

March 29-30, 2025

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

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Mon-Fri 8:00 am

Weekend Mass

Sat 4:00 pm (Vigil)

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

Reconciliation

Wed 8:45-10:00 am
Fri 8:45-10:00 am (Lent only)
Sat 2:30-3:30 pm
... or by appointment

Anointing

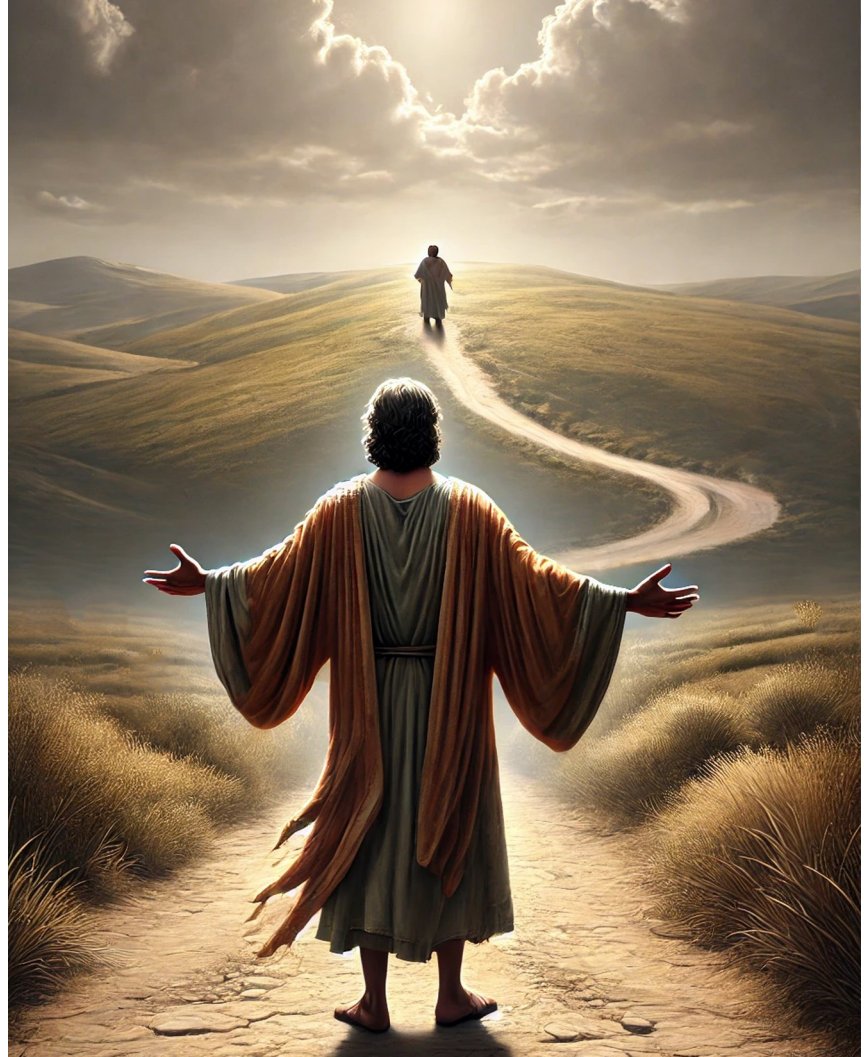
First Friday of the month
at 8:00 am Mass
... or by appointment

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



Fourth Sunday of Lent

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.

Lenten & Holy Week Calendar 2025

Tuesday, April 1 – Lenten Penance Service

- 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM – Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday, April 2 – Reconciliation & Adoration

- 8:45 AM - 10:00 AM – Reconciliation
- 8:30 AM - 8:30 PM – Adoration

Friday, April 4 – Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper

- 8:45 AM - 10:00 AM – Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM – Stations in the Garden
- 6:00 PM – Soup Supper (*Bring a bowl and spoon*)

Wednesday, April 9 – Reconciliation & Adoration

- 8:45 AM - 10:00 AM – Reconciliation
- 8:30 AM - 8:30 PM – Adoration

Friday, April 11 – Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper

- 8:45 AM - 10:00 AM – Reconciliation
- 5:00 PM – Stations in the Garden
- 6:00 PM – Soup Supper (*Last one this season – Bring a bowl and spoon*)

Saturday, Sunday (April 12 – 13)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- **Saturday:** 4:00 PM Vigil Mass
- **Sunday:** 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 5:00 PM Masses

Wednesday, April 16 – Tenebrae Service

- 5:30 PM – In the church

Holy Thursday, April 17 – Evening of the Lord's Supper

- *No daily Mass*
- 6:00 PM – Mass
- 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM – Repose of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration with Taizé Meditation

Good Friday, April 18 – Stations of the Cross

- *No daily Mass*
- Adoration in Parish Hall: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- 12:00 Noon – Stations in the Garden
- 3:00 PM – Passion of the Lord Service

Holy Saturday, April 19 – Easter Vigil

- *No Reconciliation and no 4:00 PM Mass*
- 6:00 PM – Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday – Resurrection of the Lord (April 20)

- **Masses:** 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM (*with overflow*), and 11:00 AM
- *No 5:00 PM Mass*

Divine Mercy Sunday (April 26 – 27)

- **Saturday:** 4:00 PM Vigil Mass
- **Sunday:** 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 5:00 PM Masses
- 2:30 PM – Divine Mercy Holy Hour



Do you wear a hearing aid? We have installed a Hearing Aid loop in the church. Switch hearing



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

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



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.



This Week's Meetings & Events

Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Room
Mon, Mar 31	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian
	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	Church
	5:30 PM	Music Ministry - Bilingual Choir	Church
Tue, Apr 1	9:30 AM	Yoga Faith	Catalina
	4:00 PM	5 PM Mass Choir Rehearsal	Church
	5:00 PM	Lenten Penance Service	Church
	6:00 PM	Men's Prayer Group	Marian
	6:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group	Saguaro
Wed, Apr 2	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
	4:30 PM	Faith Formation Classes K-8th	Mesquite, Ocotillo, Cholla
Thu, Apr 3	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	11:00 AM	Sassy Solos monthly meeting	Mesquite, Ocotillo
	1:00 PM	SAJM Monthly meeting	Marian
	3:30 PM	Vocations Ministry monthly meeting	Conference
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian
Fri, Apr 4	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
	9:00 AM	Friday Faith Fellowship - The Chosen	Catalina
	9:00 AM	Our Lady of Guadalupe monthly meeting	Marian
	10:00 AM	Grief Share class	Mesquite, Ocotillo
	5:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	Prayer Garden
	6:00 PM	Lenten Soup Supper	Parish Hall
Sat, Apr 5	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
		Parish Food Drive	Portico
Sun, Apr 6		Parish Food Drive	Portico
	12:15 PM	O.C.I.A. & Confirmation	Conference

Save the Date - April 30th - Ten Things You Need to Do Before Moving Into a Retirement Center

Dawn Hecht, a self-employed senior advisor, will be presenting in the parish hall at 10 am. There have been a lot of changes in senior living communities and you can not afford to be misinformed or uninformed. Join Dawn for this important presentation. †



Second Collection for Matthew 19:14 Project - This Weekend

This weekend, we invite you to extend your generosity to the Matthew 19:14 Project, a vital initiative dedicated to supporting Catholic schools that welcome students with exceptional learning challenges. Through this project, seven schools in the Diocese of Tucson have received grants to enhance their learning environments with specialized resources, including math manipulatives, flexible seating, and sensory kits designed to help students with self-regulation challenges, such as those on the autism spectrum. Additionally, this initiative provides funding for

teachers to attend professional development conferences, equipping them with strategies to better serve students with social and emotional needs and to differentiate instruction for struggling learners.



Your donation directly impacts these students, ensuring they receive the specialized support and opportunities they need to thrive. Thank you for your compassion and generosity in helping us continue this important

Join Your Santa Catalina Family—We Need You

Santa Catalina Catholic Church is more than a place of worship—it's your spiritual home. If you attend Mass here, we invite you to officially register and become part of our vibrant parish family. Why Register? By registering, you strengthen your connection to the Church and allow us to better serve you.

As a registered member, you:

- Gain a true sense of belonging in our parish community
- Receive pastoral and spiritual care tailored to your needs
- Have access to faith formation programs for youth and adults, including preparation for the seven sacraments

- Stay connected with parish events, ministries, and opportunities
- Have the chance to share your gifts and talents in parish life

How to Register:

Online: <https://www.osvhub.com/santa-catalina-church/directory/register>

In Person: Pick up a registration form at the parish office during business hours

Questions, verify your registration or other assistance: (520) 825-9611.

Make Santa Catalina your home—register today and let's grow in faith together. †

Mental Health Stations of the Cross

The Mental Health Stations of the Cross offer a way to reflect on the struggles and triumphs of mental health journeys, drawing parallels between Jesus' suffering and the challenges faced by those with mental illnesses and their loved ones. These stations are a form of prayer and reflection, similar to the traditional Stations of the Cross, but adapted to address the specific realities of mental health. They are designed to foster compassion, understanding, and hope for those who are struggling with mental health issues.

Pamphlets are located in the Narthex and the Adoration Chapel. †



Las Estaciones de la Cruz de la Salud Mental ofrecen una forma de reflexionar sobre las luchas y los triunfos en los caminos de la salud mental, estableciendo paralelos entre el sufrimiento de Jesús y los desafíos que enfrentan las personas con enfermedades mentales y sus seres queridos.

Estas estaciones son una forma de oración y reflexión, similar a las Estaciones de la Cruz tradicionales, pero adaptadas para abordar las realidades específicas de la salud mental. Están diseñadas para fomentar la compasión, la comprensión y la esperanza para aquellos que están enfrentando dificultades con su salud mental.

Los folletos se encuentran en el Narthex y en la Capilla de Adoración. †



Reminder - Understanding PTSD: Recognizing Trauma and Supporting Healing in the People you Love - **March 30th** at 3 pm in the Parish Hall.

Join Jessica Brubaker, MS, LPC, NCC, the Director of Training at Transitions Counseling and Consulting, as she discusses Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), shedding light on what trauma really is, how it impacts the mind and body, and how PTSD manifests in daily life. †

Parish Game Night - April 12

5 pm to 8 pm 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 Parroquial - 12 de abril

5 pm a 8 pm 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. †

Don't Forget the Sassy Solos Meeting

The Sassy Solos will meet on April 3rd 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. †



No olvides la reunión de los "Sassy Solos"

Los "Sassy Solos" se reunirán el 3 de abril a las 11 am en el Salón Ocotillo.

Nuestro grupo fomenta un encuentro social para nuestros miembros. Nuestras reuniones están abiertas a mujeres solteras que disfrutan de reunirse para almuerzos, cenas, obras de teatro, salidas locales y otros eventos. †

Pastoral

Share Your Voice: We're Listening

Have feedback, questions, or encouraging words about our parish? We want to hear from you.

Drop your thoughts in the new "Comment Box" in the narthex, email us at

pc@santacatalinaparish.org, or speak to any member of the Pastoral Council.

Your input helps us grow stronger as a community. †



We are seeking adorers to sign up for Adoration

We are looking for dedicated volunteers to support our Adoration Ministry. As we strive for sustainability in our spiritual practices, we need volunteers to help fill the hours at the church, ensuring that the Blessed Sacrament is never left unattended. Whether you can commit to an hour a week or to serve as a substitute, your presence is invaluable.



We still have some open hours for adorers - 8:30-9:30, 9:30-10:30, 10:30-11:30, and 5:30-6:30. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to pc@santacatalinaparish.org. Adoration is held each Wednesday from 8:30AM– 8:30PM in the church. All are welcome to be in the presence of our Lord during this time. †

Stephen Ministry – Find Help, Hope, And Healing

Our Mission is to be the voice, hands, and Spirit of Christ by bringing His love and healing to those in Santa Catalina Parish and our community who are hurting.

Our Values are Christ-centered, grounded in compassion, grace-based acceptance, non-judgment, trust, and strict confidentiality.

Our Stephen Ministers are members of Santa Catalina Parish, well trained to provide emotional and spiritual care in a wide variety of life situations. We are people like you – caring Christians who want to make a difference in the lives of those going through tough times. We walk faithfully with our



care receivers in a one-to-one caring relationship on their journey of healing.

Since our founding at Santa Catalina Parish in 2011, we have provided care for over one hundred people. If you or someone you know could benefit from Stephen Ministry, or if you are interested in a life-transforming experience as a Stephen Minister, please contact the church office at 520-825-9611. You may also email Judy Rossman at StephenMinistry@santacatalinaparish.org. Informational brochures are available in the Narthex. All information is held in strict confidentiality. †

Upcoming Training for the Communion Ministry with the Sick and Homebound

Santa Catalina's Communion Ministry to the Sick & Homebound brings the Eucharist to individuals in their homes, as well as in residential and medical facilities.

Members of this ministry are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHCs), trained and

commissioned by the parish, who share the gift of Communion and prayer with those unable to attend Mass due to health reasons.

Training for new EMHCs is required and will be offered in four sessions on Tuesdays: **March 25, April 1, 8, and 15, 2025**, from **10:30 AM to 12:00**

PM in the Mesquite Room. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining this meaningful ministry and continuing the work of Jesus. Contact: (520)825-6511. †



Spiritual Awareness: Strengthening Our Souls and Embracing God's Mercy

Dear Santa Catalina Parish Family,

As we continue our **Lenten journey**, this season invites us to reflect on the **spiritual battles we face** and how we can grow **closer to Christ**. Scripture reminds us that **evil is real**, but far greater is **God's mercy and power**. Jesus tells us in **Matthew 12:43-45** that if we do not guard our souls, the enemy can return even stronger. Yet, we are never alone—**God's love surrounds us, strengthens us, and offers us renewal**.

Turning Away from What Weakens the Soul

Sometimes, without realizing it, we allow **negative influences** to take hold in our lives. These habits or attitudes can **distance us from God's grace and joy**:

- **Falling back into sinful behaviors and unhealthy relationships**
- **Allowing fear of evil to overshadow trust in God's protection**
- **Holding onto anger, resentment, and unforgiveness**
- **Seeking spiritual guidance outside the faith** (e.g., psychics, tarot cards, Ouija boards, astrology, magic)
- **Becoming prideful in our spiritual experiences rather than remaining humble before God**

But **here's the good news**—no matter where we are, **God's mercy is always greater!** He never turns away from us, and **His love is constant, waiting to restore us**. Through **faith, prayer, and the sacraments**, we can always **return to Him and find peace**.

Filling Our Souls with God's Grace

Rather than dwelling on fear, we are called to **nourish our souls** with God's presence. Here are **seven ways to strengthen your faith and live in God's grace**:

- **Frequent reception of the Sacraments** (especially the Eucharist & Confession)
- **Daily prayer and reflection on Scripture**
- **Spending time in Eucharistic Adoration**
- **Praying the Rosary and seeking Mary's intercession**
- **Fasting and acts of charity** to deepen faith and self-discipline
- **Opening your heart to God through daily acts of love and service**
Using deliverance prayers as needed to ask for God's protection



A Lenten Reflection: Choosing Grace Over Fear

During this season of **conversion and renewal**, ask yourself:

- **Are there areas in my life where I might be giving in to spiritual weakness?**
- **How am I intentionally feeding my soul with God's grace and love?**

By **letting go of what draws us away from God** and **filling our hearts with Christ**, we open ourselves to true healing, freedom, and peace. **No matter where we have been, God's mercy is greater. His grace is waiting to transform us.**

Let us walk this **Lenten journey with courage, trust, and confidence in Christ's victory over Death!**

In Christ, Our Risen Redeemer,

Fr. Huy

Spiritual

A man looking a bit downtrodden approached me as I filled my car's gas tank. He asked, "May I share with you my testimony about how good God is?" "OK," I skeptically answered. He went on to tell me that he had been an alcoholic and drug addict, and that God had healed him; now he was four years sober. He said, "I didn't deserve it, but now I'm a different person. God is so good! Have a terrific Tuesday!" A few minutes later, as I drove away, I saw him smiling and handing a homeless person some money. I was confronted with a choice: either he was a total fraud or God had changed him. Something had happened to him, and it didn't seem fake. Maybe it was God.

When Jesus heals the man born blind, the man becomes a challenge to everyone who meets him. They must decide. Is he the same blind person who they knew before? Who healed him and how? And what is the status of the one who can heal such infirmities? We shouldn't be



At some point in our lives, we have all likely played the role of the "good" son or daughter within our families. But we have also experienced times when we did not meet expectations. This is why the Parable of the Prodigal Son fits us so well. What feelings or memories arise in your mind when you hear it? Do you feel that the Father is unfair to his eldest son? Do you think he has been too indulgent with his younger son? Whatever our response may be, it should lead us to a deep reflection on God's unconditional love for both of His children. However, let us not overlook the fact that Jesus tells this parable to tax collectors and sinners, while the Pharisees and scribes criticize Him for eating with them.

Gospel Reflection: Fourth Sunday of Lent

surprised at the storm of doubt, hatred and animosity that swirls around the healed man — so it often goes when Jesus heals someone even to this day.

Like we often do, the religious leaders confronting the healed man declare that God is not at work. They ask with mocking superiority and dismissive disdain, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" (John 9:34). And they cast him out. When Jesus clearly works in our lives, in us or around us, we should accept it, and give praise and thanks for this wonderful manifestation of his goodness.

Lenten challenge: Think of one way the Lord has healed you. Perhaps he healed a form of selfishness, a physical ailment, or something else. This week, find a person to whom you can share that testimony, and share it. Don't worry if they don't accept it was God who did it.

— Father John Muir- ©LPi

"With the parable of the Prodigal Son, Jesus shows us that God is always waiting for us, just as the father eagerly awaited his son's return. He gives us freedom, allows us to make mistakes and learn from them, so that we may return—just as the prodigal son did." (Pope Francis)

Pope Francis offers us the key lesson: we must learn to return every time we stray. To persevere, to move forward, and to ask for forgiveness takes courage. Learning from our past mistakes and returning for a new beginning, strengthened by God's grace, is essential. May we find strength in these words: "You are always with me, and all that is mine is yours." (Luke 15:31) ©LPi

This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention
Mon, Mar 31	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Sandra Norgrove by Pierre & Mary Gadd
Tue, Apr 1	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Matthew Boylan by Pat Lotker
Wed, Apr 2	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ Benjamin Asma, Jr by Bob & Carolyn Bewalda
Thu, Apr 3	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	L Stephanie Graca (living) by Chris & Deb Auclair ✠ Marie & Ralph Gates by Ruth Kelly
Fri, Apr 4	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ Kathleen Grainger by Pat Lotker ✠ Dale Sieverding by The Laufmann family
Sat, Apr 5	4:00 PM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	✠ Bob Tempestini by Gerry Dugan ✠ Joetta Estrada by Marilee Jones
Sun, Apr 6	7:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Judith A. Moncevicz & Vincent Bellian by Paul & Susan Moncevicz
	9:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Anita Santola (Palma) by Rita Quin L Jackie Bernards by Marge Post
	11:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	Vocations to the priesthood and religious life
	5:00 PM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ Dale Sieverding by Marjean & Mike Garrey

Today's Readings:

First Reading: While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover. (Jos 5:10)

Second Reading: And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18)

Gospel: "But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found." (Lk 15:32)

Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Readings for the week of March 30, 2025*

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-5



Readings in English



Readings in Spanish

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Spiritual



Please Pray for Our Parishioners

✠ William Fox

Gloria Carbajal	Linda Howard	Maureen McCabe	Robert Perry
Mimi Cuono	Charles Lohr	John Melkun	Jaime Santiago
Leslie Fore	David W. Maloney	Molly Minke	Linda Slivinski
Anita Garcia	Manuel Martinez	Cecilia Montano	Bob Stamer
Pat Gasca	Bertha Martinez	Edward Montano, Jr	Gregory Surowiec
Billy Higgins	Molly McCabe	Joseph O'Connor	Bill Terrazas
Rene Terrazas	Jeffrey Van Slyae	Raul Velasquez	Sophie Varalli
Jeanie Polak	Derek Palmer	Michael Sienkiewicz, Jr	

Novena. . . Explained

The word novena comes from the Latin word, novem, for nine. A novena is a nine-day period of private or public prayer. There are four basic categories of novenas — novenas of preparation, of mourning, of prayer, and of indulgence.

The nine days of prayer format comes directly from scripture where we read in the book of Acts that it was nine days after the Ascension that the Holy Spirit descended onto the Apostles. During that time, the faithful men and women “devoted themselves to constant prayer,” (Acts 1:12-14) waiting for the Lord. Today, Catholics can find

hundreds of novenas to pray about a plethora of topics.

Many Catholics pray novenas in times of need or in devotion to a specific saint.

Although a saint’s novena may traditionally begin or end on the saint’s feast day, while others, like the “Novena for Adopted Children” or the “Novena for Vocations,” can be prayed any time of the year, there is flexibility here for those wanting to pray.

The faithful may choose to pray a private novena on any topic at any time! Want to pray a novena to St. Francis but it’s not his feast day? Go ahead! ✠

Financial Report	Weekend 3/09/25	Attendance
Offertory	\$21,955	1370
Major Maintenance	\$902	
Total	\$22,857	
2024	\$19,295	1448
Rectory	\$2,300	

For Catholics, What is the Difference Between “Tradition” and “tradition”?

(Sacred) **Tradition** refers to the teachings passed down from the Apostles (such as the Trinity and the structure of the Church).

tradition refers to customs like eating fish on Fridays or certain cultural practices, which can change over time. ✠

The Apology - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I like to imagine the Prodigal Son practicing his apology in the mirror.

He wouldn't have, of course. Mirrors weren't exactly a dime a dozen back then. But I imagine him anyway, rehearsing the words as he contemplates his own gaunt reflection: "Father, I have sinned against God and against you. Treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."

In other words, I have done wrong. I deserve nothing from you. But please, don't let me starve. Save me.

The apology wasn't necessary to move the heart of the father. We know that because before they meet, before anything is said, the father is overcome with compassion — not because he got his satisfaction, that long-awaited "I'm sorry, I was wrong." No, he's simply overjoyed to see his son alive. Even without apology, we know the father will beg his son to stay.

So why does the son apologize?

The father doesn't need the "I'm sorry." He isn't starving and lost. He knew all along it was a bad idea. He doesn't need to learn any lessons.

But what a tragedy it would have been, if the son had never said he was sorry.

Undoubtedly, his father would have let him stay as a hired worker, and he would have had food to eat. He would have survived. But he wouldn't have been what he was born to be.

I often think of the son's apology as I am kneeling in the confessional, awkwardly reciting sins God already knows and is eager to forgive. Why are you doing this? some people would ask. God doesn't need this.

It's the apology, you see. The apology means everything. The Prodigal Son was dead. The apology brought him back to life.

God doesn't need our repentance. We need our repentance. ©LPi



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What is Transubstantiation? The Mystery of the Eucharist

Transubstantiation is the Catholic doctrine that teaches that during the consecration at Mass, the bread and wine **truly become** the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. While the physical appearance (or "accidents") of bread and wine remain the same, their **substance** is completely changed into Christ Himself.



substance (what something truly is) and **accidents** (what it looks, feels, and tastes like). Through the priest's consecration, the substance of bread and wine is transformed into Christ's real presence—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—while the accidents remain unchanged.

This belief is rooted in Jesus' words at the Last Supper: "**This is My Body... This is My Blood**" (Matthew 26:26-28). In John 6:53-56, He declares, "**Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.**" The Church has upheld this teaching for over 2,000 years, and early Christian writings affirm that the Eucharist was never considered a mere symbol.

To explain this mystery, the Church draws from Aristotelian philosophy, distinguishing between

The Eucharist is not a repetition of Christ's sacrifice but a **re-presentation** of His one sacrifice on Calvary, made present at every Mass. This doctrine remains central to Catholic faith, distinguishing it from other Christian traditions. Receiving the Eucharist is the most intimate encounter with Christ on Earth, a profound mystery that calls for faith and reverence. ✚

CCC 1374: "In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist, the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ... is truly, really, and substantially contained."

Outreach

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

Monthly Food Drive: April 5-6

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

These organizations are very grateful for your assistance. ✝



Join Us for CCST's Red Wagon Fundraising Luncheon— April 27, 2025

Please join us for the fifth annual Red Wagon Fundraiser benefiting the Christ Child Society of Tucson (CCST) being held at The Highlands at Dove Mountain. Thanks to generous past donations, we have made a lasting impact on our community in Southern Arizona. With over 50 years of service, CCST continues to thrive—despite having fewer than 15 active members, we dedicated nearly 5,000 volunteer hours last fiscal year. It is because of events like this that we can continue our mission. Details available online: www.christchildtucson.org

Making a Difference in 2024

Together, we accomplished so much:

- 750+ dignity bags distributed to foster teens
- 600+ layettes (baby shower in a bag), including 14,440 diapers, given to moms in need
- 1,450 books donated to children, plus a book vending machine for San Xavier Mission School

We work with eleven partner agencies to distribute layettes, including:

- Casa de los Niños
- Catholic Community Services of Southern AZ
- Pima Health
- Reachout ... and more

We collaborate with five agencies to distribute foster teen dignity bags, including:

- Children's Advocacy Center
- Aviva Children's Protective Services
- Casa de los Niños ...and others supporting kinship families and children with incarcerated parents.



We also provide book vending machines which we refill biannually with books at three schools.

How Can You Help?

Your donation directly supports over 2,700 moms, infants, school-aged children, and teens each year. Every penny counts—all funds go toward essential program services, and donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law.

If you are unable to attend our event, we gratefully welcome your donation by check. You can make a check payable to CCST and mail it to: PO Box 36212, Tucson, AZ 85740. Every contribution makes a tremendous difference in the lives of underserved families in Tucson. CCST is an AZ Qualified Charitable Organization. QCO code 22131. ✝

Would You like to find out how you can help the homeless in Tucson?

Join the next Local Immersion Tour on April 23 from 8:00 - 11:30 am.

The tours leave from the church parking lot and take a small group to Casa Maria Catholic Workers Community which provides meals and clothing for

those in need, and Sister Jose Women's Center which provides meals, clothing, shelter, and counseling for homeless women. If you are interested in a tour, send an email to reserve your spot to sajm@santacatalinaparish.org. ✝



Poor Box Funds Awarded to Worthy Recipients



Every quarter, the Social Awareness and Justice Ministry (SAJM) selects local organizations serving the poor to receive \$500 each from the “Poor Box” funds, with recipients approved by Fr.

Huy. Thank you for your generous donations. Our most recent recipients are:

Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest

Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest's (LSS-SW) mission is to stabilize people during crisis and transition, build a foundation where people can thrive, and preserve dignity and respect for the most vulnerable. They have programs for seniors and individuals with disabilities that prevent them from experiencing isolation, loneliness, and health risks, so that they can live safely in their homes. Their Children and Family Services build strong families to help children grow in safe and loving environments through a comprehensive range of services. LSS-SW Emergency Services programs relieve hunger and homelessness for neighbors facing extreme poverty through food pantries, rent & utility assistance, emergency shelter, and disaster preparedness. With volunteers and community co-sponsor teams (SAJM's Refugee Ministry is one of them), LSS-SW builds self-reliant foundations for approximately 400 refugees each year with services such as case management, pre-arrival housing, employment services and mentoring.

Primavera Foundation

The Primavera Foundation provides pathways out of poverty through safe, affordable housing, workforce development, and neighborhood revitalization. The

foundation's geographic service area includes the City of Tucson, the City of South Tucson, and Pima County, Arizona. They provide affordable housing, jobs and financial services.

Significant focus is on residents who live downtown and in south side neighborhoods including Armory Park, Barrio Anita, and the City of South Tucson where 49% of households have a median income of \$20,24. In the City of Tucson, 40% of families live below the poverty threshold, 35% of household incomes are below \$15,000, and 18% of the 2,385 housing units are vacant due to high amounts of distressed properties. In Pima County, the median household income is \$48,676, yet one in four households live at or below poverty levels.

Primavera Foundation provides services in three areas:

Survival

- Homelessness intervention and prevention drop-in center
- Emergency Eviction Preventive Assistance
- Rental and Utility Assistance
- Homeless Shelters

Stability

- Affordable housing - access to 12 multi-family permanent rental properties that are owned and managed by the foundation.
- Primavera Works provides jobs for landscaping, general labor, administrative jobs, retail, housekeeping and janitorial services. The foundation works with local business to get them to let Primavera Works provide services. †

Annual Senior Women's Spring Tea

Join us for a delightful afternoon at the **Annual Senior Women's Spring Tea on Thursday, April 24, from 1:00 to 2:30 PM in the Parish Hall.** Enjoy tea, cookies, and warm conversation as you reconnect with old friends and meet new ones.

Please bring your own cup and saucer.

Space is limited, so be sure to **RSVP by April 9** by calling **Diane Wisniewski at 815-953-8950.**



Relax to the beautiful harp music of **Carolyn Ancel. Hosted by the Seniors' Social Ministry . †**

Outreach

SVDP Vincentians – At Your Service

We are here “not to be served, but to serve”. Pictured below are your SVDP Vincentians serving a Lenten Soup Supper with the same shared goal of being a blessing for those we serve. We encourage you to attend any one or all of the Lenten Soup Suppers. Each event starting with the Stations of the Cross at 5pm and then the supper of your choice of several meatless



soups served at 6pm by various Santa Catalina Ministries. By the way, If you are interested in helping those in need within our local community as a Vincentian, or just want to learn more about us, give us a call at (520) 825 8288 or email us at svdpcatalina@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting our work. We couldn't do it without your generous support. God Bless You. †

