

Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because,
I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

Luke 13:24



August 24, 2025

It's a perfectly normal question to ask Jesus: "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" (Luke 13:23). In other words, what are my chances of making it to heaven? Jesus responds, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough" (13:24). Neither "narrow gate" nor "not strong enough" sounds good, and neither does the story of those refused entry, left wailing and grinding their teeth. But perhaps by not giving a straight answer, Jesus is telling us more. First, that it is important to strive to make it to heaven. We should repent, pray, do good, love God and neighbor, and serve the least of our brothers and sisters. Namely, we must live our faith. And second, to teach that none of us alone is strong enough, but by God's grace we all can enter the narrow gate. This gives us hope, for no matter how much we strive, we are human, imperfect and weak. Let us pray that by the grace of God there may be a constant flood, "from the east and the west, from the north and the south," through that narrow gate (13:29).

What can you do to strive to enter through the narrow gate?

Weekend Mass Schedule

(Confession – 30 minutes before each Mass)

St. Patrick Church - Bisbee

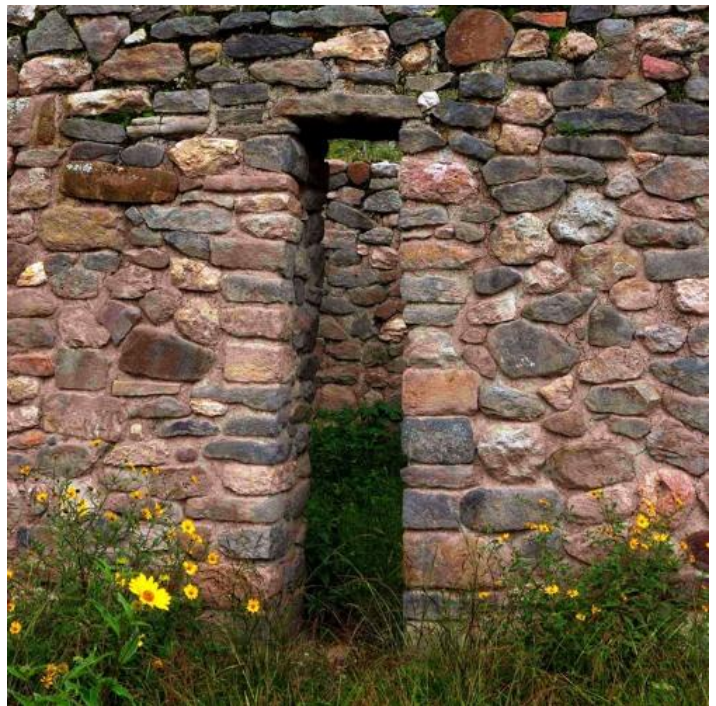
- 5:00pm Saturday Evening Vigil

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 Vigil 23AUG25

5:00pm Mass

+Rudy Torres

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Sunday 24AUG25

9:00am Mass

Int of Evelyn Wood

Int of Marylee Underhill

Int of Carol Escarcega

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Ronald Moore

+Mauricio Perdomo

+Mariana Bernal

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 25AUG25

No Mass Celebrated

Tuesday 26AUG25

+Ruth Whitehead

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Wednesday 27AUG25

+Bert Whitehead Sr.

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Thursday 28AUG25

Int of Dave Ruiz

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Friday 29AUG25

Int of Monica Parsons

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Saturday 30AUG25

+Pat Kambourian

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

MASS INTENTIONS

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil 30AUG25

5:00pm Mass

+Richard Verdugo

+Blas & +Carmen Urbina

+Alex & +Irene Urbina

Sunday 31AUG25

9:00am Mass

+Dorothy Finley

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Ruth Whitehead

John 14:6

*I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.*

Parish Financial Report



Last Sunday's Collection

St. Patrick Church

Envelopes/Loose:	\$2151
Online Giving	\$842
Total	\$2993

St. Michael Mission

Envelopes/Loose:	\$192
Online Giving	\$50
Total	\$242

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:	\$367,773
Expenses:	\$309,599
Balance:	\$58,174
Other Revenue	\$11,825
Project Exp	\$89,643
In the RED	\$19,644

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.**

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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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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.



Potential

Once there was a man on a train going across the desert in Arizona. He was the only person in the car who had not pulled down the window shades to keep out the glare of the hot sun on the parched earth. In contrast to the other passengers, he kept looking out his window, and seemed actually to enjoy the dismal scene.

After a while the curious man seated across the aisle, asked, "Sir, what do you see in that wasteland that makes you smile?"

"Oh," he replied, "I'm in the irrigation business, and I was thinking if we could only get water to this land that the desert would become a garden."

That's what Jesus is teaching His disciples. He wants us to see the world's people as He sees them. Every one of them is precious in His sight. By divine grace, they can become a new creation, made beautiful in holiness, each has potential – God Given Potential.



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)*



Strength

A little boy and his father were walking along a road when they came across a large stone. The boy looked at the stone and thought. Then he asked his father, "Do you think if I use all my strength, I can move that rock?"

The father thought for a moment and said, "I think that if you use all your strength, you can do it."

That was all the little boy needed. He ran over to the rock and began to push on it. He pushed and he pushed, so hard did he try that little beads of sweat appeared on his forehead. But

the rock didn't move — not an inch, not half an inch.

After a while, the little boy sat down on the ground. His face had fallen. His whole body seemed to be just a lump there on the earth. "You were wrong," he told his dad. "I can't do it."

His father walked over to him, knelt beside him, and put his arm around the boy's shoulder. "You can do it," he said. "You just didn't use all your strength. You didn't ask me to help."

The world in which we live tells us that it is all up to us. It tells us that we have to be strong and independent. It tells us we can't and shouldn't count on anyone or anything else.

And yet, what faith tells us and what Christians have known forever is that we have a ready resource in God, strength for those who ask.

Today, do not go it alone, ask for help. Use all your strength - Jesus.