

St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

St. Patrick Church

December 21, 2025

St. Michael Mission

Fourth Sunday of Advent



*Behold, a virgin shall be with child,
and shall bring forth a son and they
shall call His name Emmanuel,
which means God with us.*

Matthew 1:23

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.

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Office Hours

Monday - Closed
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Pastoral Staff

Rev. Gregory Adolf, Canonical Pastor
Rev. Amal Sebastiar, MSFS, Sacramental Minister
Deacon Tony Underwood, Pastoral Administrator

Pastoral Associates

Deacon Joe Delgado
Deacon Bill Lugo
Deacon Jose Valle

Parish Corporation Board of Directors

Most Rev. Gerald Kicanas, Apostolic Administrator
Rev. Edward Lucero
Rev. Gregory Adolf
Ruth Dugie / Mary Gomez

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Weekday Schedule

(Confession – 30 minutes before each Mass)

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

MASS INTENTIONS

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday 20DEC25

5:00pm Mass

Int of Bill Silva

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Sunday 21DEC25

9:00am Mass

+Jim Bradley

+Christie Dugie

+Donny Carbajal

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Int of Lydia Corral

Int of Marylee Underhill

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Ruth Whitehead

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 22DEC25

No Mass Celebrated

Tuesday 23DEC25

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Wednesday 24DEC25

+Clemente & +Maria Soto

Int of Santos Gonzales

Thursday 25DEC25

+Rene Martinez Jr.

+Rene Martinez Sr.

+Gilbert "Gibby" Chavez

+Mercy Chavez

Friday 26DEC25

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Saturday 27DEC25

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

MASS INTENTIONS

The Holy Family

Saturday 27DEC25

5:00pm Mass

+Maria Stoddard

+Angelica Munoz

+Flavio Borbon

Sunday 28DEC25

9:00am Mass

+Alex Gojkovich

+Ernest & +Teresa Herrera

+Christy Dugie

Int of Lydia Corral

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Christy Dugie

Matthew 1:23

*The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel.*

"They will call
him Emmanuel...
which means
'God-is-with-us.'"

Matthew 1:23



December 21, 2025

On this day that follows the longest night of the year, as an ever-increasing amount of light begins to dawn, we hear of two men of the house of David who face momentous decisions. The light dawns for one, but not for the other. The Lord offers Ahaz, king of Judah, a sign, but he refuses to place his faith in God. Isaiah's prophecy that the Lord will present a sign in the form of a virgin who will bear a son called Emmanuel, "God is with us," falls on deaf ears. Centuries later, Joseph, after finding out that his betrothed is pregnant and not by him, intends to divorce her. But the angel of the Lord comes to him and tells him that his betrothed, Mary, is the virgin who will fulfill the prophecy Isaiah told, a prophecy Joseph certainly knows well, a prophecy whose fulfillment he certainly has longed for, but a prophecy he must have found difficult to believe he will witness himself. Still, Joseph places his faith in God, taking Mary into his home and giving her child the name Jesus. Because Mary and Joseph each place their faith in God, a new day with God's indwelling and our salvation dawns for us all.

When have you put your faith in God even when it seemed unrealistic?



December 21, 2025

Written by

THE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Is 7:10-14 | Rom 1:1-7 | Mt 1:18-24

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

Throughout my life, I have had a litany of requests for God. I have asked for mundane and ultimately inconsequential favors and also for guidance in much more important matters. But I have often hesitated to ask for the deepest desires of my heart. Those requests feel too big, too impossible, and possibly too selfish — as though asking these things would take away from God’s ability to provide for others. But in thinking this way, I am putting limits on a limitless God. In today’s first reading, the Lord speaks to Ahaz and tells him to ask for a sign — “let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!” When Ahaz refuses, God speaks through the prophet Isaiah to deliver the most impossible promise — that “the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.” God wants to give us everything we need to be close to him, so much so that he sent his Son to open the pathway to eternal life with him. God *wants* us to ask for him to do the impossible because he longs to give generously to us.

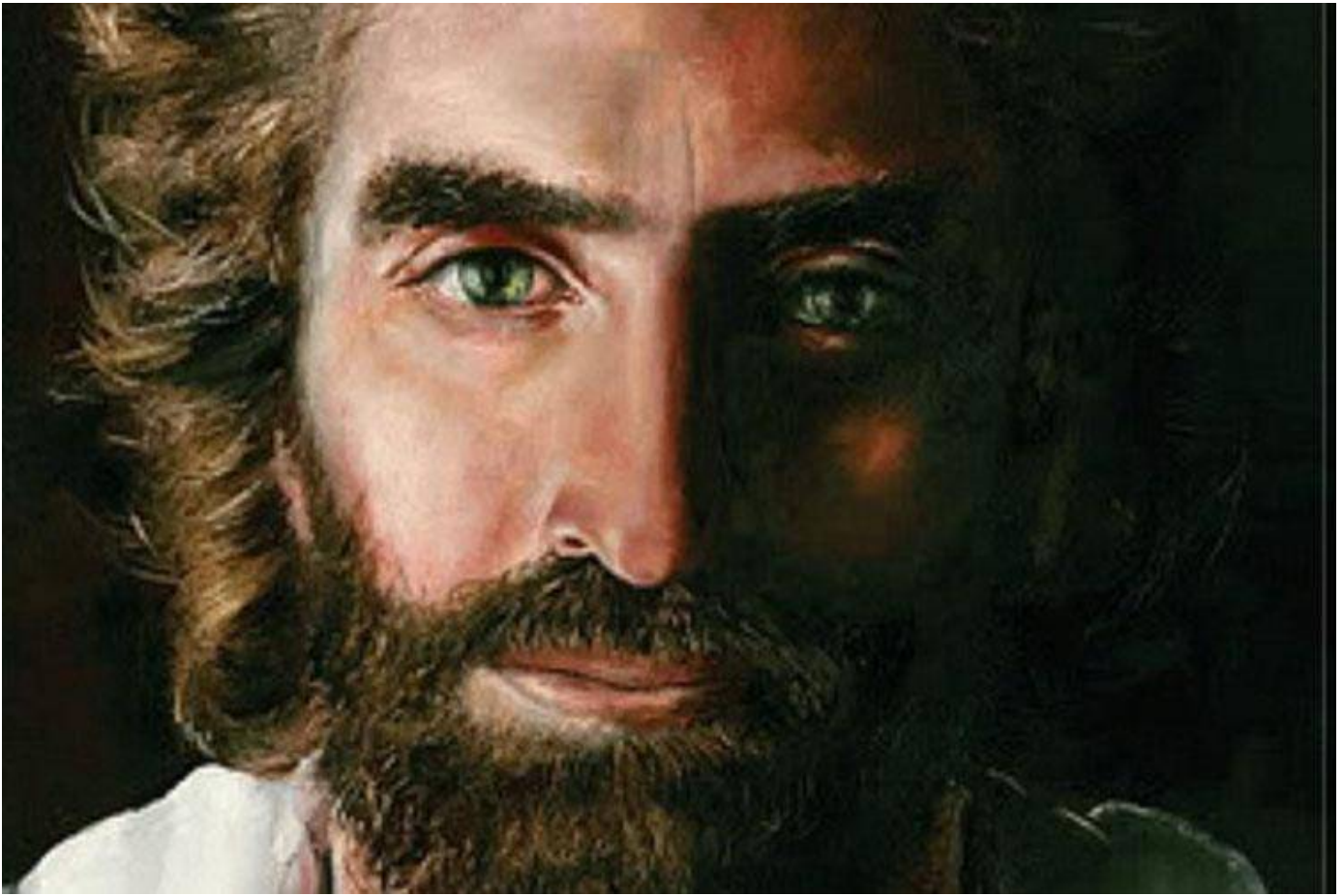
GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

God brings about his plan of salvation in an extraordinary way: The virgin Mary conceives Jesus in her womb through the power of the Holy Spirit. Although God does all the spiritual heavy lifting here, notice that our Gospel tells us that he also desired and asked for Joseph’s cooperation. “Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home,” the angel tells Joseph. The Gospel tells us that Joseph “did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.” In our work of evangelization, God does the heavy lifting: it’s God who moves the hearts of others to seek him. But the amazing thing is that God still wants us to be part of the way his plan unfolds. We, too, cooperate with God’s work of sharing the faith and bringing salvation to others by our actions and obedience.

PRAY

As we begin this final week of Advent, the Church continues to pray with the O Antiphons, which we hear in the hymn, “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.” Listen to the refrain, which speaks of Israel’s immense longing to be set free and for her savior to appear. As you reflect on the first reading and upon this hymn, bring your own deepest desires to the Lord. Spend some time in prayer asking for what you need to draw closer to God.



Emmanuel

Emmanuel is God-with-us in the cancer clinic and in the Alzheimer's ward at the local nursing home. Emmanuel is God-with-us when the pink slip comes and when the beloved child sneers, "I hate you!" Emmanuel is God-with-us when you pack the Christmas decorations away and, with an aching heart, you realize afresh that your one son never did call over the holidays. Not once. Emmanuel is God-with-us when your dear wife or mother stares at you with an Alzheimer's glaze and absently asks, "What was your name again?"

Ever and always Jesus stares straight into you with his two good eyes and he does so not only when you can smile back but most certainly also when your own eyes are full of tears. In fact, Jesus is Emmanuel, "God with you" even in those times when you are so angry with God that you refuse to meet his eyes. But even when you feel like you can't look at him, he never looks away from you. He can't. His name says it all.



Emmanuel

G. K. Chesterton, the noted British poet and theologian, was a brilliant man who could think deep thoughts and express them well. However, he was also extremely absent-minded and over the years he became rather notorious for getting lost. He would just absolutely forget where he was supposed to be and what he was supposed to be doing. On one such occasion, he sent a telegram to his wife which carried these words: "Honey, seems I'm lost again. Presently, I am at Market Harborough. Where ought I to be?" As only a spouse could say it, she telegraphed back a one-word reply "HOME!"

This is precisely what this classic passage in the first chapter of Matthew does for us... it brings us home...

- Home to the real meaning of Christmas
- Home to the most magnificent truth in the entire Bible
- Home to our Lord's greatest promise
- Home to the reason we celebrate Christmas

Namely this: "GOD IS WITH US!" When we accept Christ into our lives, nothing, not even death, can separate us from God and His love. It is what Christmas is about. God is with us. The great people of faith have always claimed that promise. Just think of it:

-- Moses caught between the Pharaoh and the deep Red Sea in a seemingly hopeless situation believed that God was with him and he went forward and trusted God to open a way - and He did!

-- Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego went into the fiery furnace into a seemingly hopeless situation and they trusted God to be with them - and He was!

-- Little David stood before Goliath. What chance could a small boy with a slingshot have against this giant of a warrior? But David believed that God was with him, and it made all the difference - He was!

Now, it's interesting to note that when the writer of Matthew's gospel wanted to capture the meaning of Christmas, the meaning of the Christ event, the meaning of Jesus in a single word, he did a very wise thing. He reached back into the Old Testament, pulled out an old word, dusted it off, and used it to convey the message:

The word was Emmanuel – God With Us!

Make Room in the Inn

Migrants contribute greatly to our society and yet people like Lourdes who was doing necessary work for the well being of our country and who was contributing to our society and our Catholic community find themselves unwelcomed and unappreciated.

–Bishop Gerald Kicanas

“They denied me any chance to communicate with my children. It was so cruel!” Nogales, Sonora.

Lourdes is a single mother and is the only provider for her four children. She had been living in the United States for 27 years, working at a grocery store in Tucson. This year, on her way to pick up her youngest son, a 5-year old with autism, she stopped to get gas when two officers in black vests arrested her for no apparent reason and took her to an ICE office. “They didn’t let me call the school to let them know what was happening. They denied me any chance to communicate with my children. It was so cruel!”

“All these years I’ve worked hard to support my kids. I have never committed a crime or even a violation, and my children are citizens. The only thing I have left is to trust that God will take care of them while I’m gone.”



The Roman Catholic
Diocese of Tucson



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Wednesday December 24

- 6:00pm Mass – St. Patrick Church

Caroling begins at 5:30pm

Christmas Day – Thursday December 25

- 9:00am Mass – St. Patrick Church

No 11:00am Mass Celebrated at St. Michael Mission Christmas Day

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Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Mass Schedule (New Year's Day)

A Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday January 1

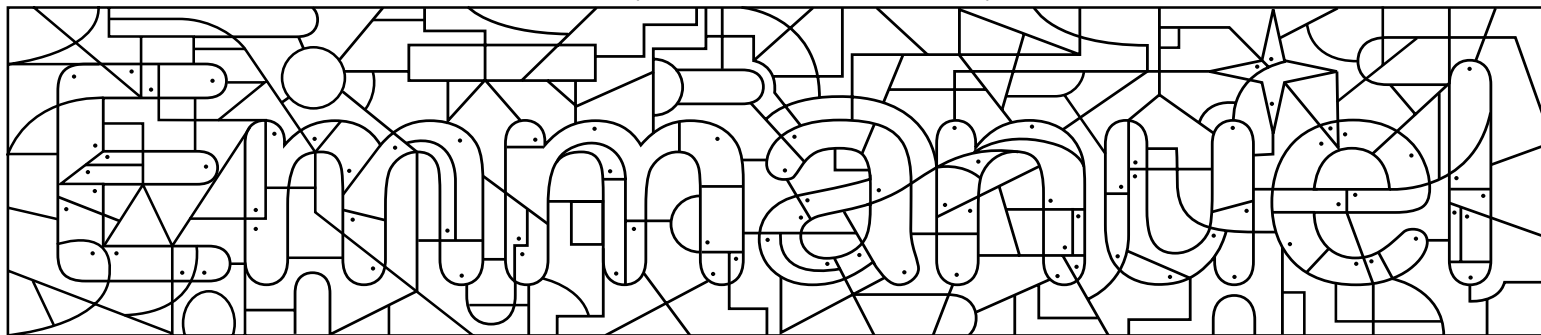
- 7:30am Mass – St. Patrick Church

He will be called
Emmanuel



4th Sunday of Advent, Year A

Color in the shapes with dots to reveal a special name.



One night, an angel appeared to Joseph in a dream.
What were some of the things the angel told Joseph?



Follow the branch that extends from
King David to the birth of Jesus.

CATHOLIC QUIZ

21 December 2025

This week's Question: "What is a parochial vicar?"

The answer to last week's Question: "How many candles must be on/near the altar?"

The simple answer is at least two. The two candles represent the two Natures of Christ: Divine and Human, because JESUS is the "Light of the World". But typically four or six candles, especially for Sunday Mass or a holy day of obligation can be used. The six candles on the retablo (or high altar) recall the seven-branched candelabra in the Jewish Temple, with Christ Himself as the Seventh, again, because He is the Light of the World! Seven-branched candelabra are also used during Eucharistic exposition or adoration, but there is no specific number legislated.

SOUL FOOD

21 December 2025

"Every place the Mass is offered is transformed into a sort of Bethlehem, a place where heaven touches earth, where Christ becomes our food. St. Ephraim (306-373) thus sings: 'You are, O Church, the everlasting Bethlehem, for within you is the Bread of Life.'"



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Parish Hall Request

Outrageous! Unbelievable! How can this be?

These are typical responses from people, after someone with no authority, but with good intentions, yet not clear on the facts, has shared what they think the cost of renting our parish hall might be. Unfortunately, the terms and dollar amounts (thousands of dollars) that are often stated are incorrect, misleading, and alarming.

This misrepresentation and dissemination of wrong information frequently cause much anxiety and grief. It bewilders and hurts the people or families who approach the church with a simple request and honest inquiry.

Anger and resentment sometimes develop that negatively affects relationships between community members, parishioners, and parish administration. This sad result is divisive and certainly damages the good work in ministry we strive to live as disciples.

I think we can do better, I know we can do better. We must do better.

Please, help our parish to do better by directing all inquiries regarding our parish hall availability and rental fees to your parish pastoral administrator. He is the only one who can speak factually on the matter.

So many factors and life situations must be considered before deciding on a rental fee. My meeting with the people inquiring, and later with our parish hall volunteer manager, enables the facts of the request to guide our work so the terms established will be compliant, fair, and pastoral. Anything less is a disservice to the people and our faith community.

Again, please direct all inquiries regarding our parish hall availability and rental fees to me your parish pastoral administrator.

Your attention to this request and understanding are appreciated and will help reduce the spread of wrong information and ensure that we are doing our best for the good of the people we serve.

With you in His service,

Dcn. Tony Underwood
Pastoral Administrator



Advent Givings 2025

Listed below are items used by the St Vincent de Paul Society as they work to help people in need. Each day in Advent, add the listed item to a box. Each week during Advent, bring the items you have collected and place them in the basket in the back of the church. Or, on Christmas Eve, bring your box to the church and place it in the back of church. This is a great way to prepare our hearts for Christmas.

If you are unable to give all the items, please do something each week. Every item you can contribute helps us serve those who need our help the most.

November 30	Bag of Rice
December 1	Canned Condensed Soup
December 2	Cookie Snack Packs
December 3	Jar of Baby Dill Pickles
December 4	Bag of Pinto Beans
December 5	Hunts Snack Pack Pudding
December 6	1 lb. Box of Pasta
December 7	24 oz. Jar of Pasta Sauce
December 8	Can of Tuna
December 9	Canned Fruit
December 10	Bag of Tortilla Chips
December 11	Can of Corn
December 12	Can of Green Beans
December 13	Can of Black Olives
December 14	Canned Condensed Soup
December 15	Bag of Candy
December 16	Bag of Pinto Beans
December 17	Can of Tuna
December 18	Bag of Rice
December 19	Cheese or Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers
December 20	Jar of Salsa
December 21	16 oz. Jar of Peanut Butter
December 22	1 lb. box of Pasta
December 23	Bag of Potato Chips
December 24	\$10 certificate for Safeway





YOU KNOW THE WAY...

**STOP IN FOR SOME GREAT FINDS
FOR ANYONE ON YOUR GIFT LIST!**

OPEN TUES - SAT

10 00 A.M. - 2 P.M.

AFTER 5 P.M. MASS ON SATURDAY

AFTER 9 A.M. MASS ON SUNDAY

CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

CLOSED NEW YEARS DAY



MASS INTENTION UPDATE

We want to share with you some changes we have recently made to this process.

You may not know that the suggested \$10 donation for a Mass Intention is paid directly to the priest celebrating that Mass. All other expenses related to this process are borne by the Church. In an effort to reduce costs (as we are in all areas of our operations), we are no longer sending cards as each Intention is scheduled.

This will save us the \$0.79 postage as well as the expense of the cards themselves.

We are sending either an email or text notice containing the details of the scheduled Mass as directed on the request form you will see attached below. It is a very nice document that you can print at home and mail if you would like to do that. Please be sure to give us at least 3 weeks notice before the date you are requesting. We have started the 2026 Enrollment Book and are happy to take your requests for dates through 12/31/26. You can drop your completed request form in the collection basket at Mass, drop it off at the Gift Shop, or mail it to us. Several folks have already picked their special dates well into 2026 so they can be sure to get those Masses scheduled. Thank you for your cooperation.

Revised 31JUL2025

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

Yes, You Can!

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!

Parish Financial Report

Last Sunday's Collection

St. Patrick Church

Envelopes/Loose:	\$1908
Online Giving	\$871
Total	\$2779

St. Michael Mission

Envelopes/Loose:	\$132
Online Giving	\$125
Total	\$257

YTD Weekly Collections

(JUL to OCT Comparison to last year)

St. Patrick Offertory: Up \$2005

St. Michael Offertory: UP \$2043

October Report

Income:	\$22,849
Expenses:	\$27,141
In the RED:	\$-4,292

YTD July 2025 to October 2025

Income:	\$90,345
Expenses:	\$103,275
Balance:	\$-12,930

Other Revenue	\$5,136
In the RED	\$-7,794

Use Online Giving

www.stpatsbisbee.com

Use "Give Now" link

THANK YOU!



Help Support

St. Patrick Parish and it's ministries.

Please share this QR Code with a family member or friend.

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!



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

Representative

Deacon Tony Underwood

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aunderwood@diocesetucson.org**





Thinking about a Vocation?

Contact: Fr. Alan Valencia

Director of Vocations and Seminarians

(520) 838-2531

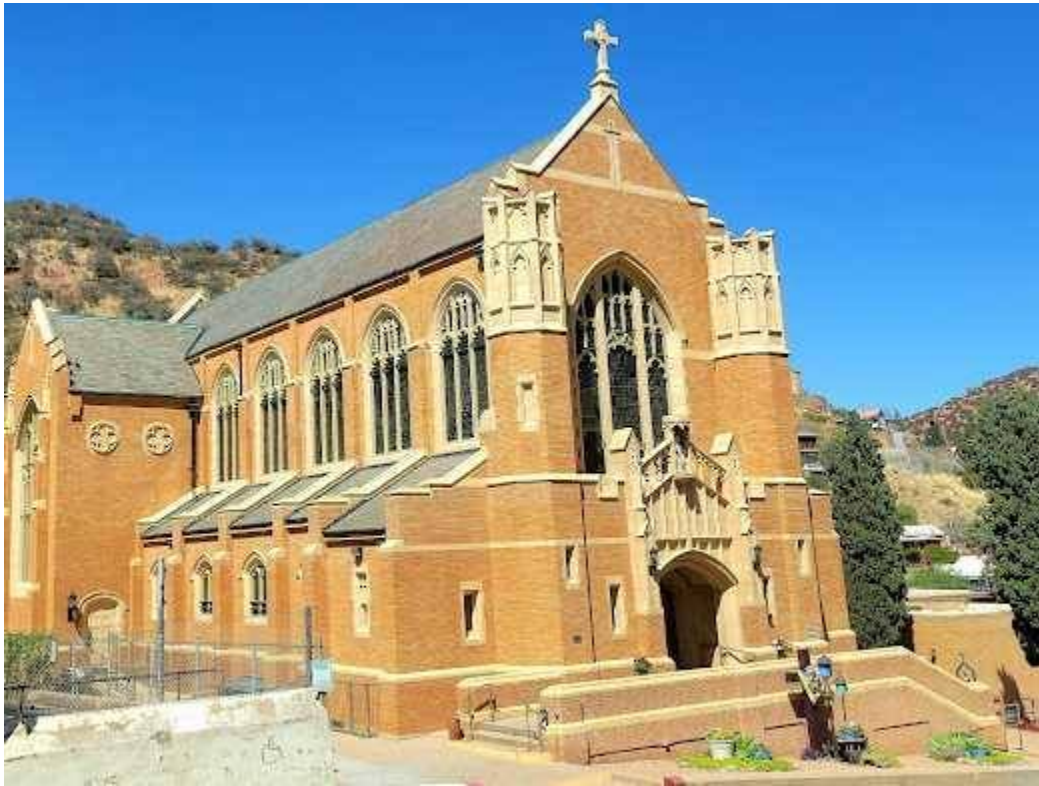
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Diocese of Tucson Vocations Prayer

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)*