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# 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)  
5:00 pm

## Reconciliation

Wed 8:45 am (until line ends)

Sat 2:30-3:30 pm

... or by appointment

## Anointing

First Friday of the month  
at 8:00 am Mass

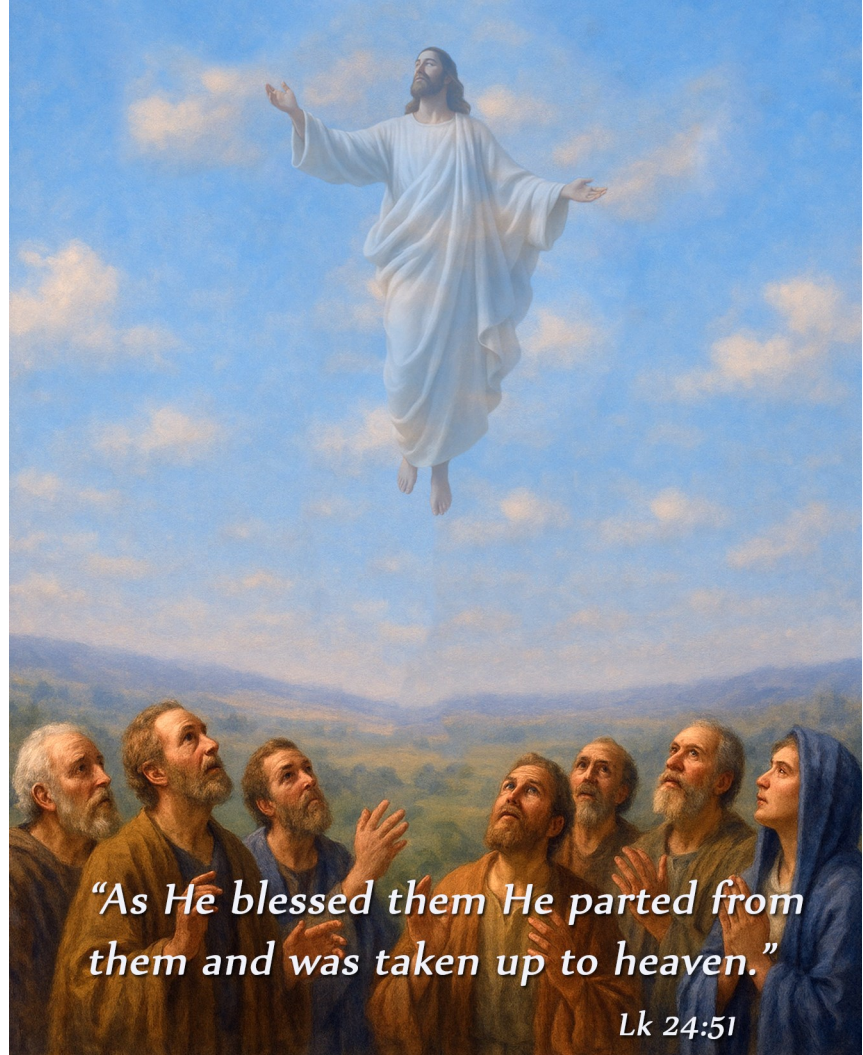
... or by appointment

## 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



*"As He blessed them He parted from them and was taken up to heaven."*

Lk 24:51

## The Solemnity of the Ascension 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, ministrar a los necesitados y ser evangelizados por ellos.

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

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

### To Join our parish

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

We look forward to welcoming you to our parish family.

### To Support our Parish Mission

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

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



**Do you wear a hearing aid?** We have installed a Hearing Aid loop in the church. Switch hearing aid to T-coil.

**Please Silence Your Cell Phone** ...at all times inside the Church. Thank you for understanding.



**Report Abuse** If you or someone you know is a victim of abuse Contact law enforcement (911), call the Victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson (520-623-0344) or visit <https://diocesetucson.org/reportabuse>.

**Al-Anon & AA Meetings** Thursdays in the Marian Room, Al-Anon is 4-5:00 PM, contact Judy at 520-639-8650. AA is 7-8:30 PM, contact Art at 520- 825-5218.



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## Breaking New Ground: Our Parish Rectory

### A Sign of Hope: Rectory Groundbreaking and Project Update

What a joyful milestone we celebrated together last Thursday, May 15th. Over 150 parishioners joined Bishop Kicanas and me for our Rectory Groundbreaking Mass and Blessing. It was a beautiful expression of faith as we blessed the very land where our future rectory will soon stand, just south of our Prayer Garden.



### Why We're Building This Home

This rectory is a testament to our shared vision. In Fall 2023, we launched our campaign to provide a dedicated home for the Redemptorist priests who serve Santa Catalina. Our priests currently commute 45 minutes each way to meet the sacramental and pastoral needs of Santa Catalina. Thanks to your incredible generosity and overwhelming support, by Spring 2024, we had already raised 90% of the needed funds and began the design process.

We envisioned a home that nurtures both ministry and hospitality. Though we

experienced delays due to diocesan transitions and contractor changes, we adopted a new strategy late last year by partnering with a general contractor to define the scope and move the project forward. The plans have since expanded to include a small chapel and powder room, truly creating a space that serves both our priests and parish family.

### Project Progress:

- **Building Permit:** We submitted the final application to Pima County on May 5. While we celebrated the groundbreaking on May 15, we anticipate receiving the permit in the coming weeks.
- **Well and Septic:** Permits for the private well and septic system have been approved. This is wonderful progress. We expect well drilling to begin around June 1.
- **Utilities:** Like the Parish Hall, the rectory will use propane for heating and hot water, and a septic system for sewage.

**Safety Reminder:** Please note that the south side of the Memorial Wall is now an active construction zone. For your safety, we kindly ask everyone to stay on the north side. Viewing openings have been trimmed so you can safely observe progress.



### Looking Ahead to June:

We are eagerly anticipating these next steps:

- Receiving our full building permit.
- Beginning the vital well drilling.

Starting soil grading to manage runoff and prepare the foundation. We hope to soon share a visual rendering of the rectory in the church narthex, so you can see what your generosity is helping us bring to life.

Thank you for continuing to walk this journey of faith with us. As we move through the Jubilee Year of Hope, may this rectory remain a concrete sign of God's ongoing faithfulness and the power of your generosity. May it be a reminder that the Church grows not only brick by brick, but heart by heart. - Fr. Huy Vu





## Pastoral

Stephen Ministry provides emotional and spiritual care to those in our parish and community who are going through a crisis or life difficulty. Through one-to-one, Christ-centered caring relationships, we walk faithfully with them to bring Christ's love and healing into their lives.

Stephen Ministry has been serving our parish since 2011 and has brought help, hope, and healing to well over one hundred people. Here are some testimonials from our care receivers:

"Thanks be to God and to Stephen Ministry. Thank you for... putting my Stephen Minister in my path. She was the person who helped me in the process of recovering from my loss, my angel in the moment that my heart was broken."

"My spouse of 66 years died one year ago from complications of Parkinson's disease, dementia, delusions, and painful disabling arthritis. As her care giver for almost 30 years the eventual stress of 24/7 care was exhausting. One year after her death I was still grieving. Emotionally, I was shut down. The Stephen Ministry program was recommended. Each week my Stephen Minister listened. I eventually got talked out. He still listened. His comments and

observations were spiritual, nonjudgmental, and helped me understand my loss. I am on my way to a life I can live peacefully knowing my spouse is past suffering."

"We lost our third son to SIDS in 1978. Our marriage almost fell apart. I felt that I could never ever endure the loss of another child. However, my second son died suddenly, and I am still alive. I had become so angry at God for taking my sons. I'd go outside and scream from the pain. My Stephen Minister became my confidant. She is always so understanding and never judgmental. Other family crises and deaths have occurred since my son's death, and my Stephen Minister has listened, helped, and prayed. She has been a pillar to help with the healing and reinforce my confidence in God's love for me."

Begin your journey of healing today. If you or someone you know could benefit from Stephen Ministry, please contact the church office at 520-825-9611, or Judy Rossman at [StephenMinistry@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:StephenMinistry@santacatalinaparish.org).

All information is held in strict confidentiality. ✝



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## We are seeking adorers to sign up for Adoration

We are actively seeking dedicated volunteers to support our Adoration Ministry. As we aim for sustainability in our spiritual practices, we urgently need volunteers to help cover various hours at the church, ensuring that the Blessed Sacrament is never left unattended. Whether you're able to commit to a regular weekly hour or serve as an occasional substitute, your contribution



is incredibly valuable.

Currently, we have several time slots available for adorers: 8:30-9:30, 9:30-10:30, 10:30-11:30AM, and 5:30-6:30PM. If you feel called to participate, please reach out by sending an email to [pc@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:pc@santacatalinaparish.org). Adoration takes place every Wednesday from 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM in the church. Everyone is invited to join and experience the presence of our Lord during these times. ✝

## Join the Book Bunch and Bring A Friend on June 12th The group will be discussing *The Leftover Woman* by Jean Kwok



An evocative family drama and a riveting mystery about the ferocious pull of motherhood for two very different women.

Jasmine Yang arrives in New York City from her rural Chinese village without money or family support, fleeing a controlling husband, on a desperate search for the daughter who was taken from her at birth.

Publishing executive Rebecca Whitney seems to have it all: a prestigious family name, wealth, a high-powered career, a beautiful home, a handsome husband, and an adopted Chinese daughter she adores.

*The Leftover Woman* finds these two unforgettable women on a shocking collision course.

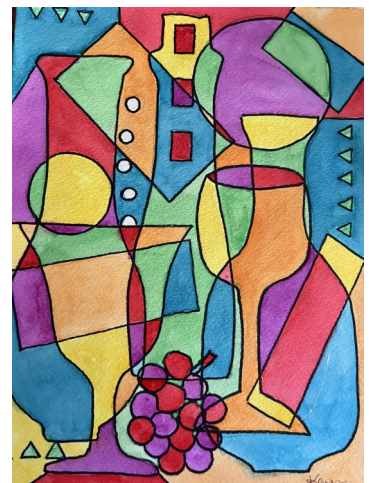
The Book Bunch enjoys a variety of books and welcomes all recommendations. †

## Arts and Crafts - June is Abstract Art Month

Please join us on Tuesday afternoons, June 10 and 24, as members of the Arts and Crafts group explore abstract art ideas. We'll be using watercolor for this project. You'll need to bring a set of watercolor paints (even a small, boxed set from Crayola will work). You'll also need to bring a ¼" brush (#5 flat brush, if you have that), a 12" x 14" or 14" x 17" piece of cardboard, a sharpie pen, a pencil, and an eraser. We'll be using multi-media paper for this project which we can supply. We'll also have stencils for you to use.

This project will be a fun and interesting way to explore different shapes, designs, lines, and colors. Please join us as we socialize and learn from each other!

The Arts and Crafts group meets in the Ocotillo Room from 1:30–3:30. †



## Upcoming Sassy Solos Meeting

The Sassy Solos will meet on June 5th at 11 am in the Ocotillo Room.

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



## Parish Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night will be held on June 14 from 5 pm to 8 pm in the Parish Hall. Join us for a delicious dinner, board games, cards, lots of laughs, and fellowship.

Please bring a dessert to share. †



## This Week's Meetings & Events

Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Location/Room(s)
<b>Mon, Jun 2</b>	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian
	10:00 AM	Sacred Scripture Study: Luke	Mesquite, Ocotillo
	1:00 PM	Monthly Prayer Shawl meeting	Catalina
	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	Church
	5:30 PM	Music Ministry - Bilingual Choir	Church
<b>Tues, Jun 3</b>	9:30 AM	Yoga Faith	Catalina
	4:00 PM	5 PM Mass Choir Rehearsal	Church
	6:00 PM	Men's Prayer Group	Marian
	6:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group	Saguaro
<b>Wed, Jun 4</b>	8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
	9:00 AM	Cultivando Mi Fe	Mesquite
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian
	1:00 PM	Understanding Sunday Scripture	Catalina
<b>Thurs, Jun 5</b>	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian
	6:30 PM	Sacred Scripture Study: Luke	Mesquite, Ocotillo
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian
<b>Fri, Jun 6</b>	9:00 AM	Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe	Mesquite, Ocotillo
	9:00 AM	Friday Faith Fellowship - The Chosen	Catalina
<b>Sat, Jun 7</b>	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
	4:00 PM	Parish Food Drive	Portico
<b>Sun, Jun 8</b>	All Masses	Parish Food Drive	Portico

### Readings for the week of June 1:

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:** Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25



## Vacation Bible School - June 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM - Noon

### Registration

Registration is now open for VBS at Santa Catalina Catholic Church. Children Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade will embark on an exciting journey through the life of Christ, drawing closer to Him as they experience the cycle of the Church year.

Through the generosity of Santa Catalina Parish, this year's VBS is free. Scan the QR code to register. Space is limited, register today. Questions? Email Katharine at [RE@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:RE@santacatalinaparish.org). †



### Volunteers Needed for VBS

Lead children on an exciting adventure through the sacraments at this year's Vacation Bible School! Join us for VBS June 16th-20th, 9:00 am-12:00pm.

Volunteers needed for crafts, snacks, games, and more. No experience needed—you will be fully trained.

We promise a fun, faith-filled, joyous week as you work in community with your fellow volunteers to gently lead our children to Jesus.

Contact Katharine at [RE@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:RE@santacatalinaparish.org) or 505-670-1897 with any questions or to volunteer. †

### Help with VBS Decorations

This year's Vacation Bible School theme is Journey through the Church Year with Jesus. A very special part of VBS is the decor. The children have so much fun discovering the mini-scenes we set up. To keep costs down, we are asking people to lend us some of our bigger 'props.' If you have any items we can borrow for the month of June, please email Katharine at [re@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:re@santacatalinaparish.org)

- Pop-up canopies (10x10 or smaller)
- Sheets in tans, browns, whites

- Decorative couch/floor pillows in tans, browns
- Lightweight or outdoor rugs in tans, browns, Middle Eastern
- Artificial potted plants (ferns, palms)
- Artificial Christmas tree (5-7 feet)
- Wicker baskets in tans, browns (medium to x-large)

Thank you so much for your support. As you know, we are the only church in Northwest Tucson offering Vacation Bible School—what a tremendous blessing to be part of this special ministry together. †

### Sunday's Readings (June 1, 2025)

**First Reading:** They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." (Acts 1:11)

**Psalm:** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord. (Ps 47)

**Second Reading:** May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. (Eph 1:17)

**Gospel:** As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. (Lk 24:51)



## Gospel Reflection:

It was a Delta flight from Salt Lake City to Phoenix, and it looked like an on-time departure. As the large plane rolled away from the gate, the pilot announced over the intercom: "Ladies and Gentlemen, the crew outside didn't fill up the tanks with fuel. We are going back to the gate to wait for them." The passengers groaned with impatience. But over the next hour, we knew the waiting had a purpose: it meant fuel to get us to our destination.

The disciples at the Lord's Ascension are in a similar predicament but on a massively higher plane. They want the Kingdom of God to begin on earth as it is in heaven. But Jesus says, "I am sending the promise of my Father

upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). They stay together in prayer in Jerusalem and wait nine long days until the Holy Spirit descends. Empowered by

supernatural gifts, they go forth to the ends of the earth and to their deaths proclaiming the Good News of Jesus. The wait was worth it.

Before you begin a task or endeavor, do you take time to patiently pray for the Holy Spirit to come? The bigger the task, the more ardent the prayer should be. Try it this week, and you'll be clothed with power to get where God wants you to go.

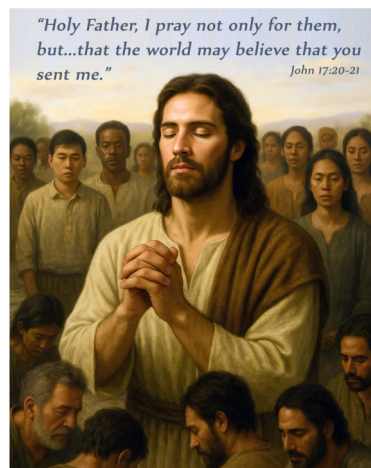
— *Father John Muir* ©LPi †



## Wait...Don't We Celebrate The Ascension on a Thursday - 40 Days After Easter?

Traditionally observed 40 days after Easter, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord falls on a Thursday, recalling the biblical account in Acts 1:3 that Jesus appeared to His disciples for 40 days before ascending into heaven. However, in most dioceses across the United States, this feast is now celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter. This shift, authorized by the Vatican and approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), reflects pastoral considerations aimed at fostering greater participation in this important solemnity.

In 1999, the USCCB voted to allow each ecclesiastical province—the groupings of dioceses overseen by a metropolitan archbishop—to decide whether to transfer the Ascension to Sunday. Most provinces opted for the transfer, citing the practical reality that many Catholics are unable to attend weekday Masses.



By moving the Ascension to Sunday, more faithful are able to reflect on Christ's return to the Father and His ongoing presence through the Holy Spirit.

If the Ascension were still observed on Thursday, the Gospel reading for the Seventh Sunday of Easter would typically come from John 17:11b–19. In this passage, Jesus prays for His disciples' unity, protection from the evil one, and sanctification in truth.

This rich Gospel—part of Jesus' "high priestly prayer"—remains a powerful message of Christ's desire for His Church, and is still proclaimed in provinces that retain Ascension Thursday as a Holy Day of Obligation.

Ultimately, the shift reflects the Church's pastoral flexibility while maintaining the theological integrity of the Easter season. †



## This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention	
Sat, May 31	4:00 PM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠	Dale Sieverding by The family
Sun, Jun 1	7:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠	Dale Sieverding by The family
	9:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠	Dale Sieverding by The family
	11:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	✠	John & Beatrice Jurish by Marilyn Kramer
			✠	Benny Jacinto & Esther Torres by The Jacinto family
			✠	Don & Lupita Romero by The Romero family
	5:00 PM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠	June Hardy by Michael & Kay Shannon
Mon, Jun 2	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠	Robert & Janet Reichenbach by John and Carol Harrison
Tue, Jun 3	8:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	✠	James Weston by JoAnn Weston
Wed, Jun 4	8:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	✠	Dale Sieverding by the Laufmann Family
			✠	Carlos Valdez by the Valdez family
Thu, Jun 5	8:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	✠	Robert Haines by Rita Quinn
			✠	Mary Frances Clark by the Clark Family
Fri, Jun 6	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠	Leon Sample & Susie Sample by Sally Sample
Sat, Jun 7	4:00 PM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠	James J. Kelly by Ruth Kelly
Sun, Jun 8	7:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠	Judith A. Moncevicz & Vincent Bellian by Paul & Susan Moncevicz
				For those with Mental illness by Mental Health Ministry
				For parishioners celebrating a birthday in June
	9:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley		For those with Mental illness by Mental Health Ministry
				For parishioners celebrating a birthday in June
	11:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson		For those with Mental illness by Mental Health Ministry
				For parishioners celebrating a birthday in June
	5:00 PM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa		For those with Mental illness by Mental Health Ministry
				For parishioners celebrating a birthday in June

# Spiritual



## Please Pray for Our Parishioners

Mimi Cuono	Mary Maloney	Stacy Zieminski	Jeanie Polak	Lucy Sanchez
Anita Garcia	Mary Rose Hagstrom	Ann Marie Arnold	Sandy Cavendar	Tony Dahl
David W. Maloney	Sophie Varalli	Susann Rein	Greg Ballard	Leslie Fore
Bob Stamer	Michael Sienkiewicz, Jr	Mollie Minke	Mary Maloney	George Price
Robert Perry	Ty Vallinoto	Mona Mariani	Bill Terrazas	Debra Elofson
Rene Terrazas				

## Now We Wait

You can tell a lot about a person by how they wait in line.

The driver who leans on her horn if the car in front of her pauses before turning on a red light is probably also the woman who says, "I thought you forgot about us" to the waitress who's slow to bring water to the table.

The shopper with a full cart who lets someone buying two bananas cut ahead of him in the checkout line is probably also the guy who says, "Here, take mine," if the creamer runs out in the morning coffee queue.

Here's how I wait: I pull out my phone. I check my email. I make shopping lists in my head. I busy myself. The anxiety of falling behind is just too overwhelming. Waiting scares me.

I'm not saying the first person is nasty and bad, the second one is a saint, and I'm a neurotic workaholic. I'm only saying that it's hard to press "pause" on the fulfillment of any desire we have,

even if it's just the desire to move on. It's hard to be made to wait. It's a test, and like all tests, it either proves our strengths or reveals our weaknesses.

The Ascension begins a period of waiting for the disciples. Christ has been with them, blessed them, taught them — and now he's gone in a cloud, leaving behind a vague promise that they can't really understand.

Make no mistake: this is a test. And it reveals them to be faithful. They return to Jerusalem "with great joy" (Luke 24:52) and receive, a few days later, the Holy Spirit.

In a sense, we are all waiting, every moment of our lives — lingering in expectation of a promise not yet fulfilled, bound by instructions we only partially comprehend.

This is a test. What will it reveal about us? ©LPi ✝



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## Prayer of Christian Unity

**H**elp us to be one, Lord Jesus, as you prayed to the Father.

Gather us all to you, diverse in culture, gift, call, way of life, and perspective. May the love we have for you overflow into the love we have for each other.

Amen.

Financial Report	Weekend of 5/18	Attendance
Offertory	\$12,728	999
Major Maintenance	\$120	
Total	\$12,848	
2024	\$21,654	1020
Rectory	\$867	

## Stewarding Hope: 5-16-25 A Retreat with Fr. Steve Rehrauer

*Father Steve Rehrauer, C.Ss.R., director of the Redemptorist Renewal Center and Ph.D. in moral theology, Here is a summary of his thoughts.*

In a world overflowing with abundance — especially in the West — we paradoxically find ourselves more anxious, isolated, and disillusioned than ever. While billions still struggle for access to food, water, and basic resources, many in developed nations find themselves battling despair. Nearly 80 years ago, moral theologian Bernard Häring warned of this exact spiritual crisis: without faith, he said, hope becomes nearly impossible to sustain.

Fr. Steve Rehrauer, C.Ss.R., invites us to confront this challenge through the lens of *The Church Year of Hope*, drawing on the spirituality of St. Alphonsus Liguori and the Redemptorist charism. In this retreat, we'll explore what it means to be stewards of hope in an age where pessimism has quietly become the dominant worldview.

Hope is not mere optimism. Optimism and pessimism are temperaments; hope is a virtue. It is rooted not in circumstance but in God's promise. And like all virtues, it requires cultivation.

Stewardship plays a vital role in this cultivation. Stewardship is not about control or possession; it's about care, accountability, and trust. A steward manages what belongs to someone else, and does so faithfully with love and reverence. As disciples of Christ, we are stewards of His mission — a mission of hope.

Jesus Himself modeled this in John 6:37–40, stating that He came not to do His own will, but the will of the One who sent Him. In religious life, a superior may entrust a vicar to act on their behalf. Similarly, we are entrusted to carry forward Christ's message of hope, mercy, and redemption.

This retreat will explore how the theological virtues — faith, hope, and love — help us orient our lives around God's truth. They remind us that prayer is not just a



spiritual practice, but a proclamation of hope. As St. Alphonsus taught, prayer is itself an act of hope — without it, our hope withers.

We encounter signs of hope in four key places:

- 1) The Crib — the Incarnation: God with us
- 2) The Cross — the sacrifice of redemption
- 3) The Eucharist — Christ's enduring presence
- 4) Mary — our model and mother in hope

Supernatural hope becomes crucial as we age and encounter loss, pain, and uncertainty. It tells us that the best is yet to come — not because we earn it, but because God promises it.

Stewarding hope also includes acknowledging its healing power. Even science confirms that hope improves outcomes, brings comfort, and fosters resilience. Philosopher Josef Pieper reminded us that both hope and despair are decisions — acts of the will that shape our response to life's trials.

Ultimately, our identity as children of God is the source of lasting hope. Everything we have should be used to glorify God and uplift others. In doing so, we become vessels of love — and living answers to someone else's prayer.

Mark your calendar, there will be a second Retreat **Wednesday, November 19, 2025 (Time: TBA)**

**Location:** Redemptorist Renewal Center

Contact: Madeline Rugama at (520) 825-9611 ext. 104 or email [mrugama@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:mrugama@santacatalinaparish.org) ☩



# Outreach

## Andy's Irrigation gives a Shout Out to Our Prayer Garden

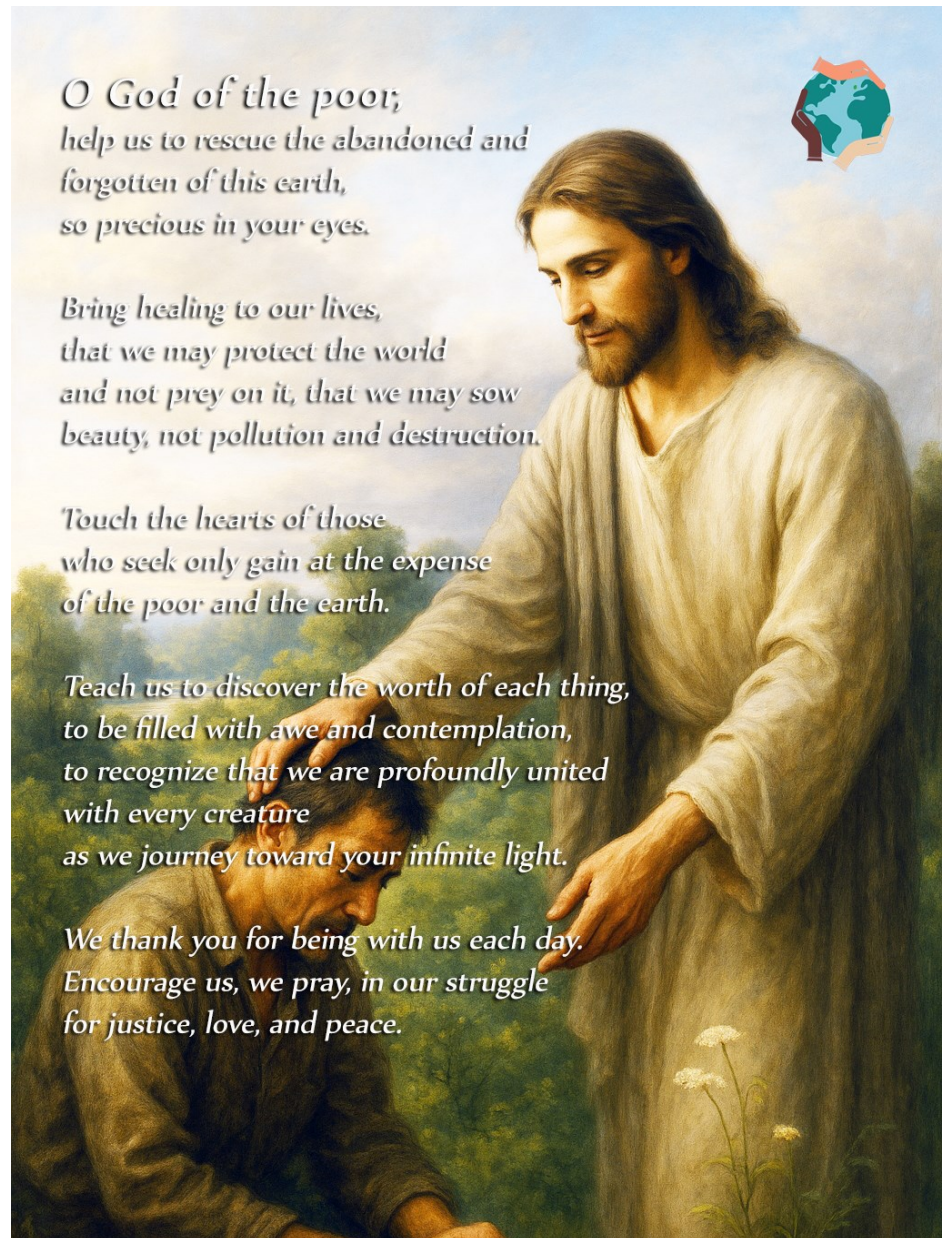
Andy's Irrigation gives a Shout Out to our Prayer Garden

Andy's Irrigation just completed the installation of a new drip and water system at Santa Catalina Catholic Church's Prayer Garden.

This is an exceptionally beautiful and reverent piece of God's creation. It was an honor to work here. Thank you to the Church and its people.

Mary Hojnacki, David Eisenehauer and David Geer, thank you for your trust and guidance. And thanks to my strong armed men who wake up early to make this country and our business work.

If you seek peace in a troubled world, walk this beautiful Prayer Garden. You will find comfort here. ✝





## Spiritual Adoption - Month 3: "I can suck my thumb!"

Your developing baby is quite active in the womb now, although his mother won't feel him for another couple of months. If his mother's womb had a window, you could watch your spiritually adopted baby squint, swallow and move his tongue. He can make a tight fist if you touch his palm. He is breathing amniotic fluid which continues until birth, although he obtains the oxygen his body needs through the umbilical cord. The baby you are praying for weighs one ounce. Early this month – at just 9 weeks – he began to suck his thumb.

Please pray for all the unborn children: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion." Spiritual adoption cards can be found on the table in the Narthex of the church. If you are interested in joining the Dignity of Human Life Ministry, please email us at [prolife12345@aol.com](mailto:prolife12345@aol.com) or call the Parish Office at (520) 825-9611. ✝



Tercer mes -Desarrollo del bebé- "¡Puedo chuparme el dedo!" Programa de Adopción Espiritual.



Ahora su bebé espiritual está muy activo en el vientre. Sin embargo su madre no lo sentirá sino hasta después de un par de meses. Si el vientre de su madre tuviera una ventana, usted podría mirar a su bebé espiritual parpadear, tragar y mover su lengua. Si toca su palma él puede hacer puñete. El

respira el líquido amniótico hasta que nace, sin embargo el bebé obtiene el oxígeno que su cuerpo necesita a través del cordón umbilical. El niño por el cual está rezando, pesa ahora una onza. Al comienzo del mes solo a nueve semanas comienza a chuparse su dedo.

Por favor, oren por todos los niños no nacidos: «Jesús, María y José, los amo mucho. Les ruego que perdonen la vida del niño no nacido que he adoptado espiritualmente y que está en peligro de aborto». Las tarjetas de adopción espiritual se encuentran en la mesa del nártex de la iglesia. Si les interesa unirse al Ministerio de la Dignidad de la Vida Humana, envíennos un correo electrónico a [prolife12345@aol.com](mailto:prolife12345@aol.com) o llamen a la Oficina Parroquial al (520) 825-9611. ✝

## Monthly Food Drive: June 7th - 8th

Please bring non-perishable items and leave them on the carts outside the church doors.

Most needed items include: peanut butter, rice and pasta, canned stews and soups, canned meat and fish, juice boxes, and lunch snacks. All food

donations go to Casa Maria, Impact of Southern AZ, and the TriCommunity Food Bank.

These organizations are very grateful for your assistance. ✝



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## Knights of Columbus Jim Click Raffle



Tickets will be sold after every Mass through July—cash, check\*, or credit card accepted. Buy from us and you'll be automatically entered into our Parishioner Raffle, with a guaranteed winner drawn after the 11 AM Mass on July 27. The more we sell, the more you could win—if we sell all 400 tickets, one lucky parishioner will receive about **\$1,300**. Plus, your stub is reentered for the Jim Click Raffle on December 11 for a chance at amazing prizes. Tickets are also available in the church office (check only\*).

\* Payable to **K of C Council #12345**.

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