

Santa Catalina

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Catholic Church

May 25-26, 2024

A REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

Parish Pastor

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Deacon Flavio Sanchez
Deacon Alfonso De LaRiva

Parish Office

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Monday - Friday 9 am - 3 pm

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday - Friday 8:00 am

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil, 4:00 pm
Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am,
11:00 am (Bi-lingual), 5:00 pm

Reconciliation

Wednesday 8:45 - 10:00 am
Saturday 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm
... or by appointment

Anointing of the Sick

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Rosary in the Church

Monday-Friday 7:30 am



The Most Holy Trinity

Parish Mission:

As members of God's Faith Community at Santa Catalina Catholic Parish, we commit our lives to being the voice, hands, and spirit of Christ, as our way of continuing God's call to love and peace.

Misión Parroquial:

Como miembros de la Comunidad de Fe de Dios en la Parroquia Católica Santa Catalina, comprometemos nuestras vidas a ser la voz, las manos y el espíritu de Cristo, como nuestra forma de continuar el llamado de Dios al amor y la paz.

Parish Vision:

Together as a parish, we will strengthen our spiritual and personal lives so we can live out our mission as disciples. Led by the Redemptorist Charism, we will follow Christ the Redeemer, to build communities where all people can encounter the message of plentiful redemption, to serve the most abandoned, to minister to those in need and to be evangelized by them.

Visión Parroquial:

Juntos como parroquia, fortaleceremos nuestra vida espiritual y personal para que podamos vivir nuestra misión como discípulos. Guiados por el Carisma Redentorista, seguiremos a Cristo Redentor, para construir comunidades donde todas las personas puedan encontrar el mensaje de abundante redención, y servir a los más abandonados, ministrar a los necesitados y ser evangelizados por ellos.

THIS IS OUR PARISH — ENGAGE — BE PART OF THE VISION



Outreach Serving most in need & abandoned and to be evangelized by them	Dignity of Human Life
	Knights of Columbus
	Monthly Food Drive
	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	Project Linus Quilters
	Social Awareness & Justice Ministry:
	Caring For God's Creation
	Casa Alitas
	Casa Maria
	Christ Child Society of Tucson
	Dress a Girl Around the World
	Local Immersion Ministry
	Poor Box Program
	Prison Ministry
	Refugee Ministry
Snack Pack Program	
Sr. Jose Women s Ministry	
Troubled Youth	
St Vincent de Paul	

Spiritual Providing ways for us to enter into a closer relationship with God and be excited & understand our faith	Adoration
	Bible Study
	Daily Rosary
	Hispanic Ministry
	Cultvando Mi Fe
	Matachines
	Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe
	Men's Fellowship Group
	R.C.I.A.
	Religious Education
	Vocations Ministry
Women's Prayer Group	

Personal Providing help for people to care for their bodies and minds	AA
	Al-Anon
	Arts & Crafts Group
	Book Bunch
	Game Night
	Mental Health Ministry
	Outreach Ministry
	Sassy Solos
	YogaFaith

Pastoral Meeting the needs of our home, the parish, to support the parishioners	Communion Ministry with the Sick and Homebound
	Finance Council
	Funeral Ministry
	GriefShare
	Liturgical Ministry:
	Altar Servers
	Art & Environment
	Eucharist
	Hospitality
	Lector
	Martha's Kitchen
	Music Ministry
	Pastoral Council
	Stephen Ministry

This Week's Parish Ministry Meetings and Events

Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Location
Mon, May 27	10:00 AM	St. Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	Church
Tues, May 28	9:30 AM	YogaFaith	Catalina Room
	1:30 PM	Arts & Crafts for All	Cholla Room
	5:30 PM	Music Ministry - Bilingual Choir	Church
	6:00 PM	Men's Prayer Group	Marian Room
	6:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group	Saguaro Room
	6:00 PM	Mental Health Focus -Monday Session	Catalina Room
Wed, May 29	8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
	9:00 AM	Cultivando Mi Fe	Mesquite/Ocotillo
	10:00 AM	St. Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
	1:00 PM	Understanding Sunday Scripture	Catalina Room
	6:30 PM	R.C.I.A.	Mesquite Room
Thurs, May 30	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	9:30 AM	Hispanic Ministry Meeting	Mesquite Room
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian Room
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian Room
Fri, May 31			
Sat, Jun 1	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
	Before Mass	Parish Food Drive	Church Portico
Sun, Jun 2	Before Mass	Parish Food Drive	Church Portico
	3:30 PM	R.C.I.A.	Mesquite

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Parish News

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

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



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

Parish Office is Closed for Memorial Day

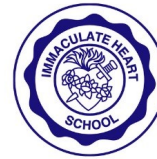
The *Parish Office* is closed on Monday, May 27th, in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, May 28th at 9:00AM.



Daily Mass will take place on Memorial Day.



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



Enrolling Now!

- Faith-focused Catholic School
- Academic Excellence
- Educating the Whole Child

Schedule a tour today!



Parish Blood Drive

May 26, 7:30 - 12:30
Parish Hall

Please come out and donate the gift of life.

New donors are always welcome as just one blood donation may help save more than one life from newborns to elders that count on Red Cross blood donors. If you are able to give blood sign up at 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)...or register online at redcrossblood.org.



Depression is not a normal part of the aging process

Everyone feels sad or “blue” from time to time. But growing older involves adjusting to life changes that often involve loss: of loved ones, of familiar routines, of physical health. Depression is the most common emotional disorder in older adults, occurring in one in seven people over 65. The symptoms can be overlooked and untreated when they coincide with other medical illness and life events.

Clinical depression is not a moral or spiritual failure. It is a serious medical illness that should be treated at any

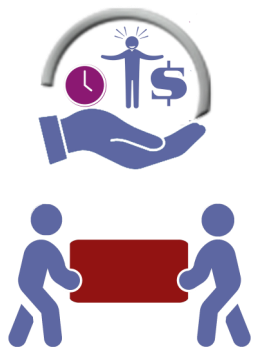
age. The good news is that clinical depression is one of the most treatable of all mental illnesses.

Many older adults do not see depression as a health issue and feel like they can “handle it themselves.” The result is that clinical depression is often not diagnosed which dramatically affects a person’s quality of life.

Older adults with depression may not always display classic signs of depression but instead may show signs of dementia, complain of bodily aches and

pains, or feel agitated, anxious, or irritable. Because many symptoms of depression are seen as part of other ailments or ignored altogether, an assessment by an informed mental health professional is essential.

For more information on resources available to help, contact NAMI Southern Arizona at 520-622-5582 or [NAMI-sa@NAMIsa.org](mailto:NAMIsa@NAMIsa.org)



Do You Have Time That You Would Like To Utilize Helping Us Set-Up for Events at Church?

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

Thank you, in advance, for your Stewardship.



The *June* Book Bunch meeting has been cancelled.

July 11. *One of Our Own* by Will Cather

Aug. 8 *The Legend Of Colton H. Bryant* by Alexandra Fuller

Sept. 12 *The Other Einstein* by Marie Benedict

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.



Ask The Pastoral Council Pregúntale al Consejo Pastoral

Question:

"What is meant by Eucharistic Adoration"?

Answer:

Adoration refers to any prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament whether in front of a closed Tabernacle or in front of the exposed host in a monstrance.

Perpetual Adoration is Eucharistic Exposition that continues 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Some parishes are open 24/7 and hold Perpetual Adoration.



Pregunta:

"¿Qué se entiende por Adoración Eucarística"?

Respuesta:

La adoración se refiere a cualquier oración frente al Santísimo Sacramento, ya sea frente a un Tabernáculo cerrado o frente a la hostia expuesta en una custodia.

La Adoración Perpetua es una exposición eucarística que continúa las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana. Algunas parroquias están abiertas las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana y celebran la Adoración Perpetua.

GriefShare This Summer

Losing a loved one is very difficult. GriefShare can be of help. It is a Christian-based video program with excellent presenters, professional counselors and psychologists, as well as people who share their stories of how they cope with the loss of loved ones.

During thirteen sessions, participants view and discuss the videos and related workbook material.

There is a \$20 fee for the required GriefShare workbook. You may purchase it when you register at the first session. You may also purchase the workbook on-line and register at griefshare.org



Schedule:

Fridays. 10 AM - Noon
Jun 7 through Sept 6
No session June 14

"GriefShare" durante este verano

Perder a un ser querido es muy difícil. "GriefShare" puede ser la ayuda necesaria. Es un programa en video, de base cristiana, con excelentes presentadores: consejeros y psicólogos profesionales, así como personas que comparten sus historias sobre cómo afrontan la pérdida de sus seres queridos. Durante trece sesiones, los participantes ven y discuten los videos y utilizan el material del libro de trabajo.

El libro de trabajo podrá ser adquirido al momento de registrarse para la primera sesión. Este libro tiene un precio de \$20. También se puede registrar en línea y adquirir el libro de trabajo en el sitio de internet griefshare.org

Alphonsian Meditation

Beginning: Make an act of faith and humility and a petition for light and strength; say a brief prayer to Mary, Joseph, your guardian angel, and your patron saint.

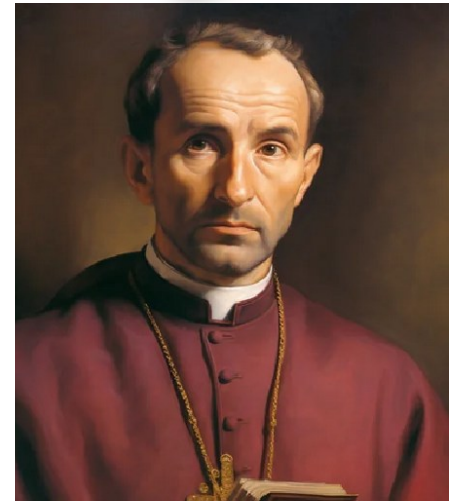
Meditation: Read a few verses from Scripture or a spiritual book, then think and reflect about what you read. What does it mean? What has it taught you? What have you done about this in the past, and what shall you do about it now?

Act of Love: Pray for the grace to love God. Tell God you love him!

Prayers of Petition: Pray for the graces you need both for your daily living and for your spiritual journey.

Resolution: Make one practical resolution that you can carry out today.

Conclusion: Thank God for whatever grace you have received, renew your resolution, and ask for Jesus and Mary, in their love, to help you keep your resolution.



ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

The Truth We Cannot See By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I only pray out loud when I want my kids to hear what I'm saying.

I know what you're thinking — hypocrites in the synagogue and the street corner; go to your room and shut the door — but I think if Jesus had to raise children he would understand where I'm coming from. I pray out loud not because I want my kids to think I'm holy and not because I want them to admire me but because I want them to know how broken I am, how desperately I rely on the mercy and love of God.

It's also a really effective way to send a message. "God, I'm sorry I've been losing my patience today. Please help me. And send your Holy Spirit to make these

kids stop fighting."

Vocal prayer, in front of other people, is an incredibly vulnerable action, so it strikes me whenever Jesus chooses to pray out loud in front of his disciples. Surely, mental prayer was something of a perpetual state for him. I imagine Jesus was ceaselessly in conversation with his Father in heaven throughout even the most ordinary of days. So, when he chooses to make those communications public, my ears perk up.

He wants his kids to hear what he's saying.

In John, chapter 17, we see that he wants us to remember who we are. His disciples are about to see things that will shake the very foundations of their faith.



The only way they will make it to the other side is if they remember that truth does not consist only of what we can see with our eyes.

This is the same truth in which we have been consecrated. We belong to this truth in a way the world will never understand or accept. It is the truth we cannot see.

"I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world." John 17:14 ©LPi

This Week's Gospel Reflection

Once I was at a meeting with representatives of various religions. On a coffee break, a man from another religion mused to me: "You know, with all our differences, all religions are really about being good people." I lowered my cappuccino and said as warmly as I could, "That's not what mine's about." His quizzical look begged for clarification. "Mine is about plunging into the life of God," I said.

Just before Jesus ascends into heaven, he commands the eleven apostles, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20). The

word "baptize" means "to immerse in, to plunge into." It presupposes the use of water. But what does it mean to be immersed in God's name? In the Bible, God's name is identical to God Himself. So, to be baptized into water, using Jesus' formula, is to be plunged into the life of God. Said another way, it is to die with Jesus and rise with him as a member of his body.

The Trinity isn't a doctrine simply to accept and ponder. It's more like an ocean: a mystery into which we are baptized ... inserted, immersed, dunked, plunged. Baptism gives us power to live our lives as beloved children of God, patterned after Jesus himself, who is always with us, until the end of the ages. Hardly the same as being good people. Stranger, but much better.
— Father John Muir ©LPi



Gloria al Padre, gloria al Hijo, y gloria al Espíritu Santo. *"Vayan, pues, y hagan que todos los pueblos sean mis discípulos. Bautícenlos en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, y enséñenles a cumplir todo lo que yo les he encomendado a ustedes"* (Mateo 28 19-20). El misterio de Dios es la Santísima Trinidad y es el misterio central de la fe y de la vida cristiana. Todos estamos llamados a salvarnos y a conocer la verdad (1 Timoteo 2:4). La fe de todos los cristianos se cimienta en la Santísima Trinidad (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica número 232).

"Dios mío, Trinidad que adoro, ayúdame a olvidarme enteramente de mí mismo para establecerme en ti, inmóvil y apacible como si mi

alma estuviera ya en la eternidad; que nada pueda turbar mi paz, ni hacerme salir de ti, mi inmutable, sino que cada minuto me lleve más lejos en la profundidad de tu Misterio. Pacífica mi alma. Haz de ella tu cielo, tu morada amada y el lugar de tu reposo. Que yo no te deje jamás solo en ella, sino que yo esté allí enteramente, totalmente despierta en mi fe, en adoración, entregada sin reservas a tu acción creadora" (Oración de Santa Isabel de la Trinidad. Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica número 260). Nunca tratemos de descifrar el Misterio de la Trinidad, más bien dejemos llevar nuestra alma en la oración como Santa Isabel de la Trinidad. Ella fue una religiosa y mística francesa de la Orden de los Carmelitas Descalzos. ©LPi

This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention	By
Mon, May 27	8:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	For all Veterans living & deceased	
Tue, May 28	8:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	✠ Mary Kollschegg Helen Marie Sieverding	JoAnn Weston Joe & Deb Sieverding
Wed, May 29	8:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	Bobbi Cawein (living)	Florence Renault
Thu, May 30	8:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	✠ Bill Kohley	Marjorie Diederich
Fri, May 31	8:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	✠ Ann Spanier	Melanie Hill
Sat, Jun 1	4:00 PM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	For the Intentions of the Parish	
Sun, Jun 2	7:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Judith A. Moncevicz & Vincent Bellian	Paul & Sue Moncevicz
	9:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	✠ JoAnn Boynton ✠ Donald E. Nolan	Deanne Boynton the Nolan family
	11:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	✠ Eva Gutierrez ✠ Diego Zell Alejandra Zell (living)	Esperanza Aquino Graciela Avila Graciela Avila
	5:00 PM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory	Peggy Hawkinson

✠ = Deceased

Readings for the week of May 26, - June 2 2024

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/
Mt 28:16-20

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147 :12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/Mk 10:46-52

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

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



Readings in English



Readings in Spanish

Spiritual



Mario Calbone
Mimi Cuono
David Maloney
Rachel Flint
Steven Zenizo
Leland Bracy
Bill Terrazas

Walter Henrich
Phyllis Henrich
Albert Diaz
Robert Shelby
Dorothy Fuerstenberg
Mark Cowie
Maureen Schlosser

Charles Soulé
Carolina Soulé
Cliff Bentz
Anita Garcia
Allen Grandel
Ana F. Marquez
Arianna Peralta

Norma Jean Deskus
Deigo Zell
Eva Gutierrez
Annamarie Mudd
Ronald Knudson
William Pettit
Marilyn Nevins

Mass Intentions



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

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

Stewardship



2024 Annual Catholic Appeal as of May 11

Weekend May 11-12	Totals	Attendance
Offertory	\$ 18,804	1232
Major Maintenance	\$ 1,030	
Total	\$ 19,834	
Last Year's Offertory	\$ 17,637	1052
Parish Rectory	\$ 875	

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal		
Goal	Fulfilled	% of Goal
\$ 140,000	\$ 56,324	40%

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

Precious Things By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

I once wrote an article about a school that embraced the Reggio Emilia approach to education. This meant, in practice, a lot of fascinating things, and it was a fun piece to work on.

But all these years later, I could not accurately describe the Reggio Emilia style of learning to anyone except to say this: they give the kids glass bowls and vases.

That's what stuck with me, and that's what sticks out in my memory amidst the hundreds of intervening articles and interviews on other equally fascinating topics. I remember those glass bowls and vases lining the shelves.

This was a pre-school, and these students were three-year-olds. "If they drop a cup and it shatters,

then they learn that glass can break. We clean it up," the teacher said with a shrug. The idea was that a child will never learn to handle a fragile, precious thing — and grow into an adult who can respect and cherish a fragile, precious thing — if they are not sincerely trusted with a precious thing whose fragility



they bear personal witness to.

The breaking, you see, was part of the education.

The disciples worshiped, but they doubted. And yet, Christ gave them the Great Commission

anyway, something fragile and important, something that could be easily dropped and easily broken. Christ knew who they were, what they were. They were mere human beings, deeply imperfect, scared and hesitant, a little slow on the uptake. He knows that's exactly what we are, too. But he gives us the Great Commission just as he gave it to them. Because that is what the Faith is: it is something perfectly beautiful, passed from one flawed person to another, throughout the ages — constantly dropped, constantly broken, and constantly, miraculously, pieced back together again.

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

— Matthew 28:19-20 ©LPi

I'm Considering Becoming A Deacon. How Do I Know If I Have a Vocation?

What steps should I take next?

Any and all gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to the church are for the good of the community. As members of the Body of Christ, what one member does affects all. What the body does also affects each member. A vocation or call to ministry is tested and verified by the church. Through prayer, instruction, and service, a vocation is tested, and then acknowledged by the official call to orders or to service.

If you are considering becoming a deacon, the first step would be to talk to your pastor. He will be

able to give you more specific information on the program in your diocese, what is expected of you, and how you apply.

You might also begin to see a spiritual director, someone who can help you with your faith journey and vocation discernment. They do so by focusing on prayer, your relationship with God, and spiritual practices.

Finally, you'll need to see the diocesan vocation director in charge of deacons to apply.

Outreach

"The world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point" (LD 2)

In *Laudate Deum*, Pope Francis calls "all people of good will" to take action on the climate crisis and "move beyond the mentality of appearing to be concerned but not having the courage needed to produce substantial changes." (LD 56)

He particularly calls on us in the United States to make personal changes to our consumerist lifestyles, reduce our fossil fuel use, and to also advocate for systemic actions to address the climate crisis.

The Care for Creation Ministry invites you to take a pledge of action with us today to respond directly to Pope Francis' call for change (personal, within the Church, and wider systemic change). Together we can courageously commit to specific actions that will produce a much needed culture shift and produce a better future for our common home.

You can find the Laudate Deum Pledge at catholicclimatecovenant.org.



If you are interested in joining the Caring for God's Creation Ministry, please send an e-mail to sajm@santacatalinaparish.org.

Parish Food Drive—First Weekend Every Month

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

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

All food donations go to Casa Maria, Impact of Southern AZ, and the TriCommunity Food Bank. These organizations are very grateful for your assistance.

Cash donations can be accepted. Please place your donation in an

envelope marked "Food Drive" and drop it in the collection basket at any Mass.

Also, online donations can be made via Online Giving.



Donations Needed for Refugees



The Refugee Ministry needs help with donations to set up apartments for refugees approved by the United Nations to come to the U.S. The

following items are needed:

Dishes, plates, cups, bowls, kitchen supplies. Furniture like sofas, kitchen tables and chairs, coffee tables, chairs. Items to setup a "home" that has nothing,

No used linens or towels please, these items must be new.

Volunteers are needed to help collect donations and deliver them to Lutheran Social Services.

Please send an e-mail to sajm@santacatalinaparish.org to help or donate.

Monetary donations accepted at lss-sw.org/donate

Pro-**Abortion** Signature Campaign in Arizona



The Arizona Abortion Access coalition has a signature campaign to put abortion on the ballot for 2024 to enshrine a right to unrestricted abortion with a constitutional amendment to the Arizona Constitution. Our purpose is to make our parishioners aware of this campaign so that you can make an informed decision about the effort. For Catholics, we emphasize that this is not a political issue, it is a moral issue. Millions of dollars are flooding into Arizona from out of state. The features of the proposed amendment are as follows:



In their own words:

1. “ ‘...the Arizona Abortion Access Act’ amends the Arizona Constitution to establish a fundamental right to abortion that the State may not deny, restrict or interfere with an individual’s right to make health care decisions regarding abortion”.
2. “It would stop State involvement in decisions related to pregnancy before viability”... as determined “by the good faith judgment of a *health care provider*”.
3. “... and allow a *health care provider* to make a medical determination as to whether an abortion is necessary to protect the life or physical or *mental health* of the pregnant individual during the pregnancy.”

Contrary to the claim of the pro-abortion coalition, current law already allows medical intervention for ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, the death of an unborn child in the womb, or if a woman’s life is in jeopardy.

Arizonans deserve far better than the measures proposed in the Arizona Abortion Access Act.

What can we do? We can pray. We can speak up. We must stay informed.

Finally, we urge you *not* to sign or endorse this signature campaign.

What the amendment really allows:

1. It would
 - a. ... allow a minor child to obtain an abortion without her parent’s knowledge.
 - b. ... allow the abortionist, who would not have to be a qualified medical doctor, to set the standard of care.
 - c. ...endanger current law that allows healthcare professionals to opt out of performing or participating in abortions due to their consciences.
 - d. ... open the door to taxpayer funding of abortion.
2. The definition of a *health care provider* is overly broad and does not need a medical degree. Also, “good faith judgment” is vague and ambiguous.
3. *Mental health* is an undefined term that has included all factors related to a woman’s well-being, including stress or, the thought of caring for a newborn child, the discomforts associated with pregnancy...etc.

Outreach

Your generosity helped a family in need

A married couple came in for assistance this spring. They own their own trailer and are normally able to pay their bills. She had just gotten over treatment for cancer and then her husband was diagnosed with cancer earlier this year. He went through three months of treatment and they got behind on their bills. We were able to catch up their rent and utilities and put them back on track. They were confident they were going to be ok in the future. Your generous donations helped this couple in a time of crisis. Thank you.



Su generosidad ayudó a familia necesitada

Durante la primavera un matrimonio acudió en busca de ayuda. Son dueños de su propio remolque y normalmente pueden pagar sus facturas. Sin embargo, acababan de terminar un tratamiento contra el cáncer y luego su esposo fue diagnosticado con cáncer a principios de este año. Pasó por tres meses de tratamiento, y en consecuencia se atrasaron en el pago de sus facturas. Pudimos ayudarlos a ponerse al día con el alquiler y los servicios públicos y ponerlos en marcha. Confiaban en que iban a estar bien en el futuro. Sus generosas donaciones ayudaron a esta pareja en un momento de crisis. Gracias.