

St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

St. Patrick Church

St. Michael Mission

August 17, 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!
There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,
and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!"*

Luke 12:49-50

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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Deacon Bill Lugo

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Rev. Gregory Adolf

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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 Vigil 16AUG25

5:00pm Mass

+Pauline Turk

Int of Jesus Delgado Jr.

Sunday 17AUG25

9:00am Mass

+Isidro & +Irene Ruiz

+Ronald Moore

+Mauricio Perdomo

Int of Susan Masingill

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Bert Whitehead Sr.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 18AUG25

No Mass Celebrated

Tuesday 19AUG25

+Pat Kambourian

Wednesday 20AUG25

Int of Bernie Klimek

Thursday 21AUG25

+Jane Amaro Stitt

Friday 22AUG25

+Ruth Whitehead

Saturday 23AUG25

+Bert Whitehead Sr.

MASS INTENTIONS

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil 23AUG25

5:00pm Mass

+Rudy Torres

Sunday 24AUG25

9:00am Mass

Int of Evelyn Wood

Int of Marylee Underhill

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

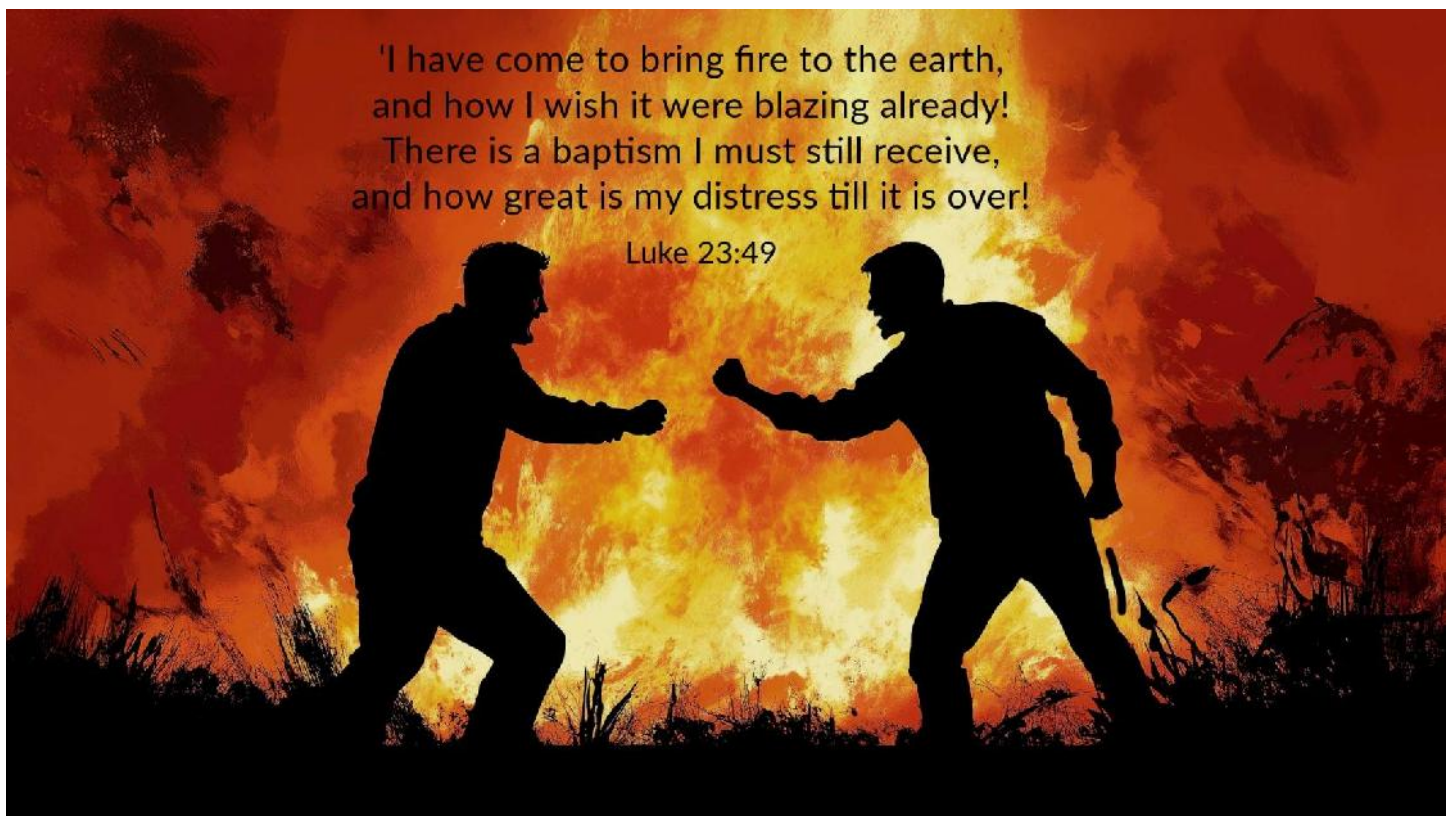
+Ronald Moore

+Mauricio Perdomo

+Mariana Bernal

John 10:27

*My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.*



'I have come to bring fire to the earth,
and how I wish it were blazing already!
There is a baptism I must still receive,
and how great is my distress till it is over!

Luke 23:49

August 17, 2025

How do you think Jeremiah felt after the princes of Judah threw him into a cistern and left him to die? As death by starvation came closer, did he regret speaking out in God's name? Clearly he did not, for after he is rescued and after today's first reading ends, he continues to warn the people of God's wrath. Jeremiah is ready to pay any price for speaking the truth. Jesus is too. He realizes that preaching about a kingdom in which the first will be last, the lofty will be thrown down from their thrones, and the poor and the persecuted will be the ones to inherit it is divisive. But this is why he has come. That the message is divisive and leads to persecution is not a sign that it should be silenced—just the opposite. Therefore, he welcomes the blazing fire, the divided households, the baptism that will be his death on the cross. These are signs that he is accomplishing his mission. It is our turn now to preach his message and face opposition. But we do so knowing that as "the leader and perfecter of faith," Jesus is our model as we "persevere in running the race" to that kingdom (Hebrews 12:1–2).

Have you spoken up for justice, truth, or your faith when you know it will be divisive? When do you plan to do so?

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.
Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but

rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

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?

I have come to set the earth on fire. Who do I know that is on fire with their faith? How can I be a source of light to those I encounter?

There is a baptism with which I must be baptized. How do I understand my baptismal call? How can I live that call more faithfully?

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. When has my behavior caused division with others in my life? How can become a force for unity rather than division?

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

Closing Prayer:

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
and he stooped toward me.

The LORD heard my cry.
He drew me out of the pit of destruction,
out of the mud of the swamp;
he set my feet upon a crag;
he made firm my steps.

And he put a new song into my mouth,
a hymn to our God.
Many shall look on in awe
and trust in the LORD.

Though I am afflicted and poor,
yet the LORD thinks of me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
O my God, hold not back!

(From Psalm 40)

Living the Word This Week

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

Renew your baptismal call by prayerfully reflecting on the Apostles' Creed.

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August 17, 2025

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 | Heb 12:1-4 | Lk 12:49-53

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

Today's readings acknowledge the real challenges of living our faith. Following Christ will sometimes put us at odds with others – an uncomfortable reality that many will face in our broken and divided world. Yet we can find strength knowing that Jesus understands the constant opposition (both inward and outward) that we face. The second reading says, “Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners.” Jesus knows what it’s like to face opposition, but he endured it “for the sake of the joy that lay before him.” That is our calling too. We are made to know the joy that awaits us beyond our crosses. We find the strength to persevere through our trials by “keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.” Keeping Christ as our focus, we will be able to overcome any obstacle we may face and run toward the goal of heaven.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today's Gospel, Jesus said, “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing.” Jesus' desire is that the whole world be set aflame with his love, and yet, he knows that this will not come easily. The good news is that Jesus is with us in the midst of the struggle. He too knows the deep longing and even anguish (the Gospel today uses that word!) that we experience as we work so that others may come to know God's love. We can take comfort in the fact that as much as we want to see others come to faith, God desires it even more than we do, and he is also pouring out his grace continually upon us. In the midst of any discouragement we may feel about those who seem opposed to God and to faith, may we remember the burning love that Christ has and his immense desire to draw all people to himself.

PRAY

Pray for those whom you may know who seem closed to the Gospel, or who are away from the Church. Invite the Holy Spirit to touch your heart with a particular love and zeal to pray for them, that those who may seem the most opposed to faith might come, one day, to embrace it.

“
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set the earth on
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”

LK 12:49



Choices

When I was a child, we would often vacation in northern Minnesota, and we would usually drive there after dark on Friday nights. I can't tell you what highway we took, but I have this picture etched in my memory of signs that warned of a fork in the road ahead.

There were rumble strips and road markings, and announcement signs for miles. But when we reached the fork, there was a huge, orange flashing light, which divided the highway. One way led to Grand Rapids, our destination. The other way led to Duluth. When my dad came to the flashing light, he had to decide which way to go.

Every time, he had to make a decision which direction to go.

The Christian life is like that. Every day, we are called to make choices, decisions as to which way we will go. Sometimes, those decisions are costly, in terms of money, or family, or friendships. If our destination is important to us, we make the correct choice. Not every time, perhaps. But often enough.

May God give you wisdom and courage to make those choices in the days ahead.



Signs

The famous anthropologist Margaret Mead was once asked this question: What was the earliest sign of civilization in any given culture?

The interviewer expected the answer to be a clay pot or perhaps a fishhook or grinding stone. Her answer was "a healed femur." The femur, of course, is the leg bone above the knee.

Mead explained that no healed femurs are found where the law of the jungle, survival of the fittest, reigns. A healed femur shows that someone cared. Someone had to do that injured person's hunting and gathering until the leg healed. The evidence of compassion, she said, is the first sign of civilization.

It is also the first sign of the work of Christ in the life of a Christian.



Commitment and Conflict



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Jesus made it clear to his disciples that believing in him would lead to division. Circle the words below that can help us to deal with conflict in a positive way

Respect
Forgive
Blame
Shout
Listen
Ignore
Courage
Argue

Use the words below to find out what Jesus said to his disciples.

Do you _____ that I
am here to _____
on _____? No, but rather,
_____.



earth
division
peace
suppose
bring

Draw a picture of Jesus from one of the following bible stories where he was in conflict with others...

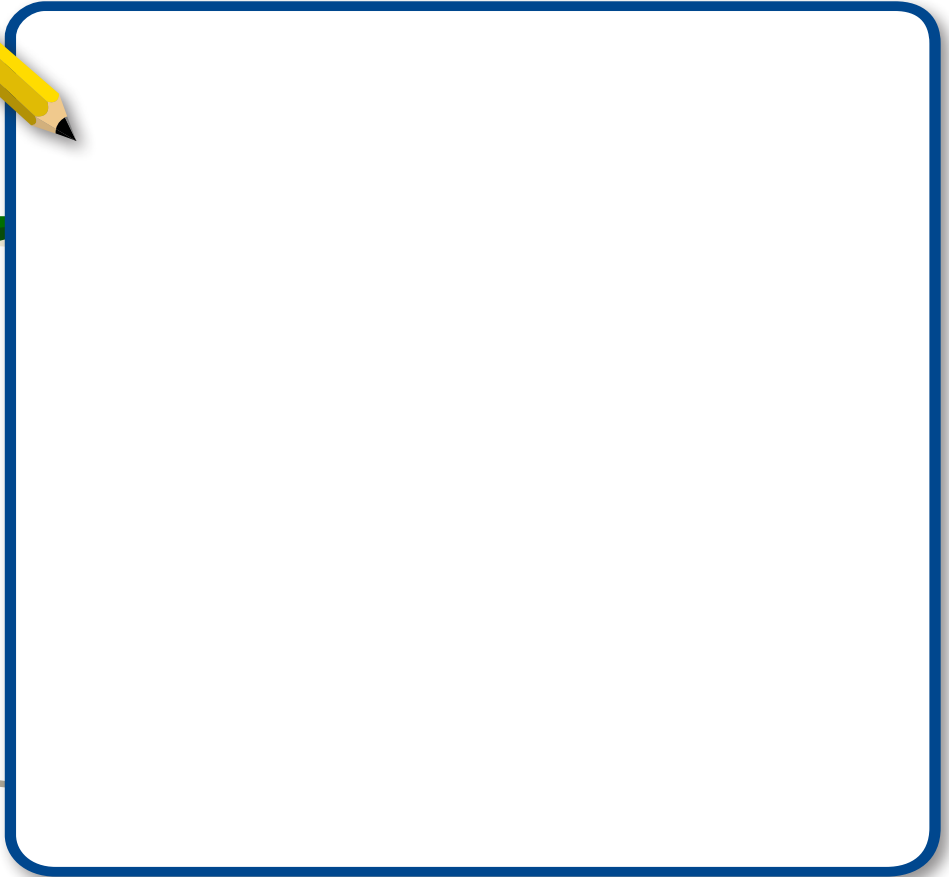
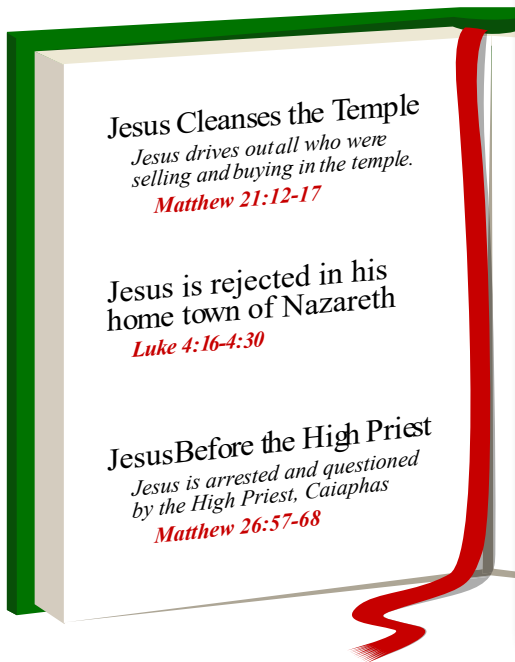
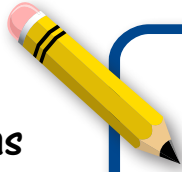
Jesus Cleanses the Temple
*Jesus drives out all who were
selling and buying in the temple*
Matthew 21:12-17

Jesus is rejected in his home
town of Nazareth
Luke 4:16-4:30

Jesus Before the High Priest
*Jesus is arrested and questioned
by the High Priest, Caiaphas*
Matthew 26:57-26:68

Commitment and conflict

Draw a picture of Jesus from one of the following bible stories where he was in conflict with others...



Draw a picture of yourself dealing with conflict in a positive way.



CATHOLIC QUIZ

17 August 2025

This week's Question: "What is an altar stone?"

The answer to last week's Question: "What is the 'Falling Asleep of the Mother of God'?"

The Dormition ('Falling Asleep') and the Assumption are describing the same event. Since the Church understands death to be a consequence of the first sin and believes that Mary was conceived without Original Sin, some theologians wondered if Mary died or was simply assumed into heaven without dying. The Eastern Orthodox Churches believe the latter. The Catechism of the Catholic Church doesn't answer the question, but says: "The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven. . ." (CCC, 974) What IS known is that no "relics" of Mary have ever been proposed for veneration – (apart from her veil and her sash, venerated in the Cathedral of Chartres in France) – and since the time of the Apostles it was known that Mary's tomb was empty and her body assumed into heaven.

The Benedictine Basilica of the Dormition ('falling asleep') on Mount Zion and the Church of Mary's Tomb, near Gethsemane, are two beloved Marian shrines in the Holy Land. At the foot of the Mount of Olives, the Church of Mary's Tomb is shared by Greek Orthodox, Armenians, Syrians, Copts, and Abyssinians. It is also venerated as a holy place by Muslims, who have long honored Mary.

The dogma of the Assumption was formally defined by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

SOUL FOOD

17 August 2025

"As we welcome Pope Leo XIV and get to know him, let me encourage all of us to learn the lessons of history. As we discover his strengths – which will be different from previous popes – let's hold them with gratitude, not idolatry. As we discover his limits, let's hold them – yes, with honesty, but also with generosity rather than resentment, the same way we would others to view our limits. Pope Leo XIV is a gift for the Church at this time. Let's make the most of that gift."

-- Most Reverend Mitchell Rozanski
Archbishop of Saint Louis



DID YOU KNOW –

that it was on the 23rd of August 1617 – four hundred and eight years ago this week! – that St. Vincent de Paul established the first “Confraternity of Charity” in the Parish of Chatillon-les-Dombes?

This is how St. Vincent described the event: “One Sunday, as I was vesting for Mass, a parishioner came to tell me that in an isolated house about a kilometer from there, everyone was sick, leaving no one strong enough to care for the others, and that all of them were in indescribable need. This touched me deeply.” At the announcements after the sermon, St. Vincent put out an appeal for help for this family in such vivid terms that the parishioners were also greatly moved. When he went out that afternoon to visit the family, he met many people who were also on their way to that family or who were coming back from there! “. . .there were so many that it looked like a procession.” After he had comforted the family and brought them Communion, he gathered a few people to explore ways to continue offering this kind of help. “I suggested to all these good people whom charity had inspired to visit the sick family that could set themselves one day each, to put something into the stew pot, not only for that family but for those who would follow!” And so, a few days later, from this seemingly chance event, was organized the first parish “confraternity of charity” which became the pattern for a world-wide Lay Apostolate of the Church, numbering some 800,000 members in 140 countries.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded 192 years ago to help impoverished people living in the slums of Paris, France. The primary figure behind the society’s founding was Blessed Frederic Ozanam, a French lawyer, author, and professor in the Sorbonne, and Sister Rosalie Rendu, a Vincentian Sister. Membership in the United States totals more than 172,000 in 4,600 communities. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States provides more than \$675 million in tangible and in-kind services, serves more than 14 million people each year, and delivers more than 7 million service hours to those in need.

Our own St. Patrick’s Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul whose members are called “Vincentians,” provides a wide variety of services for our neighbors in need here in our own Community, including feeding the poor! Perhaps God is calling you to deepen your discipleship as a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in our St. Patrick’s Conference! Speak with any of our Vincentians about how you might become a member of this wonderful ministry of practical charity and service!



TIME TO BROWSE...

If you haven't looked through the lending library in a while, it's definitely time. The selection changes often, so there will be something you haven't seen yet.



WHAT??

You don't know about our library??!?

St. Patrick Gift Shop has its very own Spiritual Lending Library, open to anyone for browsing whenever the gift shop is open. You'll find a very nice selection of books that is continually changing. If you see something you like, take it home!



Donations of spiritual books are always welcome. If you have used spiritual books that you'd like to give to the lending library, just drop them off whenever the gift shop is open.



CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED



Our choir is gearing up for fall. Our first rehearsal will be August 27, and we will begin singing for Mass on September 6. We usually sing for the 5 pm Saturday Mass, occasionally for the 9 am Sunday liturgy.

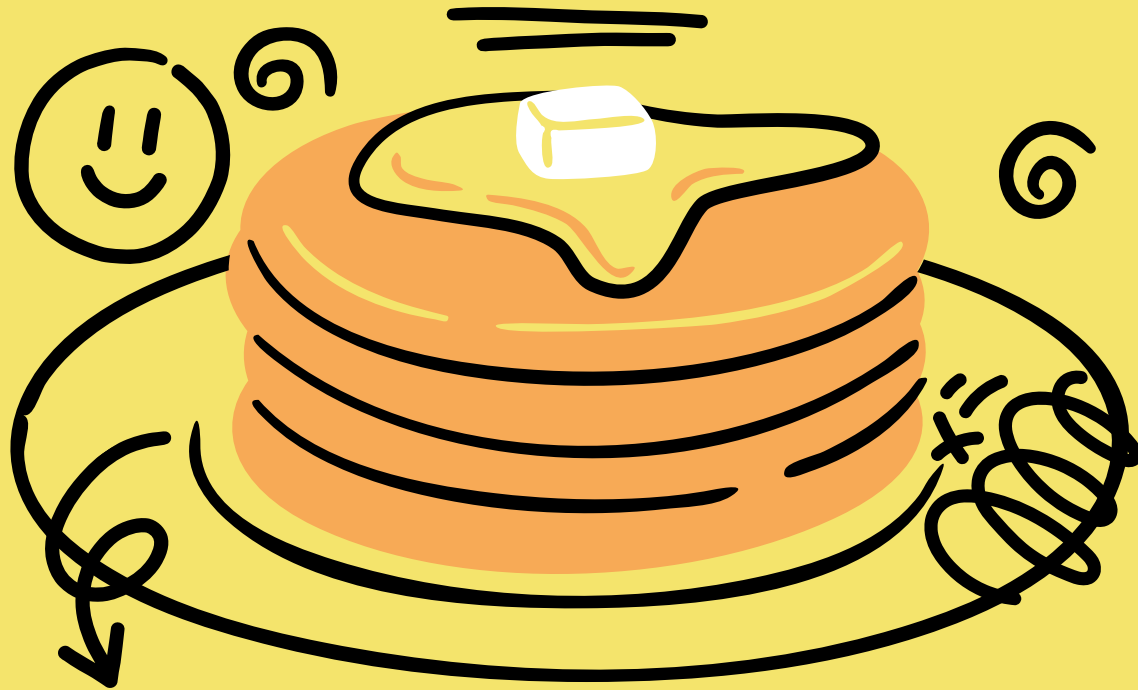
Some of our current members have been with the choir for 50+ years. At one time we could gather a group of 35+ voices with no problem. But each year our message to the congregation is the same---we have fewer singers and have a harder time each season because one by one our members are unable to continue. To maintain a choir we need singers.

We welcome anyone of any age who would like to join us to sing for a Mass most weekends, and a once a week rehearsal. Please consider helping us continue.

Questions? Speak to any of the choir members. Or contact

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Yvonne Torres	520-508-3725	vonn_11@outlook.com

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# Parish Financial Report



## Last Sunday's Collection

### St. Patrick Church

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Envelopes/Loose: | \$1625        |
| Online Giving    | \$956         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$2581</b> |

### St. Michael Mission

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Envelopes/Loose: | \$170        |
| Online Giving    | \$25         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$195</b> |

## YTD Weekly Collections

(Comparison to last year)

St. Patrick Offertory: Up \$12,249  
St. Michael Offertory: Down \$45

## June Report

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Income:            | \$25,002        |
| Expenses:          | \$48,080        |
| <b>In the RED:</b> | <b>\$23,079</b> |

## YTD July 2024 to June 2025

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Income:              | \$367,773       |
| Expenses:            | \$309,599       |
| <b>Balance:</b>      | <b>\$58,174</b> |
| <b>Other Revenue</b> | <b>\$11,825</b> |
| <b>Project Exp</b>   | <b>\$89,643</b> |
| <b>In the RED</b>    | <b>\$19,644</b> |

## Use Online Giving

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THANK YOU!



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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.

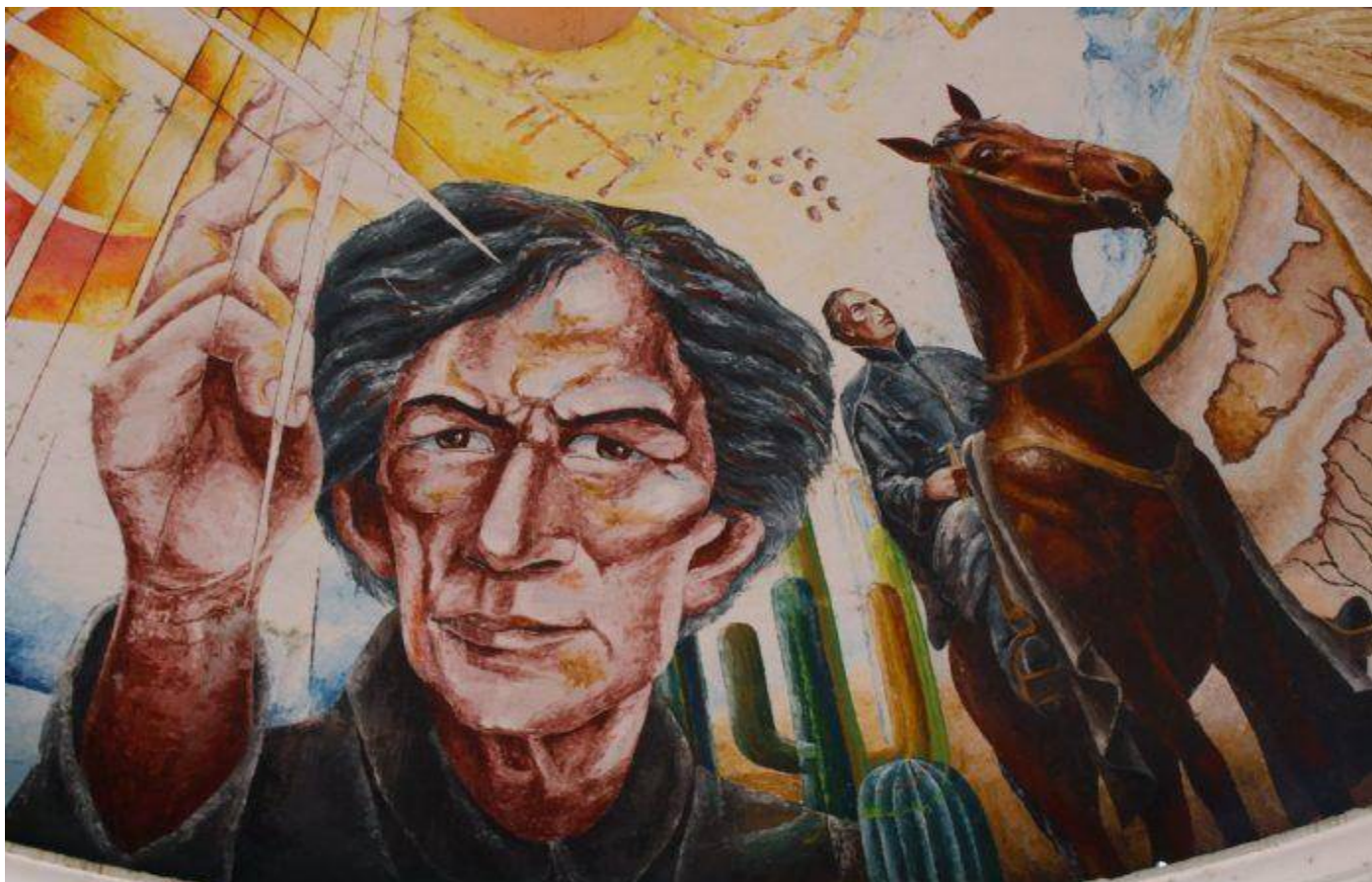
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## **Thinking about a Vocation?**

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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.