

St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

St. Patrick Church

St. Michael Mission

August 3, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

—Matthew 5:3



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.

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Office Hours

Monday - Closed

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

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Gregory Adolf, Canonical Pastor

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Pastoral Associates

Deacon Joe Delgado

Deacon Bill Lugo

Parish Corporation Board of Directors

Most Rev. Gerald Kicanas, Apostolic Administrator

Rev. Edward Lucero

Rev. Gregory Adolf

Ruth Dugie / Mary Gomez

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 Vigil 02AUG25

5:00pm Mass

+Flavio Borbon

Sunday 03AUG25

9:00am Mass

+Rosemary Garcia

+Dolores & +Daniel Valle

+Ronald Moore

+Mauricio Perdomo

+Jonathan Halstead

+David & +Veronica Campa

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Pat Kambourian

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 04AUG25

No Mass Celebrated

Tuesday 05AUG25

+Ruth Whitehead

Wednesday 06AUG25

+Bert Whitehead Sr.

Thursday 07AUG25

+ Pat Kambourian

Friday 08AUG25

+Ruth Whitehead

Saturday 09AUG25

+ Bert Whitehead Sr.

MASS INTENTIONS

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil 09AUG25

5:00pm Mass

+Ronald Moore

+Mauricio Perdomo

Int of Alex Martinez

Sunday 10AUG25

9:00am Mass

+Aurora & +Richard Silva

Int of Christine Sierra

Int of Dcn. Jose Valle

Honor of St. Anthony

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Pat Kambourian

Matthew 5:3

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for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*



**"Take care to
guard against
all greed."**

Luke 12:15

August 3, 2025

"Are you saving enough for?" We hear this question throughout our lives, about buying a home, paying for college for our children, or retirement. Today's readings offer a different view, pointing out the folly of obsessing over the pursuit of wealth. "All things are vanity!" says Qoheleth, pointing out that when we die, all our possessions will be left to someone who never worked for them or worried over them (Ecclesiastes 1:2). Jesus' parable teaches the same lesson. The rich man whose harvest would satisfy all his material needs for years dies that very night. After all that planning! Where did he go wrong? A clue may be found in the word Jesus used to describe that harvest: bountiful. Bounty is something given generously. The rich man seemed to think of the earth's bounty as something he deserved to possess and could hoard, not as a gift that he could in turn give. "Think of what is above, not of what is on earth," Saint Paul writes (Colossians 3:2), for what is important is not an accumulation of riches in this life, but eternal life in heaven. We are all offered the bounty of salvation; everything else we gain will pass.

What do you value the most? Where are your riches?

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.
Luke 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.” He replied to him, “Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?” Then he said to the crowd, “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.”

Then he told them a parable. “There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, ‘What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?’ And he said, ‘This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, “Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!”’ But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

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.



CATHOLIC.BIBLE

Prayer (*Oratio*)

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

Contemplation (*Contemplatio*)

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

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

Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator? How often do I judge others? How can I begin to view my brothers and sister with love rather than judgment?

Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry! What do my possessions and budget say about my priorities? How do I show gratitude for God's abundant care for me?

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God. What are my treasures? What matters to God?

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

Closing Prayer:

You turn man back to dust,
saying, "Return, O children of men."
For a thousand years in your sight
are as yesterday, now that it is past,
or as a watch of the night.

You make an end of them in their sleep;
the next morning they are like the changing grass,
Which at dawn springs up anew,
but by evening wilts and fades.

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be
ours;
prosper the work of our hands for us!
Prosper the work of our hands!

(From Psalm 90)

Living the Word This Week

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

Donate unused possessions or money to an agency that assists the unhoused, refugees, or the formerly incarcerated.

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August 3, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 | Col 3:1-5, 9-11 | Lk 12:13-21

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

A few years ago, I heard this witty but thought-provoking phrase: “You never see a U-Haul attached to a hearse” – a reminder that we don’t get to take our physical belongings with us when we die. This phrase came to mind as I read today’s Gospel. Jesus offers us a parable about the perils of placing our ultimate hope in amassing possessions. In our own lives, we might be challenged or inspired by the quiet example of people around us who demonstrate that material things aren’t what matter most. From individuals who lose their possessions but express gratitude for their physical safety to the child who hears about others in need and gathers up items from their own room to share, we glean gentle reminders that in the end, stuff is just stuff. Pondering this, what we’re left with is an invitation from Jesus to look inward: Where are our hearts in relation to our material possessions? Do we cling to them tightly, or do we hold them lightly? What does it mean to be “rich in what matters to God”?

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The antidote to our disordered attachment to material things is to cultivate Gospel simplicity. In sending his disciples out to spread the Gospel, Jesus often instructed them to “pack light”: “Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money ...” Jesus told his disciples (Lk 9:3). Instead, they were to go into the surrounding villages and rely on the hospitality of those they encountered to provide for all their needs. By carrying nothing with them, they learned to rely on God’s providence and to intentionally reach out to others from a place of vulnerability and humility, both necessary in sharing the Gospel. While we aren’t necessarily called to be itinerant preachers as the disciples were, we can take up Jesus’ call to “pack light” as we strive to share the Gospel with others in our daily lives.

REFLECT

What can we learn from the disciples about overcoming the temptation to think that we are self-sufficient, as if sharing the Gospel depends entirely on us, rather than his grace? How might we adopt a simpler lifestyle, so that others see in us a living witness to the fact that our hope is not here in this world, but in the life to come? Reflect about how to live Gospel simplicity more intentionally in your life this week, and what that might offer for your efforts to share the Gospel with others.



Freedom?

A family put up a hummingbird feeder with four feeding stations. Almost immediately it became popular with the hummingbirds that lived in the area. Two, three, or even four birds would feed at one time. The feeder would be refilled at least once a day.

Suddenly the usage decreased to almost nothing. The feeder needed filling only about once a week. The reason for the decreased usage soon became apparent. A male bird had taken over the feeder as his property. He was now the only hummingbird who used it. He would feed and then sit in a nearby tree, rising to attack any bird that approached his feeder. Guard duty occupied his every waking hour. He was an effective guard. The only time another bird got to use the feeder was when the self-appointed owner was momentarily gone to chase away an intruder.

That hummingbird was teaching a valuable lesson. By choosing to assume ownership of the feeder, he forfeited his freedom. He was no longer free to come and go as he wished. He was tied to the work of guarding his feeder, his STUFF. He was possessed by his possession. Good question, Are we?



Give

James I. McCord, then president emeritus of Princeton University Theological School, once told the story of a man who commented that he was never coming back to a particular church because all they ever talked about in that church was give, give, give. Concluded Dr. McCord: I cannot think of a better definition of Christianity than that: give, give, give.

I am convinced that unless you learn to give you can never learn to be fully human.

Let me ask you this. If there was a dog walking down the street, healthy coat, obviously in good shape, and he had a bone in his mouth, and that dog passed a flea bitten mutt that was near starvation, do you think that the healthy dog would stop and drop his bone in front of the sick dog? Oh, no. He would clench his bone that much tighter in his teeth as he passed by. That is the nature of animals. Only man knows how to be a giver.

God is a giver. He gave us life itself. And his ultimate gift was that of his son. What more cherished, more precious, more intimate gift could one give than that of his only child?

If we want to achieve God likeness, we must be givers too. God does not ask us to renounce our possessions. He does not ask us to give up necessities, but he does ask us to share out of our abundance. The deepest joy in life is not by taking all that we can get, but by sharing all that we have got. Today – Give.



A Bit of Humor

A man who called the church and asked if he could speak to the "Head Hog" at the Trough. The secretary said, "Who?"

Then she gathered herself and said "Sir, if you mean our pastor you will have to treat him with a little more respect than that and ask for the 'Father' or 'The Pastor.' But certainly, you cannot refer to him as the "Head Hog" at the Trough."

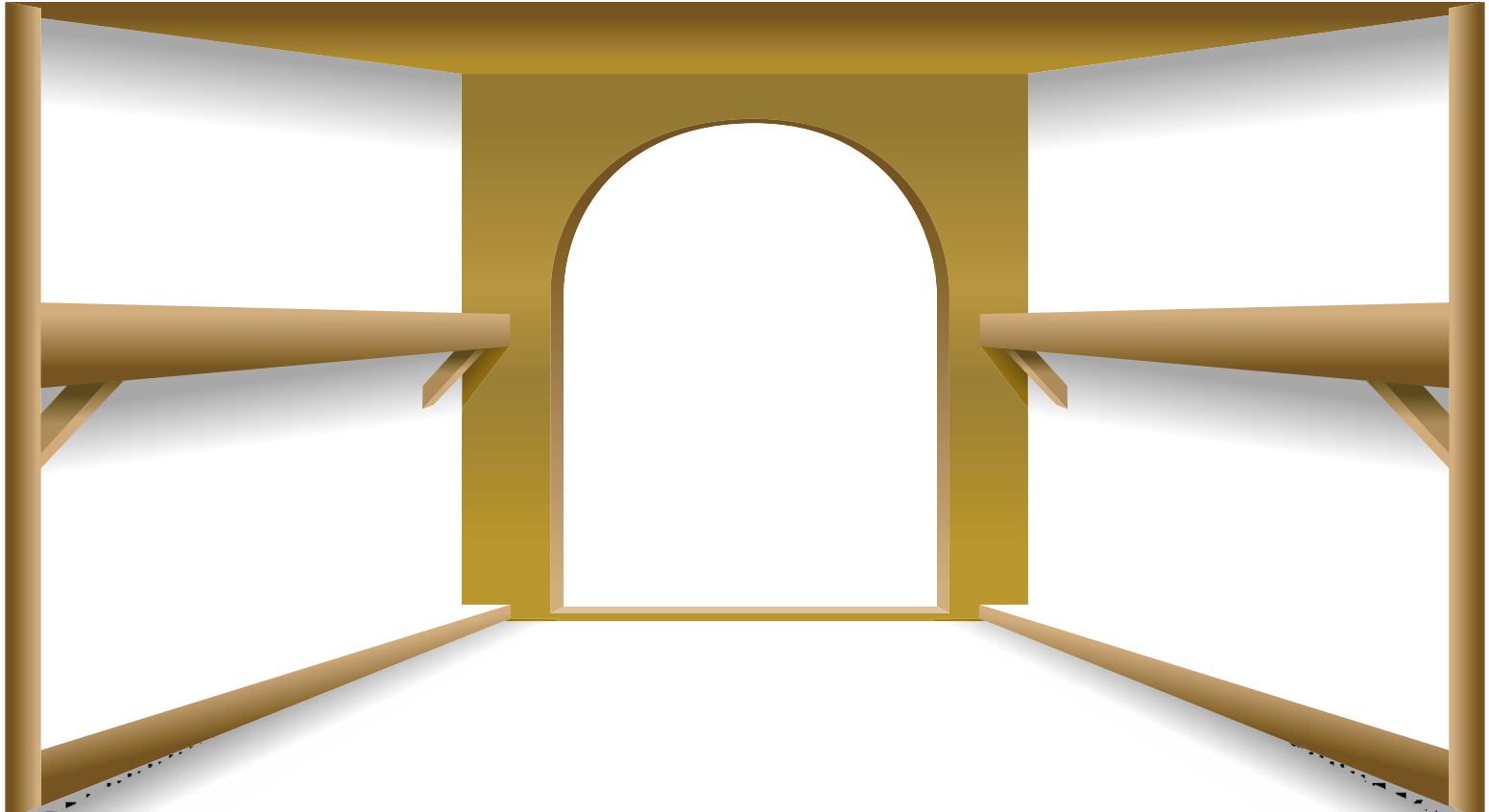
The man said, "I understand. I was calling because I have \$10,000 I was thinking about donating to the building fund."

The secretary said, "Hold on for just a moment — I think the "Old Boar" just walked in the door."

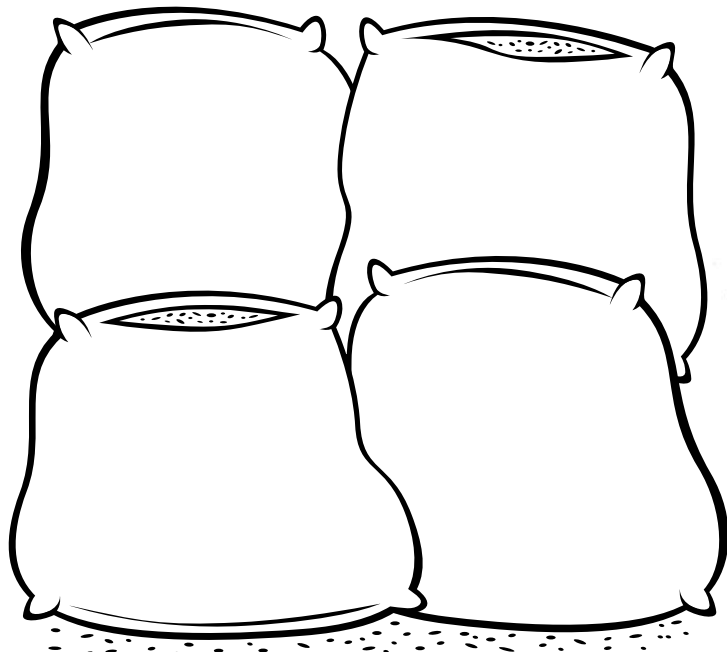


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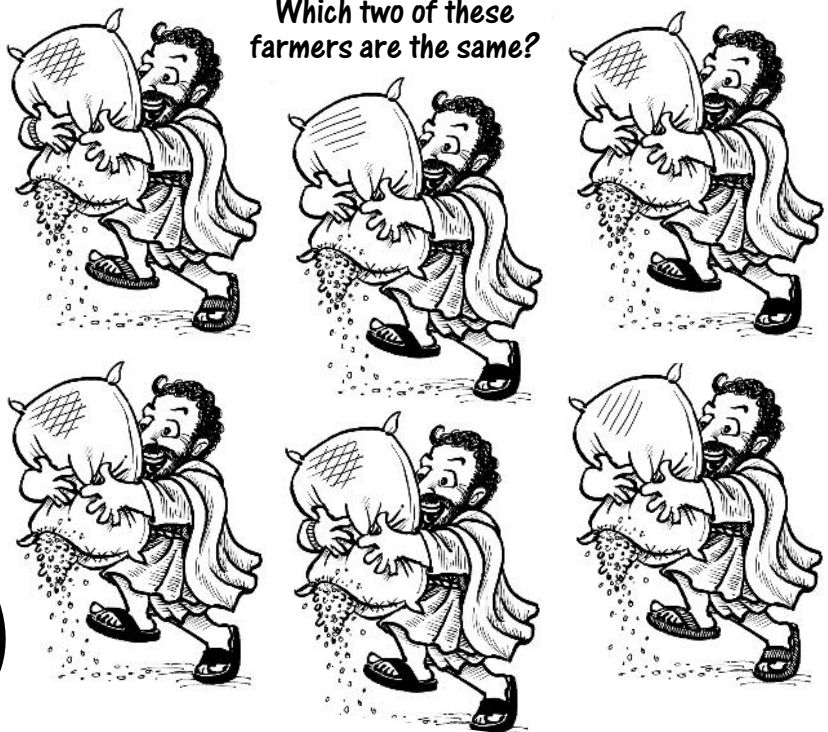
Instead of wealth and riches, what are the important things in our lives that are worth storing up?



In what ways can we be “rich” rather than “poor” in the sight of God?
Write an answer on each sack of grain.



Which two of these farmers are the same?





**WE'RE STILL
LOOKING
FOR
VOLUNTEERS!**



If you missed the call for volunteers last week, there's still time. Volunteering at the gift shop for a few hours is relaxing, fun, and enjoyable. You get to meet new people and talk about St. Patrick Church, its history and its beautiful windows. You are surrounded by beautiful creative art and religious items. A most enjoyable way to spend 4 hours!

As the tourist season begins anew for Bisbee this year, we are looking to have the gift shop open seven days a week and looking for more volunteers. Come in and talk to Tom on any Friday or call him at 520-432-2110. Hope to hear from many of you.



CATHOLIC QUIZ **3 August 2025**

This week's Question: "Did St. Joseph have another wife?"

The answer to last week's Question: "Why do images of St. Joseph frequently depict him carrying a flowering staff?"

Legend says that Zechariah the High Priest told the Virgin Mary that in a vision, the angel of God had instructed him to bring together the marriageable men who were seeking Mary's hand and have each leave his staff in the Temple overnight. The Lord's choice of a husband for Mary would be revealed through a sign. In the morning, the staff of Joseph the carpenter was found to have blossomed, while the staves of the other suitors were barren.

SOUL FOOD **3 August 2025**

"If you ever feel distressed during your day, call upon our Lady. Just say the simple prayer, "Mary, Mother of JESUS, please be a mother to me now'. I must admit, this prayer has never failed me."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997)

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Mass Intention Request

*Every effort will be made to have the Mass(es) said on the chosen date(s).
HOWEVER, final date will be at the discretion of the Parish Office.*

Name of Loved One(s): _____

Choose one: ___ Deceased or ___ For the Intentions of

Choose one: ___ St. Patrick Church or ___ St. Michael Mission

Requested Mass Date(s)/ Time(s):

1) _____

3) _____

2) _____

4) _____

Suggested Offering: \$10 per Mass / Amount Included:\$ _____

Offered by: _____

Cell #: _____

Email: _____

Text a Copy of Mass Card: ___ YES...___ NO

Optional Mass Card Emailed To:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Cell #: _____

Text a Copy of Mass Card: ___ YES...___ NO

Please mail this form and check to:

Saint Patrick Church

P.O. Box 164

Bisbee, AZ 85603

Parish Financial Report



Last Sunday's Collection

St. Patrick Church

Envelopes/Loose:	\$2107
Online Giving	\$1672
Total	\$3779

St. Michael Mission

Envelopes/Loose:	\$223
Online Giving	\$25
Total	\$248

YTD Weekly Collections

(Comparison to last year)

St. Patrick Offertory: Up \$12,897
St. Michael Offertory: Down \$416

May Report

Income:	\$22,376
Expenses:	\$23,020
In the RED:	\$644

YTD July 2024 to May 2025

Income:	\$342,771
Expenses:	\$261,518
Balance:	\$81,253
Other Revenue	\$8,308
Project Exp	\$89,643
In the RED	\$82

Use Online Giving

www.stpatsbisbee.com

Use "Give Now" link

THANK YOU!



Help Support

St. Patrick Parish and it's ministries.

Please share this QR Code with a family member or friend.

Their support matters and strengthens the good our parish lives for EVERYONE in our Bisbee / Naco community.



**Scan this QR Code with your cell phone
and make your donation today.**

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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)*



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Report Abuse

 Call 911 – Tell the Police!

Our Call to Protect

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.

Parish Compliance

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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.