

May 17-18, 2025

# 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

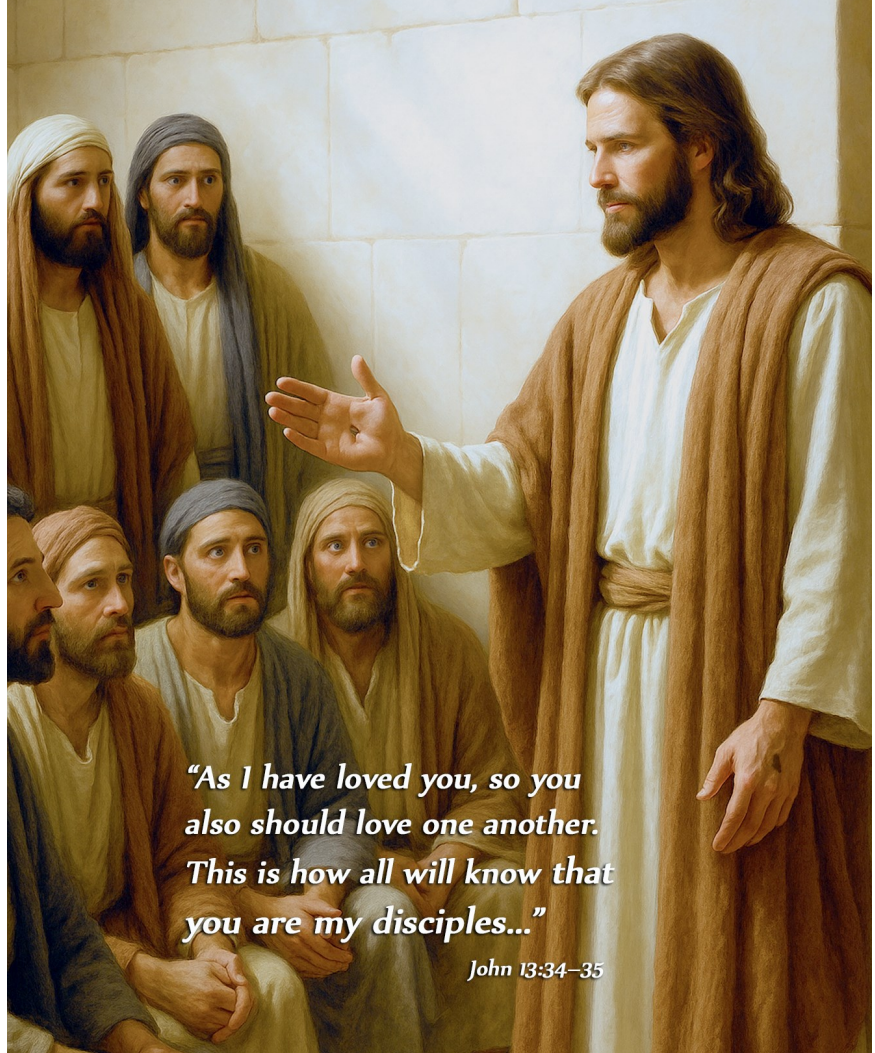
In Church, Wed 8:30 am -8:30 pm

Chapel hours, Mon-Fri

8:00 am-2:30 pm

## Rosary in the Church

Mon-Fri 7:30 am



*"As I have loved you, so you  
also should love one another.  
This is how all will know that  
you are my disciples..."*

*John 13:34-35*

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### 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.



**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>.

**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.



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## This Week's Meetings & Events

Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
<b>Mon, May 19</b>	9:00 AM	Quilt Group Open Sew	Catalina
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian
	10:00 AM	Sacred Scripture Study: Luke	Mesquite, Ocotillo
	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	Church
	5:30 PM	Music Ministry - Bilingual Choir	Church
	6:00 PM	Mental Health Focus	Saguaro
<b>Tue, May 20</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, May 21</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
	4:30 PM	Faith Formation Classes K-8th	Mesquite, Ocotillo, Cholla
<b>Thu, May 22</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, May 23</b>	9:00 AM	Friday Faith Fellowship - The Chosen	Catalina
<b>Sat, May 24</b>	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
<b>Sun, May 25</b>	7:30 AM	Knight's Blood Drive	Parish Hall
	12:15 PM	O.C.I.A. & Confirmation	Conference
	1:00 PM	Rosary Celebrating the Month of Mary	Church

## Come Pray the Rosary Every Sunday in May

May is the Month of Mary. Let us show our devotion to the Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary, singing Marian hymns and asking for her intercession in our needs.

We invite all our parishioners to join us in praying the Rosary to our Blessed Mother Sundays throughout the month of May in the Church at 1:00 PM. The Rosary and songs will be in both English and Spanish so that all may participate. Please join us in this spiritual experience.

Refreshments will be served on the patio afterwards (weather permitting). ☩

## Ven a rezar el Rosario todos los domingos de mayo

Mayo es el mes de María. Demostremos nuestra devoción a la Santísima Madre rezando el Rosario, cantando himnos marianos y pidiendo su intercesión por nuestras necesidades.



Invitamos a todos nuestros feligreses, a unirse a nosotros para rezar el Rosario a nuestra Santísima Madre, todos los domingos de mayo en la Iglesia a la 1:00 p. m. El Rosario y los cantos, se cantarán en inglés y español para que todos puedan participar. Únase a nosotros en esta experiencia espiritual.

Al terminar la actividad, se servirán refrigerios en el patio (si el clima lo permite). ☩

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## Rachel's Vineyard – A Healing Retreat for Pregnancy Loss - You are not alone

Rachel's Vineyard offers a powerful healing opportunity for anyone struggling with the emotional and spiritual pain of pregnancy loss—whether through abortion or miscarriage.

These weekend retreats are a unique and effective way to experience God's mercy and compassion in a safe, confidential, and non-judgmental setting. Participants are invited to grieve their loss and find healing from feelings of anger, shame, and guilt.

The retreat is especially helpful for those who wrestle with self-forgiveness or forgiving others. We also welcome individuals who have worked in the abortion industry and are seeking healing from their own experiences.

Through a combination of creative and therapeutic processes, Rachel's Vineyard retreats offer psychological and spiritual healing—what many describe as “therapy for the soul.”

**2025 Healing Retreat Dates:**  
**May 23–25 and October 10–12**  
**Held in Tucson, Arizona**

For registration or more information, please visit  
[www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org](http://www.rachelsvineyardtucson.org)  
or call (520) 743-6777

If you would like to help others attend, especially those in need of financial assistance, please consider making a donation at the same website. ☩

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## New Water Stations Installed

We're excited to announce the installation of new filtered drinking fountains with integrated bottle-filling stations in both the church and the parish hall! These additions offer clean, refreshing water and promote eco-friendly habits by

making it easy to refill reusable bottles. Whether you're here for Mass, ministry gatherings, or parish events, stop by and stay hydrated!

**Special thanks to David Geer** for initiating this project and helping us

care for both our parish family and God's creation. We're grateful for his dedication and vision! - Fr. Huy





## Reminder Alzheimer and Dementia:

What you Need to Know - 5/18 at 3:00 PM in the Parish Hall.



## 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 meets at 1:00pm in the Cholla Room. †

## May is Mental Health Awareness Month



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Promoting Wellness for Every Age

Mental health is essential to overall well-being at every stage of life. No matter your age, background, or experience, caring for mental health strengthens individuals, families, and communities.

### Building Strong Foundations for Children's Mental Health

- Supportive environments help children establish the foundation for lifelong well-being.
- Families, schools, and communities all play key roles in nurturing children's mental health.
- Teaching coping skills early empowers kids to handle emotions and challenges.
- Recognizing early warning signs allows for timely support and better outcomes.
- Open conversations about feelings build resilience and encourage seeking help.
- Regular physical activity supports emotional and mental wellness.
- Many children face mental health challenges—early intervention makes a difference.

For more information, contact NAMI at (520) 622-5582 or email [mhm@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:mhm@santacatalinaparish.org).

## Mayo es el Mes de la Concientización sobre la Salud Mental

Promoviendo el bienestar en cada etapa de la vida

La salud mental es esencial para el bienestar general en todas las etapas de la vida. Sin importar la edad, los antecedentes o la experiencia, priorizarla fortalece a las personas, familias y comunidades.

### Estableciendo Bases Sólidas para la Salud Mental Infantil

Los entornos de apoyo ayudan a los niños a formar una base para el bienestar duradero.

- Familias, escuelas y comunidades solidarias fomentan una salud mental fuerte en niños y adolescentes.
- Enseñar habilidades de afrontamiento desde temprana edad prepara a los jóvenes para manejar emociones y desafíos.
- Detectar señales tempranas permite brindar apoyo oportuno y lograr mejores resultados.
- Hablar abiertamente sobre emociones fortalece la resiliencia y la confianza para pedir ayuda.
- La actividad física regular mejora el estado de ánimo y el bienestar emocional.
- Muchos niños enfrentan desafíos de salud mental; intervenir a tiempo puede marcar la diferencia.

Para más información, comuníquese con NAMI al (520) 622-5582 o escriba a [mhm@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:mhm@santacatalinaparish.org). 5

## Update on Wednesday Confession Schedule

Beginning in May, there will be a small but important change to how we list Wednesday confession times. Moving forward, our communications will no longer include an end time for Wednesday confessions. Instead, we will simply state the start time: **8:30 AM**.

This change is meant to reflect the pastoral heart of the sacrament. Rather than confessions ending at a set hour, they will continue **until the line ends**. This offers our priests the flexibility to serve as

needed without the constraint of a fixed schedule, while also respecting their time and availability.

By making this adjustment, we hope to communicate more clearly that the focus of confession is not the clock, but the care and spiritual support of each individual who comes.

Thank you for your understanding as we continue striving to make the sacraments accessible in a thoughtful and compassionate way. ✚

## Welcome to Our New Stephen Ministers

This weekend, we commission seven new Stephen Ministers – Mary Davis, Peggy Hawkinson, Vickie Matlak, Ernie Nedder, John Nelson, Lauren Vogini, and Kay Waneka. These new ministers are members of Santa Catalina Parish, people like you



L2R: JOHN NELSON, MARY DAVIS, PEGGY HAWKINSON, ERNIE NEDDER, LAUREN VOGINI, VICKIE MATLAK, KAY WANEKA

– caring Christians who want to make a difference in the lives of those going through difficult times. They have completed 50 hours of interactive training over 5 months that fully equips them to provide high-quality, Christ-centered spiritual and emotional care to the people of Santa Catalina Parish and our surrounding community. In much the same way as the Apostles commissioned our patron, Saint Stephen (Acts 6:3-6), we pray for and extend our hands over them, sending them forth on their mission to bring Christ's love and healing to those in need. ✚



## Praying for Vocations

Accepting our vocation is being the person God calls us to be in the world. The four categories of vocations in God's plan are Marriage, Single Life, Priesthood and Religious Life. Be it a divine call to the religious life or a strong desire toward family life and community action, each vocation is created by the roles we play and the actions we take.



If it sounds to you like something worth praying about as a family, please volunteer to take the Cross home for a week to pray for a few minutes each day that God's plan is revealed and followed through for each of us. Please call the parish office ((520)825-9611) to have your family added to the list of families willing to pray for vocations.

God Bless You. - *The Pastoral Council* ✚

## 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. †

## If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we

have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us! ©LPi †

### Readings for the week of May 18:

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-2

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**First Reading:** And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. (Acts 14:27)

**Psalm:** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145)

**Second Reading:** I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God." (Rv 21:4)

**Gospel:** I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. (Jn 13:34)

# Spiritual

## Gospel Reflection:

I've always found it amazing that Jesus never says to his disciples the straightforward and bumper stickery words "I love you" or "I will always love you" (a la Dolly Parton's song). Why doesn't Jesus say, "I love you"?

Well, actually he does, but in particular ways. He says, "As the Father loves me, so I love you" (John 15:9) thereby rooting his love for us in the space of the Holy Trinity. This week he commands, "Love another as I have loved you" (John 13:34). He presents his love for us as a completed action which continues into the present moment. How has he loved us? By becoming one of us, one with us, and finally giving his life for us in his suffering on

the cross. We weren't there when he did that, but neither were his Apostles (except one). Still, that action is his great "I love you" to us.

His love is also hedged in a command: "Love one another." So how can we practically follow it? The great St. John XXIII wrote in his diary that each day he followed this rule: "Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it." The hidden nature of a good deed is a sign that it is truly loving. This week, take on St. John XXIII's practical method of following Jesus' great commandment of love. It's a splendid way to say, "I love you." — *Father John Muir ©LPi* ✠

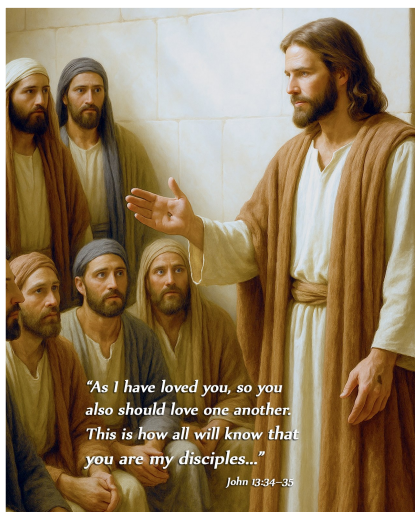
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## The Depth Behind the Word 'Love'

The word love is very overused; it's used too casually in our language. When we say it, we may not reflect on the depth of this word. We make so many false promises of love. We tell our spouse, children, friends, and so many others that we love them, when in reality, it isn't true.

On this Easter Sunday, Jesus once again extends His invitation to love—to give one's life for the beloved. "I give you a new commandment: love one another.

As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (John 13:34). And He adds one more phrase to firmly anchor the meaning of love in our hearts: "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John



13:35).

This is Gospel love; this goes far beyond simply saying the word love. Gospel love is lived out in life's most difficult challenges—when setbacks force us to act, even when we don't want to. In this way, we glorify God through any kind of suffering. This is the self-giving that elevates the Gospel. This is how we learn to love: life teaches the heart to turn toward love.

Reflect on this: In what area of your life have you experienced the love of Jesus? If Jesus were to say to you, "Love as I have loved you," what would your response be? Ultimately, only Jesus can help us renew the way we love others.  
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## This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention	
Sat, May 17	4:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	✝	Veronica Schaefer by Sophie Zvonar
			✝	Tom Sieverding by Joe & Deb Sieverding
			✝	Evelyn Bonneprise by Gansheimer family
Sun, May 18	7:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✝	Dale Sieverding by the family
	9:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	☀	David & Mary Maloney by Mary Maloney
	11:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✝	Fred Di Paolo by Fannie Di Paolo
			✝	Daryl Tillyard by Barbara Tillyard
	5:00 PM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	✝	Dale Sieverding by the family
Mon, May 19	8:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	✝	Walter Fritz by Harry & Dottie Adams
			✝	Maria Elena Gutierrez by her daughter
Tue, May 20	8:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	✝	Marie & Ralph Gates by Ruth Kelly
			✝	Charles Androwich by Ida Androwich
			✝	Maria Elena Gutierrez by her daughter
Wed, May 21	8:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	✝	Maria Elena Gutierrez by her daughter
			✝	Jonathan Fay by SVDP
Thu, May 22	8:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	✝	Maria Elena Gutierrez by her daughter
			✝	Joe Kulik by Chris & Deb Auclair
			✝	Dennis Murphy by Mary Murphy
Fri, May 23	8:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	✝	Robert Harding by Gerry Harding
			✝	Maria Elena Gutierrez by her daughter
Sat, May 24	4:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	✝	Lenore Travis & Alice Gillespie by Ginny Pergantis
			☀	Matthew John Agnone by John & Linda Agnone
			✝	William Fox by David & Annette Halfman
Sun, May 25	7:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✝	Dale Sieverding by the family
	9:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	☀	Jerome & Marianne Small wedding anniversary by Mary Gansheimer
			☀	Jill Lee by Deb Auclair
	11:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✝	Chris Coryell by Regina Arntz
	5:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	✝	Dale Sieverding by the family

# Spiritual

## Please Pray for Our Parishioners



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

Carolyn Ruland  
Virginia Montantes

## Resembling Jesus

I once wrote an article about several women residents of a local nursing home. In researching the piece, I discovered that they had grown up in the same neighborhood as my grandmother, and that one of the women was, in fact, my grandmother's dearest childhood friend.

When I visited this woman to take her photograph, she took a long look at my face, and I could see in her eyes that she was reaching back in her memory across the years.

She said: "You resemble her."

I wept on the way home.

My grandmother died when I was nine, and for the last several years of her life she suffered from Alzheimer's disease. I have always deeply grieved the time we lost, the relationship we could have had. I have hazy fragments of memory from before her illness that lead me to believe we loved each other very much.

Being told I look like my grandmother by someone who

knew her well — being identified as belonging to her in some way — was one of the more beautiful things to happen to me.

When we love someone, we want to be associated with them. We want to be recognized as theirs somehow. And if we love Christ, we should want to be known as belonging to him. We should want those who see us to know we are his.

The only way we can resemble Jesus is through love. It is his most recognizable quality, his most famous trait. This is how all will know that you are my disciples.

As Catholics, we are always talking about finding ways to live our faith boldly, unapologetically, publicly. Good — we should! But if we want people to know we are Catholic, we should love them. Bravely. Recklessly. Sacrificially.

As he loves us. ©LPi ☩



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## Prayer of Christian Love

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with Your love, the deepest, richest, purest love any of us has ever known. May Your love be our standard for love.

May Your love be what we bring and communicate to the world. May Your love define us as Christians, made in Your image and likeness.  
Amen.

Financial Report	Weekend of 5/4	Attendance
Offertory	\$21,143	1,101
Major Maintenance	\$1,045	
Total	\$22,188	
2024	\$27,777	1,186
Rectory	\$5,045	10

## God Is Still Calling

### Help Us Amplify His Voice: The Vocations Crucifix

God continues to call men and women to serve the Church – but He calls through all of us! Together, we can help amplify His voice by making the Prayer for Vocations a part of our daily lives.



Starting May 10th, we invite parishioners (individuals, couples or families) to participate in a special way: at each Mass, a Vocations Crucifix will be offered for volunteers to take home.

#### Here's how it works:

- The Vocations Crucifix should be set in a place of honor for the week.

- Each night, prayers should be said for an increase in vocations – to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, holy marriage, and dedicated single life.
- Finally, the Vocations Crucifix is returned to the church so other parishioners can volunteer and continue to pray for vocations.

#### Prayer makes a difference

By taking the Vocations Crucifix home, our parishioners will help nurture a culture of vocations—right here in our parish.

*Will you answer the call to pray and help raise up future saints?* ✚

## Saints Who Fostered Vocations to the Priesthood.

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### Blessed Ignatius de Azevedo (Died: 1570) (Feast: July 17)

Ignatius de Azevedo was born to Portuguese nobles around 1526. He became the administrator of his father's extensive estates at eighteen. But he renounced his worldly prospects after hearing the preaching of Jesuit Father Francisco Estrada. He joined the Jesuits and was ordained a priest in 1553. He served as a college rector in Lisbon and Braga before Saint Francis Borgia appointed him inspector for the Jesuit missions in Brazil. He returned after two years, eager to bring more missionaries to gather in the harvest there. His efforts were rewarded with seventy

volunteers, many of them either students or novices. After five months of preparation, the group set sail for Brazil. On board the

ships, he hoped to establish a ship's school to educate orphans and immigrants.

But the so-called Wars of Religion between French Calvinists (Huguenots) and Catholics had begun. The ship fell into the hands of Huguenot pirates, and all Jesuits but one were cruelly martyred. Though their mission seemed to be a failure, their deaths inspired greater commitment in the missions. In 1999, an underwater monument was established at the site of their martyrdom. ✚



### Hail Mary, Explained

The words of the Hail Mary — undoubtedly the most recognizable Catholic prayer after the Lord's Prayer — are deeply rooted in scripture. The opening lines of the prayer are taken from the words of the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation — “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.” This line is known as the Angelic Salutation. The following words — “Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus”

— echo the sentiments expressed by Elizabeth at the Visitation. The Angelic Salutation is regarded as the earliest devotional prayer to Mary, since it forms the very first words spoken to her as the Mother of God, but Catholics did not begin to utilize the Hail Mary prayer in its current form until around the 11th century. An in-depth explanation of each line of this prayer is provided in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2676-2677. ©LPi ✚

# Outreach

## Summertime Donations for Sr. Jose Women's Center This Weekend

For the homeless women who shelter on the street, we need::



- Deodorant, Chap Stick, Sunscreen (small sizes)
- Hairbrushes and combs, (new ) Kleenex packages
- Water bottles.
- Sun hats, visors

For the women who stay overnight at the shelter, we need:

- Bathrobes or coverups
- Underwear, small sizes(new)
- Bras, new and used

Cash is always welcome to purchase needed items

The Center continues to welcome 75 to 100 ladies daily, for breakfast, lunch, showers and wardrobe from our retail shop, as well as to provide 50 overnight guests a safe, comfortable place to sleep. We continue to see an increase in our elderly population, the average age at the shelter is 62 years. Your generosity is supporting our ladies is so appreciated. ✚

Para las mujeres sin hogar que se refugian en la calle, necesitamos:

- Desodorante, protector labial, protector solar (tamaños pequeños)
- Cepillos y peines para el cabello, paquetes de pañuelos desechables (nuevos)
- Botellas de agua
- Sombreros y viseras para el sol

Para las mujeres que pernoctan en el refugio, necesitamos:

- Batas, mantos o túnicas
- Ropa interior, tallas pequeñas (nueva)
- Sujetadores, nuevos y usados
- El efectivo siempre es bienvenido para comprar artículos necesarios.

El centro recibe diariamente entre 75 y 100 mujeres, quienes reciben desayuno, almuerzo, duchas y ropa de nuestra tienda, además de brindar a 50 huéspedes un lugar seguro y cómodo donde dormir. Seguimos observando un aumento en la población de la tercera edad; la edad promedio de las albergados es de 62 años. Agradecemos enormemente su generosidad para apoyar a nuestras mujeres. ✚

## Bi-annual Quilt Blessing and Sew Day

Project Linus quilts will be blessed during the 9am Mass on May 18th. Please come and see all the beautiful handmade quilts created by the Catalina Community Quilters. They will be on display in the church during all weekend masses. Project Linus Tucson Chapter distributes 650 blankets per month to all of Pima County for children in need of them. The demand for blankets has been very high!

Many baby quilts have been made this year, and some of the snowbirds are leaving (they will still be sewing and will be missed), but more blankets must be made. Come join our group of quilters while helping children in need! We have a few sewing machines available for your use, plus fabric and kits; everything to help you get started. You can also



bring your sewing tools and machine if desired. Spend the entire day (bring a lunch) or part of the day.

A quote from Mother Teresa best sums up what this ministry of the Catalina Community Quilters for Project Linus is about - "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."

For information contact us by phone: 520-825-9611 or by email: [lobby@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:lobby@santacatalinaparish.org). ✚ 12



## Dignity of Human Life at End of Life

The Dignity of Human Life Ministry has been most visible to our parish in recent times through our actions to protect unborn and newly born children, for example the Spiritual Adoption Program, participation in the annual Diocesan March for Life and efforts to defeat pro-abortion state legislation. Protecting the dignity and sanctity of life is vital not only in the early stages of life, but also as we face the end of our natural life. There is an ever-growing need for ministry to those who are dealing with end-of-life situations. For this reason, we are launching an exciting new initiative that will serve people at this stage of their life.

Whom will we serve? We will serve the aged who are facing natural death; people with a life-threatening condition such as terminal illness, hospice, or hospitalization in a life-threatening situation; people at risk of suicide; people threatened by euthanasia; and others.

How will we serve? We will serve in multiple ways. We

will assess the needs of individuals facing the end of life and work with other ministries at our parish to meet their needs. We will increase awareness of issues

attending dignity of life at the end of life using various means of communication, such as the parish bulletin and expert speakers. We will help educate the parish community on Church doctrine regarding end of life, for example medical care decisions and advance medical directives. And we will promote dignity of human life at the end of life in state and federal legislation.

We invite you to join us as we respond to God's call to protect the dignity of all His children, from conception through natural death. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping us prepare to serve those with end-of-life needs. This aspect of our ministry will be available in early September this year. ✝



*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

## Santa Catalina Blood Drive May 25th

For information or to make an appointment, please call the American Red Cross at (800) 733-2767 or log onto [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and use sponsor code: **sancat** ✝



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AN APPOINTMENT

## In Closing

*Epiclesis* refers to the liturgical moment when the priest invokes the Holy Spirit to descend upon the gifts of bread and wine—or upon a person or object—to bring about sanctification, transformation, or blessing. The term comes from the Greek word *epikaleo*, meaning “to call upon” or “to invoke.”

The most prominent example of epiclesis occurs during the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. Just before the consecration, the priest extends his hands over the bread and wine and prays for the Holy Spirit to come upon these offerings so that they may become the Body and Blood of Christ. This moment highlights our belief that it is not by human power but by the action of the Holy Spirit that the transformation takes place.

Epiclesis is also found in other sacraments. In

## What is Epiclesis?

Confirmation, the bishop invokes the Spirit to seal the candidate with grace. In the Anointing of the Sick, the priest prays for healing and strength through the Spirit. During Holy Orders, the bishop lays hands on the candidate and calls down the Spirit to consecrate him for priestly ministry.

This powerful gesture—often seen when the priest extends both hands with palms facing downward—is more than symbolic. It expresses the Church’s dependence on God’s divine action and the central role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church. Epiclesis reminds us that the sacraments are not merely rituals, but encounters with the living God, brought about through the Spirit’s presence. ✠