

St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

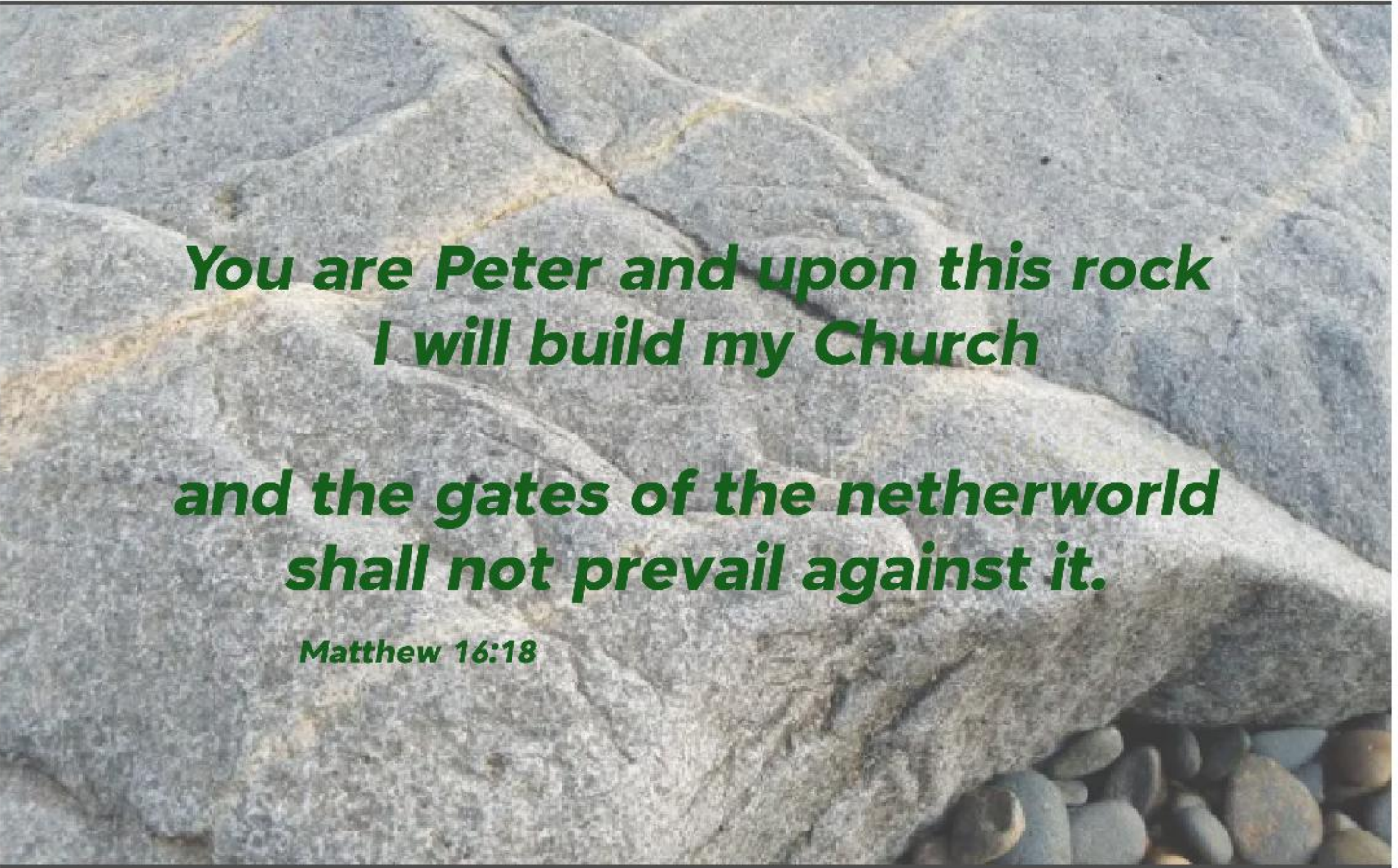
An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

St. Patrick Church

St. Michael Mission

August 23, 2026

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time



***You are Peter and upon this rock
I will build my Church***

***and the gates of the netherworld
shall not prevail against it.***

Matthew 16:18

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

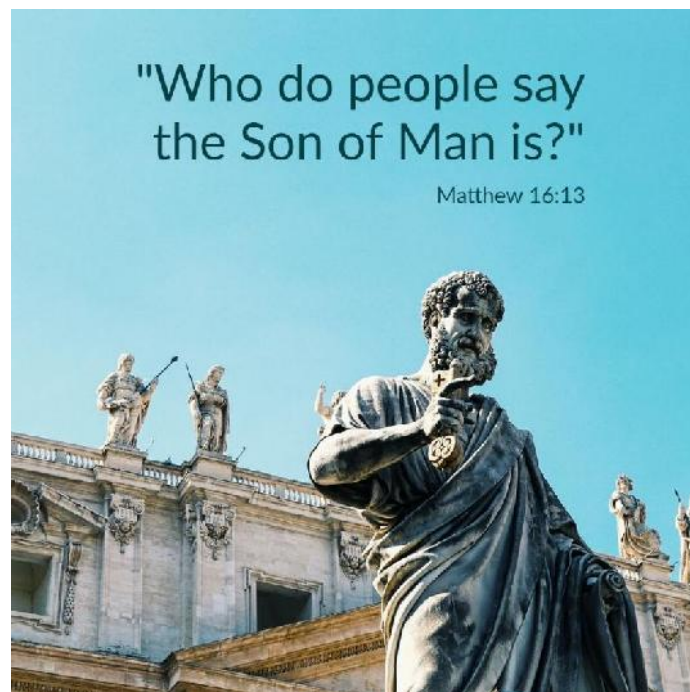
St. Michael Mission - Naco

- 11:00am Sunday Morning

Weekday Schedule

(Confession – 30 minutes before each Mass)

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



MASS INTENTIONS

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 22AUG

5:00pm Vigil Mass

Int of Dugie & Palmer Families

Sunday 23AUG

9:00am Mass

+Raynette Bradley-Mortensen

+Rudy Torres

+Sofie Manzanares

Int of David Bravo

Int of Annette Mendez

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

Int of Robert Smith

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 24AUG

No Mass Celebrated

Tuesday 25AUG

+Hazel Turriff Kemp

Wednesday 26AUG

Int of Robert Smith

Thursday 27AUG

Int of Robert Smith

Friday 28AUG

+David Flores Ruiz

Saturday 29AUG

Int of Robert Smith

MASS INTENTIONS

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 29AUG

5:00pm Vigil Mass

+Richard Verdugo

+Blas & +Carmen Urbina

+Alex & +Irene Urbina

Int of Kalin Conaway

Sunday 30AUG

9:00am Mass

+Rev. James Dicken

+Ludi Gonzales

Int of Enrique Hernandez

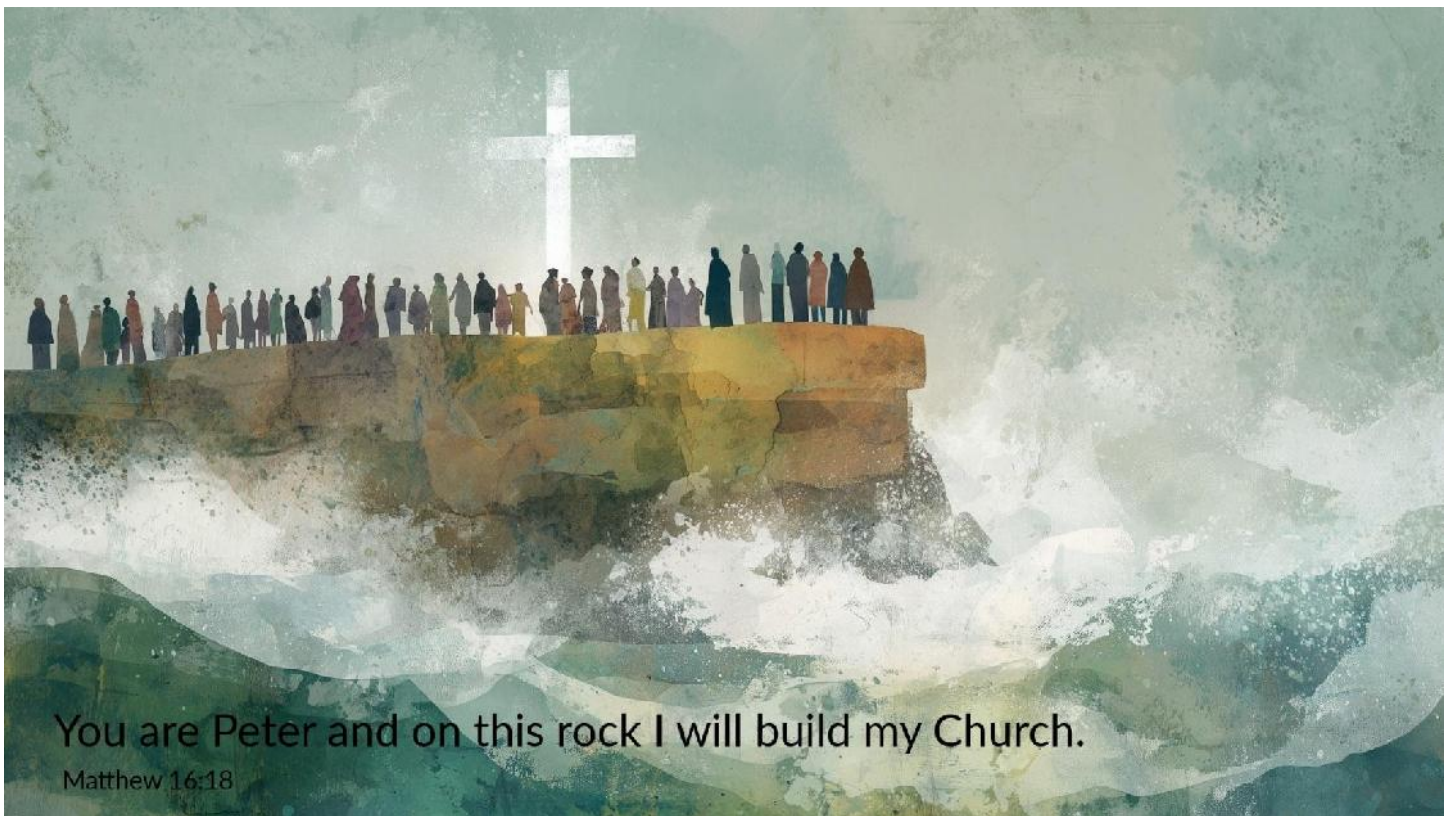
St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

Int of Robert Smith

Matthew 16:18

*You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.*



August 23, 2026

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks his disciples in today's Gospel (Matthew 16:15). Many of them had responded when Jesus asked them who others say he is, but when they have to answer for themselves, only Peter speaks up. "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," he replies at once (16:16). This is the answer Jesus was looking for, as he proceeds to award Peter the keys to the kingdom. But before this he tells him something noteworthy about his answer: "For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father" (16:17). Remember, by this time Peter had seen Jesus drive out demons, heal the sick, feed the multitudes, and walk on water. But this is not enough. Only by God's grace is Peter able to recognize Jesus as Messiah and Son of God. Faith is a gift. We are now the disciples Jesus asks. We have heard of his holy birth, his miracles, and his rising from the dead. We have encountered him in prayer and reflection, in times of trouble, and in unexpected places. We receive his flesh and blood in the Eucharist. But it is only by experiencing all this in the context of our faith that we truly recognize Jesus.

How does your faith reveal Jesus to you?



August 23, 2026

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23 | Rom 11:33-36 | Mt 16:13-20

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

In today's second reading, St. Paul reflects in awe over the "depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God." God's judgments are inscrutable, his ways unsearchable, he goes on to say. While on our own, we cannot know the depth of who God is and the beauty of his plan for us, we have been given access to this knowledge by the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, Peter is able to grasp that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God," not by "flesh and blood," but by a revelation from our heavenly Father. The Church that is still led by Peter's successor continues to be guided by the Spirit into the fullness of truth. (Jn 16:13) As individual believers, we, too, have received the Spirit in our hearts. By living in communion with our Holy Father and by seeking to listen to the Spirit who also speaks into the depths of our hearts, we can rest assured that we are in a "sure spot" where we can receive all that the Lord wishes to reveal to us about what it means to live in him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's Gospel demonstrates that Christ desired to place Peter – and his successors – as the visible head of his Church. Yes, God willed from the beginning to leave his Church with a leader who could safeguard the quintessential confession of Christ as the "Son of the living God," but there's more to it than this. Peter is given *keys to the kingdom of heaven*. And what are keys for if not to open doors? In a very real way, the mission of our Holy Father is to open up access to God's kingdom, and there are many examples of this. On World Mission Sunday in 2011, Pope Benedict said, "The proclamation of the Gospel is intended for all peoples." And Pope Francis, speaking at World Youth Day in 2023, emphasized that the Gospel is for *todos, todos, todos* – everyone, everyone, everyone, without exception. As we pray for our Holy Father and the immense task with which he has been entrusted, let us work in our own way to ensure that the doors of our churches, the way to the kingdom of heaven, remain open for all.

PRAY

As we reflect on the gift that Jesus left us by making Peter and his successors the visible head of his Church on earth, take some time to pray for our Holy Father and his intentions. You can pray along with the Pope at the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (a site which contains a short video of the Pope's monthly prayer intention and other prayer resources) at www.popesprayer.va.

Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina for the Twenty-First 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 cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you command
and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.

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-First Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.
Matthew 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are

Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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?

Who do people say that the Son of Man is? How would I describe Jesus to someone who does not know him? How has my image of Jesus changed over the course of my life?

For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. Who have been reliable teachers about my faith? How can I discern the reliability of the information that I receive about my faith?

Upon this rock I will build my church. On what foundations does my faith rest? How can I help to build the Church's synodal mission?

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

Closing Prayer

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple.

I will give thanks to your name,
because of your kindness and your truth:
When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees,
and the proud he knows from afar.
Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;
forsake not the work of your hands.

(From Psalm 138)

Living the Word This Week

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

Share your faith and love of Christ with one person this week.

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Life



A family watched two cocoons that were about to hatch. The first one began to open and the butterfly inside squeezed very slowly and painfully through a tiny hole that it

chewed in one end of the cocoon. After lying exhausted for about ten minutes following its agonizing emergence, the butterfly finally flew out the open window on its beautiful new wings.

The family decided to help the second butterfly so that it would not have to go through such an excruciating ordeal. As it began to emerge, they carefully sliced open the cocoon with a razor blade, doing the equivalent of a Caesarean section. The second butterfly never did sprout wings, and in about ten minutes, instead of flying away, it quietly died.

A biologist explained what had happened. She said that the difficult struggle to emerge from the small hole actually pushes liquids from deep inside the butterfly's body cavity into tiny capillaries in the wings where they hardened to complete the healthy and beautiful adult butterfly. Without the struggle, there are no wings.

Our struggles in life are not always a detriment, but often the resistance we need to develop and grow a strong lasting faith. A faith that is the foundation of this new life we live in Christ!

Reference Point



There is a small disc on the Meades Ranch in north central Kansas where the thirty-ninth parallel from the Atlantic to the Pacific crosses the ninety-eighth meridian running from Canada to the Rio Grande.

The National Oceanic Survey, a small federal agency whose business it is to locate the exact positions of every point

in the United States, uses the scientifically recognized reference point on the Meades Ranch. So far, no mistakes have been made, and none are expected. All ocean liners and commercial planes come under the survey. The government can build no dams or even launch a missile without this agency to tell it the exact location to the very inch. "Location by approximation," the article goes on to say, "can be costly and dangerous."

That's why there is so much chaos in our society today. Everyone's using their own reference point. What we need is a universal reference point so that we can say, "Here. Here is how the good life is lived."

For Christians there is such a reference point - and that is Jesus. What would Jesus do? That is the question that continually helps us in our quest for right living. Jesus not only revealed the character of God but he also patterned the ideal life for humanity. Let Jesus be your reference point today.

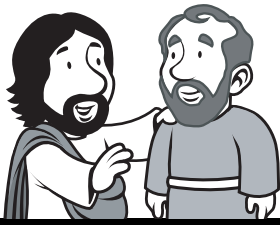


Two peoples, two States

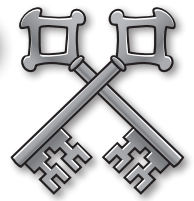
Pope Leo XIV's appeal on the Middle East at the Angelus in Castel Gandolfo on 16 August is the latest expression of the Holy See's longstanding support for a two-State solution as the only path to a "just and lasting" peace for Israel and Palestine.

"I urgently call on the international community to work toward advancing the two-state solution, for a just and lasting peace," Pope Leo said at the Angelus in Castel Gandolfo on Sunday, 16 August, after condemning the abuses and violence suffered by Palestinians in the West Bank. The Pope called for renewed momentum so that this project—first formally outlined in 1947 in the plan adopted by the United Nations General Assembly to partition Mandatory Palestine into two States—might finally become a reality.

Pope Leo XIV



Who do you say I am?

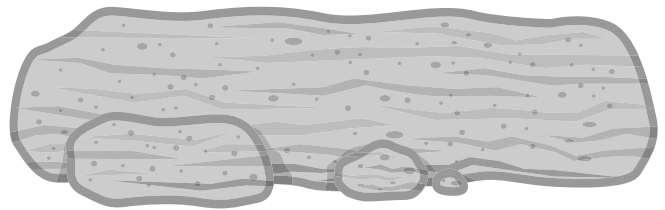


21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Who do you say Jesus is?

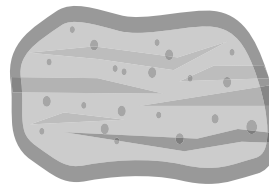
Write some words which describe Jesus.

Jesus said to Peter "You are the rock on which I will build my Church." Draw your church on the rock below.



What makes strong foundations for the church?
Write your answers on the rock.

Match up each of these symbols of St Peter with its correct story



Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus told Peter that he would be the foundation upon which the church would be built.

When Jesus first met Peter and his brother Andrew he said to them, "Follow me!" Immediately they stopped what they were doing and followed Jesus.

Jesus told his disciples that they would desert him. Peter told Jesus he would never desert him, but Jesus predicted that Peter would deny him three times.

Jesus said to Peter, "You are Peter; to you I will give the keys to the kingdom of heaven."

Who do you say I am?

Draw Peter as he answers Jesus' question, "Who do you say I am?"

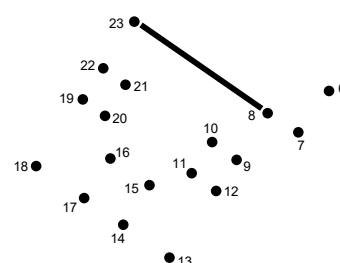
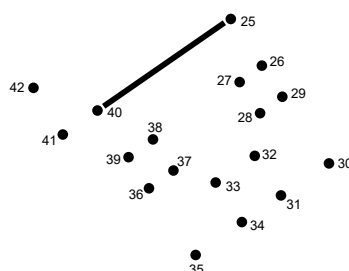
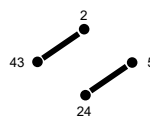
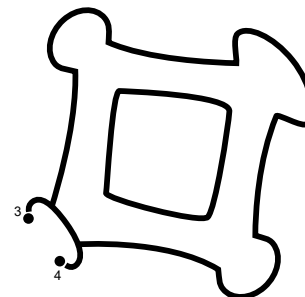
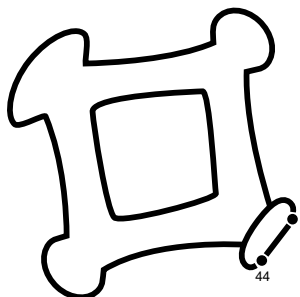
But who do you say that I am?

You are the Messiah,
the Son of the
living God.



Join the dots and
complete the picture!

You are Peter;
to you I will give
the keys to the
kingdom of
heaven.



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 (JUL to JUN)

St. Patrick Offertory: \$199,926
St. Michael Offertory: \$13,216

June Report

Income: \$25,703
Expenses: \$29,491
In the Red: \$3,788

YTD July 2025 to June 2026

Income: \$372,961
Expenses: \$296,248
Balance: \$76,713

Other Revenue \$9,158
In the Black \$85,872

Parish Financial Report

Last Sunday's Collection

St. Patrick Church

Envelopes/Loose: \$2151
Online Giving \$871
Total \$3022

St. Michael Mission

Envelopes/Loose: \$331
Online Giving \$125
Total \$456

Use Online Giving

www.stpatsbisbee.com

Use "Give Now" link

THANK YOU!



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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
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**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.

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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)*