

July 6-7, 2024

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Catholic Church

A REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Mon-Fri 8:00 am

Weekend Mass

Sat Vigil, 4:00 pm
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

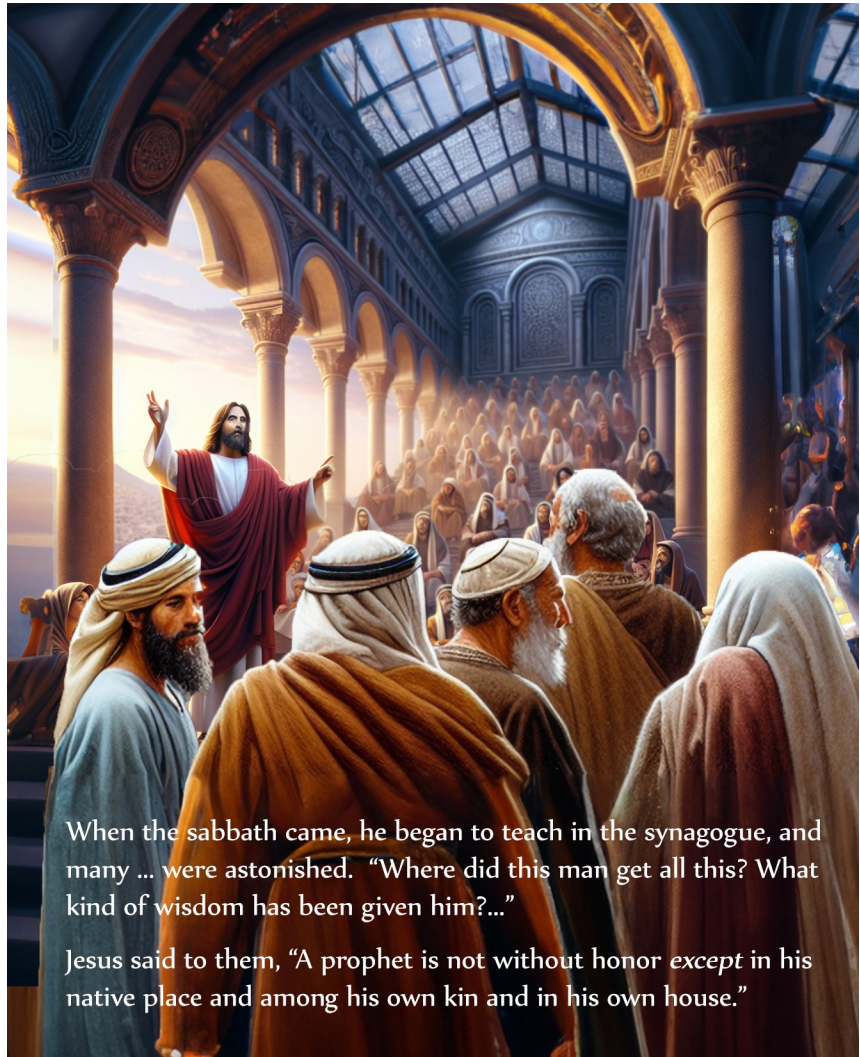
First Friday of the month
at 8:00 am Mass
... or by appointment

Adoration

In church, Wed 8:30-11:00 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



When the sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many ... were astonished. "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him?..."

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor *except* in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."

14th 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 June 24

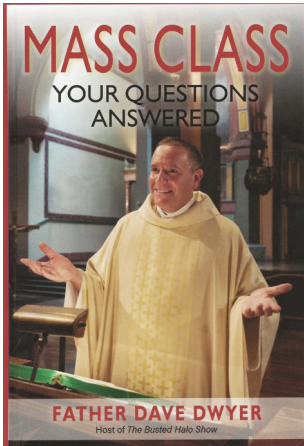
Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
Mon, Jul 8	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian
	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	Church
Tue, Jul 9	9:30 AM	Yoga Faith	Catalina
	1:30 PM	Arts & Crafts for All	Cholla
	5:30 PM	Music Ministry - Bilingual Choir	Church
	6:00 PM	Men's Prayer Group	Marian
	6:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group	Saguaro
Wed, Jul 10	8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian
	1:00 PM	Understanding Sunday Scripture	Catalina
	6:30 PM	R.C.I.A.	Mesquite
Thu, Jul 11	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	1:00 PM	Book Bunch	Cholla
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian
Fri, Jul 12	10:00 AM	Grief Share class	Mesquite, Ocotillo
Sat, Jul 13	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
	5:00 PM	Parish Game Night	Parish Hall
Sun, Jul 14	3:30 PM	R.C.I.A.	Mesquite

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How should we bow during the communion rite? Do we bow our head or bow from the waist?

Visit the parish website to read the Fr. Dave Dwyer's response.

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<https://santacatalinaparish.org/Mass-Class.html>

Help Us Meet our Parish Goal

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) represents more than 51% of the support needed to fund the diocesan ministries each year.

There are over 26 on-going ministries and services of the Church. These very important ministries and services are beyond the resources of any single parish. Coordinating programs at the Diocesan level, such as religious education, seminarian education and vocations, lay ministry

formation, youth and young adults ministry, prison ministry, etc., eliminates duplication, provides consistency, and saves both time and money.



The Bishop asks Catholics in the Diocese to generously support these important and on-going ministries.

You can make your donations to ACA through Santa Catalina. Make check payable to Santa Catalina with Memo "DOT-ACA 2024" and drop it in the Sunday collection basket or go on-line to <https://www.cathfnd.org/donate/>.

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal		
Goal	Fulfilled	% of Goal
\$ 140,000	\$ 69,091	49%

This week's Stewardship report is found on page 10 as usual.

Do you need help finding care for a loved-one with mental illness?

There is a single place you can go for help.

In the January Mental Health Focus session, we learned many things, but the most important is that there is someone called a Treatment Placement Specialist to help navigate the mental health care system. This person can help you or your family find the right level of care when you need help with care for your mental illness.

When you break your arm, you don't go straight to



physical therapy. You go to the Emergency Room and then follow up with your doctor and then go to PT. Just like for physical issues, there are different levels of care for mental health issues. It can be confusing to know where to go. Acadia Healthcare has access to local and national mental health programs, and can help find the best program/provider for any mental health diagnosis and insurance.

If you or a loved one needs help finding help finding care for a mental illness, contact Dasa Schmidt at 520-488-9895.

Parish Game Night - July 13

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



Noche de Juegos Parroquiales - 13 de julio

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

YogaFaith is Back

YogaFaith meets every Tuesday from 9:30-10:30 in the Santa Catalina room located in the Parish Hall.

Please bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing that allows you to stretch and move in

various standing, sitting, kneeling and prone postures. We begin with a prayer and ask for special intentions. Through cleansing breaths, we ask the Holy Spirit to be with us as we stretch and move to realign our standing

posture, strengthen our core and improve our balance. All are welcome.



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.



Pastoral

Would You Like to Have Your Loved One Remembered in Our Memorial Garden?

Our Beautiful Memorial Garden Wall has six large brick panel walls with the names of deceased parishioners engraved on a beautifully designed bronze plaque.

If you are interested in ordering a plaque for your loved one, please contact Madeline Rugama at 520-825-9611 ext. 104.

A \$500 donation is asked to cover the cost of the plaque for continued maintenance and beautification of the Memorial Wall and Garden.

The plaques will be blessed at our All Souls Day



Mass on November 2, 2024.

Orders must be placed by August 29, 2024.



God Bless America

Our Founding Fathers recognized that human rights are blessings from the true Author of Rights. Thomas Jefferson described America as a country of precious blessings which no other people on earth enjoy. If our citizens are not completely free and happy, the fault is entirely our own!

Freedom isn't the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to do what is right. Your religious convictions can and should be reflected in your choices. What should we do? Samuel Adams described voting as one of the most solemn trusts for which each person is accountable to God and country. So, pray, investigate, and separate Truth from rhetoric and misinformation; then prepare to select those who will support the Blessings and Truth in God and our Founding Fathers wish for us. God Bless You and God Bless America!

Your Pastoral Council

Dios bendiga a América



Nuestros Padres Fundadores reconocieron que los derechos humanos son bendiciones del verdadero Autor de los Derechos. Thomas Jefferson describió a los Estados Unidos de América como un país de preciosas bendiciones, que ningún otro pueblo en la tierra disfruta. Si nuestros ciudadanos no son completamente libres y felices, ¡la culpa es enteramente nuestra!

La libertad no es el derecho a hacer lo que queramos, sino la oportunidad de hacer lo correcto. Tus convicciones religiosas pueden y deben reflejarse en tus elecciones. ¿Qué debemos hacer? Samuel Adams describió la votación como uno de los compromisos más solemnes, por los que cada persona es responsable ante Dios y el país. Por lo tanto, oren, investiguen y separen la verdad de la retórica y la desinformación; luego, prepárese para seleccionar a aquellos que apoyarán las bendiciones y la verdad en Dios y que nuestros Padres Fundadores desean para nosotros. ¡Dios los bendiga y Dios bendiga a los Estados Unidos de America!

Tu consejo pastoral

Prayer of the Nine-Month Novena to Our lady of Guadalupe, to be prayed throughout the 9 months from March 2 to December 12, 2024

O Virgin Mother of God, we fly to your protection and beg your intercession against the darkness and sin which ever more envelop the world and menace the Church. Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, gave you to us as our mother as He died on the Cross for our salvation. So, too, in 1531, when darkness and sin beset us, He sent you, as Our Lady of Guadalupe, on Tepeyac to lead us to Him Who alone is our light and our salvation.

Through your apparitions on Tepeyac and your abiding presence with us on the miraculous mantle of your messenger, Saint Juan

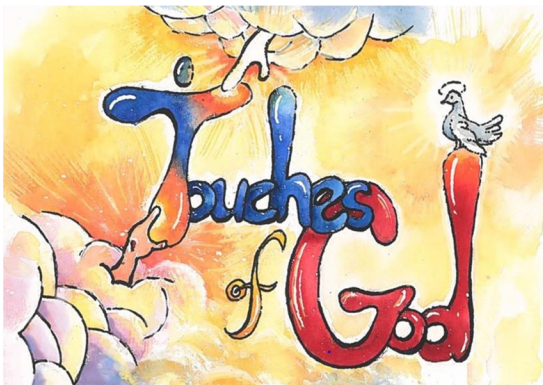
Diego, millions of souls converted to faith in your Divine Son.

Through this novena and our consecration to you, we humbly implore your intercession for our daily conversion of life to Him and the conversion of millions more who do not yet believe in Him. In our homes and in our nation, lead us to Him Who alone wins the victory over sin and darkness in us and in the world.

Unite our hearts to your Immaculate Heart so that they may find their true and lasting home in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Ever guide us along the pilgrimage

of life to our eternal home with Him. So may our hearts, one with yours, always trust in God's promise of salvation, in His never-failing mercy toward all who turn to Him with a humble and contrite heart. Through this novena and our consecration to you, O Virgin of Guadalupe, lead all souls in America and throughout the world to your Divine Son in Whose name we pray. Amen.

Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke



Testimonies of Times

When He wiggled my world: Workshop

by Cindy and Michael Horner

July 20 - 9:30 - 12:00

Redemptorist Renewal Center (RRC)

For reservations: (520) 744-3400 (RRC office)

Cost: \$45 (+ \$18 for lunch with 24 hr. notice)

The workshop is designed to practice listening and sharing about the times when God has wiggled our world. And if we feel isolated from God, how can we get in touch with Him in a very personal way. This is not a lecture, but a working group with active listening and sharing in a loving environment.

Cindy's 2 books (they go together) can be bought at the RRC's bookstore for \$25.

Workshops: 10 % of all our benefits goes directly to Nigeria, to:



Catholic Diocese of Makurdi

Foundation for Justice, Development & Peace

<https://fjdp.org>

Established in 1971 and incorporated in 15th August 2013, FJDP is a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization that adopts rights-based approach to programming with a view to promoting and protecting in totality, the rights and dignity of persons especially those with extreme vulnerabilities. The organization has strong network of presence and a premium reputation for intervening in hard-to-reach communities with preferential option for the poor and extremely vulnerable.

This Week's Gospel Meditation

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recently I watched a bunch of YouTube videos on how to optimize willpower in the face of weakness. The message was: do not accept your weakness. Crush it. Dominate it. In one video, however, at the end of a rant by a willpower coach, the muscular stoic admitted, "You'll never actually get what you want, no matter how hard you try." Amazingly, he admitted that willpower alone is not sufficient for us weak-willed humans.

What does God want us to do with our weaknesses, if crushing them with willpower won't work? For example, what should I do with my tendency to arrogance and self-isolation? Or my procrastination? Or my intellectual and physical limitations? Or my selfishness?



Todos, en algún momento de nuestra vida, somos testarudos y obstinados, nos encaprichamos en nuestras ideas y nada ni nadie nos hace cambiar de opinión. Nos volvemos irrazonables y no escuchamos consejo alguno. Creemos que el mundo está a nuestros pies y que lo podemos controlar todo. Sin embargo, no es así. Lo podemos ver en la primera lectura de hoy. El pueblo israelita era rebelde e infiel a sus creencias. Por eso Dios dijo al profeta lo siguiente: "Te envío donde esa raza de cabezas duras y de corazones obstinados para que les digas: ¡Esta es la palabra de Yavé...!" (Ezequiel 2:4). ¿Me he rebelado contra Dios? ¿Soy obstinado en mis ideas? El mundo, la sociedad y todos nosotros necesitamos la misericordia de Dios para ser mejores, para que el corazón obstinado y rebelde se

The counter-intuitive answer is clear in this week's words from St Paul, "I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me (2 Cor. 12:9)." Boast of our weaknesses? Paul isn't promoting weak-mindedness or laziness. Rather, he perceives that Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses but because of them. Boasting of our weakness means claiming human will is not all we have. It means turning to God whenever we feel weak, which—let's face it—is almost all the time. When we do, we learn to love our weaknesses, because it's there that we meet the strength of

Christ. This week, I challenge us to find ways to boast not in willpower but in weakness.

— Father John Muir

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abra a la gracia de Dios tan necesaria en nuestra vida.

El poder de Dios se manifiesta en nuestra debilidad. Eso es precisamente lo que el Evangelio de hoy nos manifiesta. Aparentemente, los que escuchaban a Jesús en la sinagoga no lo creían capaz de ser sabio y mucho menos ser el Hijo de Dios. Por eso se preguntaban atónitos: "¿De dónde le viene todo esto? ¿Y qué pensar de la sabiduría que ha recibido, con esos milagros que salen de sus manos?" (Marcos 5:2). Cómo era posible que un perfecto desconocido hablara con sabiduría e hiciera milagros como Dios. Además, era hijo de María y de un carpintero insignificante. ¿Cuál es la enseñanza de Jesús para nosotros hoy? No olvidemos, con su gracia nos basta.

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This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention	By
Mon, Jul 8	8:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	Rene Rogg (living)	Celine Osebold
Tue, Jul 9	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Nancy Valentine	Nick Valentine
Wed, Jul 10	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	Jill Osebold (living)	Celine Osebold
Thu, Jul 11	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Rocio Palma	Rita Quin
Fri, Jul 12	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ John Price	Miles & Rose Crafton
			✠ Betty Escalera	Esperanza Martinez
			✠ Theresa Shirey	the Shirey family
Sat, Jul 13	4:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Veronica Schaefer	Sophie Zvonar
			✠ Donna Goode	Mike & Jan Brenny
Sun, Jul 14	7:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	For the Intentions of the Parish	
			✠ Jerry Burns	Thomas Burns
	9:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	Maria Luisa & Dcn. Al De LaRiva 45 th Wedding Ann.	
			✠ Mary Frances Clark	
	11:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Jozef Kielbasa	Adam Kmiec
Lizzy Guvara (living)			Esperanza Martinez	

Readings for the week of July 7, 2024

Sun: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd)/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
Mon: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26
Tues: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38
Wed: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7
Thu: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33



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Today's Readings (July 7, 2024)

First Reading:

But you shall say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD!
 And whether they heed or resist - for they are a rebellious house - they shall know that a prophet has been among them. (Ez 2:4-5)

Psalm:

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy. (Ps 123)

Second Reading:

I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. (2 Cor 12:9)

Gospel:

"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." (Mk 6:4)

Spiritual



Dottie Bentz	Anita Garcia	Arianna Peralta
Scott Bieber	Allen Grandel	Frank Reilly
Gail Buick	Jose Gutierrez	Susann Rein
Mario Calbone	David W. Maloney	Noly Roca
Diane Clark	Ana F. Marquez	Linda Slivinski
Mimi Cuono	Denjal Noval	Mary Sloan
Albert Diaz	Margarita Peña	Bob Stamer
Renee Ford	Edward Peña	Kelley Thomas
Irma Moran	Bill Terrazas	Rene Terrazas

Prayer for Inner Peace

Jesus, Speak your command of “Quiet! Be still!” into the dark recesses of my mind — my fears, concerns, and anxieties.
Be with me, at every moment, no matter the storm. Fix my eyes upon you. Amen.

Stewardship



Weekend June 22-23	Totals	Attendance
Offertory	\$12,223	988
Major Maintenance	\$551	
Total	\$12,774	
Last Year's Offertory	\$19,145	935
Parish Rectory	\$750	

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.



A group of forty-year-old girlfriends discussed where they should go to dinner. They agreed to meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the waiters there were attractive.

Ten years later, at fifty, the group met again and decided to go to the Ocean-View again because the food and wine there was so good.

Ten years later, now sixty, they again chose the Ocean-View Restaurant because they could eat in

peace and enjoy a beautiful view of the ocean.

When they were seventy, they voted on the Ocean-View Restaurant again because it was wheelchair accessible and had an elevator.

Ten years later, now eighty, the group once again met to discuss where to meet. After much discussion, they finally agreed to go to the Ocean View Restaurant because they had never been there before.

From the Liguorian, A Redemptorist Publication

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

A Prophet and His Native Place

“A prophet is not without honor except in his native place.” It could be the slogan of high school reunions everywhere.

I speak from experience — I didn’t go to my high school reunion, but I do live in the same area in which I grew up. Ghosts from the past lurk in every grocery aisle and gas station. Former classmates fill my prescriptions at the pharmacy. I am always sure to see an old teacher or two at the Fourth of July parade.

If my teenage self knew that this was her future, she would be horrified. She wanted to grow up and move away, not because she didn’t like living in this town, but because she wanted to reinvent herself. And you can’t reinvent yourself in your native place. In your hometown, you’ll always be exactly what you are — no more, no less.

The same was true for Jesus, who was probably the only person actually worthy of admiration at his high school reunion. When he returned to his native place, he was what he had always been — God and man, Messiah, miracle-worker. This is not something he became; it was always within him.

But the people of Nazareth cannot accept it. Why?

Well, probably for the same reason that I wanted to reinvent myself when I was 16. We don’t often see anything worth venerating in the “right now” of our lives. We think happiness is a promotion or a pay bump away. We think we’ll finally be holy when we find the time to take that silent retreat. We think we will be beautiful when we lose ten pounds.

The Nazarenes lived with God right under their noses, and they didn’t realize it. So, when he came in all his greatness, the dissonance was too much to bear, and they rejected him. They didn’t want that God — the one they had dismissed or overlooked or ignored. They wanted a different one. A shinier one. One that didn’t look like the “right now” of their lives.

But that’s where God is, folks. He’s in the right now, and nowhere else. He’s waiting there for you, with all the happiness, holiness, and beauty your life needs.

Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” — Mark 6:4
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Question: In Year B, we hear primarily from the Gospel of Mark. Since each Evangelist has a unique perspective, what are the key issues that Mark addresses in his Gospel?

Answer: Gospels are a particular faith community’s reflection on Jesus. Each Gospel’s author reflected that community’s faith in Jesus. Jesus’ message is made relevant to the community’s situation and context. Mark was the first Gospel to be written. When Matthew and Luke wrote theirs, they imitated and adapted

Mark for their communities.

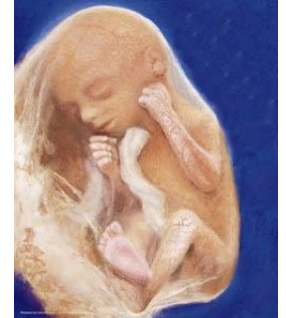
Mark’s Gospel seems to be addressed to a faith community undergoing turmoil, rejection, and persecution—forces that threaten to overwhelm them. This provides the context around which Mark fashions the story of Jesus. He presents Jesus as the One sent by God to confront the forces of evil. That is the good news of Jesus.

Jesus’ struggle with the demonic forces leads to confrontation, rejection, outright opposition, and a conspiracy to do away with him. Realizing this, Jesus is not

deterred. Rather Jesus calls for total faith in God who helps us to overcome the forces of evil. Suffering and even death seem to be the consequences of this struggle. Yet, that is not the end. The one who suffers for the sake of others, the suffering servant, will be the one through whom redemption and salvation will come to all. For Mark, this is what discipleship demands and what true faith in God can and will accomplish. See if you can detect these themes as you read Mark’s Gospel. ©LPi

Month 4 - Developing Baby - "I had a dream!"

Well, your little baby now weighs six ounces. She has fingernails and eyelashes. She has her own unique fingerprints, which will remain the same until she dies. Her taste buds are working. Her sense of hearing is developing and present at 14 weeks. There are no major developments anymore. At this month rapid eye movements (REMs) can be detected – a sign of dreaming. Your spiritually adopted baby is already well-formed, internally and externally. All she needs now is time to gain weight and grow strong. What a miracle she is!



Meet the Ministry - Dignity of Human Life Ministry

Our Ministry was started in 2018 when Pastor Fr. Larry Sanders recognized the need for a Parish Ministry to focus on Pro-Life issues. The members of our ministry, in response to the Gospel of Life, commit ourselves to prayer, education and action in the defense of life. It is our mission to foster in our parish community as awareness of the dignity of human life, specifically unborn and newly-born babies.

One of our major activities is the Spiritual Adoption Program. Parishioners pledge to pray daily for a pre-born baby who is in danger of being aborted. Although the adopter does not know who this baby is, God knows. At the end of the nine months, we ask the parishioners to donate gifts at a virtual baby shower. We then present them to the REACHOUT Women's Center in Tucson and the Family First Pregnancy Care Center in Oracle.

Other activities include participation and organizing car pools for the March for Life in January and the Arizona Rosary in October.

In 2023, we began participating in the 40 Days for Life program. Members of the ministry attended multiple peaceful and non-confrontational prayer

gatherings at the Tucson Planned Parenthood facility. In 2024, we are presenting bulletin articles and pulpit pleas to inform parishioners on the Arizona Abortion Access Act referendum.



We have a monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 2-3:30 in the Marian Room in the Parish Hall. These meetings are held to organize our various activities and to discuss current pro-life topics affecting our community, state and nation. We also share additional pro-life issues and current events using emails.

You can contact us at prolife12345@aol.com. You are invited to attend one of our meetings to see if you would be interested in joining our Ministry.

You can donate to our Ministry by placing a check, made out to Santa Catalina Parish, in a plain envelope marked "Dignity of Human Life" on the outside of the envelope and the same information on the check memo line.

Have any Gently Used Rosaries that you could donate?

The St. Jeanne Jugan Ministry with Elders collects rosaries and distributes them to residents in nursing homes, in hospice and to patients in hospitals.

How did this ministry get started?

For over two decades, Catholic Community Services (CCS) provided direct services to nursing home facilities in the Tucson metro area with Mass, Communion Services, Anointing of the Sick, and prayer. This outreach to 23 facilities was much-needed and is the foundation for a comprehensive approach for our large Diocese.

Through support from the Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities in 2013, CCS was able to conduct a needs assessment and learned that there was significant interest in building a network of parish-based efforts to provide services to elders within a parish's boundaries.

Who was St. Jeanne Jugan?

Saint Jeanne Jugan (October 25, 1792 – August 29, 1879) was the foundress and first Little Sister of

the Poor. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II on October 3, 1982 and canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009. She lived in the era of the French Revolution, passing away in obscurity after decades of service to elders and the infirm. Her supporters kept her memory and service dear to their hearts, advocating for her sainthood.



If you have extra gently used Rosaries that you could donate, you can drop them off in the designated box that is in the Narthex of the Church. There will be a box there with this information on it:

Donated Rosaries for Catholic Community Services St. Jeanne Jugan Ministry with Elders

SCCC Contact:

Deb Auclair (SAJM@santacatalinaparish.org)

Thank you.

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.



Outreach

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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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.
