

May 24-25, 2025

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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

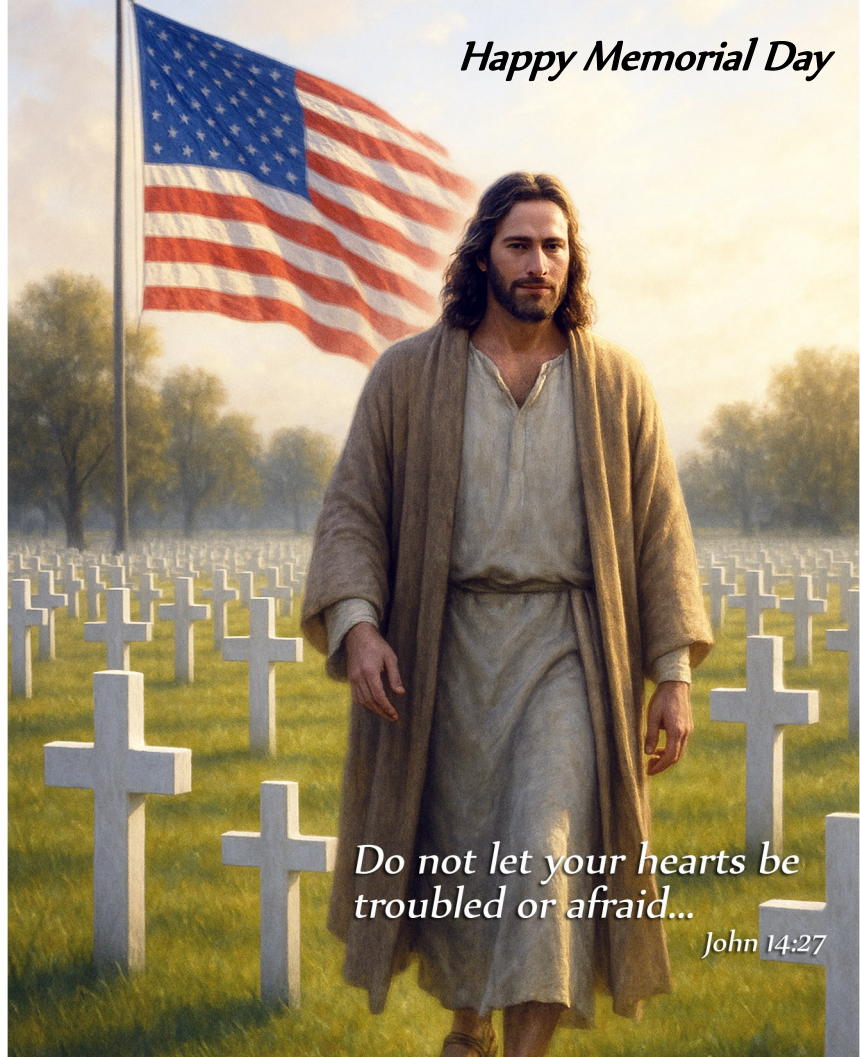
Chapel hours, Mon-Fri

8:00 am-2:30 pm

Rosary in the Church

Mon-Fri 7:30 am

Happy Memorial Day



Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid...

John 14:27

Sixth 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 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
Mon, May 26	9:00 AM	Memorial for Veterans	Patio
	10:00 AM	Sacred Scripture Study: Luke	Mesquite, Ocotillo Rooms
Tue, May 27	9:30 AM	Yoga Faith	Catalina Room
	1:30 PM	Arts & Crafts for All	Ocotillo Room
	4:00 PM	5 PM Mass Choir Rehearsal	Church
	6:00 PM	Men's Prayer Group	Marian Room
	6:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group	Saguaro Room
Wed, May 28	8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
	9:00 AM	Cultivando Mi Fe	Mesquite Room
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
	1:00 PM	Understanding Sunday Scripture	Catalina Room
	4:30 PM	Faith Formation Classes K-8th	Mesquite, Ocotillo, Cholla Rooms
Thu, May 29	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian Room
	6:30 PM	Sacred Scripture Study: Luke	Mesquite, Ocotillo Rooms
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian Room
Fri, May 30	9:00 AM	Friday Faith Fellowship - The Chosen	Catalina Room
Sat, May 31	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
Sun, Jun 1	12:15 PM	O.C.I.A. & Confirmation	Conference Room

Readings for the week of May 25:

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/
Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56



Pax and Friends Fr. Huy's ??th Birthday Celebration

A small gathering of staff, associates and friends gathered this week with warm hearts and full plates to celebrate the birthday of our favorite Pastor, Fr. Huy.

True to his character, the celebration was joyful, relaxed, and filled with the welcoming spirit that Fr. Huy brings to every encounter. With his canine companions happily in tow, he greeted guests with his trademark smile and lighthearted presence, reminding us all of the approachable and down-to-earth nature that makes him such a gift to our community.

The gathering featured a snacking buffet, festive conversation, and of course, birthday cake.

Laughter flowed as freely as the coffee

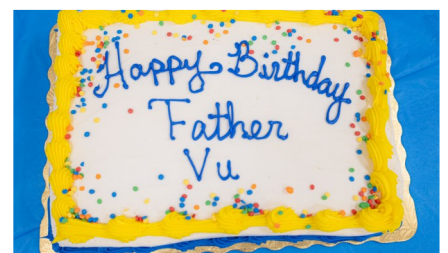
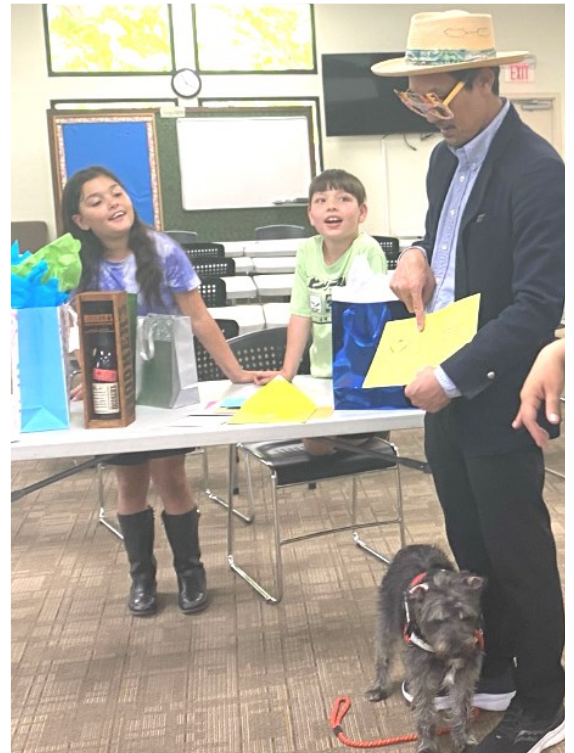
and wine, and the room was filled with affection for the priest who lives his vocation with authenticity and joy.

As a Redemptorist, Fr. Huy exemplifies the order's core values—compassion, humility, missionary zeal, and a deep commitment to the poor and abandoned.

He lives out St. Alphonsus' vision of bringing the Gospel to all with gentleness and mercy.

We give thanks for Fr. Huy's ministry, friendship, and the light he brings to our parish. May this new year of life be filled with blessings, good health, and continued joy in his priestly calling.

Now if we can only pry out of him which birthday this is. ✝



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



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

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

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

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

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

Únete al Grupo de los Libros (Book Bunch) y trae a un amigo el 12 de junio

El Grupo de los Libros se reúne a la 1 p. m. en la sala Cholla. El grupo hablará sobre "The Leftover woman" (La mujer que sobra) de Jean Kwok.

Un conmovedor drama familiar y un misterio apasionante, sobre la salvaje atracción que ejerce la maternidad a dos mujeres muy diferentes.

Jasmine Yang llega a la ciudad de Nueva York desde una aldea rural en China, sin dinero ni apoyo familiar, huyendo de un marido

controlador y buscando desesperadamente a su hija, la cual le arrebataron al nacer.

La ejecutiva de una compañía editora, Rebecca Whitney, parece tenerlo todo: un apellido prestigioso, riqueza, una carrera de alto nivel, una hermosa casa, un apuesto esposo y una hija adoptada, de nacionalidad china, a quien adora.

"The Leftover Woman" es un camino hacia una colisión de alto impacto, de estas dos impresionantes mujeres.

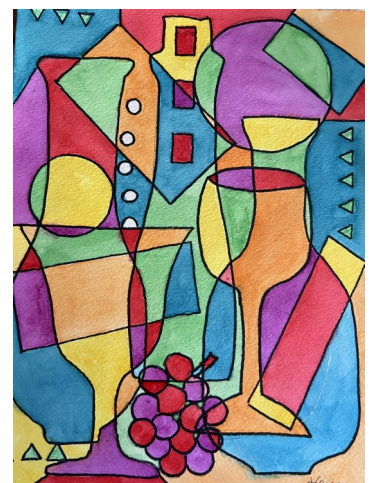
En Book Bunch disfrutamos de una variedad de libros y agradecemos todas las recomendaciones. †

Arts and Crafts - June is Abstract Art Month

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

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

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



May is Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Mental health is essential for overall well-being at every stage of life. Regardless of age, background, or experience, prioritizing mental health strengthens individuals, families, and communities.

The Power of Community and Connection in Mental Health

Supportive relationships and connected communities foster a sense of belonging and promote mental well-being for all.

Strong mental health is for everyone—and support should be available to all.

Each person's mental health journey is unique—a strong support system makes a difference.

Prioritizing self-care and seeking support strengthen resilience and well-being.

Social connection and community support play a vital role in mental health and recovery.

Open conversations about mental health help break stigma and encourage people to seek support.

If you want more information, contact NAMI at 520-622-5582 or send an email to mhm@santacatalinaparish.org. ☩



Mayo es el mes de la Concientización sobre la Salud Mental. 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, priorizar la salud mental fortalece a las personas, las familias y las comunidades.

El poder de la comunidad y la conexión en la salud mental

Las relaciones de apoyo y las comunidades conectadas, fomentan el sentido de pertenencia y promueven el bienestar mental de todos.

Una salud mental sólida es para todos y el apoyo debe estar disponible para todos.

El camino hacia la salud mental de cada persona es único: un sistema de apoyo sólido marca la diferencia.

Priorizar el autocuidado y buscar apoyo fortalece la resiliencia y el bienestar.

La conexión social y el apoyo comunitario, desempeñan un papel vital en la salud mental y la recuperación.

Las conversaciones abiertas sobre salud mental ayudan a romper el estigma y animan a las personas a buscar apoyo.

Si desea más información, comuníquese con NAMI al 520-622-5582 o envíe un correo electrónico a mhm@santacatalinaparish.org. ☩

Upcoming Sassy Solos Meeting

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

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



Parish Game Night - June 14

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. ☩



Vacation Bible School - June 16th - 20th 9:00 AM - Noon

Registration

Registration is now open for VBS at Santa Catalina Catholic Church. Children Kindergarten-5th 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. †



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 or 505-670-1897 with any questions or to volunteer. †

Help with VBS Decorations

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

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

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

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

Sunday's Readings

First Reading: If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. (Acts 15:29)

Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading: The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb. (Rv 12:23)

Gospel: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." (Jn 14:27)

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Spiritual

Gospel Reflection:

Jonathan Haidt's 2024 book entitled "The Anxious Generation" argues that today's kids are marked by significant increases in anxiety, as the title suggests. Smartphones, social media, economic uncertainty, the chaos of a global pandemic, fear regarding climate change, and the so-called "meaning crisis" all contribute to strikingly high levels of anxiety in young people today. I'm a bit older than this generation, but I feel it, too. The world can be too much to handle.

The Gospel this week offers a stunning solution for troubled souls. To his overwhelmed and anxious disciples, the risen Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (John 14:27). His peace

is that of the one who was overwhelmed on the cross and then conquered death by the power of his divinity, his bond of love with the Father. He offers us this unshakeable peace.

Of course, mental illness does not magically disappear because of the risen Jesus. But he does walk with us and offer us his peace in the midst of our suffering. The peace the world gives is not like his because it is weak, uncertain, and self-generated. Jesus' peace is strong, sure, and given as a gift from God. He gives it to us amid our anxiety. Will you receive it as a gift? I hope so. He wants to fill the hearts of this generation with his peace.

— *Father John Muir @LPi* ✝

The Spirit of Truth Will Be With Us

This is the promise of Jesus before His glorious Ascension into heaven. "The heart must be steadfast in the Holy Spirit, a gift that Jesus has sent us. All of us, if we want to find stability in our lives amid the human trials that we all face, must turn to Him. He is in our hearts; we received Him at baptism. It is the Holy Spirit who gives firmness to the heart in the midst of persecutions, problems, arguments, envy, and jealousy" (Pope Francis).

During the Easter season, Jesus leaves us a spiritual testament—a sure guide for our lives. In it, He offers us His promise of hope and mercy.

Jesus gives us a great gift that we receive in baptism:



the Holy Spirit.

We are His home, His dwelling place, and He acts within each person according to how much we allow Him. Do you believe it? Do you feel it?

Jesus promises this and invites us to receive the Spirit in our hearts.

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (John 14:26).

We must be filled with the love of Christ in order to become true missionary disciples in the environments in which we live. The Spirit will be our help and our comfort on the journey. *@LPi* ✝

This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention	
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 annv 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
Mon, May 26	8:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	✙	Carolyn Ruland by Belen Hamacher
Tue, May 27	8:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	✙	Catherine Palma by Rita Quin
Wed, May 28	8:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	☀	The Herder family by Joyce Watt
			✙	Helen Marie Sieverding by Joe & Deb Sieverding
			✙	Mary Kollschegg by JoAnn Weston
Thu, May 29	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✙	Dale Sieverding by The family
Fri, May 30	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✙	Sharon Discosola by Pat Avery
Sat, May 31	4:00 PM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✙	Dale Sieverding by The family
Sun, Jun 1	7:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✙	Dale Sieverding by The family
	9:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✙	Dale Sieverding by The family
	11:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	✙	John & Beatrice Jurish by Marilyn Kramer
			✙	Benny Jacinto & EsTher Torres by The Jacinto family
			✙	Don & Lupita Romero by The Romero family
	5:00 PM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✙	June Hardy by Michael & Kay Shannon



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

My Peace I Give to You

When John has a vision of heavenly Jerusalem, he sees walls. “A massive, high wall,” to be more precise. In the modern lexicon, walls have a negative connotation; we use them as metaphors for all that is exclusionary and rigid. But throughout much of history, walls have meant something very different. In the ancient world, walls meant safety. Walls meant peace.

“My peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you,” Jesus tells his disciples in today’s Gospel. “Not as the world gives do I give it to you.”

So what’s the difference between the peace we know in the world, and the peace we know in Christ?

Well, I would argue that the difference is that the peace we know in Christ exists. We know no real peace in this world. Sometimes, we witness a sort of mirage of peace — something like it, but just a little off, and always on the horizon, never within reach.

Peace, to me, means rest. It means quiet. It means the absence of confrontation, of conflict, of anxiety. But I can’t actually experience any of that in this life, not in a substantial way. I can rest — but I never really feel rested. I can retreat to a room by myself to have silence, but someone always knocks on the door, and even if they don’t, my thoughts get pretty loud.



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And boy oh boy, are those thoughts full of confrontation. Full of anxiety, full of conflict. Wherever I go to find peace, the world finds me and banishes it.

I think of the walls of heavenly Jerusalem, so high and so sturdy, guarded so scrupulously by God’s strongest angels. These walls are not barriers. They are shields. They are arms, encircling us, gathering us in.

In Christ alone can we find peace in this world.. ©LPi ☩

Prayer for Peace

Fill us with Your peace, Lord, as you promised in Your word. Peace in our comings and goings, Peace that You are working and moving, Peace for what has happened, the places we find ourselves today, and in the future to come.

Amen.

Financial Report	Weekend of 5/11	Attendance
Offertory	\$23,489	1,160
Major Maintenance	\$330	
Total	\$23,819	
2024	\$17,882	1,232
Rectory	\$2,376	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? ✚

Why do Catholics need to go to Mass every Sunday?

The heart of the Church's instruction that we are to attend Mass on Sundays goes back to the Third Commandment: "Take care to keep holy the sabbath day as the LORD, your God, has commanded you" (Deuteronomy 5:12).

Although the Jewish People celebrate the Sabbath on Saturday, the first generations of Christians began to observe the sabbath on Sunday, recognizing how important it is for Christians to celebrate the day that Jesus rose from the dead. As the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults observes, "Sunday extends the celebration of Easter throughout the year ... It makes present the new creation brought about by Christ" (364).

The focus of our Sunday should be the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass. This is our time to be formed by God's Word and nourished at the table of the Lord, becoming prepared to live out and share our faith in the week that follows. In his

encyclical, *Dies Domini*, Pope Saint John Paul II reminded us that Christians "cannot live their faith or share fully in the life of the Christian community unless they take part regularly in the Sunday Eucharistic assembly" (no. 81). This is why the Church teaches us that Sunday Mass is a non-negotiable part of being a Christian (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2192).

Beyond being a time of worship, we should also remember that Sunday is intended to be a day of rest, when we make time for recreation, for sharing meals, and enjoying the company of friends and family. Sunday is given to us as a day to take stock of and enjoy the blessings that God has given us (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2187).

Pope Francis reminds us, "The day of rest, centered on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor" (*Laudato Si'*, no. 237).

Outreach

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

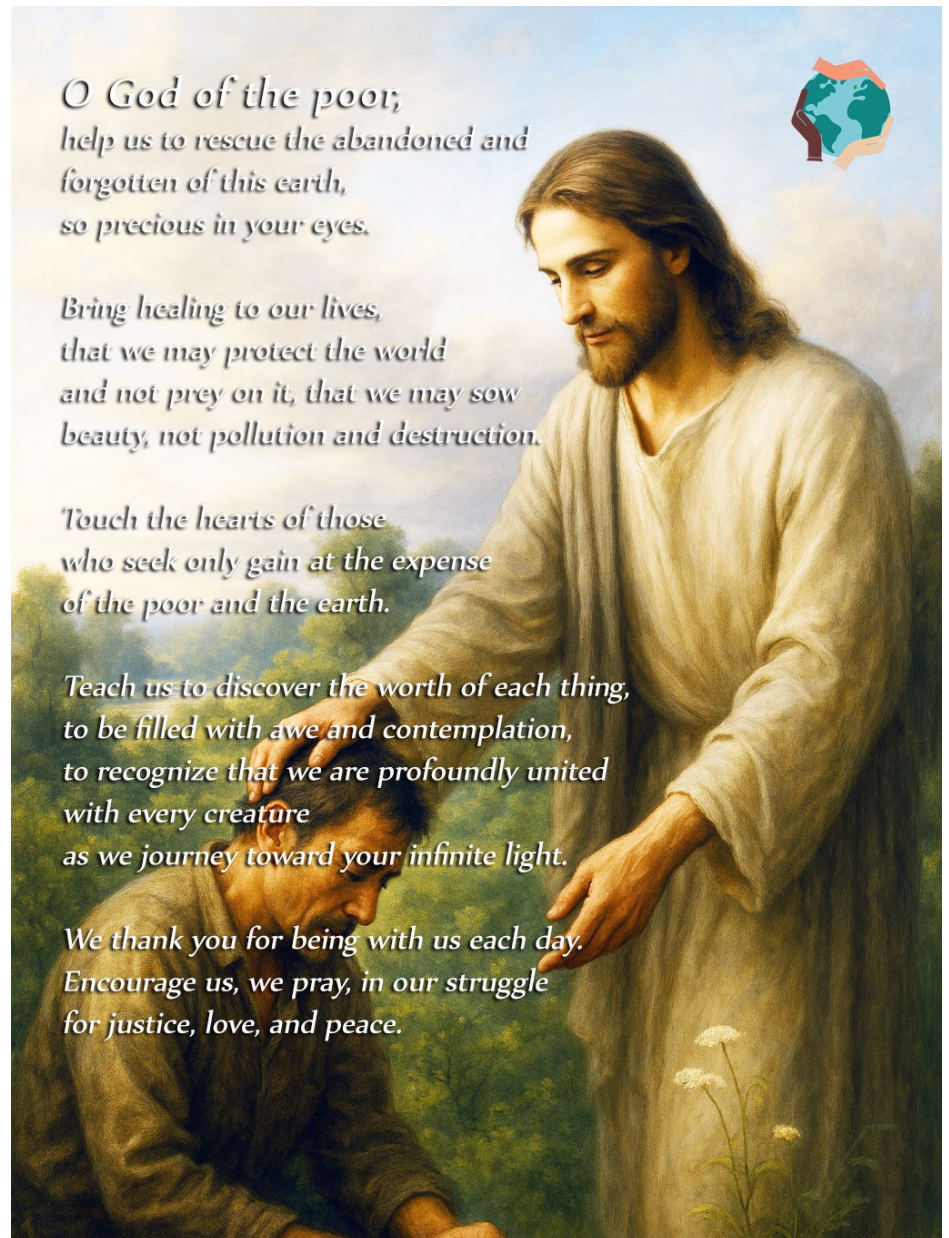
Andy's Irrigation gives a Shout Out to our Prayer Garden

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

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

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

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



Prison Ministry at Rincon

Our Prison Ministry continues at the Rincon facility (Tucson State Prison —Death Row), located on Wilmot Road in Tucson.

On Wednesday, April 16, several ministers and I gathered there to observe our version of Holy Thursday, the sacred moment when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples.

This time, six men participated in our service—more than we typically see. Please keep these men in your prayers. Their faithful presence each week is a testament to the quiet work God is doing in their hearts.

During our time together, Inmate #6 shared that he is a Christian. He offered a powerful scripture passage that touched all of us.

I asked him to write it down, and here it is in his own handwriting:

we had the sentence of death in ourselves that we may learn not to trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead -

“Why, we felt that we had received the sentence of death; but that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.”

—2 Corinthians 1:9 (RSVCE)

One of the most humbling and awe-inspiring things about these men is the peace they carry. They are remarkably kind to one another—gentle, respectful, and thoughtful. We entered into a deep discussion about the nature of peace, and Inmate #6 shared a simple yet profound reflection:

“The Cross is beautiful. We don’t deserve it. Because of Jesus Christ, we don’t have to do anything but believe.”

That moment stayed with me. Despite their circumstances, these men know Christ. They trust in God and hold fast to the hope of eternal life. It is this faith that grounds them, gives them peace, and allows them to face each day with courage.

Our Holy Thursday service concluded with a moving act of humility: Deacon Mike washed the feet of three men, each one quietly removing a single shoe. It was a powerful reminder of Christ’s love and the sacredness of service.

It is an honor—and a blessing—to walk alongside these men in ministry. - *Deb Auclair* ✝



Christ Child Society of Tucson: Supporting Foster Families and Children in Need

The Christ Child Society of Tucson is deeply grateful for the generous support received at our recent fundraiser, held on Sunday, April 27 at The Highlands at Dove Mountain. It was our most successful event to date! Every dollar raised helps over 1,300 foster teens and mothers with newborns in Southern Tucson.

On May 2, we’re assisting Catholic Community Services with their Kinship Conference at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Sierra Vista. This event serves foster children raised by relatives—often grandmothers or aunts—in kinship families. Christ Child Society is providing care bags for 100 invited families. Each bag includes a blanket, book, games, a journal, and a water bottle. Parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

Then on June 13, we’ll support Get on the Bus AZ, a program helping children visit their incarcerated fathers. This year, 24 children from 11 families—twice as many as last year—will travel from Phoenix and Tucson to spend the afternoon with their dads. They’ll share pizza, give Father’s Day cards, and enjoy quality time together. For several, it will be their first in-person visit.

Thanks to your generosity and prayers, we continue bringing compassion, hope, and dignity to vulnerable children and families across Southern Arizona. ✝



In Closing

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Our Lady of Perpetual Help refers both to a title conferred upon the Blessed Mother as well as to a corresponding icon that dates to the late Middle Ages.

Painted on wood, the original icon has a Byzantine style and depicts the Blessed Mother holding the Christ Child. She is flanked by St. Michael and St. Gabriel, who hold the instruments of Christ's passion, including a spear, nails and the Crown of Thorns. In the image, Christ seemingly leans into his mother's

embrace for comfort and strength as he contemplates these objects.

The icon is thought to have originated in Crete, but for 300 years was venerated in the Church of San Matteo in Merulana in Rome. Blessed Pope Pius IX entrusted the image to the Order of Redemptorists, who moved it to the Church of St. Alphonsus. He later established the Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on June 27. ✚



Santa Catalina Blood Drive Today in the Parish Hall