

Sep 21-22, 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

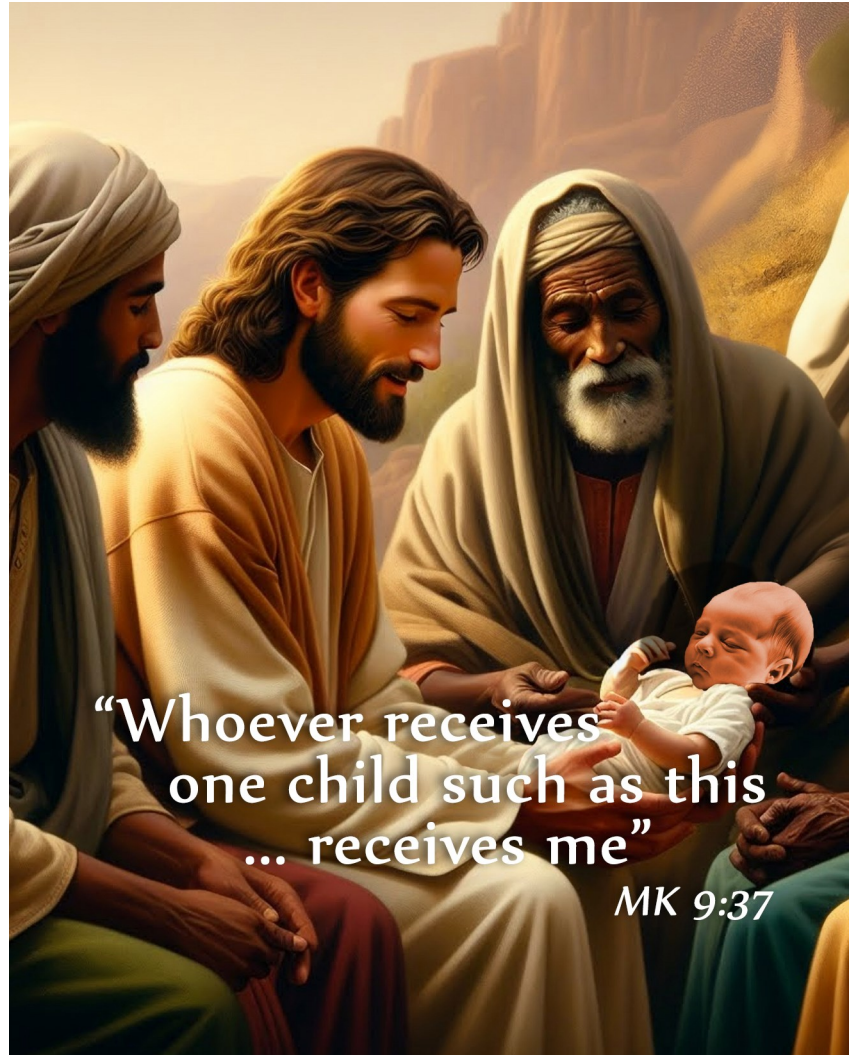
First Friday of the month  
at 8:00 am Mass  
... or by appointment

## Adoration

In church, Wed 8:30-11:00 am  
Benediction at 10:45 am.  
Chapel hours, Mon-Fri  
8:00 am-2:30 pm

## Rosary in the Church

Mon-Fri 7:30 am



“Whoever receives  
one child such as this  
... receives me”

MK 9:37

## Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Parish Mission:

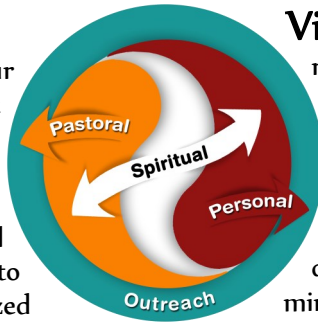
As members of God’s Faith Community at Santa Catalina Catholic Parish, we commit our lives to being the voice, hands, and spirit of Christ, as our way of continuing God’s call to love and peace.

### 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 Vocations Ministry O.C.I.A. Daily Rosary Men's Fellowship Women's Prayer	Pastoral	Altar Servers Arts & Environment GriefShare Eucharist Liturgical Ministry Finance Council Funeral Ministry Pastoral Council Communion Ministry Sick & Homebound Hospitality Liturgical Ministry Lector Liturgical Ministry Music Ministry Martha's Kitchen Stephen Ministry
	Personal		Mental Health Sassy Solos Yoga Faith AA Al Anon Arts & Crafts Group Game Night Outreach Ministry Book Bunch



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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	Location
Mon, Sep 23	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
	10:00 AM	Sacred Scripture Study	Mesquite, Ocotillo Rooms
	4:00 PM	Music Ministry/choir rehearsal	Church
Tues, Sep 24	9:30 AM	Yoga Faith	Catalina Room
	1:30 PM	Arts & Crafts for All	Cholla
	5:30 PM	Music Ministry - Bilingual Choir	Church
	6:00 PM	K of C Mexican Dinner & Bingo	Parish Hall
	6:00 PM	Grief Share class	Mesquite, Ocotillo Rooms
	6:00 PM	Men's Prayer Group	Marian Room
	6:00 PM	Women's Prayer Group	Saguaro Room
	8:30 AM	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
Wed, Sep 25	8:45 AM	Reconciliation	Church
	9:00 AM	Cultivando Mi Fe	Mesquite, Ocotillo Rooms
	10:00 AM	St Vincent de Paul	Marian Room
	1:00 PM	Understanding Sunday Scripture	Catalina Room
	4:30 PM	Faith Formation class K-8th	Parish Hall
	6:30 PM	R.C.I.A.	Mesquite Room
Thu, Sep 26	9:00 AM	Fingerprinting	Parish Hall
	4:00 PM	Al-Anon "High Hopes" Meeting	Marian Room
	6:30 PM	Sacred Scripture Study	Mesquite, Ocotillo Rooms
	7:00 PM	AA Meeting	Marian Room
Fri, Sep 27			
Sat, Sep 28	2:30 PM	Reconciliation	Church
Sun, Sep 29	3:30 PM	R.C.I.A.	Mesquite

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## Catholic Schools' Second Collection This Weekend - September 21-22

Who and where are the schools we help? The Diocese of Tucson consists of 23 schools – 17 elementary schools: 1 preschool, 1 PK-12 school, and 4 high schools. All 23 schools span across the 43,000 square miles of the diocese to include Sierra Vista, Douglas, Nogales, Tucson, Casa Grande, San Carlos, and Yuma. Seventeen of our schools are parish schools. We serve mission schools, border schools, urban schools, and a Cristo Rey School, each with their own unique mission, charism, and culture.

## Welcome Back, Sophie

We're so happy to welcome back Sophie Zvonar (our Liturgy Director) after her health related absence for over a month.



We also extend many thanks to Rouzbeh Tebyanian, Donna Opsatnick and the staff for helping us get along in Sophie's absence.

- Father Huy

## Civility Webinar

As we prepare for the upcoming election, the Fellowship for Social Justice Ministry invites you to join a webinar on Civility and how to engage in helpful communication.

It will be presented via Zoom on October 2nd at 7:00 PM.

You can send an email to [FellowshipforSJ@outlook.com](mailto:FellowshipforSJ@outlook.com) or visit: <https://milagrospadilla.wixsite.com/fellowship4socjust/past-events> for more information.



## Did You Know that the Lions Club takes used hearing aids?

The Lions Club is happy to accept used hearing aids. Just drop them off at any location where you can drop off glasses.



## Thank you for donating to the Poor Box

In 2014, poor boxes were placed in the back of our church. We have been blessed with your generous donations throughout the years. Every quarter, the Social Awareness and Justice Ministry nominates local organizations who work with the poor to receive a \$500 donation and they are approved by Fr. Huy. Since 2014, we have distributed \$78,500 to 84 organizations (some recipients have received

multiple donations over the years). Every quarter, articles about the organizations that received that quarter's donations are put in the bulletin. Our church has had a significant impact thanks to your generosity.



## Novena for Mental Health October 10 - 18

The Mental Health Ministry asks that you participate in a Novena for Mental Health. The Novena has a “Pray, Learn, Act” structure, with different themes for each day. It seeks to inform and encourage both prayer and action in response to nine of the many distinct aspects of mental health. Copies are available in the Narthex.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops launched the National Catholic Mental Health Campaign last year. The following is an excerpt from their Introductory Statement: God created human beings in his image and likeness to be life-giving, happy, and whole.

In the light of the Word of God, the foundation of our hope, the Church faces the serious mental health crisis spreading across the United States, as well as around the world.

Although mental illness is a pervasive and common aspect of human life, there is an alarming shortage of mental and behavioral health resources and providers. Furthermore, over the last decade, both



before and after the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen an alarming increase in depression and suicidal tendencies, especially among young people. Despite its ubiquity, mental illness and mental health challenges often remain associated with embarrassment, shame, or guilt, which can prevent people from seeking and receiving help.



Such a stigma contradicts the compassion of Jesus and is contrary to the foundation of Catholic Social Teaching. As pastors, we want to emphasize this point to anyone who is suffering from mental illness or facing mental health challenges: nobody and nothing can alter or diminish your God-given dignity. You are a beloved child of God, a God of healing and hope.

You are not alone! You are loved. You are welcome in the Catholic Church.

- From National Catholic Mental Health Campaign Introductory Statement Archbishop Borys Gudziak, Chairman and Bishop Robert Barron.

## September Mental Health Focus



“Mental Health and Aging” - Presented by Meira Year, RN, MA, MFT. How does aging affect your Mental Health? Why is my Mental Health getting worse as I age?

The session will be held on Sunday September 22 at 1 pm OR Monday September 30 at 6 PM in the parish hall.

## No YogaFaith Classes October 1, 8 and 15

You can still join us for September 24th 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.



## Pastoral

### Are you interested in serving at Mass?

Our Liturgical Ministry has many opportunities to serve our parish. Whether you want to be an Adult/ Youth Altar Server, an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a Hospitality Minister or a Lector we would love to have you join our Ministry. Training is provided for each position. If you are interested,



please contact Sophie Zvonar at 520-825-9611 x 105 or [szvonar@santacatalinaparish.org](mailto:szvonar@santacatalinaparish.org).

### Novena for the November 5th National Election

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.

Novena 5 Intention:

Pray for Justice and Reform in our Nation and our Church and for Peace and protection of Life in our World.

"O God, grant that we who call on you in our need, as we exercise our right and duty to vote, may discern what is right, and with your guidance, Do It.



God, Holy Spirit, light up our minds with the fire of your Divine Love, Grant us your gifts of Wisdom, Council and Knowledge as we discern our choices in

praying and voting for Justice, Reform, Peace and Life. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth."

In addition, Pray one decade of the Rosary, The Descent of the Holy Spirit, or the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

We recommend repeating this Novena (9 days) several times leading up to November 5.

### GriefShare Adds A Morning Session For Fall



Losing a loved one is very difficult. Griefshare can be of help.

GriefShare 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 video and related workbook materials.

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

the book on-line at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

Two separate GriefShare groups are being offered as follows.

Tuesdays: 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.,  
September 10 through Dec 3, 2024

Fridays: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Oct 11, 2024  
through January 17, 2025

No sessions on November 29 or December 27

GriefShare meets in the Mesquite and Ocotillo Rooms. Questions? Call the Parish Office.

## The Matachines of Santa Catalina

We invite you to be part of the Matachines of Santa Catalina. Join us to dance to Our Lady Queen of Peace in the Arizona Rosary Celebration. Each step of our dance means a prayer of gratitude, of petition, of love to our Mother Mary. Our rehearsals are going to begin on September 22, in the Church after the 11:00 AM Mass. We are waiting for you.



## Matachines de Santa Catalina

Te invitamos a formar parte de los Matachines de Santa Catalina. Acompañamos a danzar a Nuestra Virgen Reina de la Paz en la Celebración del Rosario de Arizona. Cada paso de nuestra danza significa una plegaria de agradecimiento, de petición, y de amor a nuestra Madre María. Nuestros ensayos inician en Septiembre 22, en la Iglesia después de la Misa de 11:00 AM. ¡Te esperamos.

## All Altar Servers Are Invited to the Arizona Rosary Celebration

Altar Servers from throughout the Diocese of Tucson are invited to attend the Arizona Rosary Celebration in Tucson on Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.. This year, the Diocese of Tucson will hold the event at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 8650 N. Shannon Road, Tucson, AZ. Altar servers throughout the Diocese have an important role in this celebration, and they will be gifted with a Miraculous Medal that has been blessed by Pope Francis. After the Celebration, Parish and School group photos will be taken with Bishop Weisenburger. For more information, contact Katheryn Hutchinson at [khutchinson@diocesetucson.org](mailto:khutchinson@diocesetucson.org), 520-838-2505, or visit the website: [www.AzRosary.net](http://www.AzRosary.net).

**New!** Altar Servers may register online this year! Use the QR Code.



## Se invita a todos los monaguillos a participar en la Celebración del Rosario en Arizona

Los monaguillos de toda la Diócesis de Tucson están siendo invitados para asistir a la Celebración del Rosario de Arizona en Tucson el Sábado 26 de Octubre del 2024, de 10:00 a. m. a 12:15 p. m. Este año, la Diócesis de Tucson llevará a cabo el evento en la Parroquia Católica St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 8650 N. Shannon Road, Tucson, AZ. Los monaguillos de nuestra Diócesis tienen un papel importante en esta celebración y serán presentado con un obsequio de una Medalla Milagrosa que ha sido bendecida por el Papa Francisco. Después de la celebración, se tomarán fotografías grupales de cada parroquia y / o escuela con nuestro Obispo Weisenburger. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Katheryn Hutchinson via correo electrónico a [khutchinson@diocesetucson.org](mailto:khutchinson@diocesetucson.org), 520-838-2505, o visite el sitio web: [www.AzRosary.net](http://www.AzRosary.net) ¡Nuevo! ¡Los monaguillos pueden registrarse en línea este año! Utilice este código QR.

## Gospel Reflection - 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year-old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down's Syndrome. He looked like a Viking, with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we'd never connect.

Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus' words float into my mind, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me



but the one who sent me" (Mark 9:37). I thought, "Jesus, you must somehow be *in* Robin." I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice: "Jesus, are you there?" Robin did not turn to me and say, "Hi, John. Yes, it's me, Jesus." He kept playing with his toys in silence.

But something changed in *me*. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His "disabilities" were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend.

Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you.  
*Father John Muir* ©LPi

## 25<sup>o</sup> Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

A nivel mundial, arrastramos un pecado social muy grande, y este es el descuido y cuidado de los pequeños, muertos en la guerra, el hambre y muchos de ellos y ellas nunca van a la escuela. Jesús, ahora, nos pide cuentas de lo que estamos haciendo por estos inocentes. Reprende a sus discípulos por no poner atención a sus palabras cuando les anuncia otra vez su pasión. Ellos, como nosotros, en muchas ocasiones caminamos diariamente con Jesús, es decir, asistimos a Misa, rezamos el rosario, novenas y hasta vamos a la Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento, pero no cambiamos de vida ni hacemos caso a sus mandamientos.

¿Quién es el más importante? "*Si alguno quiere ser el primero, que se haga el último y el servidor de todos*" (Marcos 9:35). No olvidemos que Jesús tiene sabiduría eterna y con ella corrige y disipa los miedos internos y externos que podamos tener. Dios nos llama hoy, por medio de su Palabra, a seguirlo sin preguntar quién es el más importante, sino por el contrario, se dé sin reservas en el servicio a su familia y comunidad. Seamos humildes y pidamos, especialmente hoy, por un cambio en la sociedad que sea radical, basado en la justicia y la paz. No bajemos la guardia, si tenemos fe, la esperanza siempre estará de nuestro lado. Nunca olvidemos que el Señor es nuestra ayuda. ©LPi



## This Week's Liturgy Schedule

Date	Mass	Celebrant	Intention	By	
<b>Mon, Sep 23</b>	8:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	Bianca Rubio (L)	The family	
<b>Tue, Sep 24</b>	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Mercy Lopez	Her family	
<b>Wed, Sep 25</b>	8:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	✠ Frank Drewienkowski	Drew & Sheliah Drewienkowski	
<b>Thu, Sep 26</b>	8:00 AM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ the Wisniewski family	Dave & Diane Wisniewski	
<b>Fri, Sep 27</b>	8:00 AM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ Amelia Kennedy	Katherine Kennedy Kartheiser	
			✠ Bee Schwetz	Georgiann & Ed Schwetz	
			✠ Ruben Cajigas	the family	
<b>Sat, Sep 28</b>	4:00 PM	Fr. Charlie Wehrley	✠ Ann Marie Bent	Rose Callahan	
			✠ Patricia Routson	Marilee Jones	
			7:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	John & Mary Jo Desautels (L)
<b>Sun, Sep 29</b>	11:00 AM	Fr. Steve Rehrauer	9:00 AM	Fr. Huy Vu	For the Intentions of the Parish
			For those suffering from wildfires and hurricanes		
			✠ William Gray	Rose Callahan	
5:00 PM	Fr. Brian Johnson	✠ Bertha, Cornelio & Michael Ormsby	Gloria Ormsby		

### Readings for the week of September 22, 2024

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37  
 Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18  
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21  
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6  
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22  
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45  
 Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



### Today's Readings (25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time )

#### First Reading:

Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him. (Wis 2:20)

#### Second Reading:

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. (Jas 3:18)

#### Gospel:

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mk 9:35)

**Psalm:** The Lord upholds my life. (Ps 54)

# Spiritual



Mario Calbone	Cliff Bentz	Anita Garcia	Geri Goralski	Anne Metelski
Mimi Cuono	Robert Perry	Welsh family	Jacqueline McCarthy	Diane Clark
David W. Maloney	Walter Henrich	Bob Baker	Lucy Sanchez	Nicole Vallinoto
Albert Diaz	Phyllis Henrich	June Sienkiewicz	Linda Howard	Robert Poleski
Steven Venizo	Mark Cowie	Alan Varalli	Robert Shelby	Tom Burns
				✝ Greg Nelson

## 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. 17 - Understanding the Pentateuch: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy
- 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.

## Saint Of The Week:

### St. Gregory the Great | September 3

Often called the father of the medieval papacy and Apostle of the English, Saint Gregory was named Pope by acclamation in 590. Although he was reluctant to assume this post, preferring the cloistered life, his accomplishments were many. He was an extremely capable manager of Church estates and tenants and is known for his reform of the liturgy. He was instrumental in the consolidation of papal power and led the fight against the many heresies promoted by small Christian groups at the time. Through his prolific correspondence he oversaw monastic life, curtailing the power of grasping bishops, correcting

## Stewardship



Weekend Sep 7-8	Totals	Attendance
Offertory	\$16,363	918
Major Maintenance	\$185	
Total	\$16,548	
Last Year's Offertory	\$18,874	906
Parish Rectory	\$25	

abuses, and enforcing discipline. He was particularly concerned with the conversion of England, sending 40 monks from his monastery to evangelize there.

## What is “False Humility”?

And how do we combat it effectively?

How do you respond to praise? Do you downplay every compliment you receive, brushing off praise with a humble shrug and a "Who, me? Oh, I'm nothing special"? Do you reject any acknowledgment of your gifts or achievements, insisting that you're just doing your part?

While it might seem like you're practicing humility, there's a sneaky little trap here that can lead us away from true humility and into something less virtuous: false humility.

Let's start by clearing up what humility really is. True humility is about recognizing the truth of who we are—both our strengths and weaknesses—and giving glory to God for all of it. St. Teresa of Ávila nailed it when she said, "Humility is truth." It's about acknowledging our talents as gifts from God and using them to serve others without becoming puffed up with pride.

False humility is when we pretend to be less than we are or refuse to acknowledge the gifts God has given us.

It might look like humility on the surface, but it's actually a twisted form of pride. Why? Because false humility is still focused on ourselves—how we appear to others, how we don't want to be seen as

proud. It's a subtle way of keeping the spotlight on us, even if it's in a negative light.

Think of the parable of the talents in the Gospel of Matthew (25:14-30). The servant who buried his talent didn't do so out of humility, but out of fear and a misunderstanding of his master's generosity. True humility would have driven him to use that talent to the best of his ability, trusting that his master would be pleased with his efforts.

So, how do we avoid the trap of false humility? Start by being honest with yourself and with God. When someone praises you for something you've done well, accept it graciously, and then direct that praise where it truly belongs—back to God. Remember, as C.S. Lewis said, "humility isn't about thinking less of yourself; it's about thinking of yourself less."

In the end, it's about living in the truth of who God made you to be. And that's the humblest—and holy—thing you can do.

But there's a reason real humility is difficult—it requires self-knowledge, which is hard to come by! However, there's a great book that can help you grow in self-knowledge and humility. *Know Thyself* is an invaluable resource for our prideful age. Adapted from Rev. Fr. Cajetan da Bergamo's writing.

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## 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.

# Outreach



St. Francis of Assisi is the Patron Saint of Animals and Ecology. He was born in Italy to a wealthy family. In his early 20's his life started to evolve from the man who had everything to a beggar. He became a soldier, was a prisoner of war and finally heard God's calling.

His focus became caring for those in poverty and ministering to those society rejected like the lepers. Early on, he believed nature was a mirror of God and he expressed his love for animals in his Canticle of Creatures. To honor St. Francis of Assisi, Pope

Francis chose Francis as his Papal name. Pope Francis continues to focus on Care of all Creation.

A few other facts: St Francis started the Franciscan Order. He is the first man to receive the stigmata which he learned about in a dream from the Lord.

Did you know he designed the first nativity scene using real animals?

SCCC celebrates the Blessing of the Pets during the first part of October. This year, Father Vu will celebrate on Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> on the church patio at 9:00. Hope to see you and your pets there!

**Did You Know** - We are creating a

## Save the Date - Blessing of the Pets - October 4th Feast Day of St. Francis



St. Francis Garden in our Memorial Garden?

A parishioner donated a St. Francis statue which is under a tree in our "St. Francis Garden". Our plan is to plant drought tolerant plants in this area to honor St. Francis. Watch for wildflowers this spring. This is one focus of the Care for Creation Ministry this year.

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## Sept Blood Drive at Santa Catalina

**When:** Today, Sunday, September 22, 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM

**Where:** Santa Catalina Parish Hall



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## Come Join Us for Mexican Fiesta Dinner and BINGO September 24 at 6 pm.



Doors open at 5:30 PM in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$30 in advance and being sold after all masses. You can also get tickets at the Parish Office. Tickets will be \$35 at the door.



In addition to a delicious dinner, your ticket gets you a 3 pack of cards for 6 games. Beer, wine and soft drinks will also be available. **Winning games receive up to \$100 gift card.** There will also be a 50/ 25 -25 Drawing. Hurry and get your ticket, seating is limited.

## Arizona Abortion Access Act

Proposition 139, the Arizona Abortion Access Act, will be on the November ballot.

First, some historical information.

During the Nazi's rise to power in the 1930's, the topic of dehumanization and annihilation of the Jews was a major issue in the German churches. There were 18,000 Protestant pastors in Germany. They were divided into 3 groups.

- The 1<sup>st</sup> group called the Deutsche Church of 3,000 pastors preached the Nazi ideology directly from the pulpit.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> group, which was the largest with 12,000 pastors, decided to stay silent on the Jewish persecution.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> group of 3,000 pastors, called the "Confessing Church", spoke out against the Nazi's persecution of the Jews.

In a speech and essay titled "The

Church and the Jewish Question" German Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer took a stand against the Nazi's. He delivered his speech to his fellow pastors about what to do when the government does something morally wrong. Eventually, the Nazis began arresting the pastors in the Confessing Church until there was no serious opposition and the execution of 6 Million Jews was the result. Pastor Bonhoeffer was arrested and executed by the Nazi's.

Fast forward to today, when we are facing another situation not unlike what Pastor Bonhoeffer faced, the execution of the unborn. Since 1973, 60+ Million American babies have been killed.

Proposition 139 will make abortion a protected right. Currently, Arizona allows abortion up to 15 weeks. If this Constitutional amendment passes, these things will happen:

- Allow late term abortions, including the potential of

taxpayers funding all abortions.



- Allow an abortion for a minor without parental consent.
- Allow a "medical professional" (undefined) to approve an abortion.
- Endanger current law which allows doctors to opt out of performing an abortion.
- Allow unrestricted, unregulated abortion on demand.

Arizonans must decide the outcome.

You can choose to do nothing and stay silent like the majority of German pastors.

You can choose to speak up for life like Pastor Bonhoeffer spoke up against persecuting German Jews.

I urge you to pray and form your conscience on this proposed constitutional amendment.

**Dignity Of Human Life Ministry**

## What Works for You?

The Church challenges us to make our faith come alive through good works. Your Vincentians' good works includes serving our local neighbors, be it a struggling single mom or a dad with a large family to feed or the retired or disabled on a small fixed income or any of the others that we serve regardless of age, gender or religion. Our office is open Mondays and

Wednesdays from 10am to 1pm and our phone is checked every day.

Do you have a few hours a week for "good works"? What "works" for you? If so, give us a call at

(520)825-8288 or email at

[svdpcatalina@gmail.com](mailto:svdpcatalina@gmail.com). Thank you for the generous support that allows us to do good works every week. God Bless You.



# Outreach

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



Saint Vincent de Paul will once again be selling tickets during the month of October. directly to our own SVDP conference to do God's work for the neediest among us.

This key fundraiser helps us provide crucial help to our local friends-in-need. This year, 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

Santa Catalina Church has always answered the call.

Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. Tickets will be available outside every Mass and in the Church Office beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> and throughout the month of October. Please bring cash or a check payable to SVDP. Thank you.



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## Christ Child Society of Tucson Layette's of Love Collection

Weekend of October 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at all Masses, CCST will welcome your donations of baby items (or financial gifts) for their Layette's of Love program which aids Tucson's new mothers in need of support. More details to follow. [www.christchildtucson.org](http://www.christchildtucson.org)

