

St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

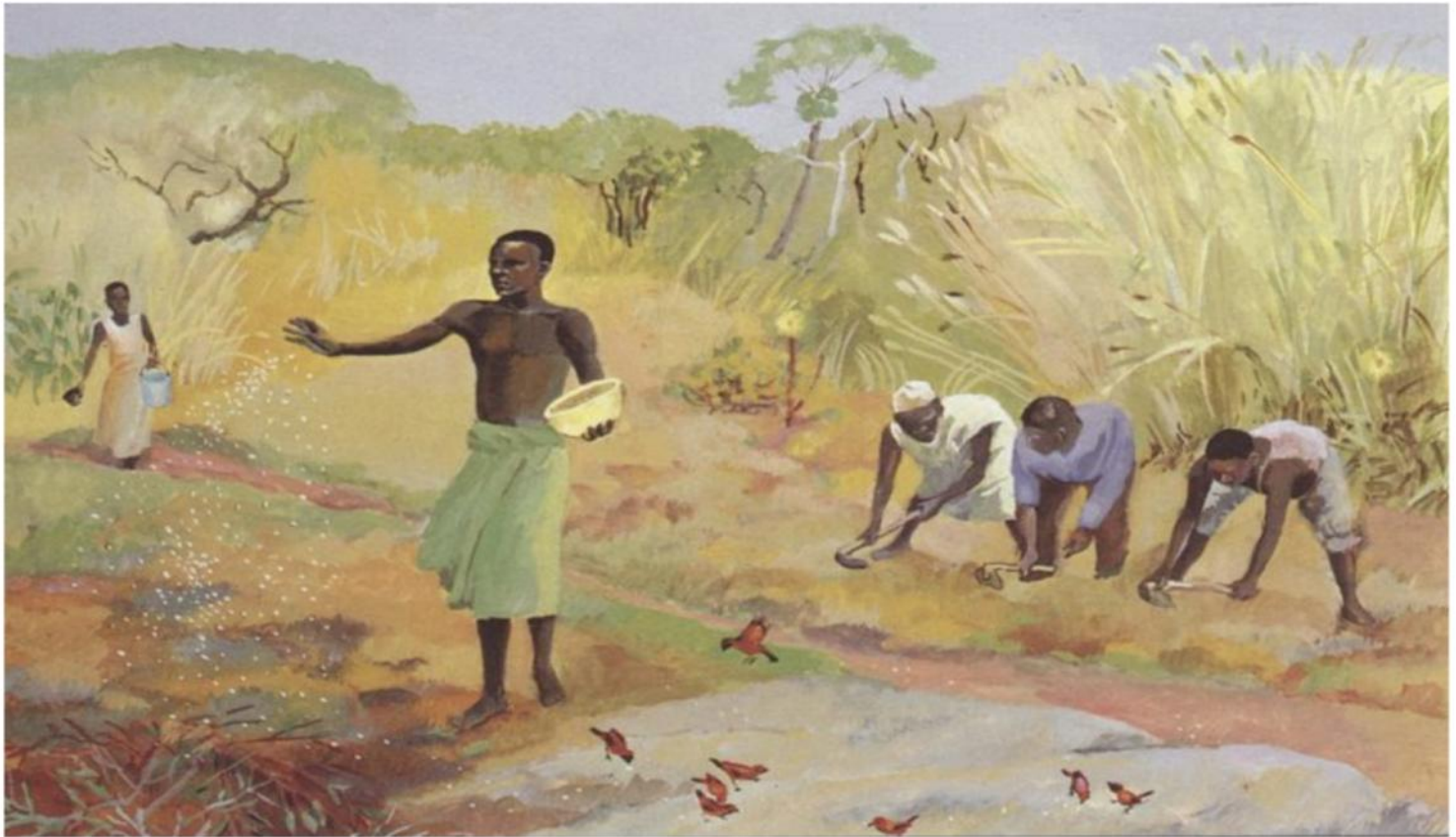
An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

St. Patrick Church

St. Michael Mission

July 12, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. Luke 8:8

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

Msgr. Gregory Adolf, Canonical Pastor
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Deacon Bill Lugo
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Rev. Edward Lucero
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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

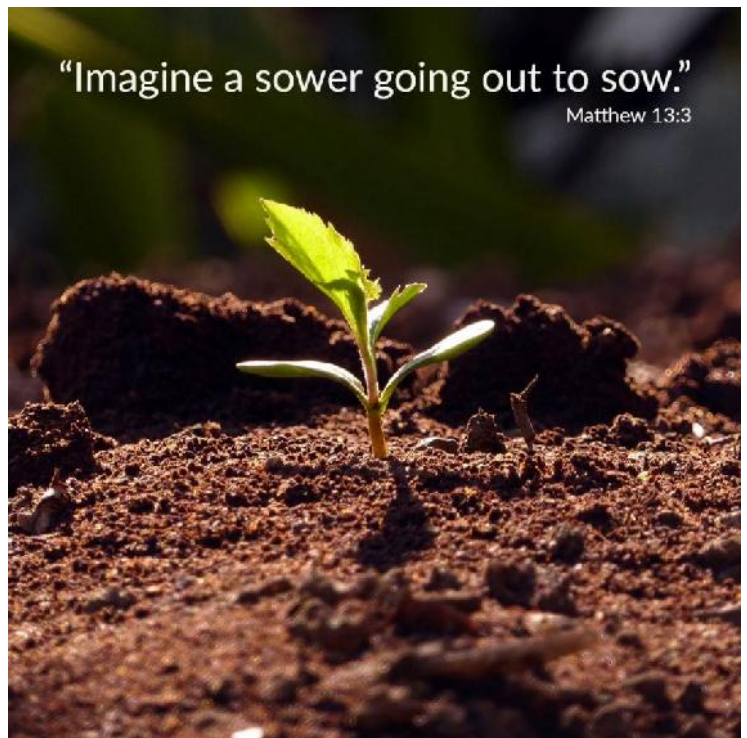
- 11:00am Sunday Morning

Weekday Schedule

(Confession – 30 minutes before each Mass)

7:30am Tuesday – Saturday

(St Patrick Church)



“Imagine a sower going out to sow.”

Matthew 13:3

MASS INTENTIONS

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 11JUL

5:00pm Vigil Mass

+Victoria Yale

+Julissa Martinez

Sunday 12JUL

9:00am Mass

+Phyllis Baroldy

+Fr. John F. McGrath

+Gilbert Castillo

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Bishop Romeo R. Blanchette

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 13JUL

No Mass Celebrated

Tuesday 14JUL

+Maria Elena Hiraes

Wednesday 15JUL

Int of Molly Gonzales

Thursday 16JUL

+Crispin, +Adriana, +Andrea Sierra

Friday 17JUL

+Dr. David Earl McBeth

Saturday 18JUL

+Adam, +Miranda, +Natalia Sierra

MASS INTENTIONS

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 18JUL

5:00pm Vigil Mass

+Isidro Chavez

Int of Kenneth Thomas

Sunday 19JUL

9:00am Mass

++Dave Ruiz

+Phyllis Baroldy

+Ramona Renteria

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Daniel Romero

Matthew 13:9

"Whoever has ears ought to hear."



July 12, 2026

Jesus loved to preach using parables. Parables are powerful, for they have multiple layers. Take them at face value, and they're captivating and memorable stories. But peel back the layers and they reveal deeper and richer meaning. Today Jesus tells us the parable of the sower who sows seed indiscriminately. The seed that lands on rich soil bears good and plentiful fruit, while the seed that falls elsewhere is either eaten by birds or yields seedlings that get choked off or shrivel up. It's a wonderful story of a generous sower and the importance of fertile ground. But as Jesus explains to his disciples, the parable is also a metaphor for how different people treat "the word of the kingdom" (Matthew 13:19). But peel down another layer and another, even deeper meaning is revealed. Jesus himself is the Word made flesh. He is "the word of the kingdom," sown by the Father to take root in us, germinating, growing, blossoming, and bringing forth fruit, thirty, sixty, or a hundredfold. As disciples, may we be that fertile ground in which the Word can bear fruit, achieving, as Isaiah would put it, the end for which God sent him.

When are you like rocky or thorny ground, preventing a teaching of Jesus from taking root or causing it to be choked off by other concerns?



July 12, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:10-11 | Rom 8:18-23 | Mt 13:1-23

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

If you're anything like me, you probably hear today's Gospel and immediately try to identify yourself with one type of seed Jesus talks about: the seed that fell on the path, the seed that fell on rocky ground, the seed among thorns, or the seed in good soil. But have you ever stopped to wonder why the sower is throwing seeds so haphazardly? This is worth meditating on, too. I believe it says to us that God is generously offering his grace and his mercy to everyone equally, in all places, at all times. But we aren't all in a place where we are open to receive that gift. In those moments when we feel as though we're not bearing the fruit that we hope to, perhaps it's time to examine our spiritual surroundings and see if there is something we can change that might help us to be more receptive to God's grace. Perhaps it's as simple as checking out a faith-sharing group that can help us tend our spiritual soil so it is ready to receive what God is doing out.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our first reading from Isaiah speaks of the power and efficacy of God's word, comparing it to the rain and snow that come down and water the earth, making the soil fertile, helping the seed to grow into a bountiful harvest that can be made into bread that nourishes. What we grasp from all of this is that God's word bears fruit *over time*. As evangelizers, it's important to consider that we often won't see fruit right away when sharing God's word with others. That word must take root, grow, and be cultivated. This process will take time, but the long-term fruit is worth our sustained and patient effort as we nurture relationships of accompaniment with others.

PRAY

There's a certain patience we must exercise when sharing God's word with others. When I find myself struggling with impatience – with myself or with others' slow progress – I often find solace in the prayer “Trust in the Slow Work of God” from Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ, particularly these lines: *Above all, trust in the slow work of God / We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay / We should like to skip the intermediate stages / And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability – and that it may take a very long time.*

Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina for the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

We begin our prayer:

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

O God, who show the light of your truth
to those who go astray,
so that they may return to the right path,
give all who for the faith they profess
are accounted Christians
the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name
of Christ
and to strive after all that does it honor.
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, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.
Matthew 13:1-23

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a

hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand*.

Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says:

*You shall indeed hear but not understand,
you shall indeed look but never see.
Gross is the heart of this people,
they will hardly hear with their ears,
they have closed their eyes,
lest they see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their hearts and be converted,
and I heal them.*

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

"Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who



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hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.”

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.

Contemplation (*Contemplatio*)

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

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

It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep. When have I struggled to remain enthusiastic about my faith? How can I become a more enthusiastic missionary for the Gospel?

They look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. What aspects of my faith do I struggle to understand? What resources do I have that will help me to grow in understanding my faith?

But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. What

fruit am I called to bear? How can I be more receptive to God’s call?

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

Closing Prayer

You have visited the land and watered it;
greatly have you enriched it.
God’s watercourses are filled;
you have prepared the grain.

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows,
breaking up its clods,
Softening it with showers,
blessing its yield.

You have crowned the year with your bounty,
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest;
The untilled meadows overflow with it,
and rejoicing clothes the hills.

The fields are garmented with flocks
and the valleys blanketed with grain.
They shout and sing for joy.
(From Psalm 65)

Living the Word This Week

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

Spend time every day this week reading and praying with Scripture.

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Christians



A young African woman came to the U.S. from Angola. Her name was Maria and she was always laughing. One day she went to a meeting on evangelism in her church where they were talking about pamphlets, missions, campaigns, and all the rest.

At one point someone turned to Maria and said, "What do they do in your church in Angola, Maria?"

"In my church," said Maria, after a

moment's thought, "we don't give pamphlets to people or have missions. We just send one or two families to live in a village. And when people see what Christians are like, then they want to be Christians themselves."

Somehow, I believe that is the best way of all to sow the seed of the Gospel.

It is the way of love. The best type of sower is the person who loves God and who loves others. The light of Christ shines through their lives. They are "good soil." They respond to the Gospel, then they share that Gospel with others.

Of such is the Kingdom of God.



Sow

In a community lived a lonely old man, old Thomas. He had outlived all his friends and hardly anyone knew him. When Thomas died, this friend had the feeling that there would be no one to go to the funeral so he decided to go, so that there might be someone to follow the old man to his last resting-place.

There was no one else, and it was a miserable wet day.

The funeral reached the cemetery, and at the gate there was a soldier waiting. An officer, but on his raincoat there were no rank badges. He came to the grave side for the ceremony, then when it was over, he stepped forward and before the open grave swept his hand to a salute that might have been given to a king. The friend walked away with this soldier, and as they walked, the wind blew the soldier's raincoat open to reveal the shoulder badges of a brigadier general.

The general said, "You will perhaps be wondering what I am doing here. Years ago Thomas was my CCD teacher; I was a wild lad and a sore trial to him. He never knew what he did for me, but I owe everything I am or will be to old Thomas, and today I had to come to salute him at the end." Thomas did not know what he was doing.

No priest, parent or teacher ever does. Keep sowing the seed. We can leave the rest to God, including keeping the fire going. And that is GOOD news for us tenant farmers.

The seed fell on good ground

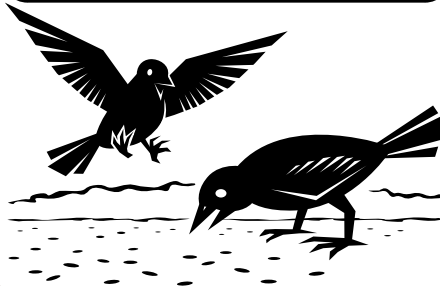
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Help Jesus tell the story of the farmer sowing the seed. Add words and pictures to the story.



A farmer scattered
_____ in a field.

Some seed fell on the road
and was...



Some seed fell on rocky
ground where the soil was not
deep; the plants that grew
withered in the _____.



Draw the farmer sowing seed.

Write down what happened to the seed.

Draw what happened to the seed
which fell on rocky ground.

Some seed fell among thorns,
which choked the plants that grew.

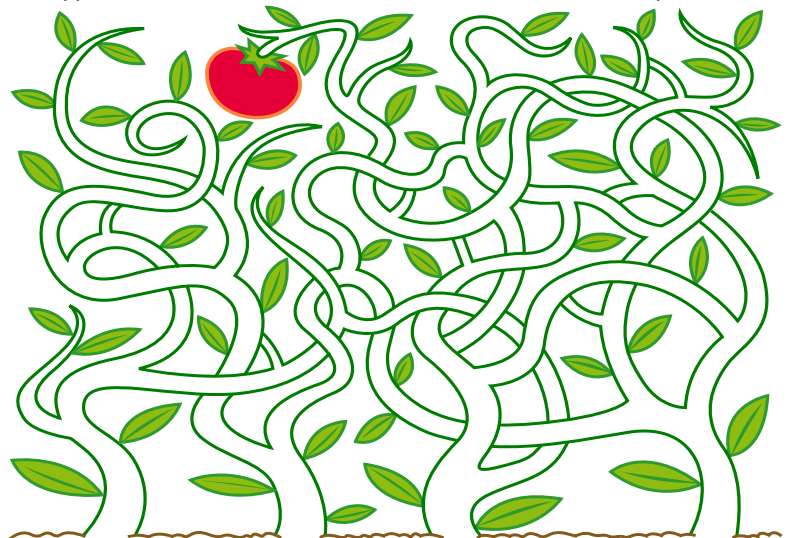


Draw thorns choking the plants.

But some seed fell on good ground and...

Write down what happened to the seed that fell on good ground and draw a picture of it.

The Word of God is like seed that needs good soil.
How can we be like good soil for this seed?



Which of these four plants is the one bearing fruit?



"Each person is a sacred gift that reflects your face," he said, "from the first instant of existence to the final breath of their journey on earth."

"Today," we ask for the grace to recognize and protect the unique and unrepeatable value of every human being." "Give us a new heart, always ready to choose life, and generous hands that protect it through concrete actions."

"May we proclaim, in words and actions," that every human life is worth the total gift of ourselves."

— Pope Leo XIV

DO YOU OCCASIONALLY REQUEST A MASS INTENTION AT ST. PATRICK PARISH?

This is a good time to review the reminder below that has been used for several years, asking requestors to submit their requests in a timely manner. Please remember --- if your Mass Intention is received close to the Mass date you are requesting, there is no guarantee that your date can be honored, or that it will be published in time to be included in our weekly Flocknote / bulletin. Please ---help the office staff complete your request on time by doing your part first!

Mass Intention Requests

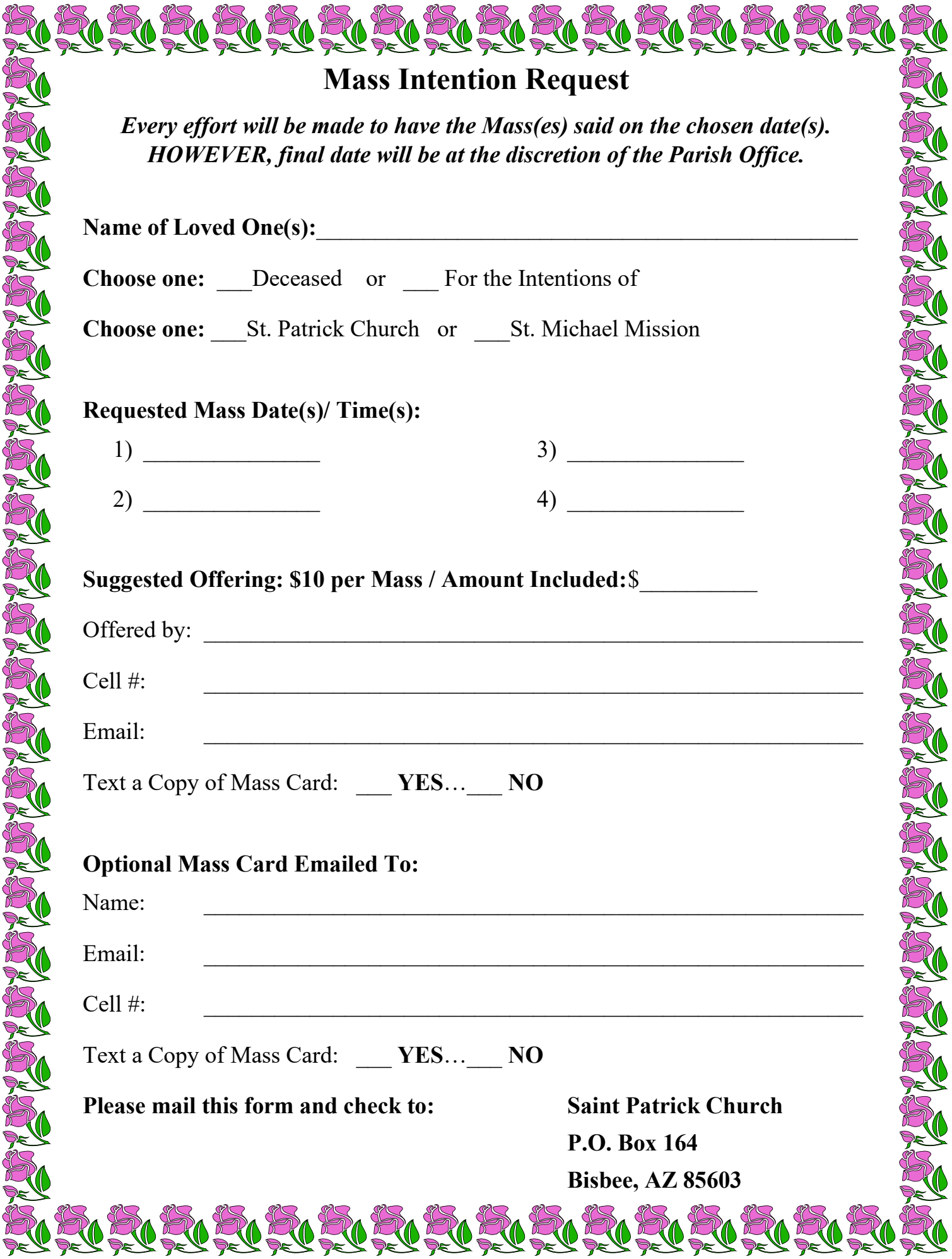
Parishioners requesting a Mass Intention are asked to complete a Mass Intention Request Form located in the church and mission or by using our online form. Mass Intention Request Forms can also be emailed to parishioners. Completed forms should be dropped off at the parish office, mailed, emailed, a pic sent via text, or placed into the Sunday collection basket.

Completed forms should be received by the parish office a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the Mass date being requested. This will allow an orderly recording of the Mass Intention into the "Daily Mass Record" book. It will also allow a timely publishing of the Mass Intention into our parish bulletin and weekday/weekend Mass scripts.

We hope this request reduces the need for late, last minute, panic Mass Intention Requests that when accommodated increases opportunities for error when recording and re-work of Mass scripts that have been published and distributed.

Your understanding is appreciated.





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

Livestream Schedule



Sunday, July 12
9am

Sunday, July 19
9am

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SOUL FOOD

12 JULY 2026

"We are all taken up into His self-offering, as we are in the Eucharist. Our personal, humdrum, seemingly inglorious obedience to God is like the bread and wine we bring: human, limited, imperfect, but taken up by Christ into the glory of His Priestly offering."

-Sr. Maria Boulding (1929-2009)



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a few things??*

***Old CD's or DVD's?*

***Old costume jewelry,
jewelry fragments ?*



*Please consider donating these items
to the Gift Shop!
They will be used to make the lovely one-of-a-kind
specialties that are some of our best sellers year
round.*

One man's junk can be a good source of needed supplies.....

**St. Patrick
Parish**

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HOURS**

**OPEN TUESDAY - SATURDAY
10:00 AM - 2 PM**

SATURDAY AFTER 5:00 PM MASS

SUNDAY AFTER 8:30 AM MASS



**Register
Today!**

St. Patrick Parish/St. Michael Mission registration for
1st Communion and Confirmation Sacrament preparation
is **now open and closes July 31, 2026.**

The registration form can be downloaded at:
<https://www.stpatsbisbee.com/parish-forms>

or

Can be located on back table or can be picked up
at the parish office at 100 Quality Hill, Bisbee.



JUNE -- another busy month for St. Vincent de Paul!

Our St. Patrick's St. Vincent de Paul saw a small decrease in the number of friends coming for food and a meal last month. We hope this is a good sign that conditions are improving and a new trend that continues! 250 friends visited us in June for food. They represented 918 household members. Nearly 200 friends stayed for lunch. We made five home visits to help with rent, water and electricity bills, and fuel for a medical appointment in Sierra Vista. We had 20 kind volunteers donate 306 total hours stocking shelves, packing and handing out food bags, preparing and serving lunch, and doing all the little bits that help make things work smoothly. Please stop by any Wednesday or Thursday morning for a visit and consider becoming a St. Vincent de Paul volunteer. Blessings!!

Walking with Jesus. Every. Day.

CATHOLIC QUIZ 12 JULY 2026

This week's Question: "What is the 'Holy House of Loreto'?"

The answer to last week's Question: "What is the 'Infant of Prague'?"

In 1655, the Bishop of Prague gave approval for devotion which began when the community of Discalced Carmelite Fathers in Prague found itself reduced to a state of extreme want. A certain benefactress had great faith in the miraculous powers of a beautiful waxen image of the infant JESUS that her mother had brought from Spain. Desiring to aid the Fathers, she presented them with this statue, saying, 'As long as you honor this image, you shall never want'. The words proved prophetic. The image of Infant Savior was given a place of honor in their private oratory. So many were the favors obtained through this image that it was decided to place it in the church that the Faithful might share in the blessings. They came in great numbers to pray at the shrine, and countless favors, and even miracles, were experienced. The devotion soon spread to all of Europe and then to all the world. Ferdinand Magellan presented a statue of the Infant of Prague to the newly-converted ruler of Cebu in the Philippines, and today this image is venerated as the "Santo Nino de Cebu". Many thousands claim to have obtained blessings through their devotion to this image, which in the left hand rests the globe of the world and with the right is poised in blessing, honoring Christ's Kingship and His Holy Childhood!

St. Andrew's Concert Series

Presents

A Salute to America

Featuring

The Seipp/Fickley Duo



Please join us for a musical celebration of USA250 with Chuck Seipp, Trumpet and Todd Fickley, Organ. Set to a moving video presentation, the duo takes us on a visual journey across America as they play rousing patriotic songs and reverent hymns including an audience Sing-along and a tribute to our Veterans and Active Duty Military.

Friday, July 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM

St. Andrew the Apostle Church

800 Taylor Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

There is no charge to attend this concert, a freewill offering will be accepted. Please call 520-458-2925 for more information.

God Bless You!

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 MAY)

St. Patrick Offertory: \$184,881
St. Michael Offertory: \$11,780

May Report

Income: \$26,463
Expenses: \$19,637
In the Black: \$6,826

YTD July 2025 to May 2026

Income: \$351,107
Expenses: \$267,157
Balance: \$83,950

Other Revenue \$9,158
In the Black \$93,108

Parish Financial Report

Last Sunday's Collection

St. Patrick Church

Envelopes/Loose: \$2142
Online Giving \$2882.50
Total \$5024.50

St. Michael Mission

Envelopes/Loose: \$267
Online Giving \$278
Total \$545

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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 Representative

Deacon Tony Underwood

928.228.0258

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Thinking about a Vocation?

Contact: Fr. Alan Valencia

Director of Vocations and Seminarians

(520) 838-2531

avalencia@diocesetucson.org

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)*