through it.

Yes, the world is broken. It was broken two thousand years ago, too, when Jesus stood up in the synagogue on the Sabbath and read the words of the prophet Isaiah: “He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives...and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.”

Jesus didn’t come to fix the brokenness of the world. He came to fix *our* brokenness. He offers us not relief from the trials of life, but an answer to the question of how to live in joy, in love and in purpose in the midst of these evil days. ©LPi †

	12/28-12/29	Christmas 12/24-12/25	Total
Offertory	\$ 17,796	\$ 26,409	\$ 44,205
Major Maintenance	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250
2024 Offertory	<b>\$ 18,046</b>	<b>\$ 26,409</b>	<b>\$ 44,455</b>
2024 Attendance	1,084	1405	2,489
Rectory	\$ 570		\$ 570
2023 Offertory	<b>\$ 14,623</b>	<b>\$ 19,627</b>	<b>\$ 34,250</b>

## Examination of Conscience ... *Explained*

The practice of examining one’s conscience before the Sacrament of Reconciliation dates to early Christianity and was encouraged by saints as a path to virtue. It simply means reflecting on actions and intentions since the last absolution, noting lapses to confess. Reflection often draws from the Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, and seven deadly sins. †

## Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Blessing of Candles February 1 & 2

The weekend of February 1st and 2nd marks the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, or Candlemas Day, commemorating Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the temple 40 days after His birth for the rites of purification and dedication.

Since the seventh century, the Church has blessed candles on this day, symbolizing Christ as the "Light of the World." Traditionally, the faithful bring candles to be blessed at church, using them

throughout the year as a sign of Christ's presence.

At Santa Catalina, parishioners are invited to bring their candles to the weekend Masses for a blessing. 7-Day candles will also be available for purchase before Masses for \$6.00 each.

For questions, contact Sophie at 520-825-9611, ext. 105. Celebrate this beautiful tradition with a meaningful blessing of light. ✚

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## Blessings of Throats - Feast day of St. Blaise

### Monday, February 3

Celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise, the patron saint of throat ailments, known for saving a boy choking on a fishbone. A key tradition is the Blessing of Throats, where a priest or deacon places two blessed candles around the neck while offering prayers for protection and healing.

At Santa Catalina, the Blessing of Throats will be

held after daily Mass on Monday, February 3. All are welcome to participate in this meaningful tradition, seeking St. Blaise's intercession for health and protection.



Join us to honor this beloved saint and partake in this sacred blessing! ✚

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## Love as a Theological Virtue

Charles Shultz, the creator of the *Peanuts* comics wrote, "I love mankind ... it's people I can't stand!" This good humored comment gets at an important truth. St. John wrote a very strong statement in one of his letters: "If anyone says 'I love God,' but hates his brother, he is a liar; for whoever does not love a brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20).

How often do we say "I love the homeless," but ignore the parish food drive? Or insist on the importance of respecting others, but don't bother to say hello to our cashier? If we can't love an individual person, we might not love people like we think, and we certainly need to work on our love for God.

Love is "the theological virtue by which we love God above all things for His own sake, and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God" (CCC 1822).

God knows acts of love of Him and others isn't always easy. So He invites us to pray for the grace to do it. The virtue of love gives us the grace and strength we need to offer our lives to God and love people in our lives, especially those who are difficult to respect, tolerate, and care for. Real love, of course, is risky. Real love wills the good of the other when we just want good for ourselves. Real love gets up on the cross when we'd prefer to take a nap in Gethsemane. Real love changes things.

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# Outreach

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

Join the next Local Immersion Tour on February 19th and 21st 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](mailto:sajm@santacatalinaparish.org). †

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## Monthly Food Drive: Weekend of Feb 1-2



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. †

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## Foster Teen Hygiene Item Collection Event

### Save the weekend dates of Feb. 8-9, 2025

Many people don't realize the urgency when Child Protective Services (CPS) removes a teen from their home. Teens often leave with nothing, and foster families may not be fully prepared for their arrival. To support these teens, we collect essential items to provide them with basic necessities and comfort.

### How You Can Help

Donations Needed:

- Clothing: Boxer shorts (Large) for boys and panties (Large) for girls.
- Hygiene Products: Toothpaste, toothbrushes, and other toiletries.
- Comfort Items: Blankets and water bottles.

### Packaging the Donations:

- Items are placed in handmade drawstring bags sewn by SCCC parishioners.

- Each bag includes a pocket for the daily devotional book *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young.

### Event Details

- Collection Dates: All Masses on the weekend of February 8-9, 2025.
- Annual Distribution: We distribute 50 bags each month, totaling approximately 750 bags annually, including during special events.

Your generosity makes a significant difference in the lives of foster teens. Thank you for your support!

Contact: Deb Auclair,  
[sajm@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:sajm@santacatalinaparish.org) †





## December Highlights from Sr. Jose Women's Center

This December, we celebrated 19 guests who successfully moved into long-term shelter, apartments, boarding rooms, or found housing with family. These individuals came through our day program at Sr. Jose, where our Care Coordinators worked tirelessly with patience and dedication to meet their unique needs. Additionally, one guest, who had been housed at Sr. Jose for a year, transitioned to an assisted living facility—a significant step forward in their journey.



### Gratitude and Donations

We are grateful for donations returning to normal levels and for our volunteers, who play a critical role in organizing the retail shop and assisting guests with their daily needs.

### Winter Donations Needed:

- Jeans, sweats, leggings, jackets, and hoodies
- Backpacks and luggage
- Hygiene items (especially body wash)
- Ceramic mugs for the kitchen

If you can donate, contact us at [sajm@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:sajm@santacatalinaparish.org) for pick-up information.

### Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity

The next Prospective Volunteer Information Session will be held on February 1 at 1:00 PM. If you're interested in helping, please join us at the center.

### Believe in Me Campaign

This campaign provides a safety net for individuals who are precariously housed. A single overdue rent payment, lost wages due to illness, or an unexpected expense can create a crisis. These individuals are working hard to stay off the streets and rebuild their lives. It takes a village to support them through tough times.

Visit <https://sisterjose.org/> to learn how you can get involved and make a difference.

Thank you for your continued support and compassion. †

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## Santa Catalina Prayer Shawl Ministry: Sharing Love and Warmth Through Handmade Creations

The Santa Catalina Prayer Shawl Ministry extends heartfelt gratitude for your generous donations of washable yarn. With your support, we have lovingly crocheted and knitted these materials into beautiful prayer shawls. Earlier this year, Fr. Huy blessed the shawls during Mass, and since then, over 100 have been shared with parishioners. Additionally, 20

shawls were delivered to Casa Alitas to support traveling migrants in Tucson. Beyond prayer shawls, we also craft baby blankets, hats, and scarves for the Christ Child Society and the Sister Jose Women's Center. We are deeply thankful for the skills and time that allow us to create these meaningful gifts. †



# Outreach

## St. Vincent de Paul & Sub for Santa to the Rescue



Just before Christmas, SVDP received a call from a very distraught single Mom of a 5-year-old little girl. The Mom had

unexpectedly lost her job and was not prepared for Christmas. She desperately wanted to have Christmas presents for her daughter Christmas morning. We knew our parish Sub for Santa program had just wrapped up.

So, we called Judy Ludwig, the Sub for Santa Chair, hoping there were a few unclaimed gifts for the



situation. Judy did not hesitate to take it on; with Father Huy's blessing and help from Santa's elves,

they contacted the Mom to get some information and then shopped for and dropped off gifts and food cards. SVDP was able to help the young family financially, but Sub for Santa's elves saved Christmas. †



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