

St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

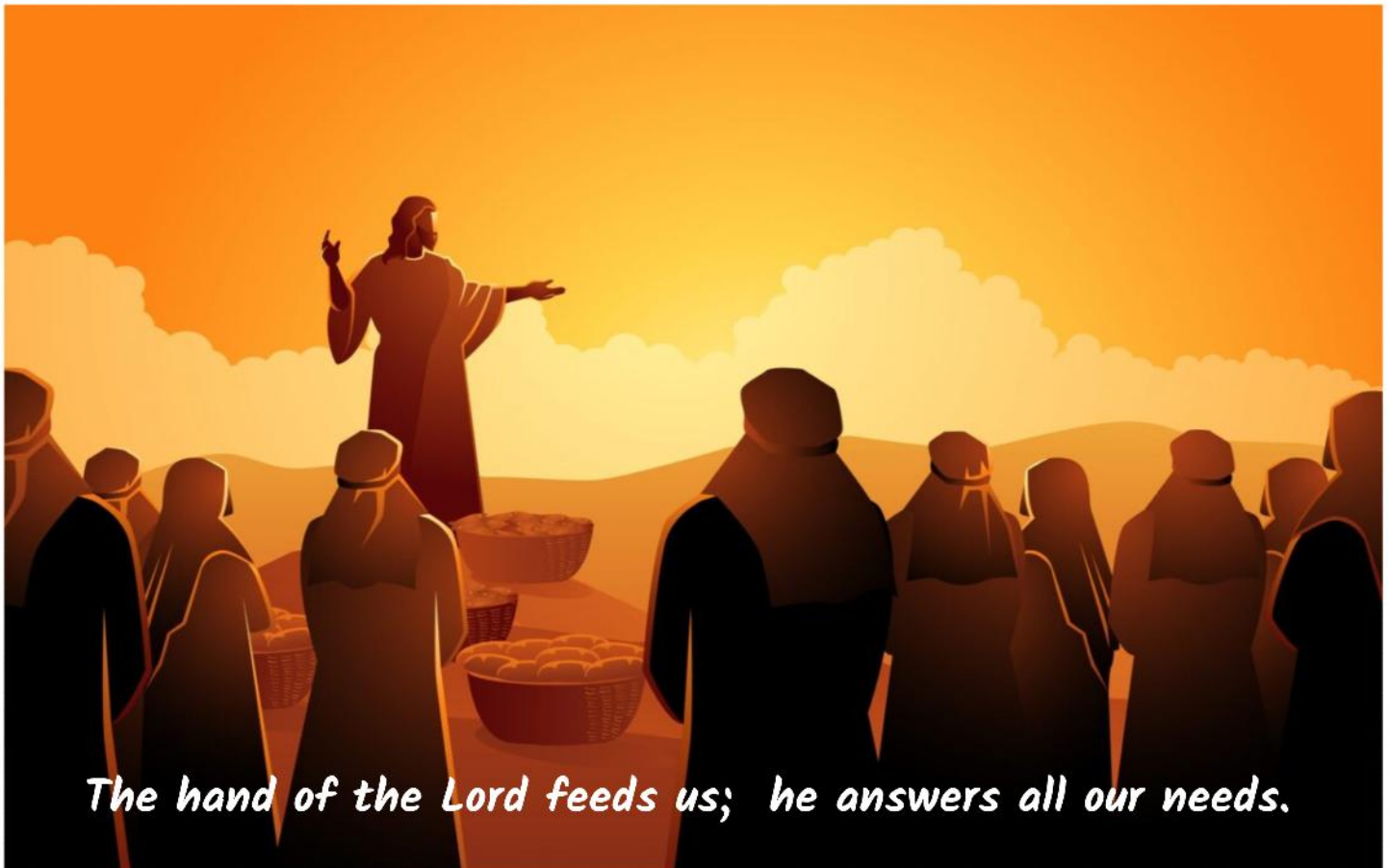
An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

St. Patrick Church

St. Michael Mission

August 2, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Patrick Church

Tues. - Sat. 7:30 a.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

St. Michael Mission

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Office Hours

Monday - Closed

Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Pastoral Staff

Msgr. Gregory Adolf, Canonical Pastor
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REMEMBER ST. PATRICK PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Weekend Mass Schedule

(Confession – 30 minutes before each Mass)

St. Patrick Church - Bisbee

- 5:00pm Saturday Evening Vigil

St. Patrick Church - Bisbee

- 9:00am Sunday Morning

St. Michael Mission - Naco

- 11:00am Sunday Morning



Weekday Schedule

(Confession – 30 minutes before each Mass)

7:30am Tuesday – Saturday
(St Patrick Church)

MASS INTENTIONS

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 01AUG

5:00pm Vigil Mass

+Flavio Borbon

Sunday 02AUG

9:00am Mass

+Dolores & +Daniel Valle

+Ramona Renteria

+Carmen Renteria

Int of Annette Mendez

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Mary Jane Dugie

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 03AUG

No Mass Celebrated

Tuesday 04AUG

+Bertha Wangen-Bradley

Wednesday 05AUG

+Maria Elena Hiraes

Thursday 06AUG

Int of Annette Mendez

Friday 07AUG

Int of Annette Mendez

Saturday 08AUG

Int of Annette Mendez

MASS INTENTIONS

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 08AUG

5:00pm Vigil Mass

+Donald Wiggins

Int of Annette Mendez

Sunday 09AUG

9:00am Mass

+George Watkins

+Fr. John F. McGrath

Int of David Bravo

Int of Annette Mendez

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

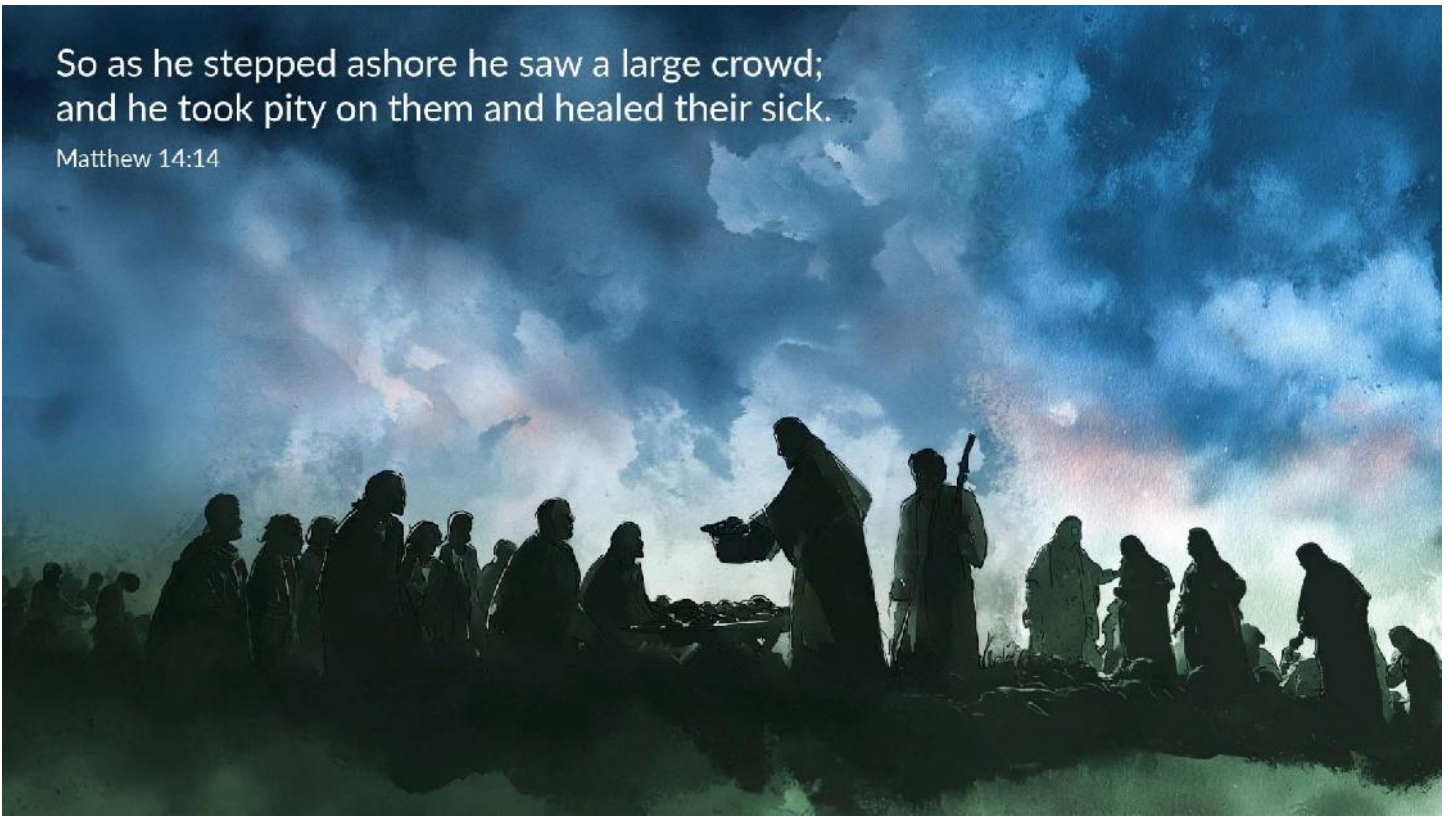
Int of Annette Mendez

Matthew 4:4b

*One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd;
and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

Matthew 14:14



August 02, 2026

Facing a crowd of more than five thousand people in an otherwise deserted place with the sun going down, the disciples propose a sensible plan: dismiss them all and let them find food on their own. But Jesus' heart has been moved by the sight of this multitude and he is not going to let them fend for themselves, no matter how little it appears he has to offer. Recall Isaiah in the first reading. Living in exile, the Jewish people are suffering, starving, and leaderless. Yet the prophet hears God calling them to come eat and drink freely, renewing the covenant once made with King David, reminding them of the promised Messiah. Today we hear Jesus, the Messiah, the new covenant, propose that thousands of people feast on merely five loaves and two fish. Blessing this meager food, he gives it to his disciples to share, and "without paying and without cost," "all ate and were satisfied" (Isaiah 55:1, Matthew 14:20). Today Jesus' heart is still moved by the vast crowds around the world who come to him to be satisfied with the living bread he offers without cost, for, as Saint Paul writes, nothing can separate us from God's love through Jesus Christ our Lord.

How does receiving Christ's body nourish you as a disciple?



August 2, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:1-3 | Rom 8:35, 37-39 | Mt 14:13-21

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In one of the best homilies I ever heard on today's Gospel, the homilist pointed out that the Lord had seemingly "over-multiplied" the loaves and fish. The crowds had eaten to the point of satisfaction, and yet there were twelve baskets of leftovers remaining. "Why so many leftovers? Did the Lord not know how to count?" He asked jokingly, of course. But the point the homilist went on to share that day was that with God, there is always abundance. God doesn't simply provide the bare minimum of what we need for *survival*; the Scriptures tell us that he provides "rich fare" that will "satisfy the desire of every living thing." As we reflect on today's readings, let us not question the Lord's ways, but trust in the abundant generosity of God that satisfies all our needs.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Moments in which God provides for our every need strengthen our faith in him. Yet when difficulties come, we know that God never abandons us. Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans speaks about the unshakable confidence Paul has in God's love for us, despite the difficulties (including shipwreck, beatings, and imprisonment) he endured: "What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?" "No," he says. Nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus." Take stock of times in your life when God's providence has carried you through difficult times. Consider ways you can share these moments with others as part of your testimony. When our faith rests on a deep awareness of God's faithful love in our lives, we will be able to bear a compelling witness of his goodness to others.

ACCOMPANIMENT

In the Gospel, God shows his loving care by providing for the needs of his people in practical ways. Consider one way you might be able to accompany others going through periods of challenge or trial by providing practical help. This might look like preparing a meal for a new mom in the throes of postpartum, helping with yardwork for a fellow parishioner recovering from surgery, or helping gather classroom supplies for a teacher serving in an impoverished district. In these simple yet concrete ways, we manifest the abundance of God's care and concern for each and every person.



Grab Hold.

A person fishes with their hands in a stream.

They catch a small fish in one hand but soon a better fish comes swimming by.

To catch the better fish however, the person must be willing to: let go of the smaller one, let go of what appears to be a sure thing to better grab hold of a greater opportunity.

Life is like that.

What are we holding on to that is keeping us from a better opportunity, or greater possibilities? What actuality do we need to let go of to better grab hold of our greater potential?

Today, let go, grab hold, both hands, all in, whole heartedly - to Jesus.

Become the best Jesus knows you can be!

Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina for the Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time

We begin our prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,
that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and
guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

(Collect, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.
Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, “This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.” But they said to him, “Five loaves and two fish are all we have here.”

Then he said, “Bring them here to me,” and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over— twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

Meditation (*Meditatio*)

After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.

Prayer (*Oratio*)

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.



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Contemplation (*Contemplatio*)

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

His heart was moved with pity for them. When have I found it difficult to accept help and compassion? Who needs my compassion and care?

Give them some food yourselves. For what do I hunger? How can I meet the physical needs of those in my community?

Bring them here to me. Who can I invite to Mass or to another church event? How can I place my gifts at the service of Christ and his Church?

After a period of silent reflection and/or discussion, all recite the Lord's Prayer and the following:

Closing Prayer

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.

The eyes of all look hopefully to you,
and you give them their food in due season;
you open your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

The LORD is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works.
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.

(From Psalm 145)

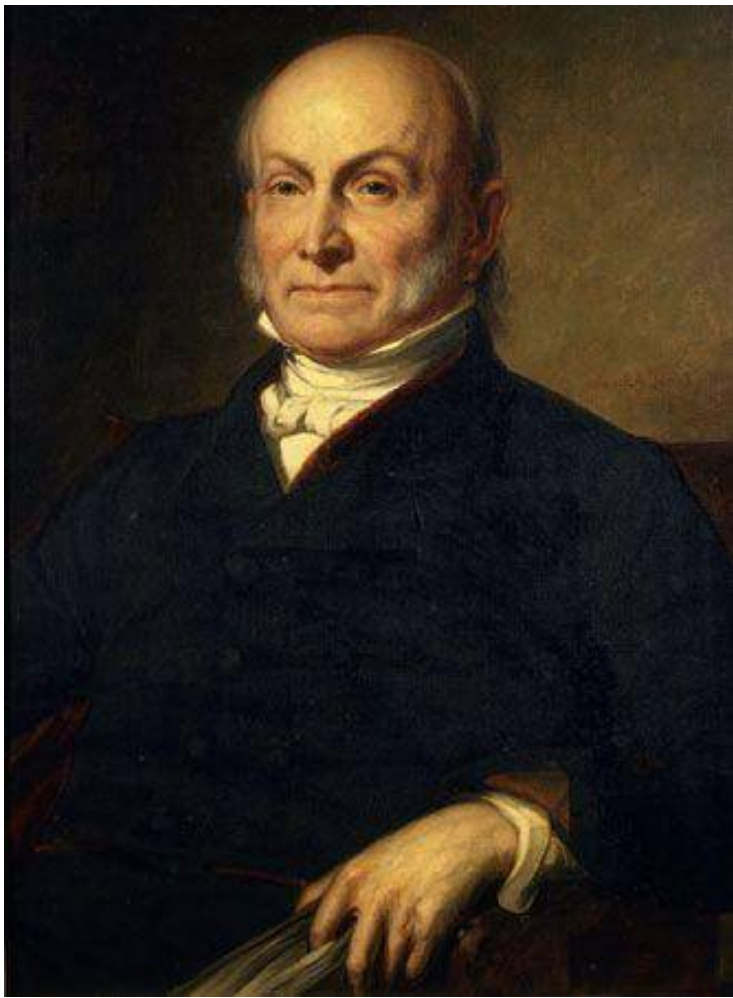
Living the Word This Week

How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

Discern participation in parish or community efforts to assist those who face food insecurity.

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Being Quite Well.

On his 80th birthday, John Quincy Adams was walking slowly along a Boston street. A friend asked him "How is John Quincy Adams today?"

The former president replied graciously, "Thank you, John Quincy Adams is well, sir, quite well, I thank you.

But the house in which he lives at present is becoming dilapidated. It is tottering upon the foundations. Time

and the seasons have nearly destroyed it. Its roof is pretty well worn out, its walls are shattered, and it trembles with every wind. The old tenement is becoming almost uninhabitable, and I think John Quincy Adams will have to move out of it soon; but he himself is quite well, sir, quite well."

That is the attitude we might cultivate. To be quite well with what was and with what lies ahead. Thankful for the gift of life, at peace, ready, and hopeful for the promise of eternal life.

St. Paul reminds us in today's 2nd Reading: "that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (*Romans 8:38-39*)



Pope Leo XIV's charitable outreach, carried out through the Dicastery for the Service of Charity, knows no geographical boundaries. Alongside its ongoing support for war-ravaged regions such as Ukraine and the Middle East, it continues to deliver humanitarian aid across all five continents.

"Solidarity knows no borders and is not constrained by nationalism. It must reach wherever there is suffering and urgent need. That is why we ensure it is swift, practical and well coordinated, with particular attention to the poorest, so that they may experience the Holy Father's closeness and tenderness—as the Church's loving embrace, accompanying and sustaining them."

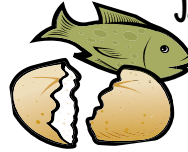
Pope's Almoner, Augustinian Archbishop Luis Marín de San Martín



Everyone had plenty to eat

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus fed the crowd of more than 5,000 people because they were hungry and needed food. In each loaf write down something else that people need and are "hungry" for.



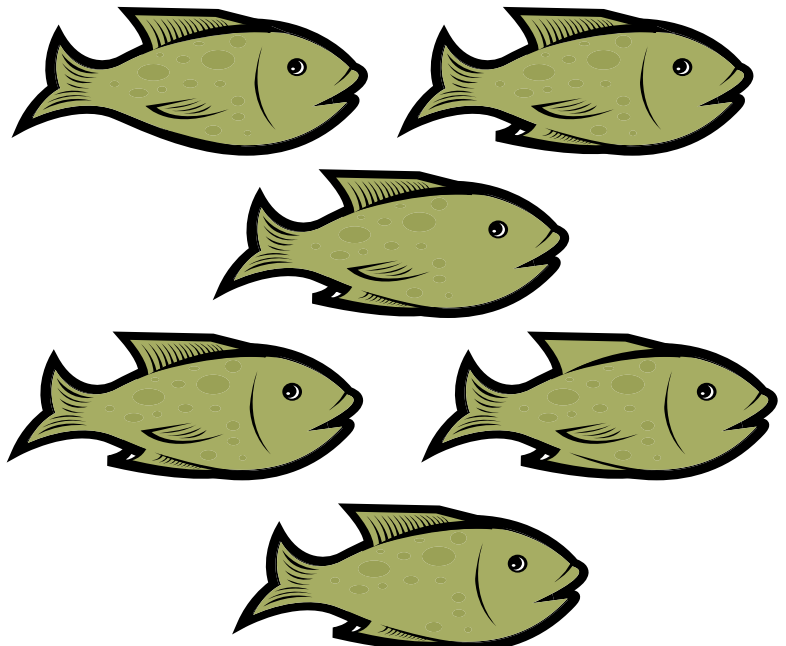
Jesus asked his disciples to help feed the hungry people. Likewise, Jesus wants us to share what we have with people in need. Draw a picture of yourself sharing with others.



LOAVES AND FISH

How many words can you make from the letters in LOAVES AND FISH ?

Jesus managed to feed thousands of people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. Can you find two of the fish which are the same?



Livestream Schedule

**Sunday, August 2
9am**



**Sunday, August 9
9am**

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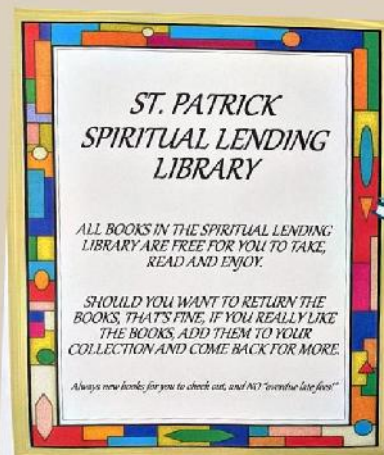
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"The best argument for Christianity is Christians – their joy, their certainty, their completeness. But the best argument against Christianity is also Christians – when they are somber and joyless, when they are self-righteous and smug, when they are narrow and repressive, then Christianity dies a thousand deaths."

- C.S.Lewis (1898-1963)

CATHOLIC QUIZ 02 August 2026

This week's Question: "What is the 'Falling Asleep of the Mother of God'?"

The answer to last week's Question: "Did St. Joseph have another wife?"

An ancient tradition, which is accepted by the Eastern Orthodox Churches as authoritative, says that Joseph was an elderly widower with a grown-up family of sons and daughters at the time when he became betrothed to Mary. This account appears in the second-century apocryphal gospel – the Protoevangelium of James. This was quoted by the early Christian theologian Origen, as well as the Church Father, St. Clement of Alexandria, and the early Christian apologist and martyr, St. Justin. On the basis of this tradition, the Scriptural references to the "brothers and sisters of the Lord," would refer to the children of St. Joseph's first marriage, who were the stepchildren of Mary. While the Roman Catholic Church has never made a doctrinal declaration on the matter and proposes that the Aramaic "brothers and sisters of the Lord" applies to cousins as well as siblings, the Eastern Churches hold the understanding of Joseph as a widower with children as the Orthodox belief.

In Christian art up until the present time, St. Joseph was usually depicted as an older man, based on this tradition.



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Thank you to all parishioners who currently support and contribute to St. Patrick Church and St. Michael Mission.

Please, if you are not financially supporting our church and mission, prayerfully consider doing so today.

Your support/contribution matters and is needed to ensure our financial solvency.

Bless you for all you do for the Lord and His Church!

You Keep Us Strong!

YTD Weekly Collections (JUL to JUN)

St. Patrick Offertory: \$199,926
St. Michael Offertory: \$13,216

June Report

Income: \$25,703
Expenses: \$29,491
In the Red: \$3,788

YTD July 2025 to June 2026

Income: \$372,961
Expenses: \$296,248
Balance: \$76,713

Other Revenue \$9,158
In the Black \$85,872

Parish Financial Report

Last Sunday's Collection

St. Patrick Church

Envelopes/Loose: \$2258.50
Online Giving \$456
Total \$2714.50

St. Michael Mission

Envelopes/Loose: \$531
Online Giving \$55
Total \$586

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We all have a duty to protect the vulnerable.

All volunteers, employees, clergy (priests and deacons) who serve in any parish ministry, group, club, or liturgy will only do so AFTER they have been processed through our Diocesan / St. Patrick Parish Safe Environment Program, received a High-Level Clearance, and completed Safe Environment training.

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Thinking about a Vocation?

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Diocese of Tucson Vocations Prayer

Loving and generous God, we need more vocations to the priesthood.

Send us faith-filled servants to minister as dedicated and loving priests in the Diocese of Tucson. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit so that we will encourage and foster a culture of vocations in which many will hear your call to serve your people. Bless our Diocese with men and women who will work together with your priests as deacons, religious, and lay ministers to bring to life the Gospel and to realize the Church's mission in our Diocese.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Remember...
St. Patrick Church & St. Michael Mission
in your Will

Today, the Parish faces a shifting landscape. Changing demographics and cultural attitudes challenge full engagement, while economic pressures make sustaining ministry more difficult.

By leaving a gift in your Will, you help ensure that the Church's mission and pastoral outreach that have been important to you and so many others will continue for today's needs and those in the future.

Please, consider leaving a planned gift that demonstrates your faith and inspires future generations to carry on Christ's work. With your help, we can build a stronger, more vibrant Faith Community for many years to come.

God bless you for your prayerful consideration.

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God's varied grace."
(1 Peter 4:10)*