

May 3-4, 2025

Santa Catalina

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Catholic Church

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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

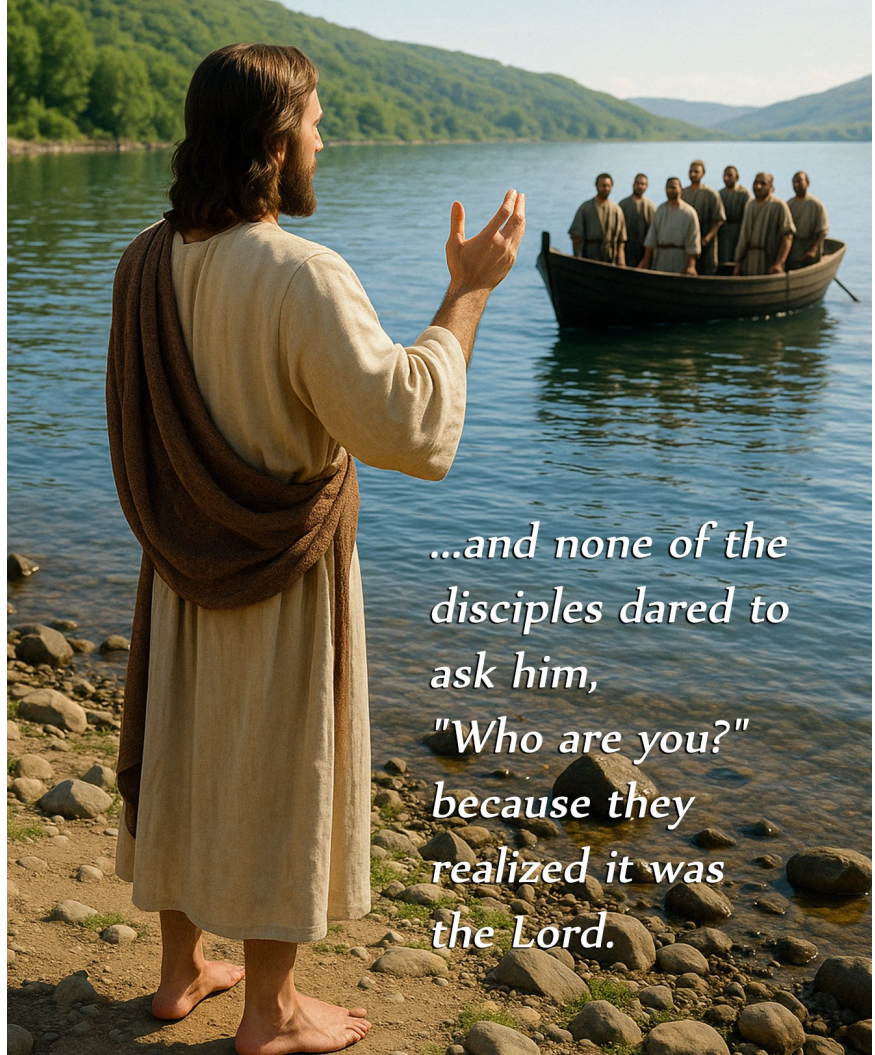
In Church, Wed 8:30 am -8:30 pm

Chapel hours, Mon-Fri

8:00 am-2:30 pm

Rosary in the Church

Mon-Fri 7:30 am



*...and none of the
disciples dared to
ask him,
"Who are you?"
because they
realized it was
the Lord.*

Third 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



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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>.

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 5	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian
	10:00 AM	Sacred Scripture Study: Luke	Mesquite, Ocotillo
	1:00 PM	Monthly Prayer Shawl meeting	Catalina
	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	Church
	5:30 PM	Music Ministry - Bilingual Choir	Church
Tue, May 6	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
Wed, May 7	8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
	9:00 AM	Cultivando Mi Fe	Mesquite
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian
	1:00 PM	Understanding Sunday Scripture	Catalina
	4:30 PM	Faith Formation Classes K-8th	Mesquite, Ocotillo, Cholla
Thu, May 8	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	1:00 PM	Book Bunch monthly meeting	Cholla
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian
	6:30 PM	Sacred Scripture Study: Luke	Mesquite, Ocotillo
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian
Fri, May 9	9:00 AM	Friday Faith Fellowship - The Chosen	Catalina
	10:00 AM	Grief Share class	Mesquite, Ocotillo
Sat, May 10	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
	5:00 PM	Parish Game Night	Parish Hall
Sun, May 11	12:15 PM	O.C.I.A. & Confirmation	Conference
	1:00 PM	Rosary Celebrating the Month of Mary	Church

Mark Your Calendars (Thu, May 15th) : Groundbreaking Ceremony!

Dear Parish Family,

We are thrilled to announce a very special moment in the life of our parish—our **Groundbreaking Ceremony!**

On this joyful day, we will come together as a parish family to bless the ground and celebrate the official beginning of our new construction project. We are deeply honored that **Bishop Gerald Kicanas**, our Diocesan Administrator, will join us for this special occasion.

Bishop Kicanas will celebrate our **8:00 AM Daily Mass** on May 15, and immediately afterward, we will proceed to the groundbreaking ceremony.

We hope you will join us for this beautiful milestone in our parish's journey. Let's celebrate together with gratitude for what God has done—and with great hope for what He continues to build among us!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Blessings,

Fr. Huy C.Ss.R, Pastor

Spiritual Renewal Retreat

“Come away by yourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile.” — Mark 6:31

Sometimes the best way to deepen our faith is to simply step away from the noise, the busyness, and the routine—to make space for God’s voice and presence. A Spiritual Renewal Retreat offers this sacred opportunity: a time to pause, reflect, and allow the Holy Spirit to refresh your soul. Through prayer, Scripture, fellowship, and guided reflections, retreat participants are invited to reconnect with the heart of their faith and be renewed for daily life and ministry.

Santa Catalina Parish is hosting two special Half-Day Retreats this year, featuring guest speaker **Fr. Steve Rehrauer, C.Ss.R.** All are welcome to join us for these uplifting gatherings of prayer, fellowship, and spiritual refreshment.

First Retreat - Friday, May 16, 2025

Location: Santa Catalina Parish Hall

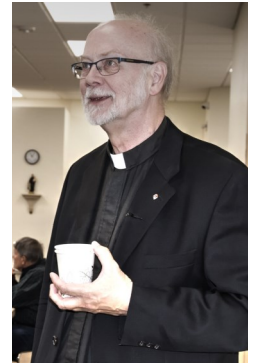
Schedule:

- 8:00 AM – Mass
- Light breakfast in the Parish Hall
- Morning retreat session with Fr. Steve
- 12:00 PM – Lunch
- 1:00 PM – Closing Prayer

Second Retreat **Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

Location: Redemptorist Renewal Center

To register, contact: Madeline Rugama at (520) 825-9611 ext. 104 or email mrugama@santacatalinaparish.org ☩



FR. STEVE

May is the Month of Mary – Special Event on May 8

Join the Diocese of Tucson's Alive in Christ ministry in honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary this May. As St. Thérèse of Lisieux reminds us, “What a joy to remember that she is our mother! Since she loves us and knows our weakness, what have we to fear?” We invite you to deepen your devotion through:

- Praying the Holy Rosary
- Eucharistic Adoration

A special highlight this month is the **Relic Visit of Blessed Carlo Acutis**, who will soon be canonized.

Fr. Bala Kommathoti will present a teaching on the life and mission of St. Carlo Acutis, focusing on his devotion to the Eucharist and the power of Eucharistic Adoration. A blessing with a relic of Carlo Acutis will follow.

Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 6:45 PM
Our Lady of La Vang / St. Frances

Cabrini

3201 E. Presidio Rd., Tucson.

If you are unable to attend in person, a **YouTube recording** of the event will be available beginning **May 12** at TucsonCCR.org.

Let us come together to honor Mary and be inspired by the faith of Carlo Acutis. ☩



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 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. ☩

Alzheimer and Dementia: What you Need to Know

Please join the Santa Catalina Mental Health Ministry as it presents its May Mental Health Focus on Monday May 12th at 6 pm and Sunday May 18th at 3 pm.



Katrina Johnson, the Memory Care Coordinator at Sunrise Senior Living will be presenting on the stages of Alzheimer's disease and Dementia, redirection and validation techniques, effective communication strategies, and caregiver burnout.

Katrina is certified through the Alzheimer's Association and has been a certified caregiver for nearly 14 years. Memory care is her passion, and she strives every day to champion the quality of life for all seniors.

The presentation will be in the parish hall. The same presentation will be given each session, so feel free to attend the one that fits your schedule. ✚

Por favor, acompáñenos en el "Ministerio de salud mental" de Santa Catalina mientras presenta su Foro de Salud Mental del mes de mayo, el lunes 12 de mayo a las 6:00 pm y el domingo 18 de mayo a las 3:00 pm.

Katrina Johnson, coordinadora de cuidado de la memoria en Sunrise Senior Living, hará una presentación sobre las etapas de la enfermedad de Alzheimer y la demencia; técnicas de redirección y validación, estrategias de comunicación efectivas y el agotamiento del cuidador.

Katrina está certificada por la Asociación de Alzheimer y ha sido cuidadora certificada por casi 14 años. El cuidado de la memoria es su pasión y cada día se esfuerza por promover la calidad de vida de todos los adultos mayores.

La presentación se llevará a cabo en el salón parroquial. La misma presentación se dará en ambas sesiones, así que siéntase libre de asistir a la que mejor se acomode a su horario. ✚

Join the Book Bunch and Bring A Friend on May 8th

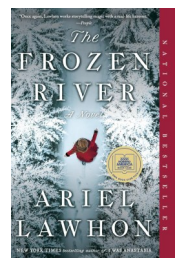
The group will be discussing *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawson

New York Times Bestseller ♦ GMA Book Club Pick ♦ NPR Book of the Year

From the New York Times bestselling author of *I Was Anastasia* and *Code Name Hélène* comes a gripping historical mystery inspired by the life and diary of Martha Ballard, a renowned 18th-century midwife who defied the legal system and wrote herself into American history.

"Fans of Outlander's Claire Fraser will enjoy Lawhon's Martha, who is brave and outspoken when it comes to protecting the innocent. . . impressive."—The Washington Post

The Book Bunch meets on May 8th at 1 PM in the Cholla Room. ✚



Parish Game Night - May 10



5 pm to 8 pm in the Parish Hall. Family Fun Night, Ages 3 to 103. Join us for a delicious dinner, board games, cards, lots of laughs, and fellowship. Please bring a dessert to share. ✚

Noche de Juegos Parroquial - 10 de mayo

5 pm a 8 pm en el Salón Parroquial. Noche de diversión familiar, 3 años a 103. Acompáñanos a disfrutar de una deliciosa cena, juegos de mesa, cartas, mucho de risas y compañerismo. Por favor, traiga un postre para compartir. ✚

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. ✝

We are seeking adorers to sign up for Adoration

We are actively seeking dedicated volunteers to support our Adoration Ministry. As we aim for sustainability in our spiritual practices, we urgently need volunteers to help cover various hours at the church, ensuring that the Blessed Sacrament is never left unattended. Whether you're able to commit to a regular weekly hour or serve as an occasional substitute, your contribution



is incredibly valuable.

Currently, we have several time slots available for adorers: 8:30-9:30, 9:30-10:30, 10:30-11:30, and 5:30-6:30. If you feel called to participate, please reach out by sending an email to pc@santacatalinaparish.org. Adoration takes place every Wednesday from 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM in the church. Everyone is invited to join and experience the presence of our Lord during these times. ✝

We Value Your Voice

The Pastoral Council wants to hear from *you*.

Share your feedback, questions, and ideas for how we can continue to grow as a parish community. We also welcome your words of encouragement and appreciation.

You can drop your comments in the new "Comment Box" in the narthex, email us at pc@santacatalinaparish.org, or speak to any Pastoral Council member.

Your input helps us create a more welcoming and spiritually enriching parish for all. ✝



You're Invited ... to enter into the Passion of Our Lord and join fellow parishioners on our *Passion Play Team*.

We need *you* to help continue our 25+ year tradition. If you're interested or would like more information, please contact the parish office and ask to have one of our team members reach out to you. ✝



Volunteers Needed: Vacation Bible School

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. ✝



The Weekly Cross

... is a program to pray for Catholic vocations.

Participating parishioners attend either the 4 PM Mass or the 5 PM Mass. The priest will call the week's participant to the Altar at the end of Mass to receive the Cross.

Participants pray for vocations and return the Cross the following weekend before the appropriate Mass. Members of the Ministry will be outside after the designated Masses to sign up participants. Please pray to promote Catholic vocations. ✝

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). ✝

Readings for the week of May 4:

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69 ✝



First Reading: God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. (Acts 5:31)

Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (Ps 30)

Second Reading: "To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever." (Rv 5:13)

Gospel: Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. (Jn 21:5-6) ✝

Gospel Reflection:

Jesus bids the disciples to bring their bounty of fish to the fire, to gather around it, to be warmed and fed. God's invitation is for all of us: come to the fire of His love. Be warmed. Be fed. Then, go forth, and feed the sheep. ✠

I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical wellbeing for the rest of the day.

Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes his third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, "Come, have breakfast" (John 21:12). The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and he feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by his presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they



You appeared once again to your disciples on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias. There, you prepared a meal for them—a fish that you yourself had cooked over the coals. Through this act, you showed them that evangelization also includes the joy of sharing a meal together in community.

Lord, teach me to share the joy of your Good News with my family and friends. May the love you show us in your tender gestures not go unnoticed, especially in simple acts like an invitation to breakfast.

"Jesus came over, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish" (John 21:13).

eat, their bodies and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others — indeed, the whole world — with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from him.

Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with

his word of love, with his grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!"

Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.

— Father John Muir ©LPi ✠

"In the Eucharist, the Lord's love for us is communicated: a love so great that it feeds us with Himself, a free love always available to every person who hungers and needs to regain strength. Living the experience of faith means allowing oneself to be nourished by the Lord and building one's life not on material goods, but on the enduring reality: the gifts of God, His Word, and His Body. The food that truly nourishes and satisfies us is only that which the Lord gives" (Pope Francis).

What lesson can we take from this concrete act of Jesus preparing breakfast for His disciples? How do I express acts of love toward my family and friends?

The presence of Jesus in our lives should fill us with hope. Alleluia! ©LPi ✠

This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention (☀ Living) († Deceased)	
Sat, May 3	4:00PM	Fr. Brian Johnson	†	Laurie Lee by Ginny Pergantis
			†	Marcus & Helen May by Ginny Pergantis
			†	Joseph Barrios by Mary Barrios
Sun, May 4	7:00AM	Fr. Huy Vu	†	Judith A. Moncevicz & Vincent Bellian by Paul & Susan Moncevicz
			†	Luke Lenski by Ann Segal
	9:00AM	Fr. Huy Vu	☀	Leslie Fore by Santa Catalina staff
	11:00AM	Fr. Huy Vu	†	Helen & Robert Coyle by Regina Arntz
			☀	Emilia Villalpando by Pia Smith
Mon, May 5	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	†	Steven Cognata by Barbara Wyne
Tue, May 6	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	†	Aileen Gallagher by Marge Post
Wed, May 7	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	☀	Susan Kramer by Marilyn Kramer
			☀	Leslie Fore by SAJM
Thu, May 8	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	†	Dale Sieverding by the Laufmann family
Fri, May 9	8:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	†	Joyce Sieverding by Joe & Deb Sieverding
Sat, May 10	4:00 PM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	†	Fedora Fischer Rubio by the daughters
			†	Jim Cadwallader by Bernie & Anita Lee
			☀	Maria G. Rubio-Fischer by her sister
			☀	For all parishioners celebrating a birthday in May
Sun, May 11	7:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	☀	For those with mental illness by Mental Health Min.
			☀	For parishioners celebrating a birthday in May
	9:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	†	Mary & Edward Zvonar by Sophie Zvonar
			☀	For Our Lady of Life ministries by James Kern
			☀	For those with mental illness by Mental Health Min.
			☀	For parishioners celebrating a birthday in May
			☀	For those with mental illness by Mental Health Min.
	11:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	†	Monsignor Joseph Pokusa by Regina Arntz
			☀	For parishioners celebrating a birthday in May
			☀	For parishioners celebrating a birthday in May
	5:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	☀	For those with mental illness by Mental Health Min.
			†	Colin Levett by Barbara Tillyard

Please Pray for Our Parishioners



Mimi Cuono	Jeffrey Van Slyae	Charles Lohr	Stacy Zieminski	Greg Ballard
Anita Garcia	David W. Maloney	Derek Palmer	Ann Marie Arnold	Sandy Cavendar
Pat Gasca	Gregory Surowiec	Jeanie Polak	Susann Rein	Molly McCabe
Bob Stamer	Mary Rose Hagstrom	Sophie Varalli	Mollie Minke	George Price
Robert Perry	Raul Velasquez	Greg Ballard	Mona Mariani	Michael Sienkiewicz, Jr
Leslie Fore	Edward Montano, Jr	Ty Vallinoto	Debra Elofson	Linda Howard

The Witnesses of What Makes No Sense

It never fails to amuse me that the disciples in today's Gospel don't recognize Jesus until he asks them to do something that makes absolutely no logical sense.

He's just some random stranger on the shore — until he gives them an order that, in any other circumstances, would have them rolling their eyes into the backs of their head: Drop the nets again. I know you haven't caught anything all night. I know you're tired. Just do it one more time. Trust me. Again.

That's when they recognize him.

The disciples display such poor recognition of Jesus after the resurrection. I'm sure there's a good, theologically sound reason for it, one I am not smart enough to explain. Whatever that reason is, it's very clear that God was carefully orchestrating these moments of realization. He is trying to tell us something about how we recognize the risen Christ — the one who has conquered sin, the one whose

love was stronger than death. The one who never made any sense, and never will, because his kingdom is not of this world, and to understand him — to recognize him — you have to detach from the priorities, the expectations, the limitations of this present world.



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You have to be willing to do what makes no sense.

Love — again, even when it doesn't make sense.

Forgive — again, even when it doesn't make sense.

Believe — again, even when it doesn't make sense.

"We are the witnesses of these things," Peter tells the Sanhedrin (Acts 5:32). Peter, who was so full of joy when he recognized Jesus that he leapt into the sea, fully clothed, desperate to be near him.

It makes no sense, and that's okay. That's kind of our whole thing, as Christians. We are the witnesses of the things that make no sense. ©LPi

Prayer of Belief

Lord, Help me to see You and to recognize what I see. Help me to hear Your invitation and to respond. Help me to join You where and when You call. Amen.

Financial Report	Weekend 4/20/25	Attendance
Offertory	\$28,939	2,036
Major Maintenance	\$828	
Total	\$29,767	
2024	\$21,001	1,331
Rectory	\$445	10

Bridges of Memory and Mercy: A Reflection on the Shared Passover Seder - Fr. Huy Vu

On the evening of Palm Sunday, April 13, as Holy Week began, something deeply sacred took place



in our parish hall. Santa Catalina hosted a Passover Seder in partnership with Congregation B'nai Midbar. We gathered—128 of us from two faith traditions—not as strangers, but as neighbors and companions on a shared journey of remembrance and hope.

The timing was no coincidence. For Catholics, these days lead into the Triduum, inviting us to enter the Paschal Mystery: to reflect on suffering, deliverance, and divine



love. For our Jewish friends, the Seder retells the Exodus—the story of God leading His people from slavery to freedom. Both traditions are rooted in sacred memory, calling us not just to recall, but to re-enter the story. And that's exactly what happened that night.

The collaboration began months earlier when B'nai Midbar, Southern Arizona's newest independent Jewish congregation, started holding

services at Santa Catalina. This wasn't about offering charity—it was about living the Gospel. As Jesus teaches, the greatest commandments are to love God and love our neighbor (Mt 22:34–40). Opening our doors to B'nai Midbar became an act of discipleship—hospitality lived out.

What began as shared space blossomed into genuine friendship.

On the night of the Seder, I was moved not only by the beauty of the ritual, but by the simple holiness of



shared tables. Matzah was passed, bitter herbs tasted, and the Exodus story read aloud—by voices from both congregations. As I offered reflections throughout the evening, I was struck by how seamlessly our stories speak to one another: both Judaism and Christianity call us to be people of justice, compassion, and remembrance. As I shared that night, "In both our traditions, food is never just food. It is memory; it is stories. And shared stories and memories always bring hope."

That hope was visible in the faces around the room.

One parishioner remarked, "Seeing the symbolism of each item on the Seder Plate come alive made the experience unforgettable." A mother shared how the openness of her



tablemates helped her children connect to their spiritual heritage: "They heard Hebrew spoken—the language Jesus would have known—and felt included." Another reflected, "Sometimes I feel that we, as Catholics, have lost or forgotten much of our history. Getting this glimpse of our Jewish roots was a blessing."

Now, as we live in the light of the Easter season—the joyful unfolding of Christ's resurrection—I carry the memory of that evening as a sign of resurrection in its own right: the quiet triumph of friendship over fear, dialogue over division.

It echoed the spirit of Pope Francis—a pilgrim who teaches that the Church must be a field hospital, healing wounds and walking with others. This shared Seder felt like living that vision: a Church open,



outward, and full of grace.

May this be just the beginning of a growing friendship between Santa Catalina and B'nai Midbar. May we continue the journey—not as tourists of religion, but as pilgrims of hope. ✚

Save The Date May 17th & 18th: Summertime Donations for Sr. Jose Women's Center

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. ✝



Life Happens



We at St Vincent de Paul recently had an encounter with a family who was rolling along with everyday happenings and things seem to be going well when Life Happened. The father, one of the two bread winners, had a completely unexpected heart attack. The father was now facing open heart surgery. The family reached out to us because they had received a court date for an eviction and if they were evicted would be forced to move a few weeks prior to the scheduled surgery. The mother was still working as a healthcare worker and fitting in as

many shifts as she could with the needs at home and her husband's health weighing on her shoulders. We were able to contact the management company and with some negotiating and financial help prevent the eviction. The family has let us know that the surgery went well and he is recovering at home. Needless to say, they were so grateful for the assistance we provided through St Vincent de Paul which is all thanks to the generosity of our parish family. You stood in the gap when Life Happened to this sweet family. ✝

Monthly Food Drive: This Weekend

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

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

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



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

Join the next Local Immersion Tour on May 7 and May 21 from 8:00 - 11:30 am.

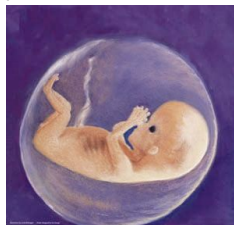
The tours leave from the church parking lot and take a small group to Casa Maria Catholic Workers Community which provides meals and clothing for

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



Month 2 – Developing Baby – “I’m dancing!”

Your baby is making progress developing all of her external features and internal organs. Her brain is functioning at 40 days.



Her mother can hear her heartbeat now on an ultrasonic stethoscope. Baby- teeth buds are present at 6 ½ weeks. The central nervous system is functioning and 40 muscle sets begin their first exercises. From this moment, your spiritually adopted baby grows and refines her body. But everything she needs to survive after birth is already present by the end of the eighth week. She is now called a “fetus” a Latin word meaning “little one”. Ultrasound reveals that this little one can now spring, flip and jump – her first dance steps! ✝

Segundo mes -Desarrollo del bebé – “¡Estoy Moviéndome!”

Su bebé espiritual esta haciendo progresos en el desarrollo de sus órganos internos y externos. A los 40 días su cerebro esta funcionando. La madre puede oír los latidos de su corazón a través de un estetoscopio. El brote de sus dientes de leche empieza a aparecer a las seis semanas y media. Está funcionando su sistema nervioso y también cuarenta conjuntos musculares. Desde este momento su bebé espiritual crece y perfecciona su cuerpo. A las ocho semanas de su concepción tiene desarrollado todo lo que necesita para sobrevivir después de su nacimiento. El bebé en desarrollo se conoce ahora como “feto”, que en Latín quiere decir “el pequeño. Los ultrasonidos revelan que el pequeño ahora puede brincar, saltar, moverse de un lado a otro, dar golpecitos ¡su primera danza! ✝

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 and use sponsor code: **sancat** ✝



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Outreach

Prayer Garden - We need helpers at 8:30 AM Wednesdays and Saturday's April and May to water the gardens, plant shrubs, trees and flowers and whatever is needed. We promote Pope Francis's "Laudato Si, On Care For Our Common Home."
Contact Mary Hojnacki via sajm@santacatalinaparish.org or just show up.

Christ Child Society of Tucson – Foster Teens – do you have 2 hours of time once a month? We pack 50 drawstring bags with hygiene products, etc. for foster teens in South Tucson. Please consider joining us at the National Self Storage at 12071 N Thornydale Rd the first Friday of the month!
Contact Deb Auclair via sajm@santacatalinaparish.org

HELP WANTED

Helping Hands needed to receive donations for Sr. Jose Women's shelter before all masses the weekend of May 17 and 18th. You would need to come to mass 15 - 20 minutes early.
Contact Sally Sample via sajm@santacatalinaparish.org



I asked a supermarket worker where I would find the canned peaches. He said "I'll see..." and walked away. I waited for a while but since he never returned I asked another worker he also said "I'll See" and left. I decided to search for them myself.
Just so you'll know, they're in aisle C.