

July 27-28 2024

Santa Catalina

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Catholic Church

A REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Mon-Fri 8:00 am

Weekend Mass

Sat 4:00 pm (Vigil)
Sun 7:00 am
9:00 am
11:00 am (Bi-lingual)

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 8:30-11:00 am
Benediction at 10:45 am.
Chapel hours, Mon-Fri
8:00 am-2:30 pm

Rosary in the Church

Mon-Fri 7:30 am



17th 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.

THIS IS OUR PARISH—ENGAGE—BE PART OF THE VISION



Spiritual

Providing ways for us to enter into a closer relationship with God and be excited & understand our faith

Adoration
Bible Study
Daily Rosary
Hispanic Ministry
Cultvando Mi Fe
Matachines
Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Men's Fellowship Group
R.C.I.A.
Religious Education
Vocations Ministry
Women's Prayer Group

Personal

Providing help for people to care for their bodies and minds

AA
Al-Anon
Arts & Crafts Group
Book Bunch
Game Night
Mental Health Ministry
Outreach Ministry
Sassy Solos
YogaFaith

Pastoral

Meeting the needs of our home, the parish, to support the parishioners

Communion Ministry with the Sick and Homebound
Finance Council
Funeral Ministry
GriefShare
Liturgical Ministry:
Altar Servers
Art & Environment
Eucharist
Hospitality
Lector
Martha's Kitchen
Music Ministry
Pastoral Council
Stephen Ministry

Outreach

Serving most in need & abandoned and to be evangelized by them

Dignity of Human Life
Knights of Columbus
Monthly Food Drive
Prayer Shawl Ministry
Project Linus Quilters
Social Awareness & Justice Ministry:
Caring For God's Creation
Casa Alitas
Casa Maria
Christ Child Society of Tucson
Dress a Girl Around the World
Local Immersion Ministry
Poor Box Program
Prison Ministry
Refugee Ministry
Snack Pack Program
Sr. Jose Women s Ministry
Troubled Youth
St Vincent de Paul

Ministry Meetings and Events for the Week of July 28

Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
Mon, Jul 29	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
Tues, Jul 30	9:30 AM	Yoga Faith	Catalina Room
	6:00 PM	Men's Prayer Group	Marian Room
	6:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group	Saguaro Room
Wed, Jul 31	8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
	1:00 PM	Understanding Sunday Scripture	Catalina Room
	6:30 PM	R.C.I.A.	Mesquite Room
Thurs, Aug 1	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian Room
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian Room
Fri, Aug 2	10:00 AM	Grief Share class	Mesquite, Ocotillo Rooms
Sat, Aug 3	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
		Parish Food Drive	Church
Sun, Aug 4		Parish Food Drive	Church
	3:30 PM	R.C.I.A.	Mesquite

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Arizona's Falls Prevention Fair 2024

Join us at the University of Arizona's Falls Prevention Fair 2024 on September 27, from 11 AM to 3 PM at the Chinese Cultural Center, 1288 W River Rd, Tucson, AZ 85704. This event is dedicated to promoting safety and well-being among older adults.

Enjoy informative workshops, interactive demonstrations, and health screenings. Experts will provide personalized advice on fall prevention, home safety, and physical fitness. Connect with local organizations and services focused on senior health.



Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to keep yourself and your loved ones safe from falls. For more information, please contact the event organizers. Registration is open.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/university-of-arizonas-falls-prevention-fair-2024-tickets-932897931827>



Would you like your mass intention in the 2025 Parish Calendar

We are working on a personalized calendar for our parish. In 2025, mass intentions will be printed in our calendar. If you have already submitted a mass intention for 2025, you do not have to do anything; it will be in the calendar. As a reminder, there are up to 3 mass intentions for each mass. The suggested

donation is \$10.

If you would like to have your 2025 Mass Intention appear in the parish calendar, please contact the Parish Office at (520) 825-9611. The deadline is August 16th.



Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Let Jesus Christ set you free from the emotional and spiritual pain of a past abortion on a co-ed Rachel's Vineyard retreat in Tucson, September 13-15, 2024.



Visit: www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org or call/ Text to 520-743-6777.

July Blood Drive at Santa Catalina

Join us at camp do good—give blood.

When: Sunday, July 28, 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Where: Santa Catalina Parish Hall

How: To schedule your appointment or for more information, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and use Sponsor Code: sancta



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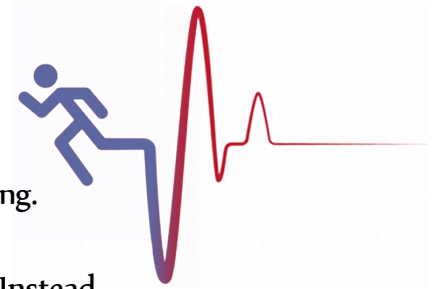
SCAN TO BE
DIRECTED TO
RAPIDPASS

Be a force for good: Come give blood in July for a Fandango Movie Ticket by email to see TWISTERS on us. Terms at rcblood.org/Twisters. In addition to

the free TWISTERS movie ticket, all blood donors who give in July will be automatically entered for a chance to win a 2025 Ram 1500 Big Horn.

Things you can do to lower your risk of heat-related illness

- Drink plenty of liquids, such as water, fruit or vegetable juices, or drinks that contain electrolytes. Avoid alcohol and caffeinated beverages.
- If your living space is hot, try to spend time during midday in a place that has air conditioning. For example, go to the shopping mall, movies, library, senior center, or a friend's home.
- Dress for the weather. Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing. Natural fabrics such as cotton may feel cooler than synthetic fibers.
- Avoid outdoor exercising and other physical activity when it is very hot. Instead, try to find someplace you can be active while staying cool indoors.
- If you must go outside, try to limit your time out and avoid crowded places. Plan trips during non-rush-hour times.
- Make sure to use a broad spectrum sunscreen, SPF 15 or higher, and reapply it throughout the day, especially if your skin will have continuous exposure to the sun. Wear a hat and other protective clothing, and sunglasses. If you do get sunburned, stay out of the sun until your skin is healed and use cool cloths and moisturizers to treat the affected area.
- Ask your doctor if any of your medications make you more likely to become overheated or sunburned.



Coming Soon - Using Colored Pencils

In August, September, and October, the Arts and Crafts group will focus on creating pictures using colored pencils. Two of our members, Linda Lambert and Carol Quarton, have completed workshops focusing on this media and will share their knowledge with us.

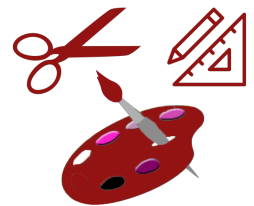
Instructors request participants provide a set of colored pencils (Faber-Castell or Prismacolor [24 or more]), a good eraser, and a pencil sharpener. Various types of paper will be supplied for the

first class; participants will need to bring their own paper for future sessions (Strathmore 300 Series Bristol [smooth or vellum] or Strathmore 400 Series Toned Gray Sketch Paper [9 x 12"]) for other sessions.

At the first session, participants will focus on fundamentals, have a few simple blending and shading exercises and then create a 5 x 7" bluebird picture. For future sessions, participants will each work on a personally selected photo(s) or drawing(s) they will bring. Images from

participants' chosen photo (s) or drawing (s) can be "free drawn" or traced (using the graphite method or tracing paper) on colored pencil paper.

Throughout sessions, optional tools will be introduced (e.g., blenders, white gel pens, burnishing tools, etc.). The instructors will share examples showing results achieved by using these tools.



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.



Faith Formation in the Catholic Church

Faith formation in the Catholic Church is a dynamic process that nurtures spiritual growth, understanding, and commitment. It encompasses various programs that present the opportunity to deepen our relationship with God and our understanding of Catholic teachings.

The key aspects range from Elementary to Adult Faith formation. In elementary Faith Formation, children are introduced to basic Catholic doctrine, prayer, Scripture and the Holy Mass. Their focus is on Spiritual growth, living out faith, and promoting sacred traditions. Programs such as Vacation Bible School help children engage with their faith.

God's call to relationship, sacraments, and family spirituality are all meaningful to Parent Faith formation. Parents play a vital role in gifting faith to the next generation. Parent Faith formation guides parents in fostering their children's faith. It is also meaningful for adults new to the faith, returning Catholics, or those seeking sacraments. It requires ongoing learning, prayer, and sacramental

preparation. Examples include RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) programs.

Faith formation in the Catholic church aims to deepen our understanding, strengthen our relationship with God,



and empower us to live out our faith in daily life. Catechesis is a lifelong process that seeks to foster communion with Jesus Christ. It achieves this through instruction, community experiences, prayer, and social action. Religious education, an integral part of catechesis, teaches and proclaims God's Word and our faith tradition, nurturing and enlivening faith.

The parish council is here to provide support to our parishioners to provide opportunities to grow and strengthen our faith. If you have questions or comments regarding any stage of Faith Formation, please contact the Parish office or reach out to any Pastoral Council Member.

GriefShare This Fall

Losing a loved one is very difficult. GriefShare can be of help. It is a Christian-based video program with excellent presenters, professional counselors and psychologists, as well as people who share their stories of how they cope with the loss of loved ones.

During thirteen sessions, participants view and discuss the videos and related workbook material.

There is a \$20 fee for the required GriefShare workbook. You may purchase it when you register at the first session. You may also purchase the workbook on-line and register at griefshare.org



Schedule:

Tuesday 6-8:00 PM
Sept 10 through Dec 3
Mesquite Room

"GriefShare" durante este otoño

Perder a un ser querido es muy difícil. "GriefShare" puede ser la ayuda necesaria. Es un programa en video, de base cristiana, con excelentes presentadores: consejeros y psicólogos profesionales, así como personas que comparten sus historias sobre cómo afrontan la pérdida de sus seres queridos. Durante trece sesiones, los participantes ven y discuten los videos y utilizan el material del libro de trabajo.

El libro de trabajo podrá ser adquirido al momento de registrarse para la primera sesión. Este libro tiene un precio de \$20. También se puede registrar en línea y adquirir el libro de trabajo en el sitio de internet griefshare.org

Feast Day of St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori Doctor of the Church, Aug 1st

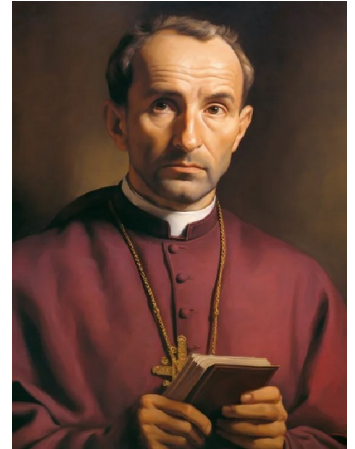
St. Alphonsus Liguori was born on September 27, 1696. He was the oldest of eight children. He received an exceptional education that led him into a legal profession as a lawyer. Following the loss of his first court case and after with much discernment he left the legal profession and became a priest at the age of thirty.

He is the founder of the Redemptorist Order, a congregation of missionary priests and brothers, following Jesus' footsteps, preaching the Word and serving the poor and abandoned.

St. Alphonsus is a Patron Saint of Arthritis, Confessors and Moral Theologians. St. Alphonsus suffered from rheumatic arthritis which left him disabled.

On August 1, 1787, St. Alphonsus died at the age of 91. He was canonized by Pope Gregory XVI on May 26, 1839.

In celebration of St. Alphonsus, after the 8:00am Mass on August 1st, there will be a fellowship gathering at the Parish Hall. I hope you can join us.



Oh, Dearest Mary, Mother of God, we fly unto you in this time of our need. Our Father told the serpent, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers."

Confident in the serpent's fear at the mere mention of your name, we pray for your intercession during this turbulent time. We pray that you defeat the hold of Satan and his followers on us, protect your children from abortion, disappearance & abuse and protect our nation's leaders present and future from the influence of the devil. Amen.

The Living Rosary

"The Living Rosary" is a prayer service where each person represents one of the beads of the rosary and leads the corresponding prayer while reflecting on the mysteries of Jesus's life.

Please join us to pray Rosary for the Health and Peace in our Families, in our community, and around the world.

Sunday, August 18th

12:30 PM-2:00 PM in the Parish Hall

"Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world." *Pope Blessed Pius IX*



Del Rosario Viviente

"El Rosario Viviente" es una oración de servicio en la cual cada persona representa una cuenta del Rosario dirigiendo la oración correspondiente, mientras se medita sobre el misterio de la vida de Jesús.

Todos están invitados a rezar con nosotros el Rosario por la salud y la paz en nuestra familia, nuestra comunidad, y en todo el mundo. ¡Acompáñanos a rezar el Rosario!

Domingo 18 de Agosto

12:30 PM-2 :00 PM en el Salón Parroquial

"Dame un ejército rezando el Rosario y Yo conquistaré el Mundo." - *Pope Blessed Pius IX*

The world is filled with people whose basic needs aren't met, whether for clean water, nutrition, safety, education, meaningful work, stable family life, basic medical resources, religious freedom, and the right to life. So how can we possibly believe what Psalm 145 says to us this week, "The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs"? Does he? What about the countless poor? Can't we identify at least a few unmet needs in our own lives right now? Is the Bible promoting wishful thinking and laziness in helping others?

No. The psalm flows from Israel's experience of God's relentless fidelity again and again - especially in the Passover from Egypt. This divine providence is recalled when Jesus feeds the needy multitudes in the Gospel of John. Passover arrives once



again, and the people are hungry like the ancient Israelites on the wilderness journey. What is new is that in Jesus God not only provides for their needs, but He learns what it's like to have those human needs. He shares them too. He feeds them bread and fish; and even more, He hungers to provide them, and us, much more than just that kind of perishable food.

Our deepest need is for God. Like the multiplied bread, all earthly provisions ultimately fail, for we all finally die. Of course, our obligation to meet the needs of the poor is basic. But Christ promises to feed us with the one bread that never fails: God Himself. He is humanity's eternal food. If we eat this bread, we taste the faithfulness of God who answers all our needs, even when every earthly thing fails.

— Father John Muir ©LP

Alentar Un Entendimiento Más Profundo De La Escritura

Qué rico es comer hasta quedar satisfecho y más aún si el platillo que saboreamos es nuestra comida favorita. Imaginemos, ahora, que todo el mundo tuviera que comer y todos los días saborearan platillos succulentos en su mesa. Qué felicidad sería para todos, saber que juntos cambiaríamos la sociedad para tener todos suficiente comida en la mesa y el hambre y la guerra no existieran más. ¡Ese es el sueño de Dios! ¿Cuál es el nuestro? Ojalá sea cuidar los alimentos que consumimos y no desperdiciar la comida. *“El hambre en el mundo es un escándalo y un crimen contra los derechos humanos. Es necesario un cambio radical”*, dice el Papa Francisco.

San Juan nos relata, en el Evangelio de hoy, la

milagrosa multiplicación de los panes, donde todos comieron y hasta sobró, quedando satisfechos todos: *“Recojan los pedazos que han sobrado para que no se pierda nada” (Juan 6:12)*. Qué maravilla, todos comieron y hasta sobró. Jesús se compadece de aquella gente que lo seguía, por atracción a sus milagros. Todos sabían que curaba a los enfermos, sacaba demonios y perdonaba los pecados. Ahora, se multiplica el pan y los peces y todos comieron quedando satisfechos. Y con las sobras se llenaron doce canastos para que muchos otros comieran. Es tal como nos dice el Papa Francisco sobre el cuidado de la casa común. Y nos recuerda que Jesús es el Pan que da vida, que se reparte y no se acaba. ¡Comamos todos de ese Pan, que es el mismo Jesús en la Eucaristía!

This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Spiritual

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention	By
Mon, Jul 29	8:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	For the mental health of gun abusers	
Tue, Jul 30	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	Peace in our nation	
Wed, Jul 31	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Florentino & Irma Velazquez	Maria Duarte
Thu, Aug 1	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Theresa Shirey	the Shirey family
Fri, Aug 2	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	Tom Carroll (L)	Mark & Monica Nelson
			✠ Calixto & Remedios Yap	Evelyn Silver
Sat, Aug 3	4:00 PM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Paula Cassella	John Shaughnessy
			✠ John Drimby	Angie Denahan
Sun, Aug 4	7:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	Mary Jo Desautels (L)	Andrew, Isabel, & Desautels family
			✠ Judith Moncevicz & Vincent Bellian	Paul & Susan Moncevicz
			✠ Catherine Palma	Rita Quin
			✠ Donald E. Nolan	the Nolan family
Sun, Aug 4	9:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Fred Di Paolo	Fannie Di Paolo
			11:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer

Readings for the week of July 28, 2024

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16)/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Ps 32:18-19, 20, 21/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35



Today's Readings (17th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading:

“For thus says the LORD, “They shall eat and there shall be some left over.” (2 Kgs 4:43)

Psalm:

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Ps 145)

Second Reading:

One body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all. (Eph 4:4-6)

Gospel:

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. (Jn 6:11)

Spiritual



Dottie Bentz	Steven Venizo	Frank Reilly
Scott Bieber	Cliff Bentz	Susann Rein
Rene Terrazas	Jose Gutierrez	Noly Roca
Mario Calbone	David W. Maloney	Linda Slivinski
Diane Clark	Robert Perry	Mary Sloan
Mimi Cuono	Denjal Noval	Bob Stamer
Albert Diaz	Margarita Peña	Kelley Thomas
Renee Ford	Edward Peña	Bill Terrazas
Irma Moran		

Prayer to our Lady of Perpetual Help

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, you have been blessed and favored by God. You became not only the Mother of the Redeemer but the Mother of the redeemed as well. We come to you today as your loving children. Watch over us and take care of us. As you held the child Jesus in your loving arms, so take us in your arms. Be a mother ready at every moment to help us. For God who is mighty has done great things for you, and his mercy is from age to age on those who love him. Our greatest fear is that in time of temptation, we may fail to call out to you, and become lost children. Intercede for us, dear Mother, in obtaining pardon for our sins, love for Jesus, final perseverance, and the grace always to call upon you, Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Amen.

Stewardship



Weekend July 13-14	Totals	Attendance
Offertory	\$18,623	904
Major Maintenance	\$7,522	
Total	\$26,145	
Last Year's Offertory	\$13,901	924
Parish Rectory	\$50,360	

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal		
Goal	Fulfilled	% of Goal
\$ 140,000	\$ 69,091	49%
Donors: 400	181	45%

2024 Summer Mass

Schedule July 14 - Sept 8th

Saturday: 4:00 PM
 Sunday: 7:00 AM
 9:00 AM
 11:00 AM

Sunday 5:00pm Mass
 will resume on Sept 8th.

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>.



Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman (©LPi)

Take More

It doesn't matter what time of day we visit my mother-in-law — she always has food to offer. If we take two helpings, she will encourage us to take three. If we take three helpings, she will say, "Coraggio — take more." (She's Italian, in case you couldn't tell from the food-pushing and the language.)

When Jesus feeds the five thousand with the miracle of the loaves and fish, he does not produce just enough food to feed everyone who is there. He certainly could — that would be within his power. And he shows concern about waste, so it would make sense for him to do that. But instead, he deliberately overproduces. He creates more food than is necessary. He makes an abundance of it. Why?

I think it's for the same reason my mother-in-law keeps urging us to eat when we come to her house. Feeding people is not just a functional action. It's a

gesture. It shows love. It shows concern. It shows welcome. Having an abundance of food — so much that there is some left over — is a sign that you don't care how much someone wants — you are ready to give whatever they are ready to take. You are ready to give recklessly. You are ready to give them not just all they need but also all they could want.

I think of this when I approach the sacrament of Confession. Time and time again I walk up to the door of that little room, a list of oft-repeated sins in my hand and a sense of shame on my heart.

Here I am again, Jesus. Back for more mercy. Hope you haven't run out.

He hasn't yet. He never will. "Coraggio," he whispers deep in my heart, "take more."

"When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, 'This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.'" — John 6:14 ©LPi

Why Do We Do That? - Catholic Life Explained: Death Penalty

Question: My coworkers and I have been debating the death penalty and whether or not it should be part of our justice system. Why are so many people who claim to be pro-life believers in favor of it?

Answer: The issues of crime and punishment are never easy because so many factors influence people and how they view problems and solutions. Increased violence, loss of life, cost to taxpayers and the community at large, and the maneuverings of lawyers and courts only add fuel to the fire. When bad things happen in your neighborhood or to your home or to you, you want relief. Any normal person would feel that way. A pro-life view does not insulate anyone from the bad effects of criminal behavior. Innocent people are hurt every day and it may seem as though those who cause the pain get away with it, or get off easy.

The death penalty is not excluded by Church teaching. The state has the right to impose penalties that are commensurate with the crime as well as to defend itself from further harm (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, §2266). When possible, punishment should help correct the offender, offering a chance of redemption, which is why the pope and bishops have called for an end to the death penalty. For more information, visit the Human Life and Dignity section of the USCCB's website (www.usccb.org). ©LPi

How much do you know about Refugees? Take this Quiz from the United Nations Refugee Agency

1. What percent of humanity is currently forcibly displaced worldwide?

- A. 1.5 percent
- B. 7 percent
- C. 0.5 percent
- D. 5 percent

2. Which countries do most forcibly displaced people come from?

- A. Syria
- B. Afghanistan
- C. Ukraine

D. Venezuela

E. Sudan

F. All of the above

3. True or False? A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee their country because of persecution, war or violence.

Before they are a refugee, they are mothers, fathers and children first. They have dreams and hope for a brighter future. If you are interested in working with refugees, contact the Refugee Ministry at sajm@santacatalinaparish.org.

Answers:

in a particular social group.

3. True. A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee war, violence or persecution and has a well-founded fear of returning home for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership

Venezuela, Sudan and Ukraine.

2. F. 73 percent of those displaced across borders come from just five countries: Afghanistan, Syria,

the highest level of displacement on record.

forcibly displaced worldwide as a result of war, violence, persecution or human rights violations. This is

1. A. A staggering 1.5 percent of humanity, or 117 million individuals, have been

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Thanks to your continued generous support, the Knights of Columbus are increasing our annual scholarship award to \$2,500 this year.

This is open to all members of Santa Catalina Parish and can be applied to community college, university, vocational training, and post graduate education.

Applications are in the narthex and should be emailed to John Kenning at

jwk94526@yahoo.com returned to the parish office or emailed by August 7.



Many Blessings from Our Vincentians

I was reminded this morning that 'an ounce of heart-ease is worth a ton of gold.' We will never be able to still a storm at sea, as Jesus did on the Sea of Galilee, to the wonder of the disciples (Mk. 4:36-42).

But we can say "Quiet" and "Be Still" to the voices of despair and hopelessness to our Friends in Need each week. As we endeavor to bring a measure of heart-ease and renewed hope to those in need, may your words, your works and support for our conference be the blessings that turn the tide in their lives.

God Bless You,
Rick Stockton

Santa Catalina Saint Vincent de Paul



Meet the Ministry - Care For Creation - An SAJM Ministry

The Care for Creation Ministry supports Santa Catalina's mission by caring for our common home through environmental education and action. We are guided by the Catholic Coalition and Pope Francis' Laudato Si'.

We have 3 main goals:

1) Respond to the Cry of the Earth:

- Celebrate Earth Day by planting trees wildlife friendly trees
- Accomplished designation for St. Kateri Habitat
- Restore flora in Memorial Garden with native plants
- Assist in maintaining Memorial Garden

2) Adopt Sustainable Lifestyles:

- Evaluate ways the Parish can decrease our carbon print
- Raise awareness
- Optimize educational opportunities

3) Discover Catholic Ecology (our relationship with living things and the environment):

- Sponsor recycling events
- Celebrate and learn from St. Francis of Assisi the Patron for Ecology
- Sponsor a 'Blessing of Animals' near October 4th the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi
- Create a garden dedicated to the Blessed Mary within our Memorial Garden
- Sponsor a Mass for the parish at Catalina State Park
- Create a team led by a Care For Creation member for caring for our Stations of the Cross



We need members to help us achieve our goals. We have many gardening and non-gardening opportunities, so please contact one our co-leaders: Mary Hojnacki or Kathie Calbone at sajm@santacatalinaparish.org.

Outreach

Save the Date: BINGO Night Sponsored by the Knights



August 20th at 6 pm. Fiesta Dinner included.

Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door. They will be on sale after all masses and at the office.



Monthly Food Drive: Aug. 3-4

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.

Cash donations can be accepted. Please place your donation in an

envelope marked "Food Drive" and drop it in the collection basket at any Mass.

Also, online donations can be made via [Online Giving](#).

