

Oct 26-27, 2024

Santa Catalina

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Catholic Church

A REDEMPTORIST COMMUNITY

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Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Mon-Fri 8:00 am

Weekend Mass

Sat 4:00 pm (Vigil)
Sun 7:00 am
9:00 am
11:00 am (Bi-lingual)
5:00 pm

Reconciliation

Wed 8:45-10:00 am
Sat 2:30-3:30 pm
... or by appointment

Anointing

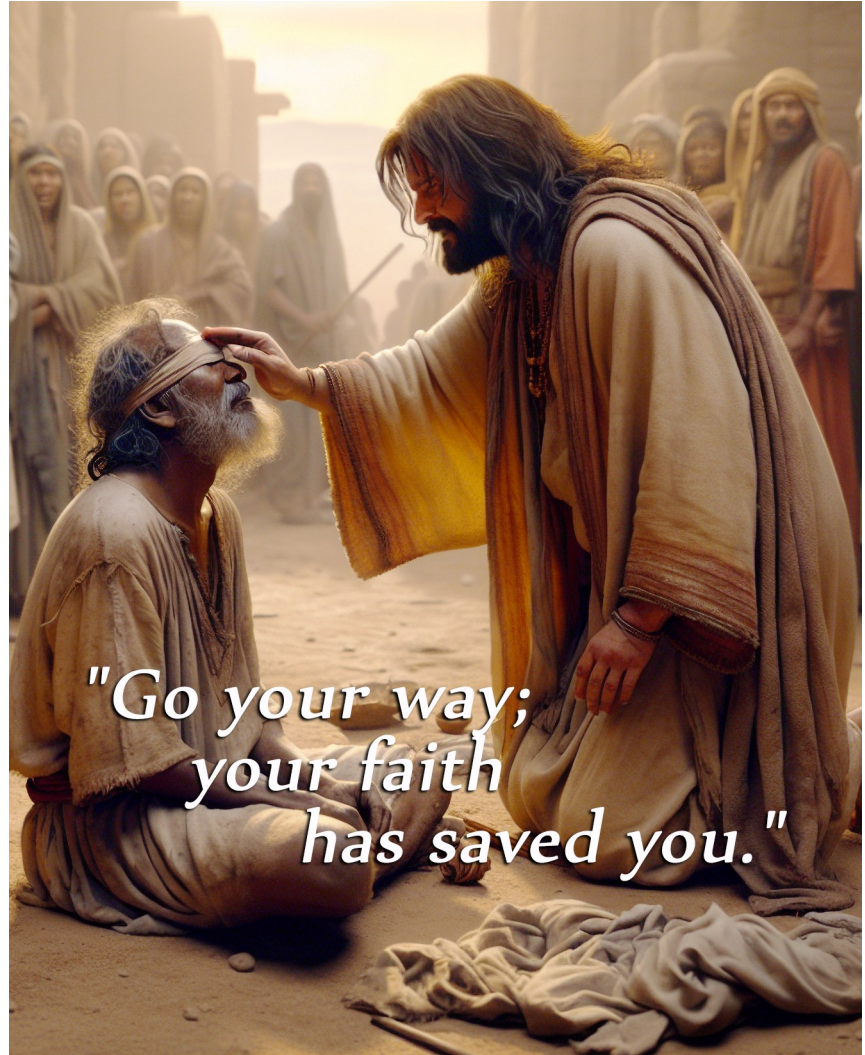
First Friday of the month
at 8:00 am Mass
... or by appointment

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



*"Go your way;
your faith
has saved you."*

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Mission:

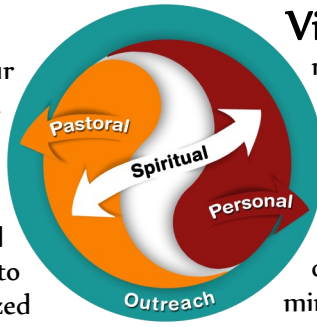
As members of God's Faith Community at Santa Catalina Catholic Parish, we commit our lives to being the voice, hands, and spirit of Christ, as our way of continuing God's call to love and peace.

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.

Spiritual	 Bible Study	 Eucharist Adoration	 Hispanic Ministry	 Religious Education	Pastoral	 Altar Servers	 Arts & Environment	 GriefShare	 Eucharist Liturgical Ministry	 Finance Council	
	 Vocations Ministry	 O.C.I.A.	 Daily Rosary	 Funeral Ministry		 Pastoral Council	 Communion Ministry Sick & Homebound	 Hospitality Liturgical Ministry			
Personal	 Men's Fellowship	 Women's Prayer	 Mental Health	 Sassy Solos	 Yoga Faith	Outreach	 Refugees Ministry	 Care for God's Creation	 Casa Alitas	 Casa Maria	 Prison Ministry
	 AA	 Al Anon	 Arts & Crafts Group	 Christ Child Society	 Dress A Girl		 Parish Food Collection	 Prayer Shawl	 Sr. Jose		
 Game Night	 Outreach Ministry	 Book Bunch	 Project Linus	 Quilters Ministry	 Snack Pack Program	 Local Immersion	 Poor Box	 Troubled Youth			
			 Dignity of Human Life	 Knights of Columbus	 St Vincent dePaul	 SAJM					



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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.



Meetings and Events This Week

Day	Time	Meeting/Event	Room
Mon, Oct 28	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian
	10:00 AM	Sacred Scripture Study	Mesquite, Ocotillo
	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	Church
Tue, Oct 29	9:30 AM	Yoga Faith	Catalina
	5:30 PM	Music Ministry - Bilingual Choir	Church
	6:00 PM	Grief Share class	Mesquite, Ocotillo
	6:00 PM	Men's Prayer Group	Marian
	6:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group	Saguaro
Wed, Oct 30	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
	1:00 PM	Understanding Sunday Scripture	Catalina
	4:30 PM	Faith Formation class K-8th	Parish Hall
	6:30 PM	O.C.I.A.	Mesquite
Thu, Oct 31	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	10:00 AM	Sr Karen Berry class	Saguaro
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon	Marian
	6:30 PM	Sacred Scripture Study	Mesquite, Ocotillo
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian
Fri, Nov 1	9:00 AM	Faith Fellowship - The Chosen	Catalina
	10:00 AM	Grief Share class	Mesquite
Sat, Nov 2		Parish Food Drive	Church Portico
		Ministry Fair	Parish Hall
	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
Sun, Nov 3		Parish Food Drive	Church Portico
		Ministry Fair	Parish Hall
	3:30 PM	O.C.I.A.	Conference
	4:00 PM	Registration for 2024-2025 Confirmation Class	In Church

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Catholic Bishops of Arizona Statement Opposing Prop 139

As Catholic Bishops of Arizona we want to express our strong opposition to Proposition 139. If passed, this initiative threatens to enshrine a constitutional right to virtually unrestricted abortion in Arizona. What makes a constitutional amendment especially grave is that our own Arizona legislators could lose the ability to regulate abortion in any meaningful way, leaving us with the potential for what would likely become nearly unrestricted abortion.

Arizona law *currently allows* for abortions up until 15 weeks of pregnancy. Proposition 139, however, would go *far beyond even this current law*.

The proposed amendment, among other things, would likely remove most safeguards for girls and women that are currently in place at abortion clinics, permit a minor to *obtain an abortion without parental involvement or permission*, and allow for painful late-term abortions of viable pre-born children. While this ballot measure claims to

be moderate in nature, its vague language would make Arizona one of the most extreme states in terms of abortion. We believe that even many of those who support abortion in limited instances would find this proposed constitutional amendment extreme and misleading.

Arizonans deserve far better than the measures being proposed in this initiative which is why we strongly oppose Proposition 139.

Most Rev. John P. Dolan
Bishop of Phoenix

Most Rev. Edward J. Weisenburger
Bishop of Tucson

Most Rev. James S. Wall
Bishop of Gallup

Most Rev. Eduardo Nevares
Auxiliary Bishop of Phoenix



SCCC Ministry Fair - Faith In Action

A Ministry Fair, featuring over 30 of our ministries will be held in the parish hall following each Mass on the weekend of **November 2 and 3**.

Ministries from the Spiritual, Personal, Pastoral, and Outreach areas will be at tables ready to share with you their work and hope you join them.

Stop by and support your fellow parishioners, hear their stories of how they connect with others, and how you can be a part of their activities. Enjoy a refreshment and a chance to some fun prizes with free raffle tickets available from any ministry table. We are looking forward to seeing you all.



Santa Catalina Catholic Church's

Bountiful Bazaar

Annual Craft and Gift Show
Sat, Nov 9, 9am - 1pm



Jump-start your holiday shopping for gifts and home decorating.

Local crafters have created a wide variety of amazing handmade jewelry, metal art, rosaries, crosses, art work and holiday decorations.

Contact: Brenda 520-310-2349

Arts And Crafts Christmas Project



As you may already know, our Arts and Crafts group is creating Christmas decorations for a

local rehabilitation and care center that helps people needing life-time or short-term care; most of its clients are on AHCCCS. We can really use your help! On Tuesday, November 12, we'll be making the "gingerbread" pieces! If you'd like to help (and learn the steps involved in

creating your own at home), join us! You'll need: scissors, pencil, eraser, clean cardboard pieces at least 12" long, and (most importantly) white puffy paint. Tulip is a good brand of puffy paint; it's difficult to find around the holidays. Your best option to purchase any may be online.

You can support this project in other ways! Do you have a little Christmas tree, small ornaments, or battery powered tiny lights to

donate? Do you have an extra Christmas tree skirt? Could you make Christmas cookies or purchase some Christmas candies for the patients and staff to enjoy? If so, these would also be appreciated. Please drop these off at the parish office Nov 1-10.

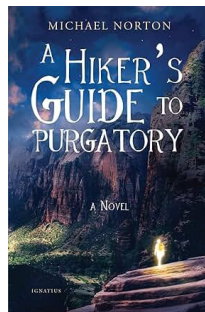


We meet from 1:30-3:30 in the Cholla room. †

The Book Bunch is Back

... and will meet on November 14th in the Cholla Room. They will be discussing *The Hiker's Guide to Purgatory* by Michael Horton.

Michael Norton's *A Hiker's Guide to Purgatory* is a 21st-Century reimagining of Dante's *Purgatorio*, and it's a very well-done retelling of Dante's classic narrative poem. Whereas Dante's *Purgatory* was dark and gloomy, with the souls laboring to pay off the debts of their sins, this new version looks on the bright side and it also agrees with Catholic theology. And though Michael Norton's novel cannot match Dante Alighieri's beautiful poetry, Norton does a superb job in telling a gripping tale with many marvelous insights.



The book is available at Amazon and the Trinity Book Store on Oracle. Start reading and join us for a great discussion. †

Outreach Ministry's Annual Christmas Luncheon For Seniors



All are invited to this year's Christmas Luncheon sponsored by the Outreach Ministry. See old friends, make new ones and enjoy the Sun City Strummers Christmas Music Concert! Dec 3, 11:30-1:30 in the Parish Hall.

Please RSVP Beth Stanton (520-825-0456) by November 15. Advise your choice of either turkey or beef croissant. †

No YogaFaith Classes November 5

Due to the general election, YogaFaith will not have classes on November 5th. We will resume on November 12 from 9:30-10:30 in the Catalina room at the Parish Center. Our classes allow you to unwind, stretch, and relax. Please arrive 10 minutes early and come with a mat and dressed in comfortable clothes. †



All Souls Day Mass

Sat, Nov 2, 2024, 9:00 a.m. Mass

We will be celebrating and remembering all the members of our parish family who have died. As in past years, we will offer candles to remember our loved ones and friends. The candles will be placed in front of the altar and will be left burning for 6 days as we continue to pray and remember. Please use the request form on the right. Candles with your loved one's name will be lit and placed next to the altar. ✝



Candle Order Form

\$6.00 suggested donation per candle

Please fill out a separate form for each candle

Orders must be returned in the collection basket or to the Parish Office by Oct 28.

Please Print Clearly:

Your Name _____

Phone _____ Check # _____ or cash \$ _____

Name of person(s) to be remembered:



Extended Hours of Daily Eucharistic Adoration

One of the Pastoral Council's key objectives has been to extend the duration of Eucharistic Adoration. We are now joyfully observing this hallowed period with our Lord Jesus Christ. The extended Adoration commenced on Wednesday, October 2, and will continue every subsequent Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Should you wish to commit to an hour of adoration, kindly reach out to the parish office. We are seeking individuals to dedicate one hour to this continuous act of worship. ✝



Reception for New Parishioners

If you joined our parish this year, there will be a reception for New Parishioners on October 26, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Saguaro Room.

We are looking forward to meeting you. Please RSVP when you receive your invitation in the mail.

Come and meet us, your Pastoral Council. ✝

Novena for the Nov 5th Election - Start Today

Santa Catalina's Pastoral Council has prepared and recommends to all parishioners and ministries the following Novena as spiritual preparation for the November 5 National Election. We recommend repeating the Novenas (9 days) several times leading up to November 5. Copies of the Novena are in the Narthex. ✝

Meet the Hispanic Ministry

The Hispanic Ministry at Santa Catalina has been part of the spiritual and physical daily life of Santa Catalina Catholic Church since its inception. Our families of the Catalina area came together to celebrate their Catholic faith, by incorporating the richness of their various cultures. We are proud to say this group of faithful women, men, and children has grown to reflect our diverse community. The Hispanic Ministry has continued to expand its presence at Santa Catalina by not only participating in Church Services, but by also committing itself in the promotion of multicultural events, activities and prayer groups. All are Welcome! ¡Los invitamos a participar en nuestras diversas actividades!

Preparation for Baptism Adult Sacrament preparation, and Marriage, available in Spanish. †



Conozca el Ministerio Hispano

El Ministerio Hispano en Santa Catalina ha sido parte de la vida diaria espiritual y física de la Iglesia Católica de Santa Catalina desde sus inicios. Nuestras familias del área se unieron para celebrar su fe católica, incorporando la riqueza de sus diversas culturas. Estamos orgullosos de decir que este grupo de mujeres, hombres y niños fieles ha crecido para reflejar nuestra diversa comunidad. El Ministerio Hispano ha continuado expandiendo su presencia en Santa Catalina no solo participando en los Servicios Religiosos, sino también comprometiéndose en la promoción de eventos, actividades y grupos de oración multiculturales. ¡Todos son bienvenidos! ¡Los invitamos a participar en nuestras diversas actividades!

Preparación para el Bautismo, Preparación Sacramental para Adultos y Matrimonio, disponible en español. †

Join Us in Praying the Rosary After the 11:00 AM Mass Each Sunday

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known Catholic traditions.

The feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated October 7 and the feast of the guardian Angels is also celebrated in October. The best way to celebrate the month is by praying the Rosary. The ladies of the

Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe invite all our parishioners to join us during October in praying the rosary.

We will gather after the 11am mass every Sunday in October, in the Parish Hall. We will pray for all our intentions and those of the Holy Father Pope Francis. †

Question: Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?

Answer: The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallows Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days. Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember ... this feast was *Catholic* first. †

Bartimaeus: The Courage to Name Our Needs

In the Peanuts cartoon, Lucy scolds Charlie Brown, claiming, “What’s wrong with you is that you don’t want to know what’s wrong with you!” Like Charlie Brown, many of us avoid confronting what we need to change. But Bartimaeus, the blind man in today’s Gospel, wasn’t like that. He knew exactly what was wrong with him and was determined to be healed.

When Jesus passed by, Bartimaeus cried out persistently, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Even when people told him to be quiet, he shouted louder. He knew what he needed—his sight—and wasn’t afraid



Bartimeo: El Valor de Nombrar Nuestras Necesidades

Imagínate un niño pequeño perdido en un mercado lleno de gente. Está asustado, rodeado de ruido, pero no se atreve a pedir ayuda. En vez de eso, se queda callado, esperando que alguien lo encuentre. Muchas veces hacemos lo mismo cuando enfrentamos nuestras propias luchas—ya sea la adicción, la ansiedad, la depresión o problemas en nuestras relaciones. No queremos admitir nuestras debilidades o pedir ayuda. Pero Bartimeo, el ciego en el Evangelio de hoy, no tuvo miedo de pedir lo que necesitaba.

Cuando Bartimeo escuchó que Jesús pasaba cerca, gritó: “¡Jesús, Hijo de David, ten compasión de mí!” A

to ask. Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” Bartimaeus responded, “I want to see.”

Jesus didn’t just restore Bartimaeus’s physical sight; He healed him because of his unwavering faith.

Bartimaeus teaches us a profound lesson: to come to Jesus with honesty, name what is broken in our lives, and believe that He will respond. Whether we struggle with addiction, fear, or loneliness, we must name what’s broken in our lives and come to Jesus with faith. Like Bartimaeus, we can trust that Jesus will hear our cry and heal us with His mercy. - Fr. Huy Vu †

pesar de que la gente trataba de callarlo, él siguió gritando más fuerte. Sabía lo que necesitaba—su vista—y no tuvo miedo de pedirlo. Jesús le preguntó: “¿Qué quieres que haga por ti?” Y Bartimeo, sin dudar, le dijo:

“Quiero ver.”

Esta historia nos deja una lección muy importante: necesitamos ser como Bartimeo, sinceros con nosotros mismos y con Dios. Si estamos luchando con la adicción, el miedo o la soledad, debemos nombrar lo que está roto en nuestras vidas y acercarnos a Jesús con fe. Como Bartimeo, podemos confiar en que Jesús escuchará nuestro clamor y nos sanará con su misericordia. - Fr. Huy Vu †

Invitation to Register for Confirmation Class 2024-2025

Dear Community Members, We are excited to announce that the 2024-2025 Confirmation Class registration is now open! This is a wonderful opportunity for young members of our community or those who need a refresher of the Catholic faith to deepen their faith, grow spiritually, and prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation.

We encourage all eligible members to join this enriching journey. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Huy (Confirmation@santacatalinaparish.org).

We can’t wait to embark on this faith journey with you! blessings,
Fr. Huy Vu, C.S.s.R †



LINK TO
REGISTRATION

This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention	By
Mon, Oct 28	8:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	† Peggy Boylan	Pat Lotker
Tue, Oct 29	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	† Bernardine Riordan	Kenn Riordan
Wed, Oct 30	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	† Mike de la Rosa	Santa Catalina staff
Thu, Oct 31	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	Scott & Susan Bieber (L) Tom & Donna Opsatnick	
	5:00 PM	Fr. Huy Vu	For those affected by Hurricanes Helene & Milton	
Fri, Nov 1	9:00 AM All Saints Holy Day of Obligation	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	† Gregory Luczyk	the family
			† Veronica Schaefer	Sophie Zvonar
			† Sante Tartaglia	Michael & Kay Shannon
Sat, Nov 2	9:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	† Joe Estrada, Jr	Diane Estrada
	4:00 PM	Fr. Brian Johnson	† Helen Martin	Mary Barrios
			† Anna Marie Rutkowski	Marilee Jones
			† Albert Romero	Don Romero
Sun, Nov 3	7:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	† Judith A. Moncevicz & Vincent Bellian	Paul & Susan Moncevicz
			† Krystyna Reed	Lauren Reed
			9:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa
Sun, Nov 3	11:00 AM	Fr. Lester Mendonsa	For legal protection of the unborn and support of all parents in crisis	
	5:00 PM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	† For the deceased members of the Dunn family	Sheila Burke

Readings for the week of October 27, 2024

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
 Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
 Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30
 Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
 Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
 Saturday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30



Today's Readings (30th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

First Reading:

They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them. (Jer 31:9)

Second Reading:

You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. (Hew 5:6)

Gospel:

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." (Mk 10:51)

Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)

Spiritual



✠Mike de la Rosa

Mario Calbone	Jacqueline McCarthy	Nicole Vallinoto	Margarita Pena
Mimi Cuono	Lucy Sanchez	Robert Poleski	Edward Pena
David W. Maloney	Linda Howard	Tom Burns	Bill Terrazas
June Sienkiewicz	Robert Shelby	Linda Slivinski	Renee Terrazas
Alan Varalli	Anne Metelski	Susann Rein	Stacy Zieminski
Geri Goralski	Diane Clark	Bob Stamer	Cheryl Woodward
Gino Di Gennaro	Frank Di Rosa	Nina Gravlin	

New Bible Study starting in October

For 6 Thursday mornings this Fall, from Oct. 17 to Nov. 21, Sr. Karen Berry, OSF, will again offer a series of classes from 10:00 to 11:30 AM in the Saguaro room.

This series will continue the Scripture study we did last Fall. This time the focus will be on the Old Testament. Topics by the week will be the following:

- Oct. 24 - Understanding the Historical Books of the Old Testament
- Oct. 31 - Further exploration of Kings and Conquests
- Nov. 7 - Understanding the Prophetic Books of the Old Testament

- Nov. 14 - Further Study of Prophetic Literature
- Nov. 21 - Understanding the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament (Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Sirach, Ecclesiastes, Wisdom, Song of Songs)



A fee for the 6-week series will be \$5.00 for materials, which can be paid at the first class. It is not necessary to have attended last Fall's classes in order to take part in this series. Please bring your Bible to class and please call the parish office to register so adequate materials can be prepared for the group. ✠

The Traveling Vocations Cross Program

The Traveling Vocations Cross runs from September 2024--May 2025. This is a weekly program to pray for Catholic vocations. We ask participating parishioners to 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 Traveling Vocations Cross. Participants pray for vocations and return the Cross the following weekend before the appropriate Mass.

Members of the Vocations Ministry will be outside



after the above designated Masses to sign up weekly participants. Please pray to promote Catholic vocations. ✠

Stewardship

Weekend Oct 12-13	Totals	Attd.
Offertory	\$16,494	
Major Maintenance	\$490	1020
Total	\$16,984	
Last Year's Offertory	\$14,125	1025
Parish Rectory	\$10,733	

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments *By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman*

The Safety of Darkness

Leprosy and blindness and deafness — oh, my. The disabilities cured by Jesus in his public ministry really are quite something, aren't they? Vividly symbolic and rich food for reflection. It just wouldn't be the same if Jesus had cured eczema or athlete's foot or compulsive nail-biting.

Blind Bartimaeus, sitting by the side of the road, in particular captures my imagination. Because I have a confession to make, sometimes, I like to sit in the darkness, even though I know it isn't very good for me.

Well, listen: it's just easier, isn't it? You don't have to care about or fix the problems you can't see. No one expects you to rush to someone's aid if you don't see their injuries. The darkness is a good place to be, if you don't feel very brave or very smart or very able.

And when Jesus passes you by, if your whole world is darkness, it's easy enough to pretend you just

didn't notice him at all.

But Bartimaeus chose not to stay in his darkness. More than that, he cried out to be released from it, even when everyone around him told him to shut up. He was so persistent that he caught the notice of Jesus, and when he heard those words — "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you!" — what did he do? He didn't stammer and run away. He had courage. He got up.

It takes courage to ask for what you need to follow Christ. Because if you ask for it, you'll get it. And then begins the terrifying, wonderful journey of discipleship — testifying to what you have seen. Life in the light, no longer sitting by the side of the road but *on* the road, journeying toward the greatest destination of all.

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asks us.

Do we have the courage to answer him? ©LPi †

All Saints & All Souls (Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed) Days

November 2, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, dovetails with November 1st, the feast of All Saints. The saints, our models of Christian living, are one with God in heaven. All the faithful departed are those who have died with hope and trust in a loving God who calls us to greater growth and development, even beyond death. This growth and development occurs in a state of being that we have traditionally called purgatory.

While the Western Church has emphasized the cleansing and purifying nature of purgatory, the Eastern Orthodox Church has

emphasized the growth and development aspect of it.

Today, belief in purgatory allows one who has died in Christ to continue growing and developing before meeting God face to face. God continually invites communion with these loved ones, but some feel the need to continue growing and developing before entering into full communion with God.

These November feasts vividly remind us of the rich reality known as the communion of saints. This belief stresses the strong affirmation that the church is always one in Christ. ©LPi †



Outreach

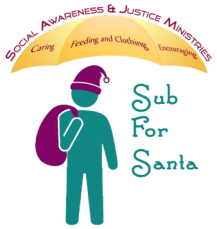
Please bring non-perishables items and leave them on the carts outside the church doors.

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

Christ Child Society of Tucson

Reminder - This weekend the Christ Child Society is collecting baby items for its Layette of Love program. They need size 2 diapers, sleepers and

Sub For Santa



The Social Awareness and Justice Ministry (SAJM) is sponsoring a Sub for Santa project (also known as a Giving Tree) to benefit families in need. Last year we helped 100 children. This year we have been

asked to help 30-40 more children than last year. Please join us in supporting these needy children and their families.

Recipient information will be available in the Narthex beginning November 23, 2024. The Gift

Shower Comfort With A Handmade Quilt



Project Linus quilts will be blessed during the 9am Mass on October 27th. Please come and see all the beautiful handmade quilts created by the

Catalina Community Quilters. They will be on display in the church during all weekend masses. Project Linus Tucson Chapter will distribute the

Monthly Food Drive: Nov 2nd - 3rd

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



onesies (3 - 6 months), receiving blankets, hooded towels and baby toiletries. †

Tags include specific packaging and tagging information.

There will be envelopes available for gift card donations \$25 and up for the families to purchase Christmas dinner supplies and other needed items. Walmart, Visa, or Mastercard gift cards are requested.

If you would like to help with this project or have questions, please contact the parish office at 520-825-9611. Your message will be forwarded to the SAJM project lead. Thank you! †



Project Linus
Providing Security Through Blankets
Catalina Community Quilters
Tucson, AZ Chapter

blankets to all of Pima County for a child in need.

Project Linus will be selling quilts and other items at the Bountiful Bazaar on November 9th to raise funds to purchase supplies for our ministry. †

Announcement Regarding Proposition 139

The Dignity of Human Life Ministry wishes to inform our parish community about an important issue that will appear on the Arizona ballot this November: Proposition 139. This proposition proposes to amend the Arizona Constitution in relation to abortion access which currently allows abortions up until 15 weeks of pregnancy.

We encourage all parishioners to take the time to carefully review and reflect on the details of this proposal, as it raises significant ethical and moral considerations. The full text of Proposition 139 is available online for you to examine. We urge you to form your consciences with the guidance of Catholic teaching on the sanctity of life.

Our faith calls us to protect the dignity of every human life, and this includes the unborn, women,

families, and society at large. In the words of St. Mother Teresa, "It is a poverty to decide that a baby must die so that you may live as you wish."

The effects of abortion extend beyond the unborn child, impacting women, families, and the fabric of our society.

As Catholics, we are called to prayerful discernment, to educate ourselves on the issues at hand, and to act in accordance with our deeply held belief in the sanctity of life.

Please continue to pray for all those affected by abortion and for wisdom as you consider this proposition. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. ✝



Servant Leaders Preparing an Evening Meal

Whether we're preparing an evening meal for the ladies at Sister Jose's Women's Center (once a month), preventing an eviction or keeping the lights on for a local family in crisis, your Vincentians are proud to be serving those less fortunate in our local communities. We're rewarded with smiles, tears of relief, hugs and handshakes of appreciation. We are blessed by their reactions. If you're interested in helping us serve the special ladies of Sister Jose's Women's Center or in becoming a Vincentian and helping even more households in need, please contact us at svdpcatalina@gmail.com or (520) 825 8288. God Bless. ✝



DON FORE, TINA GODFREY, LESLIE FORE AND RENEE (FROM SR. JOSE)

Nov Blood Drive at Santa Catalina

When: Sunday, November 24, 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Where: Santa Catalina Parish Hall

How: To schedule your appointment or for more information, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org and use

Sponsor Code: sancta



SCAN TO SCHEDULE
AN APPOINTMENT



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Outreach

Santa Catalina Saint Vincent de Paul's Annual Jim Click Raffle

This fundraiser helps us provide crucial help to our local friends-in-need. First Prize is a brand new 2024 Jeep Rubicon 4xe Plug-in Hybrid, Second Place prize is two first class airline tickets to anywhere in the world and Third Place is \$5000



cash. But, as always, the Real prize is that all proceeds go directly to our own SVDP conference to do God's work for the neediest among us. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Tickets will be available outside every Mass in October. †



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

Join the next Local Immersion Tours on Oct 29th, Nov 8th or 13th 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: sajm@santacatalinaparish.org. †