

St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

St. Patrick Church

St. Michael Mission

October 19, 2025

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER

Luke 18:1-8



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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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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil 18OCT25

5:00pm Mass

+Adelina Rojo
+Matilde H. Lopez
+Manuel G. Lopez
+Maria Jesus Lopez

Sunday 19OCT25

9:00am Mass

+Pat Kambourian

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Bert Whitehead Sr.
+Martin Grijalva

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 20OCT25

No Mass Celebrated

Tuesday 21OCT25

Int of Sonia Hernandez

Wednesday 22OCT25

Int of Reyna Cota

Thursday 23OCT25

+Maria Williams

Friday 24OCT25

Int of Patrick Dugie Family

Saturday 25OCT25

Int of Sonia Hernandez

MASS INTENTIONS

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil 25OCT25

5:00pm Mass

+Many Marinez

Sunday 26OCT25

9:00am Mass

+David & +Veronica Campa
+George & +Anne Gojkovich
+Aida Conrow

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

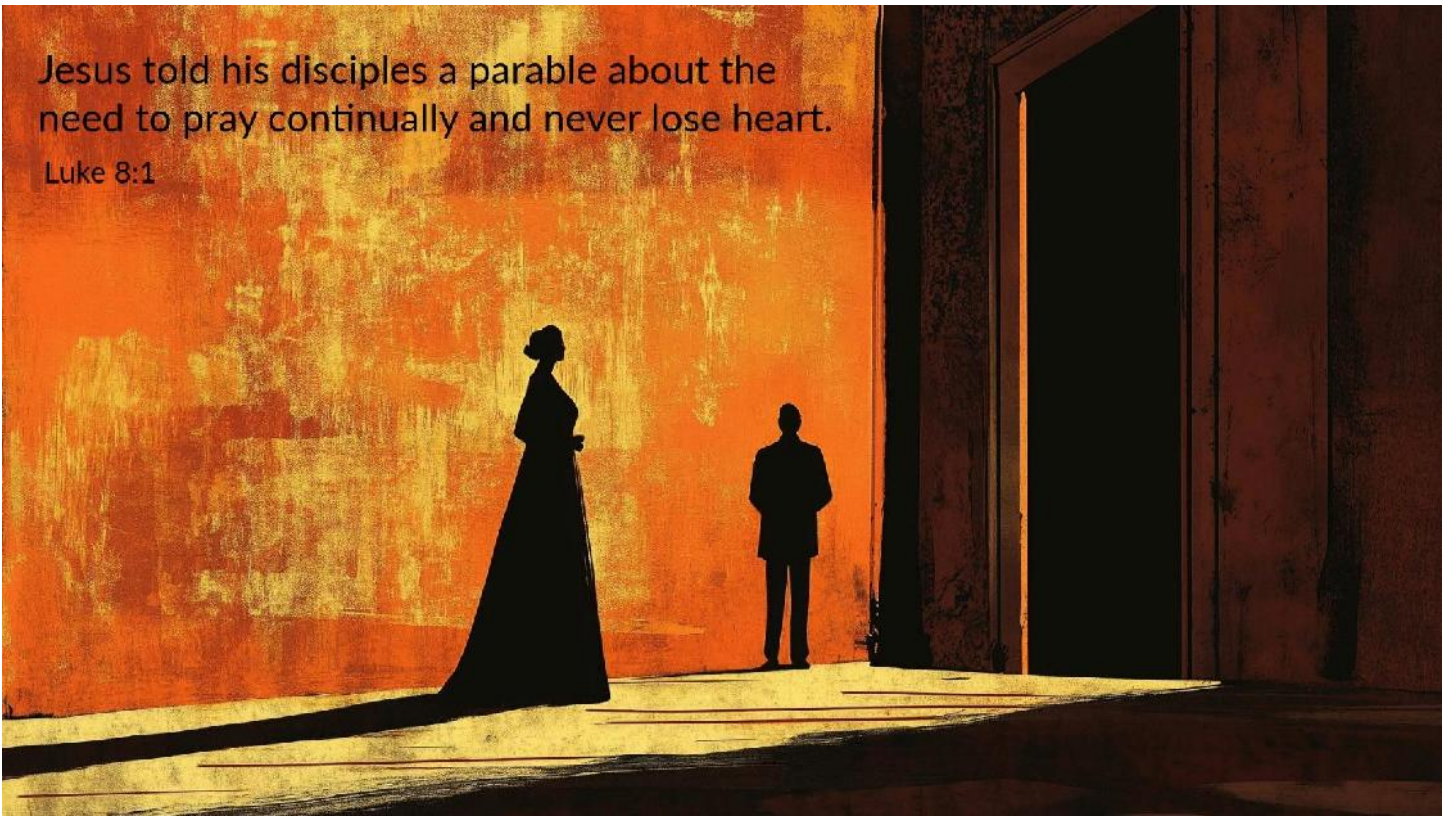
+Daniel Romero

Hebrews 4:12

*The word of God is living and effective,
discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart.*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart.

Luke 8:1



October 19, 2025

Eventually, we all grow weary. Whether we're working out at the gym, standing on our feet all day at work, or just trying to get through to a live customer service representative, we reach a point when we simply can't go on. Moses tires of keeping his staff raised up. It sounds like Timothy may be exhausted with reprimanding those who aren't listening. The dishonest judge in Jesus' parable clearly grows exasperated with the bothersome widow. Jesus' lesson is clear: Be persistent in doing what is truly important. For Moses, it is defeating the enemy who attacked the Chosen People. For Timothy, it is persuading and correcting the people of his community. For the widow, it is seeking justice. For Jesus' disciples, it is enduring in prayer. Moses found support—literally—from Aaron and Hur, while Timothy received encouragement from Paul, showing that we can ask for assistance when we grow tired ourselves. The widow may have had no one to help her, but she was tenacious because she likely would have been undone by a ruling against her. We need the same tenacity in praying to God, Jesus tells us. After all, even the Son of God constantly prays to the Father. Let us take Paul's words to heart: "Be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient" (2 Timothy 4:2). And may we recognize that for our entire lives, God has persisted with us. When have you persisted in prayer? How can you be part of the response to someone else's persistent prayer?



October 19, 2025

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 17:8-13 | 2 Tim 3:14—4:2 | Luke 18:1-8

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Studying Scripture is not a side dish on the plate of practicing the faith. It is an essential component of the virtuous life, and without it, our faith will surely falter. In his second letter to Timothy, Saint Paul reminds us that the Scriptures are the inspired Word of God and they train us in righteous living and equip us for every good work. There will undoubtedly be times when we feel ill-equipped – when we are fatigued, frustrated, or concerned. It is precisely in these moments that we’re invited to go quickly to the holy Word of God! Read it, pray with it, and invite the Spirit to speak to you through it. There you will find the wisdom needed to face every circumstance.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our faith journey was never meant to be a solitary endeavor! We see this in today’s first reading when Aaron and Hur stand beside Moses, holding his weary arms in the air as the battle rages on against the Amalekites. This image of the three men on the mountain – Moses with his arms raised high, Aaron and Hur on either side supporting them – is a powerful image of companionship in the Christian life. When you feel too weary to pray, look around – the Lord has likely given you companions who can support you precisely in the ways you need at this time. Pay attention, too, to who God might be inviting you to support in prayer. Our Gospel tells us that God always hears our prayer and calls us to be persistent in prayer. Certainly, God will “secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night.” God calls us to persist in prayer because it reveals our faith and trust in him that we constantly bring our needs before him.

REFLECT

Our readings offer helpful tools to turn to when discouragement or isolation may cloud our spiritual vision. Take some time this week to listen to the Lord’s voice in Scripture. Or, if you’re feeling weary, ask a few friends to pray with and for you. Remember that although God may seem distant, he always hears us. Be persistent in bringing your needs to him and wait with patience – surely, he will come swiftly to your aid.

Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina for the Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

We begin our prayer:

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

Almighty ever-living God,
grant that we may always conform our will to yours
and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.
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, Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.
Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall

deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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?

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. What are the biggest obstacles in my prayer life? How do I combat weariness and dryness in prayer?

Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? What injustices do I see in my community and in the world? What can I do to help secure the rights of my brothers and sisters, especially the most vulnerable?

But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? When have I experienced doubt and despair most strongly? What resources do I have to address doubt and despair?

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

Closing Prayer:

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

May he not suffer your foot to slip;
may he slumber not who guards you:
indeed he neither slumbers nor sleeps,
the guardian of Israel.

The LORD is your guardian; the LORD is your shade;
he is beside you at your right hand.
The sun shall not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The LORD will guard you from all evil;
he will guard your life.
The LORD will guard your coming and your going,
both now and forever.

(From Psalm 121)

Living the Word This Week

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

Set aside a short time for prayer each day this week,
when you are at your most awake and energetic.

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To Touch

When I was a kid in our little two-bedroom home, my room was next to Mamma and Daddy's bedroom.

But in those days, it felt so far away when noises occurred in the night. I'd wake up and hear a squeaky floor and think "burglar." I would feel the windows rattle and think "tornado." And you know what I'd do? I'd get up in the dark and run to the other bedroom where Mom and Dad were sound asleep.

I could tell where Dad slept because he was always snoring. I'd reach up and touch my Daddy's hand, and everything was all right. I didn't have to say anything or even wake him up.

That touch—the assurance that Daddy was there was enough to allow me to go back to my room and go to sleep. That's why we pray and don't lose heart. That's what prayer is—reaching out to touch God; to be reassured that God is still there; even if its pestering God and God pestering us back. And that's reason enough to keep on praying...and not lose heart.



Do Something

A young black man asked his minister why their people had to suffer so much poverty, hardship, and oppression. "Why doesn't God do something?" he wailed.

"He has," said that wise pastor. "He has created you."

And so Desmond Tutu, the archbishop of South Africa, became the answer to his own question.

That's a good lesson for you and me.

While we are waiting for God to bring in a perfect and just society, you and I are God's answer to the injustice in our world.

That's what it means to take up a cross and follow Jesus. It's not a comfortable position to be in. It's not popular. But it is Christ's way.



The Path

I believe persistent prayer is very important, even when such prayers are not answered in the ways we think best.

It is important to be unrelenting in our prayers...not because of the changes we think our prayers may elicit in God's mind, but for the changes such prayers can work in our own hearts and minds.

As a wise theologian said years ago, persistence is a key, "not because you have to beat a path to God's door before [God will] open it, but because until you beat the path, maybe there's no way of getting to your door."

Hmmmm... let us pray.



Keep praying and God will help you

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Jesus wants us to pray to God and not give up.
Draw a picture of yourself praying to God



Who are some of the people
we need to pray for?

Write a prayer asking God to help you
to never give up when things get tough.

Cross out all letters that appear three times or more.
Then unscramble the remaining letters to complete
the name of the popular prayer below.

H	T	G	O	C	E	J	W
S	A	P	Q	G	K	I	T
F	O	E	A	S	B	Q	O
K	L	T	J	T	E	U	B
E	B	C	F	U	J	C	E
Q	G	M	E	Y	B	W	U
U	F	S	O	C	P	Q	S
O	R	P	K	W	E	J	T

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CANDLELIT MEMORIAL ROSARY

Sunday, November 2
6:00pm
St. Patrick Church - Bisbee

*Honor the memory of a
loved one with us*



We will be honoring the memories of loved ones who have gone before us. Please join us in celebrating the impact and influence they have had in our lives as we pray a rosary commemorating them.

The name of your loved one will be mentioned during the rosary. Each bead of each decade will be represented by their name and an optional candle. We ask that after the rosary, those who opted for a candle take it home and continue to keep it lit in their honor.

Forms and payment can be dropped in the collection basket or turned in at the rectory office. Payment and form is due before the end of the day on October 31, 2025 to assure they are included in the rosary. Thank you!

Your Name: _____ Phone #: _____

____ \$5 - In Memory of _____ Candle? Yes/No

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DID YOU KNOW – 19 October 2025

that next Saturday, October 25 St. Patrick Church will be welcoming the Relics of the Mexican Martyr/Priests honored by the *Knights of Columbus* as part of their Nation-wide tour? 99 years ago, just south of the US-Mexico border, thousands of our brothers and sisters in the Lord - including very young ones - witnessed to their faith Christ with their lives and livelihoods. Following terrible decades of revolution and violence, the Mexican government unleashed ferocious persecutions of Catholic clergy and laity.

For three years (1926-1929), Mexican Catholics lived through violent persecution, in which priests and laypeople were ordered

to renounce Christ in public. To refuse to do so meant facing not only punishment, but even torture and death. Thousands of Mexican Catholics gave heroic witness to the Faith. In many cases, they paid for it with their lives. It was not until 1929 that Mexican President Calles, through the intervention of the U.S. Ambassador Dwight Morrow, accepted the so-called agreements with the Mexican Bishops. The churches were permitted to reopen for Mass, and those known as *Cristeros*, who had fought to defend their rights, surrendered their weapons. However, the Mexican government did not honor the agreements and continued to persecute the Church in various degrees in the decades that followed. Many Mexican Catholics fled to the United States to escape the persecution. This period is particularly important for us Catholics in Arizona, as many of our sisters and brothers are descendants or relatives of those Catholics who suffered persecution and martyrdom. It was not until 1992, that the Constitution of Mexico was 'reformed' giving legal recognition to religious associations in Mexico – including the Catholic Church. Of the 25 Mexican Martyrs whom *Pope St. John Paul II* canonized in 2000, six were members of the *Knights of Columbus*.

The Relics will arrive at St. Patrick Church on Saturday afternoon October 25 at 3:00 p.m., and will be present for Veneration from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Rosary with the Relics will follow at 4:15, and Confessions will be heard at the usual time of 4:30-5:00 p.m. The 4th Degree Honor Guard from Sierra Vista will participate in the 5 p.m. Mass, with the Relics present in the front of the church.

The Relics will be taken to St. Andrew the Apostle Church on Sunday, October 26 for the Masses at 8:00, 10:00, and Noon, with a special prayer service at 11:15. Following the Noon (Spanish) Mass on Sunday, the Relics will be taken to *St. Luke's Parish* in Douglas, where a special prayer service and Rosary are scheduled. The following day they will next be taken to California!

Martyrdom is a constant reality in the life of the Catholic Church, as we are seeing violence against Christians today in Nigeria, Sudan, North Korea, Minneapolis. . . .

While hatred of the Faith is not welcomed, it is not unexpected. *“Remember the word that I said to you. . . If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you too.”* (John 15:20)

Please join us next Saturday in honoring the Mexican Martyrs!

Saturday, October 25



Knights of Columbus
Council 863

will welcome the

Relics of the Mexican
Martyr/Priests



3 p.m. Relics will arrive at
St. Patrick Church

3-4 p.m. Veneration

4:15 p.m. Rosary

4:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Anticipated Sunday Mass
with the 4th Degree Honor
Guard participating.

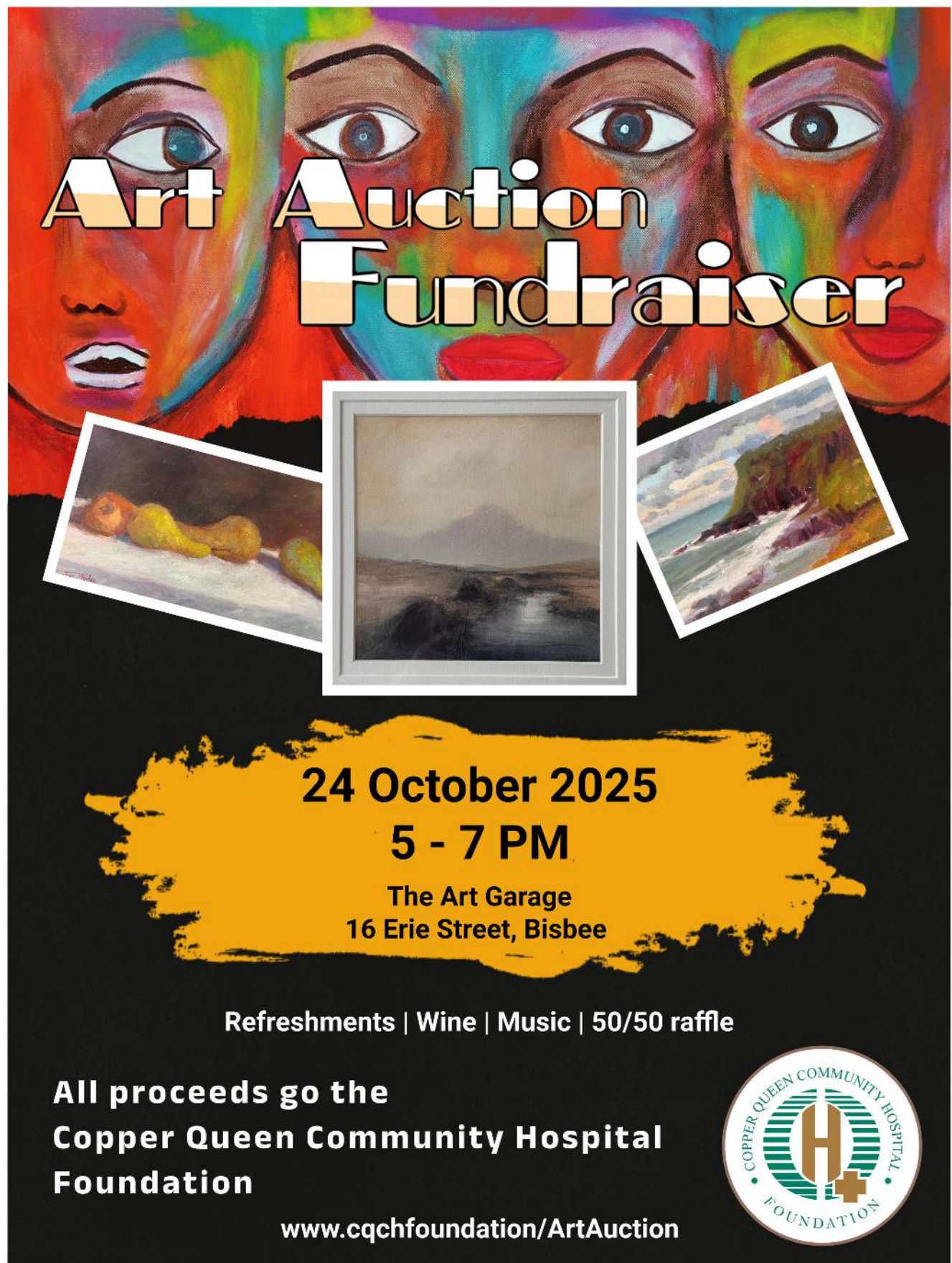
Interesting YouTube presentations:

"Viva Christo Rey -- Catholic Persecution in Mexico" https://youtu.be/Z__ti5BiQz0

"For Greater Glory: The True Story of Cristeros

<https://youtu.be/EnPi5cXIVHo?si=IVDeQHN88yliIH5K>

The movie "For Greater Glory is also available for purchase on Amazon.com



Art Auction Fundraiser

24 October 2025
5 - 7 PM
The Art Garage
16 Erie Street, Bisbee

Refreshments | Wine | Music | 50/50 raffle

**All proceeds go the
Copper Queen Community Hospital
Foundation**

www.cqchfoundation/ArtAuction



CATHOLIC QUIZ 19 October 2025

This week's Question: "How many of the 267 popes have been non-Italian?"

The answer to last week's Question: "What is 'Apostolic Succession'?"

Apostolic Succession refers to the continuity of shepherding responsibility given by Christ to the Church leadership (John 20:23; Matthew 28:19); hence, the unbroken line of authority passing from the Apostle Peter to each of his legitimate successors. In the Catholic Church this empowers ("legitimizes") the sacramental ministry of a parish priest since he is ordained by a bishop who is consecrated by an unbroken line of bishops in communion with the successors of St. Peter. And so it is not simply a series of 'successors' in a certain office, it is also the succession unbroken of Apostolic Faith – hence the 'legitimacy' of Holy Orders in the Orthodox Churches.

SOUL FOOD 19 October 2025

"The rosary is the book of the blind, where souls see and there enact the greatest drama of love the world has ever known; it is the book of the simple, which initiates them into mysteries and knowledge more satisfying than the education of other men; it is the book of the aged, whose eyes close upon the shadow of this world, and open on the substance of the next. The power of the rosary is beyond description."

- Blessed Archbishop Fulton Sheen (1895-1979)

All Souls' Day Bake Sale Sat - Sun November 1-2



After Masses
at St. Patrick Church
& St. Michael Mission



All proceeds benefit our
St. Vincent de Paul Bisbee Conference



Fall is upon us, and the seasons' change reminds us that the Advent season and holidays aren't too far behind.



There are so many great things in the gift shop, and new items are being added every week. Don't miss a chance to stop in and browse. You'll be surprised at how many things you'll find that will work for you!



Coffee and donuts with the Knights!

Sunday, October 19

after 9:00 a.m. Mass

See you there!



Parish Financial Report



Last Sunday's Collection

St. Patrick Church

Envelopes/Loose:	\$2039
Online Giving	\$579
Total	\$2618

St. Michael Mission

Envelopes/Loose:	\$182
Online Giving	\$50
Total	\$232

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
In the RED:	\$23,079

YTD July 2024 to June 2025

Income:	\$368,185.60
Expenses:	\$312,086.18
Balance:	\$56,099.42
Other Revenue	\$11,824.78
Project Exp	\$89,643.10
In the RED	\$21,718.90

Use Online Giving

www.stpatsbisbee.com

Use "Give Now" link

THANK YOU!



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

Simple, Quick, Easy, and APPRECIATED!



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.



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)*