

St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

St. Patrick Church

St. Michael Mission

September 21, 2025

Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time



**Never will I forget
a single thing
which you have done**

Amos 8:7

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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Monday - Closed

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Pastoral Staff

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Rev. Amal Sebastiar, MSFS, Sacramental Minister

Deacon Tony Underwood, Pastoral Administrator

Pastoral Associates

Deacon Joe Delgado

Deacon Bill Lugo

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

Weekday Schedule

(Confession – 30 minutes before each Mass)

7:30am Tuesday – Saturday

(St Patrick Church)



MASS INTENTIONS

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil 20SEP25

5:00pm Mass

+Christopher Miller

Sunday 21SEP25

9:00am Mass

+Dora Casillas Adams

+Rita Hernandez

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 22SEP25

No Mass Celebrated

Tuesday 23SEP25

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Int of Dcn Bill & Isabel Lugo

Wednesday 24SEP25

Honor of Holy Angels

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Thursday 25SEP25

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Friday 26SEP25

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Saturday 27SEP25

+Ruth Whitehead

MASS INTENTIONS

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil 27SEP25

5:00pm Mass

+Alyssa O'Malley

Sunday 28SEP25

9:00am Mass

+Fr. Padilla

+Manuel Figuero

+Deceased SVdP Members

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Pat Kambourian

Cf. 2 Corinthians 8:9

*Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor,
so that by his poverty you might become rich.*



You cannot serve
God and wealth.

Luke 16:13

September 21, 2025

The dishonest steward in Jesus' parable is no hero. He does not use the talents he is given to earn more or to forgive the debts of a person in dire straits. No, he discounts the debts of his master's debtors because soon he will be out of a job and looking for help from them. He is a wily and self-centered manipulator who cannot be trusted with his master's wealth, cannot be trusted with his own wealth, and cannot be trusted with what Jesus calls true wealth. True wealth, as Jesus hints in the final verse, is found in the kingdom of heaven. It is not money, or assets, or the accumulation of material possessions. In fact, it is neither material nor a possession. True wealth is spiritual; it is a share in what is God's. Jesus himself gives us a model to follow when he places all his "wealth" in the service of others, whether feeding the thousands, healing the sick, or suffering for us all. This is how we serve God, not mammon.

How can you be a prudent steward of your material possessions, aware that true wealth is found in God?

September 21, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7 | 1 Tim 2:1-8 | Lk 16:1-13

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

As Catholics we understand that none of our actions are truly isolated. Every virtue we practice or sin we commit affects others because we are all members of the body of Christ. Today's readings from the Old and New Testaments highlight our interconnectedness and offer guidance for how to order the life of the community according to God's will. The key to tranquil communal life is to consider the needs of others as important as our own. In the first reading, the prophet Amos decries those who exploit the poor for personal gain, putting profit over the common good. In the second reading, St. Paul begs the community to pray not only for themselves and for their close relatives, but to offer prayer and supplication for *everyone*. It's tempting to buy into the perspective that we need only focus on *our own* life. But the Lord invites us into authentic community where we intercede, sacrifice for and build up the kingdom *together*.

GO EVANGELIZE

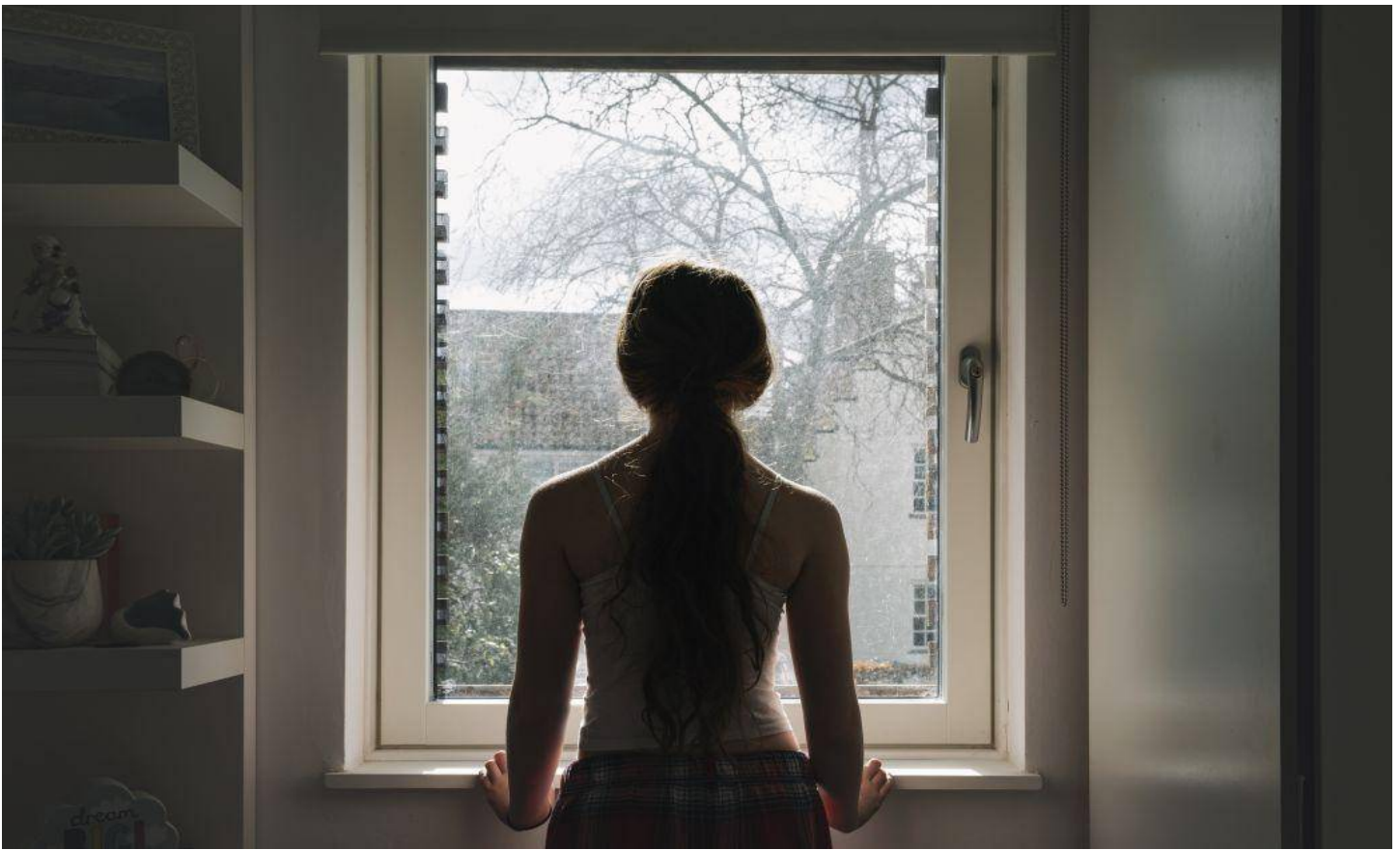
PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I like to think of myself as a trustworthy person, and I'd expect most of us would consider ourselves the same. But as the Lord convicts my heart with today's Gospel reading about those who are trustworthy or untrustworthy in big and small matters, I hear the Holy Spirit inviting me to ponder deeper questions: Perhaps I don't intentionally deceive people and I aim to keep my word, but when someone's name or reputation comes up in conversation, can I be trusted to build them up? Do I fall prey to petty gossip, or simply sit idly by as others fall? I am true to scheduled commitments I make, but am I trustworthy with how I spend all my time? Do I use the gift of time for God's greater glory, or do I squander it with excessive scrolling or mindless TV shows? The Spirit doesn't want us to be scrupulous, and everything must be understood through God's merciful gaze. But the Lord does intend to purify us so that we can live more fully in communion with him.

REFLECT

Today, consider how you are invited to live in community and contribute to the building of a Christ-like culture. How are you called to more trustworthy stewardship of the gifts and time God has given you so that you can use them for building up the body of Christ?





Seeing

An rich man complained to a psychiatrist that despite his great wealth which enabled him to have whatever he wanted, he still felt miserable. The psychiatrist took the man to the window overlooking the street and asked, What do you see? The man replied, I see people: men, women, and children.

The psychiatrist then took the man to stand in front of mirror and asked, now what do you see? The man said, I see only myself.

The psychiatrist added, in the window there is a glass and in the mirror there is glass, and when you look through the glass of the window, you see others, but when you look into the glass of the mirror you see only yourself. The reason? Behind the glass in the mirror is a layer of silver. When silver is added, you cease to see others. You only see yourself. Money and material things are the silver lining that can cause self-centeredness and blindness. Let us spend more time looking through “windows”, to see as God sees, and then to live God's purpose for our lives.

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.
Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.' The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of

steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.' He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.' And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."



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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.

Contemplation (*Contemplatio*)

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship. How would others describe my life as a disciple? How have I used the gifts that God has given me?

If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? How am I reliable or unreliable as a friend? How can I show more care and respect for my brothers and sisters?

You cannot serve both God and mammon. How do worldly cares impede my spiritual growth? From what possessions or worldly values do I need to detach?

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

Closing Prayer:

Praise, you servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD.
Blessed be the name of the LORD
both now and forever.

High above all nations is the LORD;
above the heavens is his glory.
Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned
on high
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?

He raises up the lowly from the dust;
from the dunghill he lifts up the poor
to seat them with princes,
with the princes of his own people.

(From Psalm 113)

Living the Word This Week

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

Reflect on your life as a missionary disciple and take one practical action to follow Jesus more closely.

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He Sees


Lilias Trotter served as a missionary in Muslim North Africa in the nineteenth century. In her writings, she includes a story of a girl named Melha. One day Lilias watched Melha go up to her father who was nearly blind and point to one of the pictures on the wall. It was a picture of Christ calling a little child to him.

Melha turned to her father and said, "Look at Jesus!"

Her father quite naturally replied, "I have no eyes, O my daughter- I cannot see."

This did not faze the child. Melha lifted her head and eyes to the picture and said, "O Jesus, look at father!"

Lilias concludes: "Was not that a bit of heavenly wisdom? Even when we feel lost, unseen, and insufficient to know God's grace, God sees us and offers us healing and love. He cares when we are in pain or hurt by others. Though we often face injustice in this world, God's healing, compassion and love will prevail for eternity." He sees – Us!



**YOU CANNOT
SERVE BOTH
GOD
AND MAMMON**

Servant or Master

There is a place for money in our lives. It would be foolish to imagine that we could get by without money in a society like ours. As we have noted before, there are some things only money can do.

Pay for health care, for example. Many people in our society are facing a crisis because they either can't get or can't afford decent health insurance. Fifty years old? Diabetic? Laid off from your job? Just try to find a health insurer who will cover you, at any price! I guarantee you that even if you can find it, you can't afford it. There are some things only money can do.

Put a roof on our heads, put food in our tummies, fill up our car with gas. Try to do it without money. Impossible. There is a place for money in our lives. Jesus knew that. He was a most practical man. He knew that there are some things only money can do. Jesus is saying, however, that we are in deep trouble if money has first place in our lives. Money is a nice servant but a terrible master.



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You cannot serve
God and Money



How can money be used well?



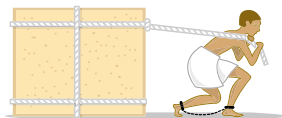
How can money be used badly?

Draw a picture of something that
you are trusted to do every week.

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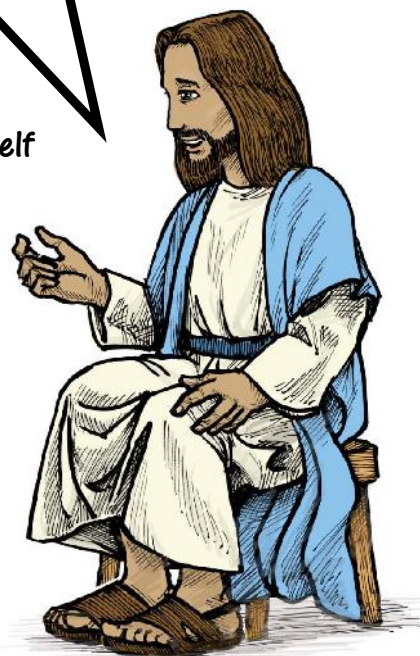
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Try to decipher
this teaching that
Jesus gave to his
disciples. Draw yourself
listening to Jesus.





Coffee and donuts with the Knights!

Sunday, September 21

after 9:00 a.m. Mass

See you there!



strolling through



the gift shop.....



Mondays -- GIFT SHOP IS CLOSED
Tuesday thru Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Open for after-Mass shopping immediately after weekend masses

CATHOLIC QUIZ

21 September 2025

This week's Question: "What is an 'Archbishop'?"

The answer to last week's Question: "What are the 'Fifteen Marks of the True Church'?"

An expansion of the Four Marks of the Church – (One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic) by St. Robert Bellarmine (1542-1621), one of the leaders of the Counter-Reformation and a Doctor of the Church, the Fifteen Marks are:

- 1) **NAME:** Catholic, world-wide and not confined to a particular nation;
- 2) **ANTIQUITY**, in tracing ancestry directly to Christ;
- 3) **DURATION**, lasting substantially the same for millennia;
- 4) **EXTENSIVENESS**, in numbers of members;
- 5) **EPISCOPAL SUCCESSION**, from the Twelve Apostles to the current bishops;
- 6) **DOCTRINAL AGREEMENT** between present teaching and apostolic Church;
- 7) **UNITY** among members, and between members and visible head (the pope);
- 8) **HOLINESS OF DOCTRINE**, reflecting the holiness of God and truth of the Sacred Scripture;
- 9) **EFFICACY OF DOCTRINE**, reflecting the guidance of the Holy Spirit;
- 10) **HOLINESS OF LIFE** of representative writers and defenders;
- 11) **MIRACLES** worked in the Church, as in Apostolic times;
- 12) **PROPHECY** given through its saints and spokespersons;
- 13) **OPPOSITION** against the Church in the same way and for the same reasons that Christ was opposed;
- 14) **UNHAPPY END** of her enemies, that the 'gates of hell' do not prevail against the Church;
- 15) **TEMPORAL PEACE AND EARTHLY HAPPINESS** of those who are faithful to her teaching.

SOUL FOOD

21 September 2025

"Keep your heart in peace and let nothing trouble you. Not even your faults. You must humble yourself and amend your faults peacefully, without being discouraged or cast down, for God's dwelling is in peace."

- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-1690)



WEEK OF SEPT. 15-19:



Catholic Schools' Second Collection September 27-28! Who and where are the schools we help? The Diocese of Tucson consists of 24 schools – 18 elementary schools: 1 preschool, 1 PK-12 school, and 4 high schools. All 24 schools span across the 43,000 square miles of the diocese to include Safford, Sierra Vista, Douglas, Nogales, Tucson, Casa Grande, San Carlos, and Yuma. Eighteen of our schools are parish schools. We serve mission schools, border schools, urban schools, and a Cristo Rey school, each with their own unique mission, charism, and culture.

Parish Financial Report



Last Sunday's Collection

St. Patrick Church

Envelopes/Loose:	\$2466
Online Giving	\$1004
Total	\$3470

St. Michael Mission

Envelopes/Loose:	\$104
Online Giving	\$128
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!



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!

Annual Financial Report

On Thursday September 18th our Parish Corporate Board of Directors approved The Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2024-2025. This report is filed with our Diocesan Fiscal Department, our Diocesan Office of Corporate Matters and with the State of Arizona Corporation Commission. Please accept my sincere thanks to you, our parishioners, whose financial support and sacrificial giving enabled us to fund our operations, programs and ministries as we serve the needs of all and live the mission of Christ. The Simple Financials Statement is included below, and in this week's Flocknote.

Saint Patrick Roman Catholic Parish - Bisbee Simple Financial Statement

Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2025

ASSETS:

Cash & Investments - Available for Operations	288,757
Cash & Investments - Restricted	108,989
Receivables	2,265
Prepays & Other Assets	0
Land, Buildings, Equipment & Vehicles	2,679,006

Total Assets 3,079,017

LIABILITIES:

Payables	8,386
Loans	0
Custodial Funds	23,550
Prepaid Tuition & Other Liabilities	0

Total Liabilities 31,936

Unrestricted Net Assets 2,961,642

Restricted Net Assets 85,439

Total Net Assets 3,047,081

Total Liabilities & Net Assets 3,079,017

Statement of Activities fiscal year ended June 30, 2025

REVENUES:

Offertory & Other Contributions	254,931
Capital Campaign Contributions	1,200
Grants & Bequests	0
School Tuition & Other Fees	0
Religious Education & Other Fees	34,451
Activity/Fundraising Revenues	78,804
Savings & Other Investments	10,625
Other Revenues	0

Total Revenues 380,010

EXPENSES:

Compensation	84,559
Benefits	7,217
Residency	19,446
Office Administration	18,288
Transportation	3,204
Maintenance Support	92,474
Programs & Fundraising	54,574
Diocesan Assessments	25,956
Professional Fees	6,287
Other Expenses	89,724

Total Expenses 401,729

Net income (restricted + unrestricted) (21,719)

Less:

- Capital asset expenditures	0
- Debt payments or + proceeds	0
- Changes in pledge/notes receivables	(120)
- Changes in prepaid or other assets	0
- Changes in vendor payables	(2,104)
- Changes in all other payables/liabilities	4,434
- Unspent capital campaign funds	(5,336)

Net unrestricted cash flow (loss) (24,845)



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.

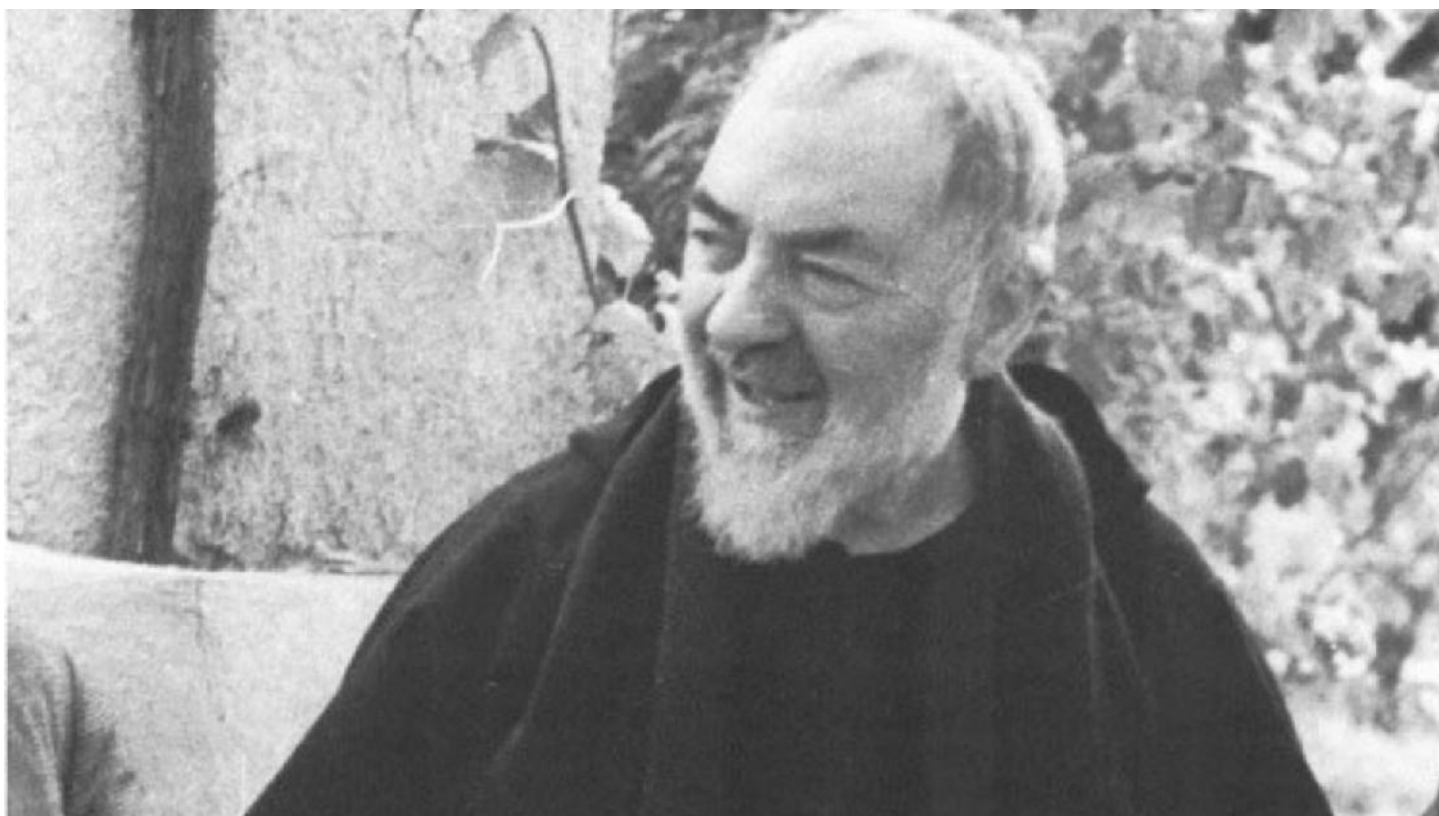
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Thinking about a Vocation?

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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.



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)*