

June 8-9, 2024

Santa Catalina

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Catholic Church

A REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:00 am

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil, 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am,
11:00 am (Bi-lingual), 5:00 pm

Reconciliation

Wednesday 8:45 - 10:00 am

Saturday 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

... or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of the month
at 8:00 am Mass

... or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

In the church, Wed 8:30 - 11 am
Benediction at 10:45 am. Chapel
hours, Mon-Thu 8am -2:30 pm

Rosary in the Church

Monday-Friday 7:30 am



*"If a kingdom is divided
against itself, that kingdom
cannot stand."*

Mk 3:24-25

Tenth 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

This Week's Parish Ministry Meetings and Events

Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
Mon, Jun 10	7:30 AM	Vacation Bible School	Parish Hall
	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	Church
Tue, Jun 11	7:30 AM	Vacation Bible School	Parish Hall
	5:30 PM	Music Ministry - Bilingual Choir	Church
	6:00 PM	Men's Prayer Group	Marian Room
	6:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group	Saguaro Room
Wed, Jun 12	7:30 AM	Vacation Bible School	Parish Hall
	8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
	6:30 PM	R.C.I.A.	Mesquite Room
Thu, Jun 13	7:30 AM	Vacation Bible School	Parish Hall
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian Room
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian Room
Fri, Jun 14	7:30 AM	Vacation Bible School	Parish Hall
Sat, Jun 15	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
Sun, Jun 16	3:30 PM	R.C.I.A.	Mesquite

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Free Vacation Bible School June 10-14, 9AM to Noon

Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School at Santa Catalina Catholic Church. Children Kindergarten-5th grade will embark on an exciting wilderness adventure through the sacraments at this year's VBS. Kids will love all the crafts, games, songs, skits and snacks as they learn about and draw closer to Christ! Through the



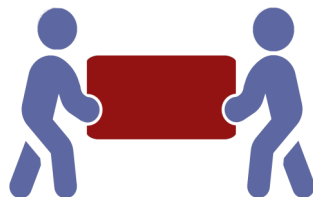
generosity of Santa Catalina Parish, this year's VBS is *Free*. Scan the QR code to register. Space is limited, register today. Questions?

Email Katharine at RE@santacatalinaparish.org.



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

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



Thank you, in advance, for your Stewardship.

2024 Summer Mass Schedule (Starting July 14)

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

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

Reminder - If you have not responded to the Annual Catholic Appeal please visit [Annual Catholic Appeal – Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Tucson](#) and remember to indicate that you are from Santa Catalina parish.



Recordatorio - Si usted no ha respondido a la Campaña Católica Anual, por favor visite la Campaña Anual Catholic Appeal – Fundación Católica para la Diócesis de Tucson y recuerde indicar que usted es feligrés de la parroquia de Santa Catalina.

Meet the Ministry - Sassy Solos

Sassy Solos is a group of single women who enjoy some of the social activities that our group offers while connecting with some of their community, church and neighbors. The group meets the first Thursday of every month at 11 am in the Ocotillo Room (September

through May). Afterwards, we go to lunch at one of our local restaurants. We are a social group that plans 3 or 4 activities each month ranging from plays, field trips to museums, visiting churches in the area, happy hours, potluck luncheon and any other

activities that come up throughout the month. Watch the bulletin for more information when we start back up in September.



Help with Navigating the Mental Health System

“You are Not Alone by Dr. Ken Duckworth, is a refreshing resource filled with hope on the successes of our current mental health system. I wish I had this book to help my husband and me navigate our journey with our son who suffered from severe mental illness.” - Rebecca

People experiencing mental illness and their families and friends are often unsure how to navigate this system, deal with financial and logistical issues and handle the emotional challenges of mental illness. This book serves as a guide to navigate the mental health system, with advice from experts and wisdom from real people and families.

Part One - Mental Health and Mental Health Conditions - Dr. Duckworth describes the barriers around mental health conditions such as cultural differences, distrust and lack of awareness. He illuminates the steps that have been taken in the right directions with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008, which mandates insurers treat mental health and physical health equally. He discusses pathways to recovery with first person statements of the tools that have helped them.

Part Two - The Recovery focuses on evidence from lived experiences which help shed a light into awareness and

acceptance of a diagnosis. He discusses how advocacy can change public policy. He cites ways to navigate the legal system, answers difficult, but often asked questions by parents, and informs on state of the art research and care.

You are Not Alone was published in 2022 by National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and is available for purchase online. **The Mental Health Ministry has 5 copies that you can borrow.**

If you are interested, send an e-mail to sajm@santacatinaparish.org.



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

We are blessed to be part of such a caring community here at Santa Catalina Parish. It reminds me of the words of Saint Paul in 1 Corinthians, where he declares, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ." This should give us great comfort in our times of trial, which we know will come to all of us in our lives. For Paul goes on to say, "If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together." And that, brothers and sisters, is the core of Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers are caring Christians, the voice, hands, and spirit of the Body of Christ, who want to make a difference in the lives of those who are hurting. They are compassionate, trustworthy, skilled, and full of faith - someone who will exercise strict confidentiality, who will not

We Are One Body in Christ

judge, who will listen and walk faithfully with you in a distinctively Christian, one-



to-one caring relationship on your journey of healing.

If you or someone you know could benefit from Stephen Ministry, please contact the church office at 520-825-9611. Or call Judy Rossman at cell 206-660-5268; email StephenMinistry@santacatalinaparish.org. You will also find us on the Santa Catalina Parish webpage at www.santacatalinaparish.org/stephenministry. All information is held in strict confidentiality.

You Too Can Pray Like Jesus Did

Reading or reciting Psalms are a great way to pray. No wonder so many Psalm verses are used in today's inspirational songs and sayings. Psalms are a collection of 150 hymns of praise, protection, help, forgiveness, healing, and more.

Try this.... Slowly read a few Psalms and reflect on the imagery they project. Pick one or more that may apply to your current situation and consider that Jesus often used those same words from David and others to speak to the Father. What a wonderful way to express yourself to our King!

Your Pastoral Council



Tú también puedes orar como lo hizo Jesús.

Leer o recitar salmos es una excelente manera de orar. No es extraño que se usen tantos versículos de salmos en las canciones y dichos inspiradores hoy. Los salmos son una colección de 150 himnos de alabanza, protección, ayuda, perdón, sanación y más. Prueba esto.... Lee lentamente algunos Salmos y reflexiona sobre las imágenes que proyectan. Escoge una o más que puedan aplicarse a tu situación actual y considera que Jesús a menudo usó esas mismas palabras de David y de otros para hablar con el Padre. ¡Qué manera tan maravillosa de expresarse ante nuestro Rey!

Tu Consejo Pastoral

Alive in Christ



Listen To The Holy Spirit

“...take into your heart all my words that I speak to you; hear them well...”

- Ezekiel 3:10



Thursday June 13, at 6:45 PM

- Gloria Roberts tells us how to listen to the Holy Spirit and to act on what we hear.
- Lively Praise and Worship
- Pray for all your Intentions
- Attend in person at: Our Lady of La Vang Parish, at St. Frances Cabrini Church, 3201 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson
- Or join on Zoom at: **Meeting ID: 814 4930 0841**
Passcode: 352734

View this using Zoom app on a computer / tablet / smart phone, or listen on a traditional phone: Dial (346) 248 7799 or (669) 900 9128 (not toll-free)

If you have problems joining the meeting, please text Diana at: 520-981-8800.

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For Zoom training videos, and videos of past meetings, go to TucsonCCR.org

Today's Readings (June 9, 2024)

First Reading:

“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers.” (Gn 3:15)

Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption. (Ps 130)

Second Reading:

Since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, I believed, therefore I spoke, we too believe and therefore we speak. (2 Cor 4:13)

Gospel:

And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand; that is the end of him. (Mk 3:26)

This Week's Gospel Meditation

Jesus asks us a stunning question this week: "How can Satan cast out Satan?" To enter into this question opens up the often-hidden dynamics of what Jesus has done and is constantly doing. If we're honest, our response to some degree is: "How else can we cast him out? Satan is precisely how we cast out Satan!" But Jesus wants us to see this finally does not work. Here's what I mean.

Satanas names the demonic mechanism by which we render wholeness through accusation. When we face a threat, we seek something to protect us (e.g., more money, social status, security, power, etc.). Rivals inevitably arise for these things and so do tensions. Accusation presents itself. "I'll never be successful unless I get ahead of that guy." "She's already trying to get ahead of me." "That group of immigrants is trying to take our jobs." And so on. The accusation grows into a fear-inducing threat — things will break apart — no, they already are! Hurry!

Si alguien no piensa como nosotros, lo descalificamos; si no seguimos las reglas del juego nos sacan del equipo. Y así, sucesivamente, nos mueve la sociedad para seguir su corriente. En tiempos de Jesús pasaba lo mismo. Como Jesús estaba haciendo cosas fuera de lo normal, tuvo tensiones con su familia y con los escribas. "Al enterarse sus parientes de todo lo anterior, fueron a buscarlo para llevárselo, pues decían: Se ha vuelto loco. Mientras tanto, unos maestros de la ley que habían venido de Jerusalén decían: Está poseído por Beelzebul, jefe de los demonios, y con su ayuda expulsa a los demonios" (Marcos 3:21-22). Tal parece que hacer el bien no es del buen parecer de todos. Cumplir cabalmente con la voluntad de Dios trae problemas serios, en la

We inflict violence on the victim and — as if by magic — peace ensues. For a time. Soon fresh accusations are required to hold new chaos at bay, until there is no community left at all. This is essentially humankind's sad history in a nutshell.

Jesus' cross and resurrection unmasks this broken system of "casting out Satan by Satan" and ushers in a new one he calls "the Kingdom of God." He reveals that the dynamic of accusation is nothing compared to his power of divine mercy and love. The cross (and not Satan) is the real power to tear down strongholds of sin and cast out Satan. This is why he describes himself as the "stronger man who ties up the strong man to plunder his house." This week let's notice the ways we "cast out Satan by Satan," and then refuse to do it anymore. Because in the long run, that divided house cannot stand.

Father John Muir ©LPi



familia, en la sociedad y en el mundo. ¿Qué nos anima actualmente para hacer el bien? ¿Dónde están los que necesitan nuestro aliento y esperanza?

Sin duda que hay que fijarnos en Jesús, quien da la pauta y la seguridad para seguirlo y llevar a cabo su reino de justicia y de paz, y para tener más seguridad de que estamos con él, y haciendo lo que le agrada lo bueno, lo justo. Él clarifica entonces, y ahora, quién es su verdadera familia. "Y mirando a los que estaban sentados a su alrededor, dijo: Estos son mi madre y mis hermanos. Porque todo el que hace la voluntad de Dios es hermano mío y hermana y madre" (Mateo 3:34-35). Ahora, pues, nos toca vivir como verdaderos hijos e hijas de Dios. ¡Que dignidad tan grande, hechos a su semejanza! ©LPi

This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention	By
Mon, Jun 10	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory	
Tue, Jun 11	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ John & Christena Lee	Bernie & Anita Lee
Wed, Jun 12	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Judy & Joseph Valentine	Nick Valentine
Thu, Jun 13	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Mildred Troike	Diane Wisniewski
Fri, Jun 14	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ Brendan Grainger	Pat Lotker
Sat, Jun 15	4:00 PM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Betty Burns	Thomas Burns
	7:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Betty Burns ✠ Rogelio Rubio	Thomas Burns By the daughters
	9:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	For the Intentions of the Parish	
Sun, Jun 16			✠ Diego Zell	Graciela Avila
	11:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Maria Jimenez Beltran ✠ Ruben Cajigas	Graciela Avila By his family
	5:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Betty M. Burns	Thomas Burns

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Readings for the week of June 9, 2024

Sunday: Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc)/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32

Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10/Mt 5:33-37

Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34



Spiritual



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| Cliff Bentz | Dorothy Fuerstenberg | Arianna Peralta |
| Leland Bracy | Anita Garcia | Maureen Schlosser |
| Mario Calbone | Allen Grandel | Robert Shelby |
| Diane Clark | Walter Henrich | Charles Soulé |
| Mark Cowie | Phyllis Henrich | Carolina Soulé |
| Mimi Cuono | David Maloney | Bill Terrazas |
| Albert Diaz | Ana F. Marquez | Steven Zenizo |
| Rachel Flint | Denjal Noval | Bob Stamer |

Dorothy Flanagan
Jose Romero

Mass Intentions



One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead and the most powerful prayer we have is the Mass. For this very reason, having a Mass offered, what the Church calls a Mass Intention, for loved ones who have died, for the living who have a special

need or celebration, or in thanksgiving to God, the Church is able to intercede for us and apply special graces from God upon that individual, blessings, or thanksgiving. To request a Mass Intention, call the office at 520-825-9611 or lobby@santacatalinaparish.org.

Stewardship

Weekend May 25-26	Totals	Attendance
Offertory	\$14,340	1064
Major Maintenance	\$452	
Total	\$14,792	
Last Year's Offertory	\$16,335	996
Parish Rectory	\$3,220	



2024 Annual Catholic Appeal		
Goal	Fulfilled	% of Goal
\$ 140,000	\$ 65,099	46%

(167 donors)

Look here: there is no one more family-oriented than me. I drive a minivan. I wear mom jeans. I wipe unidentified gunk off of kids' faces without a second thought.

I'm all about family, but I'm not always a fan of what "family" has come to mean in the modern lexicon. Family values. Family-friendly. Family-oriented. It's usually a synonym for "non-offensive." Soft. Moderate. Nice.

It's all fine, I suppose. But is it genuine? Creating a family, bringing that family physically into the world, was the hardest and most painful thing I ever did. The care and keeping of that family — the teamwork with my spouse, the feeding and watering of the children, the teaching of the writing and the reading the and praying — it's very hardcore. It's

not all stuffed animals and peekaboo. It's a mental, spiritual, and physical challenge that daily brings me to my knees.

I'm not even talking exclusively about parenting young children. I'm talking about being part of a family in any way — being a son, being a daughter, being a sister and cousin and uncle. Families are complicated and strange and messy. Sometimes boundaries need to be drawn, or they need to be crossed. Sometimes walls need to be put up or torn down. It's never easy. It's never simple.

But I've never known someone who didn't want to be part of a family in some way, whether that's a blood family or one created by circumstance. And there's a reason Christ creates a family ("Whoever does the will of God is my brother

and sister and mother") and not a club.

A family is a crucible, yes — but what comes out is so much more beautiful than what went in. For all the effort and even pain that is sometimes involved in a family relationship, there is nothing more defining, more fulfilling.

We are part of Christ's family, and what we can expect from that is certainly not a life of simple, clear-cut, undemanding discipleship. We can expect confusion. We can expect discomfort. But we can expect to be perpetually drawn to the heart of one who loves us without hesitation, without condition. In the end, we're family.

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Why do we do that?

Question: How do I bring God into the work of my daily life?

Answer: Whatever your daily work, you have an opportunity to encounter God and to follow His commandments in love. In the New Testament, we see that most of the Apostles didn't have a previous religious position. They were fishermen, tax collectors, and political activists. St. Paul was a tentmaker. Among the saints, we have doctors, lawyers, farmers, and stay-at-home moms. No matter your daily tasks, God can be present there!

One way concerns behavior. Start with an examination of conscience. Look at areas where you tend to struggle to imitate Christ at work. Do you gossip? Does brimming frustration become impatience at home? Pick one sin you struggle with, then choose a virtue to strengthen that area. If you tend to speak poorly of your co-workers, resolve to stop and to say one kind thing a day instead.

Another way relates to perspective, particularly your perspective of others. Jesus' incarnation reminds us of the value of every human

being. Jesus is God, and each of us is created in God's image. When you encounter another person, you have an opportunity to see God in a new place and a new way — in that person in front of you. Genuinely listen to them and be present to their concerns. Loving your neighbor is loving God! Our relationship with God and the love He inspires in our hearts shouldn't remain only at church on Sunday. We can — and should — let our faith animate our lives! ©LPi

Meet the Ministry - Dress A Girl Around the World

Dress a Girl Around the World is under the “Hope 4 Women international” (a 501 (c) 3 organization). The dresses we sew bring dignity and happiness to girls around the world and the sad fact is dresses we provide may be the only dress a girl will own. We use high rate 100% cotton and of medium to dark colors for durability. The fabric should be heavy enough so that it is not “see through”.

Our ministry at Santa Catalina was started in the fall of 2015

and we meet on the second Wednesday of each month from October through May. We meet in the parish hall at 10 am; at the meetings we receive instructions and a notebook with further step by step details on how to sew these dresses. The dresses are simple to sew but well made. We all sew the dresses at our homes and meet to receive fabric and other notions that go into making the them, then we place a Dress A Girl Around the World label on each dress front. The label implies the girls are under

protective supervision and that may help ward off predators.



The dresses have gone to Africa, Mexico Haiti, Vietnam, Alitas, India, Puerto Rico, and Honduras. This last year our ladies made 503 dresses and we would love to have more ladies help us, so please e-mail Geri Conser at sajm@santacatalinaparish.org.

Meeting People Where They Are

Recently I listened to a podcast from Dynamic Catholic titled *Meeting People Where They Are*. Lately I have been struggling with the spiritual aspect of our mission, wondering if my

encounters with friends in need was truly leading them closer to God or, was I just attempting to get them out of financial crisis? The podcast pointed out that in Jesus’ model of evangelization, he fed, healed, and comforted them before he preached to them. You cannot preach to a starving person; you must feed them first for their ears to be open. We need to recognize the burden they are carrying, listen to the

burden and see how we can help. Recognizing that as Vincentians we are doing what Jesus did to evangelize has lifted my spirits and energized my commitment to our mission at St Vincent de Paul.



Casa Alitas Needs Your Help

Casa Alitas is a humanitarian aid project committed to providing



assistance to asylum-seekers. Currently, Casa Alitas is providing support for around 500 - 700 individuals a day. If you are interesting in helping, send an e-mail to sajm@santacatalinaparish.org.

Did You Know - Our Memorial Garden is a St. Kateri Habitat

Our Memorial Garden is one of three habitats in Arizona that is registered as a St. Kateri Habitat by the Saint Kateri Conservation Center. This organization is a national Catholic conservation group that promotes faith, integral ecology, and the diversity of life. They promote the benefits of increasing faith in God while saving the environment.



Our designation was based on the following criteria:

Religious expression- our Memorial Garden with our unique Stations of the Cross easily met this criterion.

Native trees, shrubs and wildflowers to promote beauty and biodiversity- although we have some non-native plants, we have many native plants and we continue to expand our native trees and plants.

Food, water, cover, and space for people and wildlife: as a desert garden we have many options for our birds, animals, butterflies and bees to find food and shelter. Our trees provide shade for our visitors, with benches for praying or meditation. Water is a challenge, but we have been working on an area for butterflies to have a small pool of water with a slow drip system to encourage more pollination.



If you are interested in joining the Care for Creation Ministry, please send an email to sajm@santacatalinaparish.org.

Santa Catalina Parish



Spiritual Adoption

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.

...Bishop Fulton J Sheen



A reminder to say your Spiritual Adoption Prayer daily - Dignity of Human Life Ministry

Outreach

A sewing group in SaddleBrooke decided to add a charitable outreach to their sewing session, and have produced many bags to be carried by the women of Sr. Jose's Women's Center and the foster teens supported by the Christ Child Society of Tucson's Wings program,.

These bags are made of durable fabric to carry water, toiletries, rain gear, sack lunches and even a small puppy by the women at Sr. Jose. The teens carry much the same, as well as school books, stuffed animals and personal items.

These bags arrive at my doorstep to be distributed at regular intervals and are put in use immediately. I want to acknowledge these gifts with great appreciation to this SB Sewing group who connected with Santa Catalina to express their

charity and concern for the women and teens who are homeless.

They are in need of fabric of a durable nature to continue this charitable work. If you have any fabric, or know of a resource, will you please contact the parish office with the information or send an e-mail to Sally Sample at sajm@santacatalinaparish.org.

Contributed by Sally Sample

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