

St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

St. Patrick Church

St. Michael Mission

September 20, 2026

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

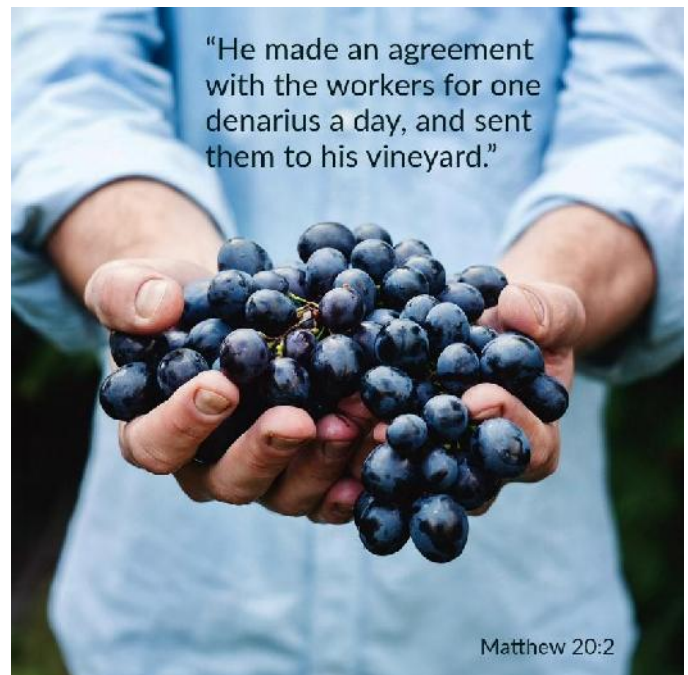
St. Michael Mission - Naco

- 11:00am Sunday Morning

Weekday Schedule

(Confession – 30 minutes before each Mass)

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



MASS INTENTIONS

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 19SEP

5:00pm Vigil Mass

+John Fauland

Sunday 20SEP

9:00am Mass

+Arturo & +Adela Renteria

+Gudula Roden

Int of Mary Lee Underhill

Canonization of
Blessed Frederic Ozanam

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Rev. James Dicken

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 21SEP

No Mass Celebrated

Tuesday 22SEP

+Rev Richard Sullivan

Wednesday 23SEP

Int of Dugie & Palmer Family

Thursday 24SEP

Int of Dugie & Palmer Family

Friday 25SEP

Int of Dugie & Palmer Family

Saturday 26SEP

Int of Dugie & Palmer Family

MASS INTENTIONS

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 26SEP

5:00pm Vigil Mass

+Alyssa O'Malley

+Pablo Mendez

+Myrna Avechuco

Sunday 27SEP

9:00am Mass

+Fr. Gilbert Padilla

+Manuel Figueroa

+Gilbardo Renteria

Int of Vincentians

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

Int of Dugie & Palmer Family

Cf. Acts 16:14b

*Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.*



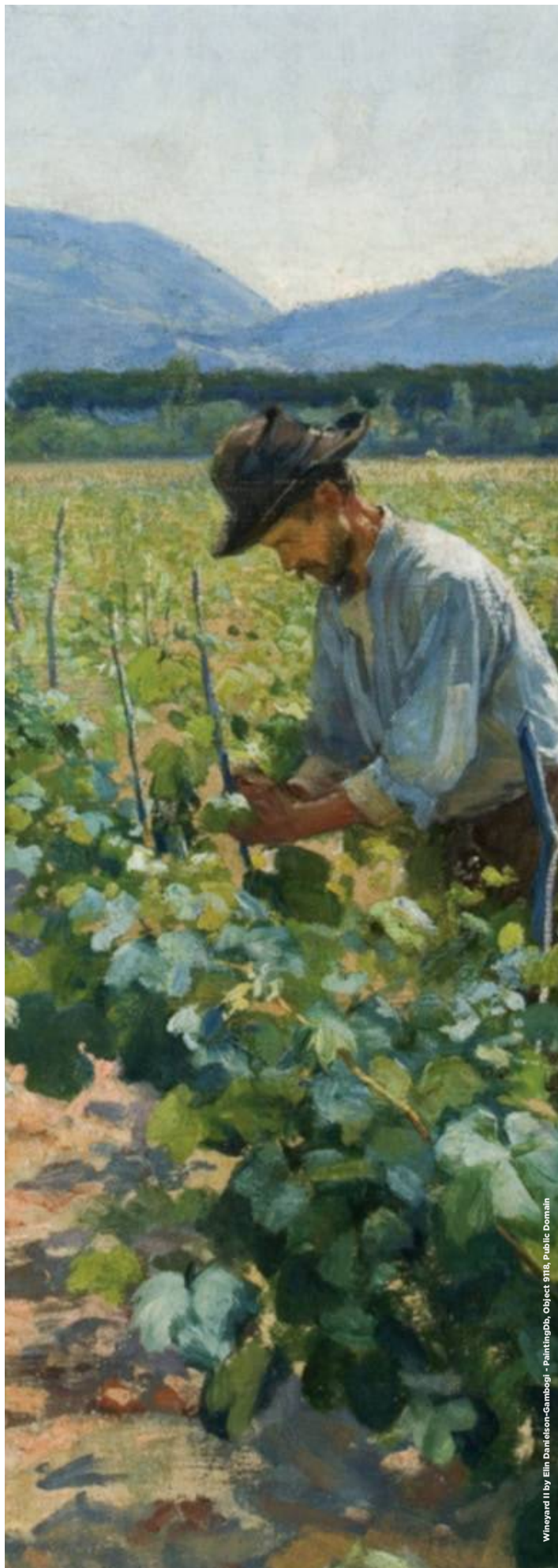
“You go to my
vineyard too and
I will give you a
fair wage.”

Matthew 20:4

September 20, 2026

Justice and mercy. We often view these virtues as opposites, or at least in tension with one another. Today's parable about the kingdom highlights this tension. The vineyard owner pays all the laborers the same amount, whether they worked all day or but a single hour. The mercy shown the latter, who had stood around idle nearly all day, seems unjust to those who had put in a full day of work under the brutal sun. How can they be paid exactly the same? But remember, this is a parable about the kingdom. Those who accept God's grace at the very end of their lives are welcomed into the kingdom just as those who have pleased God all their lives. For us, the tension between justice and mercy leads to resentment and envy, but it helps to recall Isaiah's words: "As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways" (Isaiah 55:9). God is both all just and all merciful without contradiction, and we can only attempt to reconcile that tension while we appreciate God's generosity with both justice and mercy.

When have you felt resentful of someone who was clearly undeserving?



September 20, 2026

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
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Is 55:6-9 | Phil 1:20c-24, 27a | Mt 20:1-16a

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

Writing to the Philippians while in prison, St. Paul feels complete peace about his fate. To stay on this earth means fruitful labor for him; to die means entering eternal life with God. Having lived apart from God in the past, he finds immense joy at being able to labor for the Lord, despite the suffering it entails. Upon first glance, the parable St. Matthew recounts in his Gospel offers a glimpse of God's generous mercy. But reading the parable alongside Paul's letter reveals another layer of meaning: Those who have more time to labor in the vineyard of the Lord are given a great gift – the chance to bear immense fruit. Our long hours laboring in the Lord's vineyard are not something we're meant to merely suffer through on our way to our eternal reward. Rather, they are an opportunity to be drawn into communion with the Lord. As with St. Paul, the joy that comes from realizing that we share in the very life and work of God is available to us now, not only in the life to come.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Each of the vocations to which God calls us requires sacrifice and includes challenges. Living in humble obedience to the will of God is not easy, but it is full of peace. To focus only on the eternal reward offered after death disregards the love, peace, and joy of the kingdom that we are gifted *now*. We are invited to be laborers in the vineyard, co-creators with the Master of the universe. As we creatively and compassionately allow God's love to flow through us, we infuse new life and love into the world around us. When we truly believe that a life lived in Christ is the most abundant life, we stop asking what is fair and we begin to eagerly invite others to join us in the vineyard. Doing the will of God in this life is a reward unto itself.

STUDY

This week, return to the first reading from the prophet Isaiah. As you reflect on his call to “seek the Lord while he may be found,” consider the gift of God's love and presence in your life right now. And as we labor in the vineyard, keeping our eyes on the ultimate reward of eternity with our Creator, may we also recognize the immense gift of knowing, loving, and serving God in this life.

Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina for the Twenty-Fifth 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 founded all the commands of your
sacred Law
upon love of you and of our neighbor,
grant that, by keeping your precepts,
we may merit to attain eternal life.
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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.
Matthew 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o’clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.’ So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o’clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o’clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They answered, ‘Because

no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard.’ When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’ When those who had started about five o’clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden and the heat.’ He said to one of them in reply, ‘My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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.



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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?

I will give you what is just. Who in my community does not have the basic necessities of life? How can I assist people who lack these basic necessities?

These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat. When have I resented the gifts that others have received? How often do I compare myself to others?

Are you envious because I am generous? Who do I envy? How can I emulate others' good qualities without envying them?

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

Closing Prayer

Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.

The LORD is just in all his ways
and holy in all his works.
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.

(From Psalm 145)

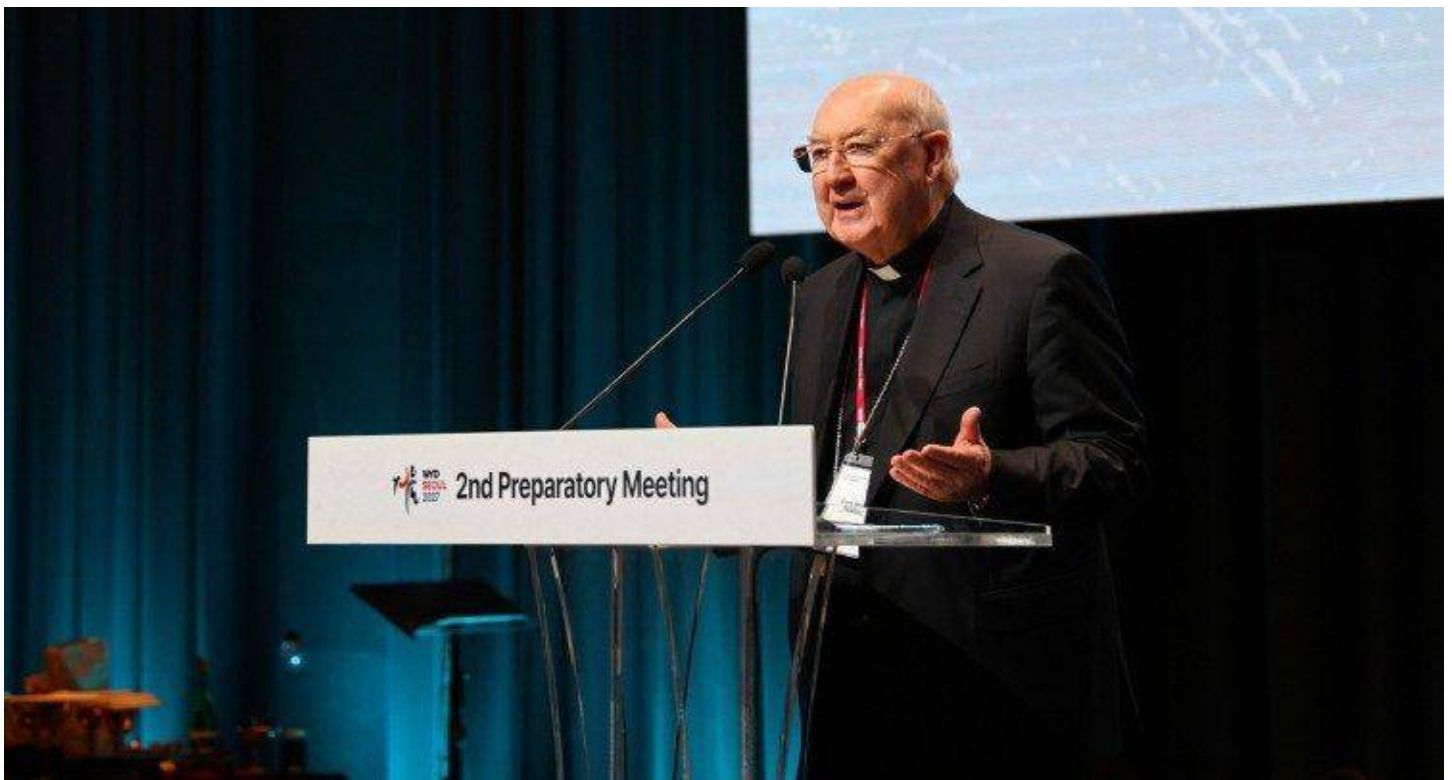
Living the Word This Week

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

Consider your budget and schedule and discern ways that you can be a more generous steward of your time, treasure, and talent.

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**Rekindling hope in a young person
takes humanity a step forward.**

While many young people are struggling, World Youth Day can help them lift up their gaze to Christ and also show a new humanity that can overcome hatred and division.

"Let us lift our gaze to the cross of Christ; let us ask Him for every blessing for Korea, for this World Youth Day, for all the young people who will come, and for all the young people of the world," the Cardinal concluded, praying that the everything they do "in preparation for the upcoming World Youth Day may be inspired by the same love for souls that overflows from the heart of Jesus."

Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life



Home

After serving as a missionary for forty years in Africa, Henry Morrison became sick and had to return to America.

As the great ocean liner docked in New York Harbor there was a great crowd gathered to welcome home another passenger on that boat.

Morrison watched as President Teddy Roosevelt received a grand welcome home party after his African Safari.

Resentment seized Morrison and he turned to God in anger, "I have come back home after all this time and service to the church and there is no one, not even one person here to welcome me home."

Then a still small voice came to Morrison and said, "You're not home yet."



Nourishment

A man wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

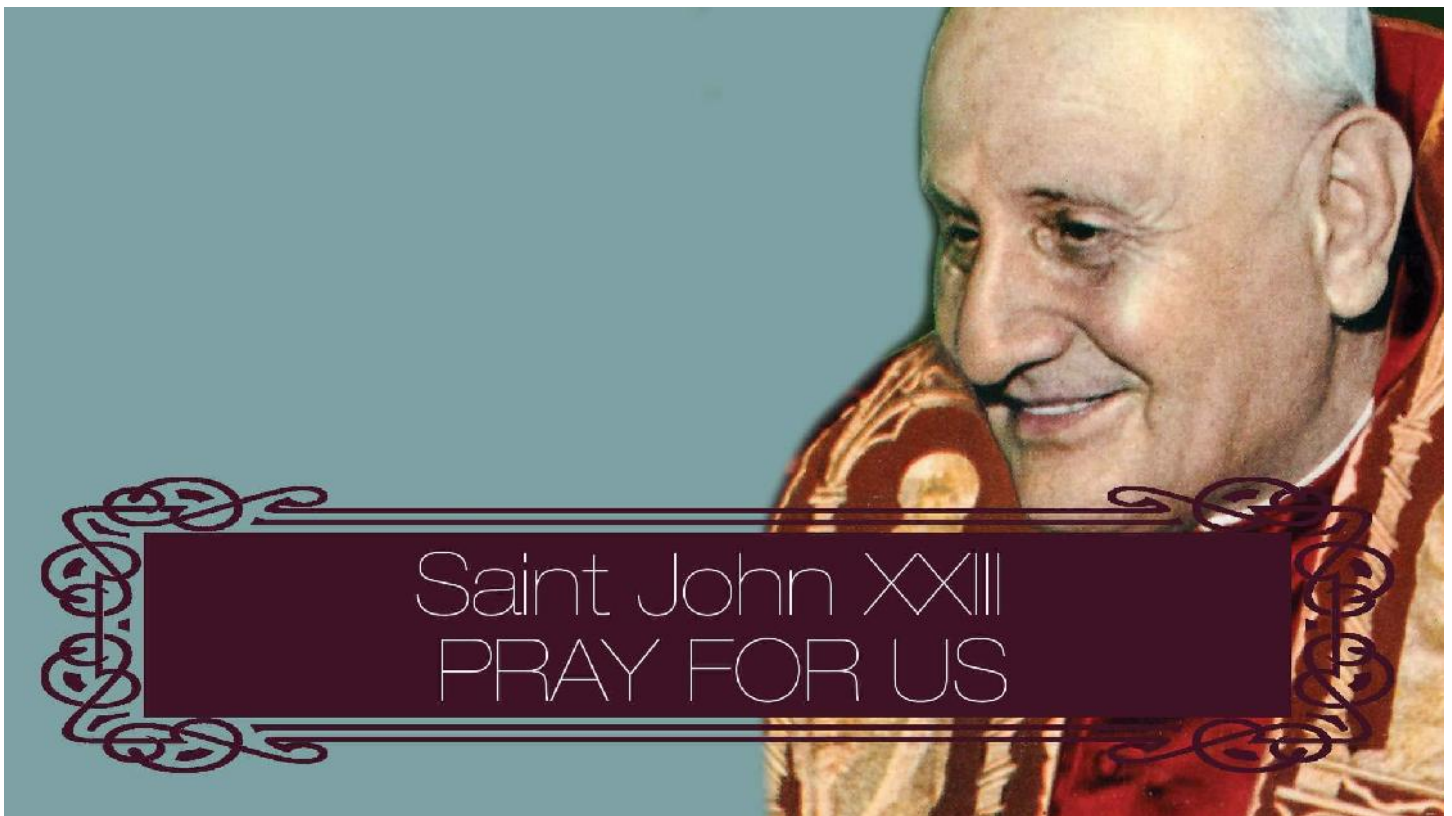
"I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote," and in that time I have

heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, and the priests are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the newspaper. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing.... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment! See you at Mass!



A Bit of Humor

A reporter once asked Pope John XXIII:

"How many people work here in the Vatican?"

The dear Pope answered,

"Oh, about half, I guess."

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

St. Patrick Parish administers the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick on the First Friday of the month during the 7:30am Mass.

Next Mass October 2nd

6:30am

Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00am

Rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet

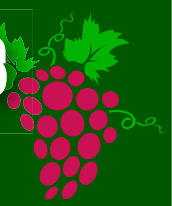
7:30am

Mass with Anointing of the Sick

"Is anyone ill among you? Let him bring in the priests of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And a prayer of faith shall save the infirm, and the Lord shall alleviate him. And if he has sins, these shall be forgiven him." (James 5:14-15).



God is generous



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus teaches that in the kingdom of God, those who are treated as least in this world will come first. What kind of people are the 'last' in our world today?

Jesus also says that in the kingdom of God, those who put themselves first in this world will be the last. Circle the words that describe someone who always puts themselves first.



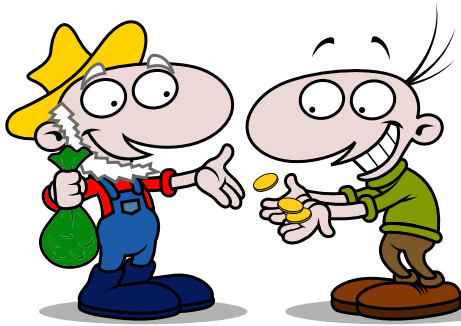
SELFISH CARING

VAIN GREEDY KIND

GENEROUS

SHARING CARELESS

JEALOUS



How many words can you make from the letters in the word "generous"?

GENEROUS

START

E	V	E	G	S	O	I	L	H	E
H	P	R	U	T	Y	T	K	X	J
T	S	Y	O	N	E	J	R	G	V
E	R	T	N	F	D	A	U	C	E
L	H	W	E	U	F	P	O	H	Y
Z	O	I	G	A	T	W	I	A	R
S	J	S	O	R	S	D	L	L	B
T	H	N	U	I	P	Y	R	L	E
I	Y	O	W	F	B	N	G	A	D
K	A	E	T	I	R	L	E	S	T

FINISH



COMPLETE THE TEXT MAZE

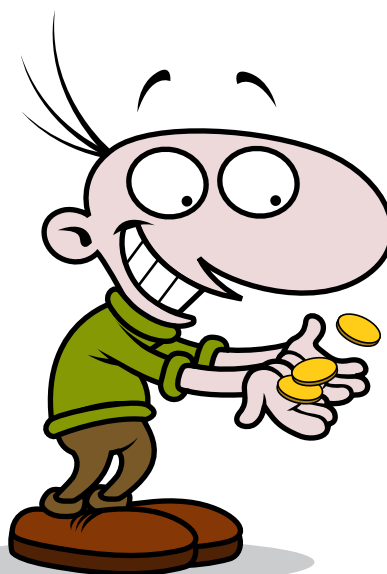
"Everyone who is now first will be last!"

God is generous

Jesus wants us to be generous like the farmer who paid all his workers equally, even though some worked fewer hours. Draw the farmer giving money to the worker who came last.

They worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who worked all day in the scorching heat.

I choose to give to the last-starter the same as I give to you.



Use the words below to find out what Jesus said.



IS NOW

WILL

LAST EVERYONE BE WHO FIRST

Livestream Schedule



Saturday, September 19
5pm

PLEASE
SCAN TO
DONATE
THANK YOU!



Sunday, September 27
9am

www.youtube.com/StPatrickBisbee



Coffee and donuts with the Knights!

Sunday, September 20

St. Patrick Church after 9:00 a.m. Mass
St. Michael Mission after 11:00 a.m. Mass



SOUL FOOD

20 September 2026

*"All that is gold does not glitter,
Not all those who wander are lost.
The old that is strong does not wither,
Deep roots are not touched by the frost."*

- J.R.R. Tolkien (1892-1973)

CATHOLIC QUIZ 20 September 2026

This week's Question: "What was the 'Last Gospel'?"

The answer to last week's Question: "What are the 'Three States of the Church'?"

The 'Three States of the Church' refer to the existence of the Church in its three modes of being: The Church Militant (the Faithful who make up the Pilgrim Church on earth); the Church Suffering (the Faithful undergoing their final purification or purgation in purgatory); and the Church Triumphant (the Faithful Blessed in heaven).

But one Church – eternally bonded together in the love of God and united in prayer and praise, hence the invocation of the saints in heaven, prayers for those in Purgatory, and intercessions for our fellow Pilgrims on earth!

St. Patrick Parish Giving Tree



The St. Patrick Altar Servers invite you to support our community through the "Giving Tree" in the church narthex. Please choose an envelope with your preferred donation amount, place your contribution inside, and drop it into the donation boxes or collection baskets.

The St. Patrick Women's Club has committed to match Giving Tree donations dollar-for-dollar up to a total of \$1200. Use this opportunity to double your donation to this very worthy cause.

Your generosity will go a long way in helping those in need within our community. Thank you so much for your kindness and support. God Bless You!



St. Patrick Parish

OFFICE / GIFT SHOP HOURS

OPEN TUESDAY - SATURDAY
10:00 AM - 2 PM

SATURDAY AFTER 5:00 PM MASS

SUNDAY AFTER 9:00 AM MASS



The warm weather may make us not think about it, but the Holidays are right around the corner. Many of you talented artists, crafters, and Holiday card creators are already starting to make Christmas gifts and items to sell at bazaars, like the Woman's Club Holiday Bazaar on November 14th.

So, it is never too early to start creating! When working your beautiful items, remember to make an extra one or two, or more to donate to the St. Patrick Gift Shop. The tourists are returning, the parishioners are already Christmas shopping, so help us stock our shelves with your beautiful handiwork.



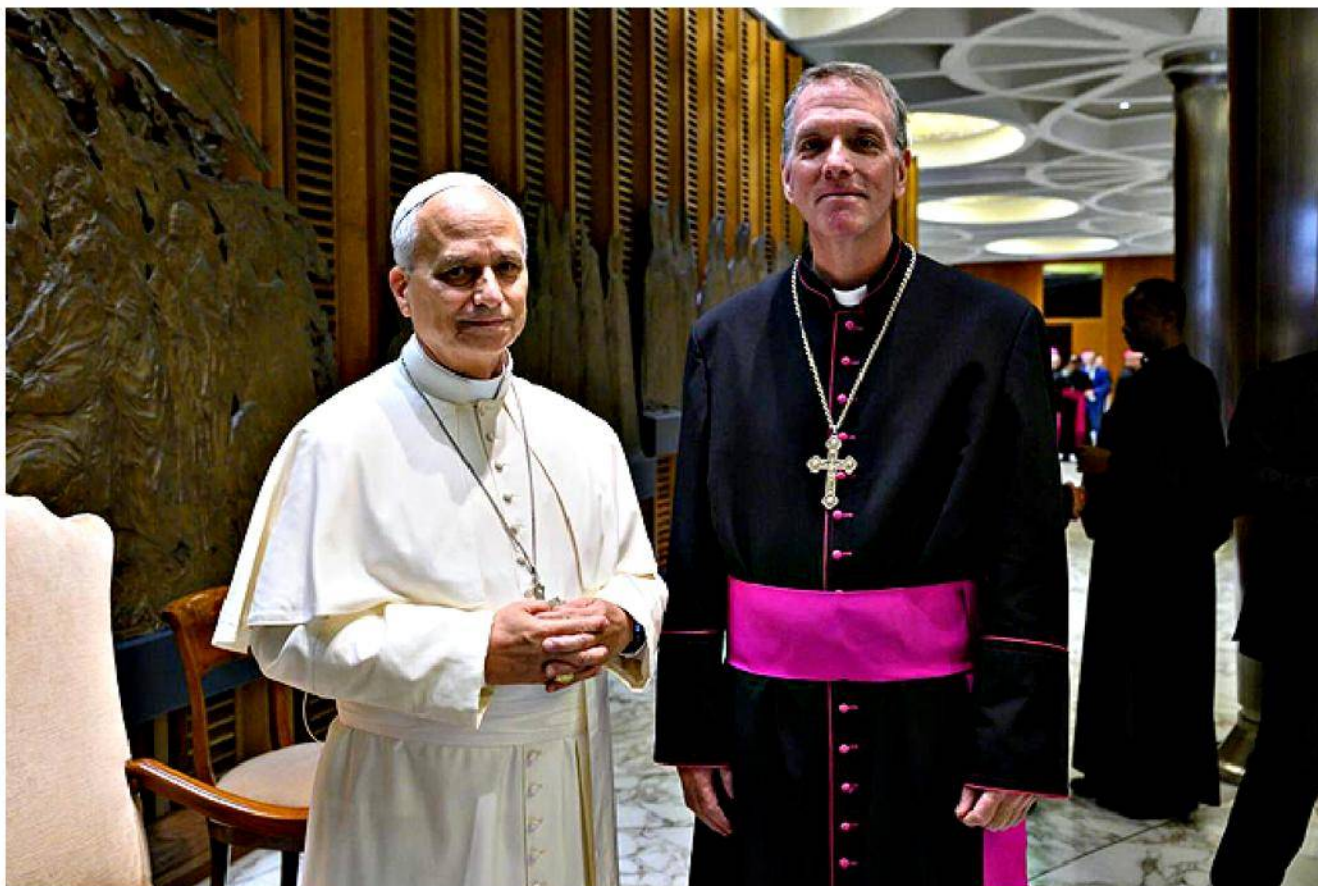
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Congratulations to “one of our own” - Fr. Anthony Corcoran, SJ, who will be Ordained as the first Bishop of Kyrgyzstan on 29 September at the Basilica of St. Paul’s Outside-the-Walls (the burial place of the Apostle Paul!) Fr. Anthony is the son of Bob and Elaine Corcoran, (now deceased) who were married here at St. Patrick’s. The Corcoran family were early settlers in Cochise County (pre-Statehood) and his maternal grandfather was one of the County Supervisors in the 1930’s! Fr. Anthony, a Jesuit Missionary in Russia for 22 years, has served as the Apostolic Administrator of Kyrgyzstan for the past seven years!

Fr. Greg will be attending the Ordination as the official representative of the Diocese of Tucson and St. Patrick Church and promises to pray for all of us in the holy places!

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 (JULY)

St. Patrick Offertory: \$12,766
St. Michael Offertory: \$1,898

July Report

Income: \$20,405
Expenses: \$26,350
In the Red: \$5,945

YTD July 2026

Income: \$20,405
Expenses: \$26,350
Balance: \$5,945

Parish Financial Report

Last Sunday's Collection

St. Patrick Church

Envelopes/Loose: \$1840
Online Giving \$436
Total \$2276

St. Michael Mission

Envelopes/Loose: \$246
Online Giving \$248
Total \$494

Use Online Giving

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Use "Give Now" link

THANK YOU!



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St. Patrick Parish and it's ministries.

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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.**

Simple, Quick, Easy, and APPRECIATED!

Annual Financial Report

On Wednesday September 16th our Parish Corporate Board of Directors approved The Parish Annual Financial Report (PAFR) for fiscal year 2025-2026. This week's Flocknote publishes a Simple Financial Statement that summarizes the PAFR and is provided for your review.



This report is filed with our Diocesan Fiscal Department, our Diocesan Office of Corporate Matters and with the State of Arizona Corporation Commission.

The report bore good news as it reflects our fiscal year ending with a net income.

We are most grateful to all parishioners, whose prayers, financial support, and sacrificial giving enabled us to not only end the year on a positive note but enabled our faith community to fund our operations, programs, and ministries as we serve the needs of all people and live the mission of Christ. God bless you all.

Saint Patrick Roman Catholic Parish - Bisbee
Simple Financial Statement

Statement of Financial Position
as of June 30, 2026

ASSETS:

Cash & Investments - Available for Operations	407,574
Cash & Investments - Restricted	86,168
Receivables	0
Prepays & Other Assets	0
Land, Buildings, Equipment & Vehicles	2,679,006
Total Assets	3,172,748

LIABILITIES:

Payables	9,950
Loans	0
Custodial Funds	30,648
Prepaid Tuition & Other Liabilities	0

Total Liabilities	40,598
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Unrestricted Net Assets	3,076,630
Restricted Net Assets	55,520
Total Net Assets	3,132,150

Total Liabilities & Net Assets	3,172,748
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Statement of Activities
fiscal year ended June 30, 2026

REVENUES:

Offerstory & Other Contributions	260,450
Capital Campaign Contributions	0
Grants & Bequests	22,176
School Tuition & Other Fees	0
Religious Education & Other Fees	27,723
Activity/Fundraising Revenues	63,115
Savings & Other Investments	13,709
Other Revenues	0

Total Revenues	387,173
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EXPENSES:

Compensation	92,513
Benefits	8,843
Residency	21,346
Office Administration	16,449
Transportation	3,052
Maintenance Support	86,009
Programs & Fundraising	33,178
Diocesan Assessments	26,918
Professional Fees	6,263
Other Expenses	3,406

Total Expenses	297,977
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Net income (restricted + unrestricted)	89,196
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Less:

- Capital asset expenditures	0
- Debt payments or + proceeds	0
- Changes in pledge/notes receivables	0
- Changes in prepaid or other assets	0
- Changes in vendor payables	0
- Changes in all other payables/liabilities	8,662
- Remaining current year capital campaign revenue	29,919

Net unrestricted cash flow (loss)	127,777
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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

(520) 838-2531

lochoaescarrega@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)*