

January 4-5, 2025

Santa Catalina

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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



The Epiphany of the Lord

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, administrar 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

To Join our parish

- Visit our website at 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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Liturgical Calendar 2025 (Year C)

Liturgical Seasons

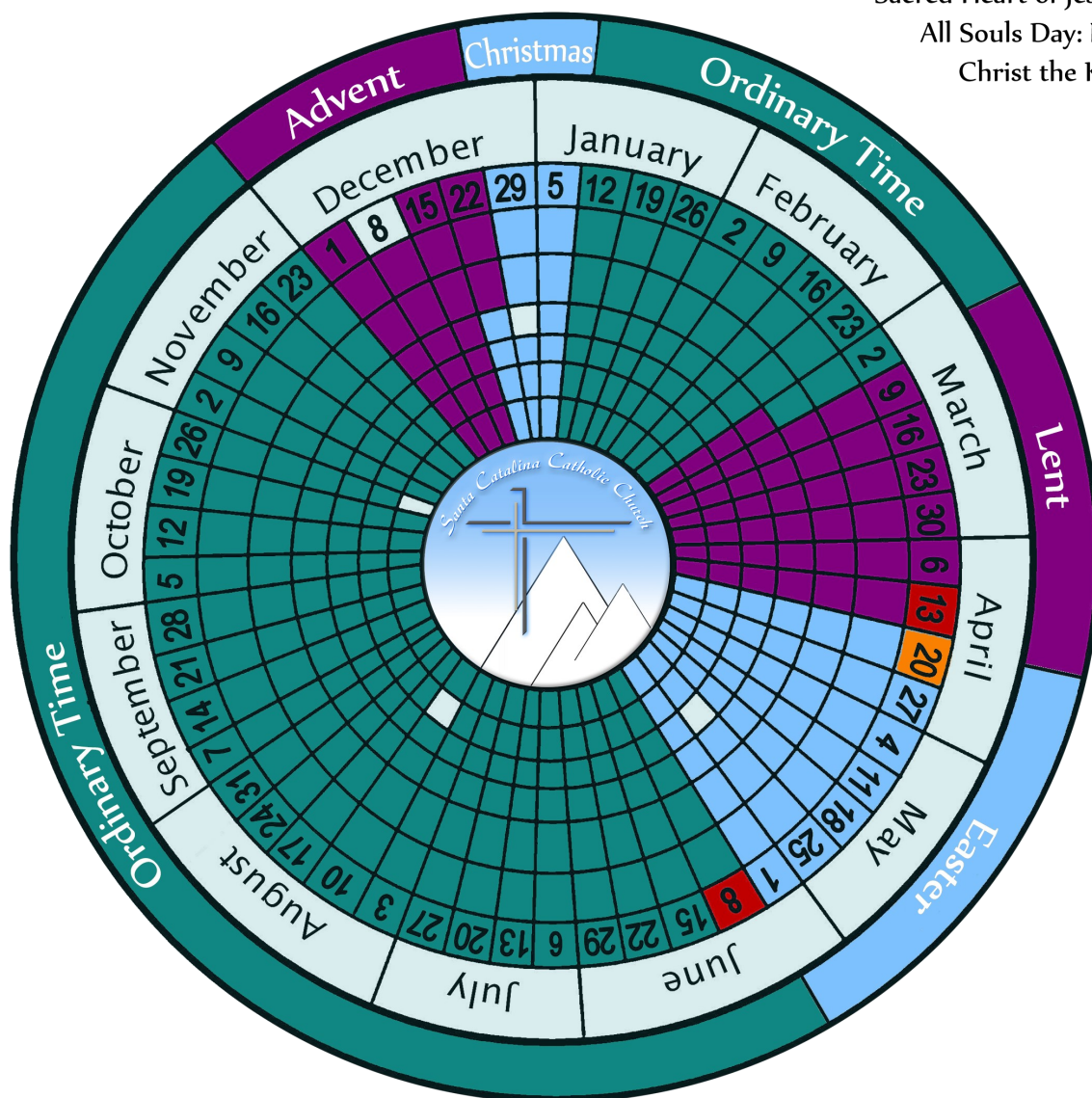
Advent: Dec 1 - Dec 24
 Christmas: Dec 25 - Jan 11
 Ordinary Time:
 Jan 12 - March 4
 June 9 - Nov 29
 Lent: March 5 - April 16
 Triduum: April 17 - April 19
 Easter: April 20 - June 7

Holy Days of Obligation

All Sundays throughout the year
 Mary Mother of God: January 1
 Easter: April 20
 Ascension of our Lord: May 29
 The Assumption of Our Lady: August 15
 Immaculate Conception: December 8
 The Nativity of our Lord: December 25

Special Feasts

Epiphany: Jan 5
 Ash Wednesday: Mar 5
 St. Joseph: Mar 19
 Palm Sunday: April 13
 Easter Sunday: April 20
 Pentecost: Jun 8
 Most Holy Body &
 Blood of Christ: Jun 22
 Sacred Heart of Jesus: June 27
 All Souls Day: Nov 2
 Christ the King: Nov 23



Our Apologies - The Liturgy and Meeting Schedules do not appear in this week's Bulletin due to Holiday Vacations and the advanced due dates required for printing the bulletin. Please check the website for the most up to date schedules. www.santacatalinaparish.org.

Santa Catalina is looking for a Communication Coordinator

In the communications coordinator role, you will work closely with various individuals on the church staff and ministry leaders to ensure that parish news, events, and other essential and timely information is communicated

through the appropriate channels. Success in this role will be demonstrated by effectively delivering the parish's message to the parishioners to encourage participation in achieving the parish mission.

Job Responsibilities and Duties

- Develops and implements communication plans
- Plans communications strategies
- Ensures all promotional materials comply with the diocesan and parish standards and strategies
- Creates content on multiple platforms such as parish websites, social media platforms and parish bulletins.
- Manages the company website and social media accounts
- Coordinates with cross-functional teams to ensure that they deliver content according to timelines and communication guidelines

Job Requirements

- Prior experience in a similar role
- Outstanding written, communication, and editing skills
- Time-management and organizational skills
- Proficient in MS Office, web analytics, and various social media applications
- Proficient in Adobe Photoshop and other editing software
- Proficient in web design and content updates
- Creative and innovative

How do I dispose of broken statues, rosaries, and other blessed religious items?

As Catholics, we are accustomed to having religious objects "blessed." Religious objects must be treated with reverence whenever they have been blessed and/or dedicated for sacred purposes. When these blessed items, such as rosaries, crucifixes, and statues, become broken or damaged, they should be disposed of respectfully.

Here are the proper methods:

- **Donating:** If the item is still intact and usable, consider donating it to Santa Catalina or someone who might need it. Please drop them off at the Parish Office if you wish to donate your blessed items. Do not leave them randomly in the church for someone else to deal with. ☒
- **Burning:** Items like rosaries, palm branches, and altar cloths can be burned. Burning them is considered a respectful way to dispose of your religious items that were blessed by a priest. After

burning, the ashes should be buried.

- **Burying:** If burning is not feasible, the items can be buried directly in the ground. This act is deemed a respectful way to part with blessed items, honoring their sacred significance.

If devotionals have not been blessed, such as some of the holy cards and such that come through the mail, those are simply pictures and can be thrown away. If you feel uncomfortable throwing them away, you can burn or bury them as well.

The underlying principle is to return these sacred objects to the earth, reflecting their sanctified purpose. It is important to handle these items with care to maintain their sacredness. If you're unsure whether an item has been blessed, it's best to treat it as if it has been. What has been dedicated to God should be returned to God. Never should one "throw out" what has been dedicated to God.

Arts and Crafts' Upcoming Projects

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



During the months of February and March, the Arts and Crafts group will turn our attention to creating animal portraits using whatever medium you prefer. Watch for more information about this activity soon!

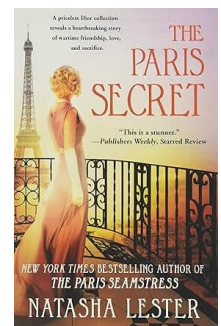
The Arts and Crafts group meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 1:30 - 3:30 in the Cholla Room.

Book Bunch Meeting Moved to January 16th

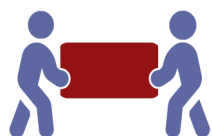


The Book Bunch meeting has had a date change for January. It will be January 16th at 1:00 pm in the Cholla room. They will be discussing *The Paris Secret* by Natasha Lester.

From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Paris Orphan* comes an unforgettable historical novel about a secret collection of Dior gowns that ties back to the first female pilots of WWII and a heartbreaking story of love and sacrifice.



Do You Have Time To Help Set-Up for Events at Church?



From time to time our Maintenance Coordinator, Dave Geer, could use some help

setting up tables and chairs for events in the Parish Hall. If you would like to volunteer time on an as-needed basis, please contact Dave at 520-825-9611, extension 103 to let him know that he can contact you when needed.

Thank you, in advance, for your Stewardship.

Do You Know About 988?

The **988 Lifeline** is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Get help for yourself or your loved one anytime you need it.



¿Conoces el 988?

El número 988, conocido como "988 Lifeline" es una red nacional de centros de crisis, a nivel local, que brindan apoyo emocional gratuito y confidencial a personas en crisis suicidas o angustia emocional las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana. No espere, obtenga ayuda para usted o su ser querido cuando la necesite.

Thanks, Bob



During the Pastoral Council Christmas Lunch, we took the opportunity to thank Bob Mariani for all his hard work as Leader of the Pastoral Council. This year, under Bob's leadership, the number of improvements and inspiring changes that the Pastoral Council accomplished are too numerous to count. Some of the notable ones - extended Adoration hours,, Pastoral Council members personally welcoming new parishioners, a streamlined registration process, the raised

awareness for the diverse ministries at Santa Catalina, the bulletin and website and the Ministry Fair. So feel free to give Bob a smile and say "Thanks Bob", for all you've done this year!



LESLIE FORE, BOB MARIANI

God Bless, Pastoral Council

We Are Seeking Adorers To Sign Up For Adoration

We are seeking dedicated volunteers to support our Adoration Ministry and help ensure the Blessed Sacrament is always attended. As we aim for sustainability in our spiritual practices, we rely on volunteers to commit to specific hours at the church, either weekly or as substitutes. Your presence is a vital part of maintaining this sacred tradition.

Adoration takes place every Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., with hours beginning on the half-hour. We are especially in need of volunteers for

afternoon and evening shifts. If you are interested in helping, please reach out via email at pc@santacatalinaparish.org.

Everyone is invited to spend time in the presence of our Lord during Adoration. Your support will greatly enhance this powerful ministry, providing a peaceful, prayerful environment for all who come to worship. Thank you for considering how you can contribute to this important part of our faith community. ✚



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 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. †



Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini Reflection:

The journey of the magi would have been treacherous and uncomfortable. Imagine the peace in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was. It was an epiphany for them. It can be the same for us.

The Answer

Have you ever had an epiphany?

I'll confess that I've never spent much time reflecting on the term "epiphany." In my head, there has always been a strict separation of church and state when it comes to this word. I think of the religious feast of the Epiphany, when we celebrate the magi's encounter with the Christ Child, as totally distinct from our modern understanding of the ancient Greek word *epipháneia*, which means "manifestation" or "appearance."

"I've had an epiphany," I have said many times before, and what I mean is that I have come to a long-awaited realization. I have received the answer to a question which has perplexed me, perhaps troubled me. I now know what course of action I

must take.

"Today is the Epiphany," I say to my children when we make a king cake and bring the little magi figures to our Nativity beneath the Christmas tree (which will, after today, be put back into storage, for the Christmas season has come to its fulfillment).

And I've always thought I meant I was saying two very different things.

But today, I ponder the journey of the magi, one that must have often been treacherous and uncomfortable. I think about their meeting with Herod, a situation that certainly was fraught with tension and fear. And I imagine the feeling in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. I think of the peace they must have felt. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was.

It was an epiphany for them — a discovery of truth. An answer.

It should be the same for us. - ©LPi

Epiphany of the Lord: Reflection

Have you ever wondered why the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, "Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-

like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.



What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

La Epifanía del Señor

Estamos aún en un ambiente navideño, la alegría perdura todavía en nuestro corazón y en el ambiente. El Evangelio nos narra que los Magos, obedeciendo la voz de su conciencia y guiados por una estrella, se ponen en marcha. Deseaban reconocer a Dios para ofrecerle sus regalos de oro, incienso y mirra. Después de investigar y preguntar, se aseguran de continuar el camino. Su esfuerzo no fue en vano, ellos fueron capaces de encontrarlo: "Al entrar a la casa vieron al niño con María, su madre; se arrodillaron y le adoraron" (Mateo 2:11). ¿Cuáles han sido mis esfuerzos en esta Navidad para encontrar a Dios? ¿A quien he preguntado para ser guiado y llegar a Él?

Para ver el misterio de Dios, debemos prepararnos.

Esto implica movimiento, bondad, y sencillez. Solo así, experimentaremos la grandeza de Dios y lograremos ver nuestra pequeñez. Callar y percibir el ambiente del Evangelio de esta Liturgia es esencial para una limpieza del corazón. Es tiempo de abandonar la terquedad de nuestra vida, la desconfianza e hipocresía que a veces tenemos guardada como Herodes. "Se dejaron guiar por el impulso de la luz celeste y mientras acompañaban con atenta contemplación la luz que los precedía, eran guiados al conocimiento de la verdad por el esplendor de la gracia" (San León Magno, Primer sermón de la Epifanía). Todos estamos invitados y tenemos derecho de mirar al cielo como los Magos y buscar la estrella que nos guía en el camino: ¡Jesús! ©LPi

Who Are Joachim and Anna And Why Do we Know About Them?

Joachim and Anna are known as the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is no biblical reference to them at all. So where do their names and story come from? Their names are mentioned in an apocryphal gospel called *The Infancy Gospel of James*. Apocryphal gospels are writings about the life of Jesus and related figures that were not accepted as inspired Scripture and thus excluded from the Bible. Despite this, these texts often influenced early Christian thought and devotion, resonating deeply within the community's imagination.

In *The Infancy Gospel of James*, the story begins with Joachim and Anna longing for a child. After much prayer and petition to God, their prayers are answered, and they are blessed with a daughter whom they name Mary. While we cannot know the true identity of Mary's parents, the tradition of honoring Joachim and Anna underscores the importance of family love and faith in the Christian life.

Centuries before the establishment of Grandparents' Day, the Church set aside a feast to honor the presumed grandparents of Jesus. This celebration not only reflects respect for the family lineage of Christ but also reminds us of the Savior's full humanity. Though the names Joachim and Anna stem from apocryphal sources, the reality of Jesus' human ancestry is a cornerstone of Christian belief. Jesus, the incarnate Word, lived among us as part of a human family. By venerating Joachim and Anna, we affirm our faith in the Incarnation — the mystery of God becoming human and choosing to dwell among us within the bonds of family love. ✚

¿Quiénes son Joaquín y Ana y por qué los conocemos?

Joachim y Ana son conocidos como los padres de María, la madre de Jesús, aunque no existe ninguna referencia bíblica sobre ellos. Entonces, ¿de dónde provienen sus nombres y cuál es su historia? Sus nombres aparecen en un evangelio apócrifo, conocido como "*El Evangelio de la Infancia de Santiago*". Los evangelios apócrifos, también llamados "ocultos," son relatos antiguos sobre la vida de Jesús que no fueron aceptados como obras inspiradas y, por lo tanto, no se incluyeron en el canon bíblico. A pesar de ello, estas narraciones a menudo captaron la imaginación de los cristianos, influyendo en su espiritualidad y devoción.

El evangelio de Santiago comienza con Joaquín y Ana, quienes deseaban fervientemente un hijo. En medio de sus oraciones y súplicas a Dios, sus peticiones fueron escuchadas, y recibieron la bendición de una hija, a quien llamaron María. Aunque no sabemos quiénes fueron realmente los padres de María, el hecho de que la Iglesia celebre la fiesta de Joaquín y Ana subraya la importancia del amor y la unidad familiar en la vida cristiana.

Mucho antes de que se estableciera el Día de los Abuelos, la Iglesia ya dedicaba una celebración a los presuntos abuelos de Jesús, destacando su papel dentro de la genealogía humana del Salvador. Si bien los nombres de Joaquín y Ana provienen de tradiciones apócrifas no inspiradas, la realidad de la humanidad de Cristo es indiscutible. Jesús, la Palabra encarnada, vivió entre nosotros como parte de una familia humana. Al honrar a los abuelos de Jesús, reafirmamos nuestra fe en la Encarnación: Dios se hizo hombre y eligió habitar entre nosotros en el seno de una familia. ✚

Spiritual



Ann Marie Arnold	Gino Di Gennaro	Nina Gravlin	Edward Pena
Bob Baker	Frank Di Rosa	David W. Maloney	Robert Perry
Lawrence Breving	Ronald Fuhrmann	Sr. Jean Mariani	Susann Rein
Mimi Cuono	Anita Garcia	Margarita Pena	Bob Stamer
Bill Terrazas	Renee Terrazas	Stacy Zieminski	Cheryl Woodward

✠ Dale Sieverding
✠ Elaine Ackerman

Today's Readings:

First Reading: Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading: It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel: "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)



Readings in English



Readings in Spanish

Readings for the week of January 5, 2025*

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30

The Holy Family — *Father John Muir*

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, "Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us." I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God's grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary "after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers..." (Luke

2:46). We don't know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: "Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously." The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God's presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before. ©LPi

Why Do We Do That - Catholic Life Explained

Epiphany

Question: Besides the Wise Men, what is significant about the Epiphany?

Answer:

Epiphany means “manifestation,” or public display. The feast is usually celebrated January 6. In the US, it is celebrated on the Sunday nearest to January 6. It originates from a story unique to Matthew (2:1-12). Magi from the East come to offer homage to the newborn King, presenting him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

This part of Matthew’s infancy narrative differs from Luke’s account of the birth of Jesus. In Luke there are no Magi, star, nor gifts. Luke has Jesus being born in a stable after Mary and Joseph’s long travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Matthew seems to have the family living in a house in Bethlehem, where the Magi find them.

Why these differences? They stem from the needs and concerns of the audience the authors were addressing, as well as the theological stance of each author. Knowing the original intention helps get at the correct interpretation of the text.

Since Matthew was writing primarily to a Jewish community, his concern was to show that Jesus did not come just for Jews, but for Gentiles as well. From his very birth, Jesus not only manifests himself to Jews, but also to Gentiles, who are prominently included in the manifestation, symbolized by the Magi and their journey. This is the most significant aspect of the feast of Epiphany. How do you manifest Jesus to all with whom you come into contact? ©LPi

¿Por Qué Hacemos Eso? - Vida Católica Explicada

Epifanía

Pregunta: Además de los Reyes Magos, ¿qué tiene de significativo la Epifanía?

Respuesta:

Epifanía significa “manifestación” o exhibición pública. La fiesta suele celebrarse el 6 de enero. En Estados Unidos, se celebra el domingo más cercano al 6 de enero. Se origina en una historia exclusiva de Mateo (2:1-12). Los magos de Oriente vienen a rendir homenaje al rey recién nacido, presentándole regalos de oro, incienso y mirra.

Esta parte de la narrativa de la infancia en Mateo difiere del relato de Lucas sobre el nacimiento de Jesús. En Lucas no hay Reyes Magos, ni estrellas, ni regalos. Lucas dice que Jesús nació en un establo después del largo viaje de María y José de Nazaret a Belén. Mateo parece tener a la familia viviendo en una casa en Belén, donde los Reyes Magos los encuentran.

¿Por qué estas diferencias? Se derivan de las necesidades y preocupaciones de la audiencia a la que se dirigían los autores, así como de la postura teológica de cada autor. Conocer la intención original ayuda a llegar a la interpretación correcta del texto.

Dado que Mateo estaba escribiendo principalmente a una comunidad judía, su preocupación era mostrar que Jesús no vino solo por los judíos, sino también por los gentiles. Desde su mismo nacimiento, Jesús no solo se manifiesta a los judíos, sino también a los gentiles, que están prominentemente incluidos en la manifestación, simbolizada por los Reyes Magos y su viaje. Este es el aspecto más significativo de la fiesta de la Epifanía. ¿Cómo manifiestas a Jesús a todos con los que entras en contacto? ©LPi

Outreach

The Snack Pack Program

The Snack Pack Program deeply values your ongoing support for the children in need at Coronado School. Each week, these children receive a nutritious bag containing 17 food items, thoughtfully packed by dedicated volunteers from our Church and Vista Methodist.

According to the school's social worker, the children are genuinely

thankful for this generous aid. Your continued contributions are vital to sustaining this impactful ministry, ensuring these kids have access to the nourishment they need. Together, we can make a lasting difference in their lives. Thank you for helping us carry forward this meaningful mission.



Many Thanks to all Our Generous Santa Catalina Santas!



Sub
For
Santa

Our Sub for Santa Project was an overwhelming success thanks to the numerous helping hands and generous donations. We were able to provide gifts for 144 children and gift cards for 43 households. Some households have multiple families living together. Together we have brightened many homes this holy season. Once again, we have demonstrated that we can, as Jesus said, "...love one another as I have loved you." Christmas blessings to all.



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- 1) JUDY LUDWIG COORDINATING GIFT COLLECTION AT MASSES
- 2) VOLUNTEERS BAG GIFTS FOR EACH FAMILY (JOANN WESTON PICTURED)
- 3) VOLUNTEERS LOAD GIFTS INTO CARS AND TRAILERS (5 BICYCLES DONATED!)
- 4) CARS CARAVAN TO CASA MARIA HOUSE TO DELIVER FAMILY BAGS FULL OF GIFTS TO VERY GRATEFUL FAMILIES.



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Reminder: Parish Food Collection Today!



2025 March For Life Details

Join the Diocese of Tucson on Saturday, January 18, 2025, for the 52nd Tucson March for Life. The event begins at 9:00 AM with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Weisenburger at St. Augustine Cathedral. The March will follow at approximately 10:15 AM, covering 3.8 miles from the Cathedral to Holy Hope Cemetery (Oracle Road, just north of East Fort Lowell). The walk takes about 1 hour and 15 minutes.

At the cemetery, there will be a brief presentation by the Bishop, followed by a rose ceremony. During this solemn event, participants born in each year that Roe v. Wade was in effect (1973–2022) will place roses at the Shrine of the Innocents.

You're welcome to participate in any or all parts of the event. To carpool, email prolife12345@aol.com with your name and phone number. Let us know if you're representing Santa Catalina Parish.

We hope to see you there!

FAQs

- **Why are we still marching after the AZ Abortion Access Act passed?** The Act allows abortions up to birth. Pro-life advocates must continue opposing this and work to abolish abortion nationwide. Join us in this critical movement.
- **What if I can't finish the March?** Rescue cars will transport participants to the cemetery.
- **Do I have to walk back to my car?** Participants with cars at the cemetery will shuttle others back to the church.
- **Is the March safe?** The route is protected by traffic cones and patrolled by Tucson police to ensure a peaceful experience.



Save The Date - Foster Teen Hygiene Item Collection Event - February 8 - 9

The Christ Child Society of Tucson's Wings program supports Aviva Children's Services, Children's Advocacy Center and Casa de los Ninos who serve foster children in the Tucson area with their basic needs after they are displaced from their homes. We will be collecting hygiene items after all masses the weekend of February 8 - 9. Watch the bulletin for more details. Contact Deb Auclair sajm@santacatalinaparish.org

Please Pray for Whetstone Prison Ministry Retreat Jan. 10-12, 2024

Please pray for the residents, asking that

- They allow God to work in their lives, remain strong in faith, seek forgiveness, and avoid harmful influences.
- Pray for their relationships, that they stay connected with family despite separation, find reconciliation in broken bonds, and offer friendship
- to the lonely and discouraged.
- Lift up the volunteers ministering to them, that their lives reflect Jesus's love, their actions inspire faith, and their words bring hope to those doubting God's forgiveness. May this ministry bring healing, restoration, and a deeper connection with God for all involved.

K of C Teams with the Diocese of Tucson's Catholic Tuition Support Organization

Your Knights of Columbus are teaming with the Diocese of Tucson's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO) again this year to help the children and grandchildren of Santa Catalina members with the high cost of Catholic school tuition. The

Knights will be on the patio after all masses the weekend of January 11 - 12 with brochures and to answer any questions you have. Thank you for supporting your fellow parishioners.



Outreach

Every quarter, the Social Awareness and Justice Ministry (SAJM) recommends local organizations to receive \$500 each from “Poor Box” funds, approved by Fr. Huy. Thank you for your generous support. Here are two recent recipients:

Prison Ministry: This group, with over 40% of its volunteers from Santa Catalina, conducts Residents Encounter Christ (REC) retreats at Tucson prisons. Over three days, volunteers lead discussions on Jesus’ message through Christian talks. Themes include “Dying to Self and Changing,” focusing on God’s forgiveness; “Rising Again,” emphasizing peace in knowing God is alive; and “Going Forth,” encouraging inmates to be Christian role models. Retreats require

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materials like devotionals, crosses, and handouts.

StandUp for Kids – Tucson:

Dedicated to ending youth homelessness since 2004, this organization provides street outreach and advocacy three evenings a week. Their outreach center offers drop-in services on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00–7:00 PM, giving youth a safe space. In 2023, 200 children utilized the center to do homework and access resources.

Your contributions make these efforts possible—thank you for supporting those in need! †

