

St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

St. Patrick Church

St. Michael Mission

August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

Matthew 4:23

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.

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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

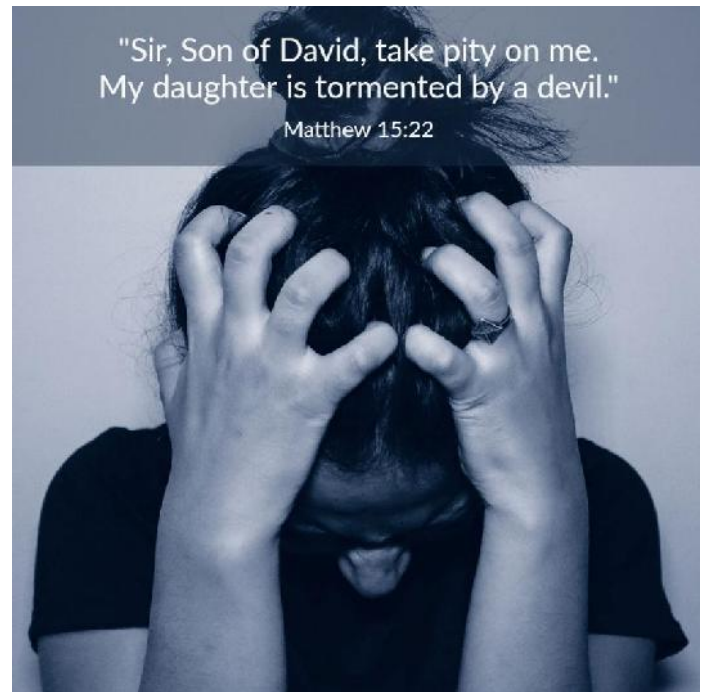
St. Michael Mission - Naco

- 11:00am Sunday Morning

Weekday Schedule

(Confession – 30 minutes before each Mass)

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



MASS INTENTIONS

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 15AUG
5:00pm Vigil Mass
+Mary Jane Dugie
+Pablo Mendez & +Myrna Avechuco

Sunday 16AUG
9:00am Mass
Int of David Bravo
Int of Annette Mendez

St. Michael Mission
11:00am Mass
+Rev Bruno S. Szczawinski

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 17AUG
No Mass Celebrated

Tuesday 18AUG
+Olga Rivera
Int of Annette Mendez

Wednesday 19AUG
+Mary Jane Dugie

Thursday 20AUG
+Mary Jane Dugie

Friday 21AUG
+Mary Jane Dugie

Saturday 22AUG
Int of Robert Smith

MASS INTENTIONS

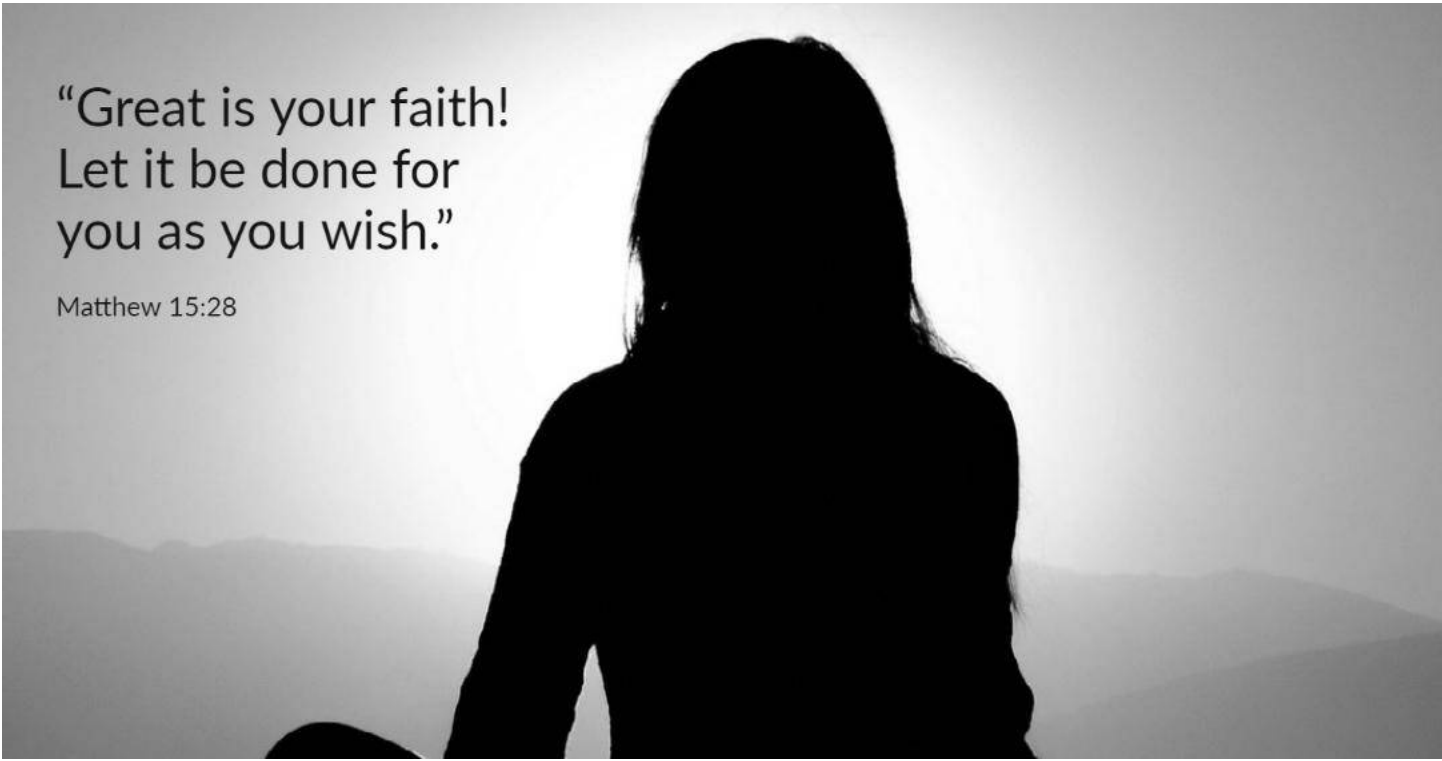
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 22AUG
5:00pm Vigil Mass
+Mary Jane Dugie

Sunday 23AUG
9:00am Mass
+Raynette Bradley-Mortensen
+Rudy Torres
Int of David Bravo
Int of Annette Mendez

St. Michael Mission
11:00am Mass
Int of Robert Smith

Cf. Matthew 4:23

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and cured every disease among the people.*



“Great is your faith!
Let it be done for
you as you wish.”

Matthew 15:28

August 16, 2026

Remember last week when we heard the Gospel story of Jesus walking on the water? Remember what happened to Peter? Peter dared to walk on the water himself, but when the wind rose and the storm strengthened, he panicked and called out to Jesus to save him. Remember what Jesus said to him? He reproved Peter, his closest disciple, saying, “O you of little faith” (Matthew 14:31). On the other hand, today we hear Jesus tell a Canaanite woman—a pagan woman in pagan territory—who acknowledges him as “Son of David,” addresses him as “Lord” three times, and persistently pleads with him to heal her daughter, “O woman, great is your faith!” (Matthew 15:28). Significantly, Jesus does this in front of his disciples, giving this Gentile woman the opportunity to teach the disciples true faith. She recognizes God’s merciful grace flowing through Jesus and realizes that there is so much of it that even “the scraps” can overflow all the way to her daughter, a nonbeliever who is not even present. Jesus saves both Peter and the woman’s daughter, but in remarking upon her faith he shows his disciples the importance of persevering in faith, even when the Lord does not appear to be answering.

What have you been praying for persistently? How can you emulate the Canaanite woman in asking for God’s help?



August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7 | Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 | Mt 15:21-28

Written by
THE
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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I have often wondered why Jesus' words to the Gentile woman in today's Gospel sound so harsh. The woman was simply asking Jesus to heal her daughter, as so many others before her had done. Jesus' reply that he had been sent only to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" may have been true under the old covenant. But with his coming, Jesus initiated the new covenant where all are invited, all are welcome. Through the woman's gift of faith (whose prayer says simply, "Lord, help me"), she brings herself and her daughter into the joy and goodness of the kingdom. Jesus commends her faith (and her persistence) and heals her daughter. This passage demonstrates the healing God wishes to provide for all of his people.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Thus says the Lord in Isaiah: "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

Responsorial psalm: "O God, let all the nations praise you!"

Jesus to the Canaanite (Gentile) woman: "O woman, great is your faith!"

Our readings today spell out loud and clear that our God's love and forgiveness is meant for all. Not just the few. This is good news, indeed. What does God ask of us in return? He asks that we strive to do *what is right ... what is just*. In short, we must *join [our]selves* to the Lord, as Isaiah says, and God will welcome us into his holy kingdom. How do we do that? We can start by trying to imitate the generosity of God's grace and welcome those who seek God's mercy and healing. In other words, we reach out in love to each other and seek to build up the unity of his Church, the Body of Christ.

WELCOME

On some level, all the readings today speak of disparate people coming to the faith: foreigners, all the nations, the Gentiles, a Canaanite woman. Does your parish have some form of welcoming ministry – a welcome desk, ushers, greeters? The power of a friendly smile, a warm handshake, a disposition of "we're happy you're here" cannot be underestimated for visitors to our churches. Consider becoming a part of the team that welcomes the stranger to your parish.

Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina for the Twentieth 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 have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.
Matthew 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply,

"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

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?

But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her.
When have I felt that my prayers are going unanswered? How can I persevere in these dry times?

I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Who are the “lost sheep” in my community? How can I reach out to those on the peripheries?

O woman, great is your faith! Whose faith inspires me? How can my life of faith be an example to others?

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

Closing Prayer

May God have pity on us and bless us;
may he let his face shine upon us.
So may your way be known upon earth;
among all nations, your salvation.

May the nations be glad and exult
because you rule the peoples in equity;
the nations on the earth you guide.

May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!
May God bless us,
and may all the ends of the earth fear him!

(From Psalm 67)

Living the Word This Week

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

Research parish and diocesan efforts to assist those who are poor or unhoused and prayerfully discern how you might become involved in these works.

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Strength

A strong Christian works out every day to keep their body in shape, but a Christian of strength kneels in prayer to keep their soul in shape.

A strong Christian isn't always afraid, but a Christian of strength shows their courage in the midst of fear.

A strong Christian won't let anyone get the best of them, but a Christian of strength gives the best of themselves to everyone.

A strong Christian walks sure-footedly, but a Christian of strength knows God will catch them when they fall.

A strong Christian wears the look of confidence on their face, but a Christian of strength wears grace.

A strong Christian has faith that they are strong enough for the journey, but a Christian of strength has faith that in the journey they will become strong.



Persist

Some baby ducklings fell down a sewer grate in Vancouver. Their mother did what any parent would do. She got help from a passing police officer. The mother duck grabbed the policeman by the pant leg while he was on foot patrol. The policeman shoved what he thought was just a goofy duck away, but she persisted, grabbing his leg again when he tried to leave, and then waddling to a nearby sewer grate where she sat down and waited for him to follow and investigate.

The policeman came to where she sat and saw eight little baby ducklings in the water below. Police removed the heavy metal grate with the help of a tow truck and used a vegetable strainer to lift the ducklings to safety. Mother and offspring then departed for a nearby pond.

That mother duck did what the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel did. She persisted in seeking help until she got it. And that is just what Jesus wants us to do.

Be persistent in getting the help you need. Do not be intimidated, do not be afraid, have courage, have faith. And remember, we have a Friend who can help even when human endeavors fail. Christ is waiting - to help you today.



Stop the spiral of violence and make room for diplomacy.

Following the recitation of the Angelus, Pope Leo XIV expresses his concern over the ongoing violence in Sudan, Ukraine, and Russia. He calls for the conversion “of those who sow violence” and an end to “an ever-growing number of civilian casualties.”

“I stand with the families of the victims, the wounded, and all those who are suffering as a result of the ongoing conflict,” the Pope said.

“War only breeds more war and causes immense suffering,” Pope Leo stressed. “It is time to stop the spiral of violence and make room for diplomacy and dialogue, paving the way for peace.”

Pope Leo XIV



The woman who had faith in Jesus

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



Draw the Canaanite woman asking Jesus for help. Write down what the apostles and the woman each said to Jesus.



Who are the outcasts in our community?
Write them in the footprints.



The Canaanite woman persisted because of her strong belief that Jesus would cure her daughter. Use the words below to find out what Jesus said.



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August is Children's Eye Health and Safety Month

How to deal with common eye ailments/injuries:

If your child gets sand or dirt in the eye, do not rub it—wash it out with water

If my child gets hit in the eye with an object or an elbow—apply cold compresses for 15 minutes and get the eye checked by a provider

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If a blunt object hits the eye and gets stuck (like a stick or pencil), cover the eye with a loose bandage and get checked by a provider (do not pull the object out)

How can I protect my child's eye health?

- *Eat a well-balanced diet full of fruits and vegetables

- *Exercise regularly (being overweight can lead to conditions like diabetes, which affects vision)

- *Wear glasses if you have them

- *Wash hands before touching eyes

- *Wear sunglasses when outside

- *Use eye protection when needed—certain sports, activities like mowing the lawn, or when close to chemicals)

- *Avoid screens for extended periods of time (video games, TV, computers)

Get your child's eyes checked yearly at your the well child visit or school

Brought to you by your Parish Nurse Team

Thank You Wayne!



Thank you to Wayne Pitzlin who week after week tends to the needs of our church property especially during the monsoon season. Wayne's work is priceless and most appreciated. Our grounds reflect a groomed beautiful appearance and are at their best because of his care and sharing of his talents. Our patios are full of color and life due to the healthy varieties of flowers planted and arranged that offer a serene place of welcome and peace for all visitors. Wayne makes it easy for parishioners and community neighbors to be proud of their church and we are most grateful.

God has asked us to be good stewards with this part of His creation and we are indeed, by giving it the care needed, to be beautiful and welcoming. Please know that when tasks exceed available volunteer help we hire landscapers to perform the work at hand. Volunteer help keeps the hiring to a minimum and does wonders to keep our budget balanced. **If you are interested in volunteering for future landscaping tasks (mowing, trimming, raking, blowing etc.), please contact Dcn. Tony.**



Livestream Schedule



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Sunday, August 16
9am

Saturday, August 22
5pm

www.youtube.com/StPatrickBisbee



SOUL FOOD

16 August 2026

"God is truly in our midst you know, right here, right now! And He can be hurt in each one of us, or He can be consoled in each one of us, for Christ said 'Whatever you do to the least of My brothers, you do to Me.' We must learn to bring the gift of consolation to the Christ Who is in those around us. Whenever we do this, we will be consoling God Himself. To console God or to hurt Him deeply: what power we have! What a responsibility!"

- Catherine de Hueck Doherty (1896-1985)

CATHOLIC QUIZ 16 August 2026

This week's Question: "What are the 'Steps' to the altar?"

The answer to last week's Question: "What is an altar stone?"

This stone is embedded in the surface of the altar and is technically identified as the altar itself, usually being only large enough to hold the chalice and the paten; its top is flush with the altar. Its upper surface bears five crosses, for Christ's five wounds, and it is anointed by a Bishop at the time of its consecration. The altar stone contains sealed relics of martyred saints, hence every Mass is celebrated 'with the martyrs'. The relics recall Masses offered in the catacombs. The Celebrant will kiss the altar stone – through the layers of altar clothes – upon entering and leaving the sanctuary for Mass.



Coffee and donuts with the Knights!

Sunday, August 23

COFFEE & DONUTS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLY
AT ST. MICHAEL MISSION THIS MONTH

after 11:00 a.m. Mass



The Gift Shop has a growing selection of children's books
by parishioner and published author Felicia Tucker.

Taken from her "Saints for Little Souls" and "Holy Seasons
for Little Souls" series, you'll see books written for children
of all ages, beautifully illustrated and even including
children's activities.

These books are a perfect choice for any gift-giving
occasion. Better yet, collect them all for the entire family
to enjoy!



"I am not capable of doing big
things, but I want to do
everything for the glory of God."
— St. Dominic Savio

Can a child really be a saint?
Yes! St. Dominic Savio shows us how.

From joyful play to quiet prayer, Dominic's life reminds us that holiness is not
just for grown-ups—it's for children, too. With a pure heart, he chose Jesus each
day and shared kindness, peace, and joy with everyone around him.

This beautifully illustrated story invites little souls to follow Dominic's example:

- ☐ Pray often
- ☐ Stay joyful
- ☐ Be kind and peaceful
- ☐ Love Jesus with all your heart

The Boy With a Pure Heart: A Story of St. Dominic Savio will inspire children to
live with joy and love for Jesus—because even kids can be saints!



All times are times to carry a song in our heart !



September is coming quickly, and the choir is preparing to resume singing as usual the weekend after Labor Day. The choir is always looking for new members to help increase our dwindling numbers.

We normally sing for the 5:00 Mass on Saturday, occasionally for the 9:00 Mass on Sunday. We practice on Monday evenings at 5:30. Our first practice is August 24.

For more information, you may contact Yvonne Torres at vonn_11@outlook.com or Ruth Dugie at ruthdugie@gmail.com. Please consider joining us as we continue singing our joyful song to the Lord.



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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 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: \$2092
Online Giving \$1019.50
Total \$3111.50

St. Michael Mission

Envelopes/Loose: \$224
Online Giving \$25
Total \$249

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Safety Reminder

Parents and Guardians are reminded that all children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult for trips from St. Patrick Church worship space to the parish hall restrooms before, during, and after Mass.

Thank you for helping to ensure the safety and protection of our children.

Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People



**Report Abuse - Call 911
Tell the Police!**

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 Representative

Deacon Tony Underwood

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Thinking about a Vocation?

Contact: Fr. Luis Pablo Ochoa-Escarrega

Director of Vocations and Seminarians

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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)*