

St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

St. Patrick Church

St. Michael Mission

July 26, 2026

Seventeenth 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.

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Office Hours

Monday - Closed
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Pastoral Staff

Msgr. Gregory Adolf, Canonical Pastor
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Deacon Joe Delgado
Deacon Bill Lugo
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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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 25JUL

5:00pm Vigil Mass

+Betty Marshall

Int of Concha Herrera

Sunday 26JUL

9:00am Mass

+Joanne Yeater

+Fr. John Frawley

+Ramona Renteria

+Jesusita Dagnino

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Mary Jane Dugie

Int of Dcn. Joe & Jessie Delgado

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 27JUL

No Mass Celebrated

Tuesday 28JUL

+Mary Jane Dugie

Wednesday 29JUL

+Mary Jane Dugie

Thursday 30JUL

+Mary Jane Dugie

Friday 31JUL

+Mary Jane Dugie

Saturday 01AUG

+Mary Jane Dugie

MASS INTENTIONS

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 01AUG

5:00pm Vigil Mass

+Flavio Borbon

Sunday 02AUG

9:00am Mass

+Dolores & +Daniel Valle

+Ramona Renteria

+Carmen Renteria

Int of Annette Mendez

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Mary Jane Dugie

Matthew 13:44

*The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,
which a person finds and hides again,
and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.*

“The kingdom
of heaven
is like a
merchant
looking for
fine pearls.”

Matthew 13:45



July 26, 2026

The kingdom of heaven is a treasure beyond our wildest dreams. Jesus compares it to a buried treasure or a pearl of great price. In his parables, those who stumble across these treasures sacrifice everything to acquire them. Similarly, we should be willing to sacrifice all we have—our desires, our selfishness, our avoidance of our crosses—in order to gain the kingdom. But there’s a big difference. Neither the merchant nor the person who found the buried treasure could have assumed they would ever be successful. But we know that the kingdom of heaven has already been won for us. Jesus has already paid the price, a price greater than that of any hidden treasure or precious pearl. We take for granted so many of the treasures we already have: life itself; our faith; our conscience, which helps us distinguish right from wrong; an understanding heart, which we can nurture throughout our lives; the promise of eternal life. Let us thank God, for we already have more treasures than Solomon, let alone the characters in the parables.

What treasures do you have that you can add to the list above?



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Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 | Rom 8:28-30 | Mt 13:44-52

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

Today we continue to hear parables about the kingdom of God and the reaction of those who find it. The merchant and the person in the field joyfully sell all they have to acquire their treasures. In a world in which we have so many responsibilities, following God may sometimes feel like an obligation. We abide by truths of the Church that are countercultural and challenging. We give our time and our money for the benefit of our community. We profess bold belief in a Gospel truth that is often questioned. These parables remind us that God desires that we move past seeking him out of a sense of obligation or duty – to a place of joy-filled abandonment to him. To experience the full joy that comes from living the Gospel, Jesus comes to us and remains with us in his sacraments. He invites us over and over again to experience his love and his joy until our hearts are changed and we joyfully put everything aside in pursuit of him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

I was pulling weeds in the garden when my daughter asked how I knew which plants not to pull. I realized that I simply recognize a weed from a desired plant because I have spent time in my garden. As we journey with Christ, our eyes become fine-tuned to see the difference between what is characteristic of the kingdom of God and what is of this world. King Solomon had eyes fixed on the kingdom, and he knew the value of asking for an understanding heart to help him see more clearly. We must also ask for the wisdom to see clearly what is from God. As we encounter the beauty of God and the truth of his word, we are called to share those encounters with those who are still searching and whose eyes are untrained. Not unlike pulling weeds in the garden, we must train our eyes to find the longed-for pearl as we see and experience the truth of God's love as a community of believers.

PRAY

As you seek to grow in understanding, pray the prayer of St. Anselm of Canterbury this week: *O Lord, my God / teach my heart this day where and how to see you / where and how to find you / Let me find you by loving you / let me love you when I find you. Amen.*

"The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls."

True Treasure

There is an ancient legend about the monk who found a precious stone, a precious jewel. A short time later, the monk met a traveler, who said he was hungry and asked the monk if he would share some of his provisions. When the monk opened his bag, the traveler saw the precious stone and, on an impulse, asked the

monk if he could have it. Amazingly, the monk gave the traveler the stone.

The traveler departed quickly overjoyed with his new possession. However, a few days later, he came back, searching for the monk. He returned the stone to the monk and made a request: "Please give me that which enabled you to give me this precious stone!"

A commitment of the whole heart, that's what heaven...the Kingdom of Heaven requires of its followers. I love this last parable because Jesus does not say the Kingdom of Heaven is like a pearl of great price. He says the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant, a merchant who finds a great deal on a flawless stone and does everything in his power to close the sale.

That's commitment to a greater cause. That's sacrifice and hard work. That's what heaven is like.

Matthew 13:45

Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina for the Seventeenth 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, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing
is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.

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, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.
Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it

will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

"Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

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?

The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Do I take joy in my faith? How do I express and share that joy with others?

The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous. How can I avoid the near occasions of sin that lure me from the path of righteousness? What spiritual practices strengthen my resolve to avoid wickedness?

Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old. What “old” spiritual practices do I need to bring from my storeroom of faith? How can I be more open to new opportunities to grow in faith?

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

Closing Prayer

I have said, O LORD, that my part
is to keep your words.

The law of your mouth is to me more precious
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Let your kindness comfort me
according to your promise to your servants.

Let your compassion come to me that I may live,
for your law is my delight.

For I love your command
more than gold, however fine.

For in all your precepts I go forward;
every false way I hate.

Wonderful are your decrees;
therefore I observe them.

The revelation of your words sheds light,
giving understanding to the simple.

(From Psalm 119)

Living the Word This Week

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

Research the faith formation classes, devotional services, and volunteer opportunities offered by your parish or diocese and consider participating in something new to you.

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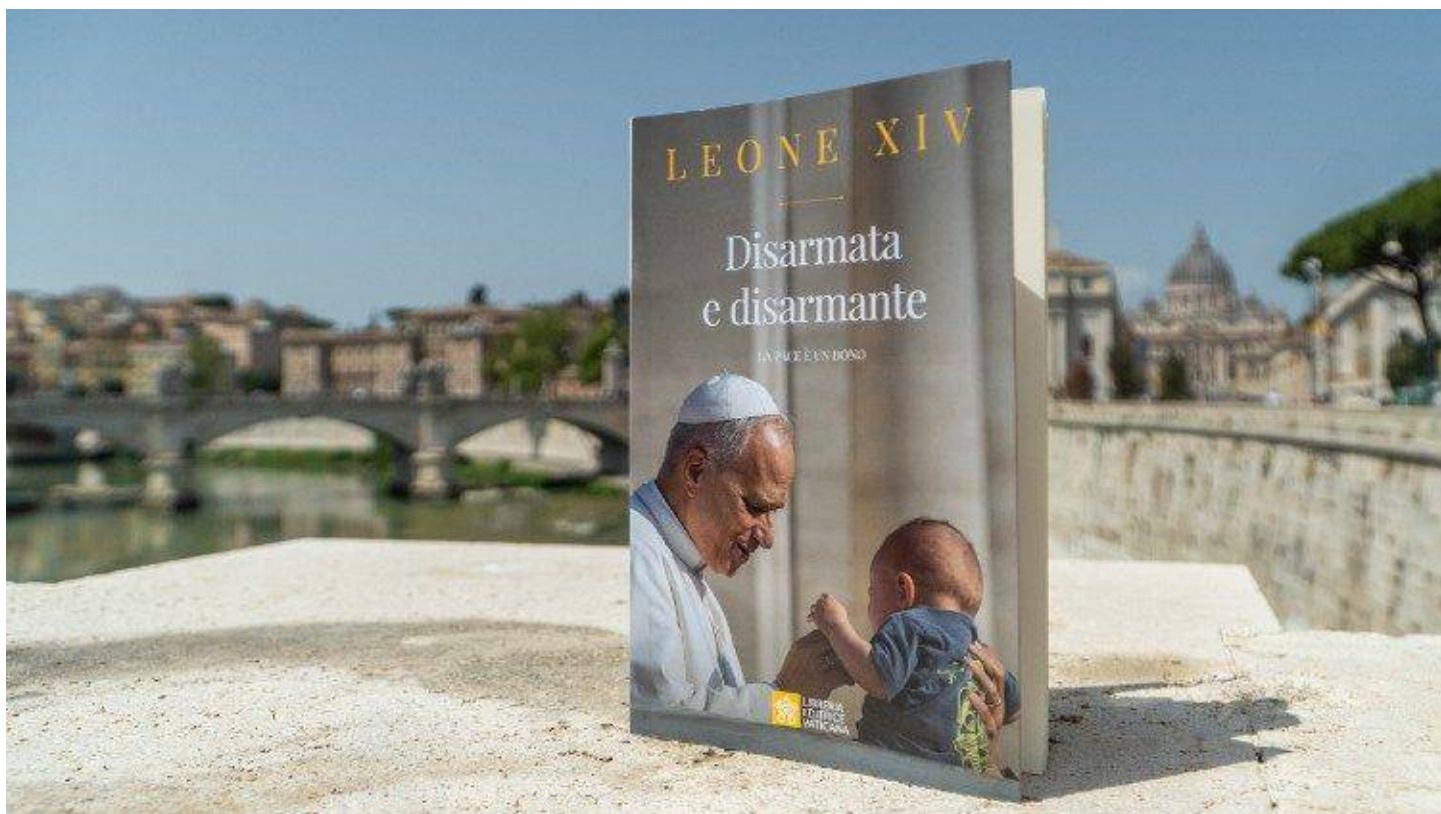


Love

Someone has said that at the heart of the Bible is the Gospel.

At the heart of the Gospel is the cross.

At the heart of the cross is the very love of God.



*The Vatican Publishing House releases a new book by Pope Leo XIV entitled **Disarmed and Disarming: Peace Is a Gift**. Edited by Alessandro Banfi, the volume brings together Pope Leo's addresses and reflections on peace since his election on 8 May 2025. The collection, which hits the bookshelves in Italian but will soon be available in English, opens with a previously unpublished text by the Pope.*

Peace requires hope. The Church will continue to preach charity towards all men and women. If there is one thing the world is seeking today, I believe it to be a message of peace for the future. Let us look to the future with hope, having found Jesus' message as the only source. Because this is the essence of Christ's teaching: charity, love and giving one's life for others defeat death, isolation, violence: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly"

(Jn 10:10). — Pope Leo XIV

DID YOU KNOW – 26 July 2026

that one hundred years ago, 31 July 1926, public worship in Mexico was suspended in the Government's persecution of the Church? Priests hurried to administer the sacraments and the faithful crowded into parishes for their last public Mass for some time. Baptisms surged, confessions stretched late into the night, and an uneasy urgency settled over Catholic life.

The crisis — soon to erupt into the “Cristero War” — had been years in the making. The Socialist Mexican Constitution of 1917 imposed sweeping anticlerical restrictions: churches were stripped of legal status, religious education was banned, religious orders suppressed, public worship outside churches forbidden, and clergy placed under strict government control. *Pope Pius XI* published his encyclical *Iniquis Afflictisque*, 18 November 1926, in response to the persecution in Mexico.

In this tense time, however, the *Knights of Columbus* in Mexico expanded rapidly as an organized Catholic lay force. From 1918 to 1923, dozens of councils formed, as membership grew rapidly. Responding to both dire poverty and religious restrictions, the Knights founded and ran dozens of schools, clinics and other charitable works, while supporting clergy as conditions worsened. The Consecration of Mexico to Christ the King took place two years before *Pope Pius XI* established the feast of Christ the King for the Universal Church — a declaration that would soon take on particular resonance in Mexico. The Pope also described the suffering endured: many arrested, handcuffed, dragged through public streets, jailed, fined and, in some cases, dying “with the rosary in their hands and the name of Christ the King on their lips.”

By 1926, enforcement had become systematic under President Calles. In June, the so-called Calles Law introduced penalties that made religious practice legally perilous, with sentences of up to six years in prison. This was the reality that prompted Mexico's bishops to take an extraordinary step: On July 31, 1926, public worship ceased nationwide. The shutdown of public worship did not end Catholic life in Mexico. It forced the crisis into a new, underground phase.

The persecution soon escalated into the Cristero War, a three-year conflict between federal forces and Catholic resistance fighters known as “Cristeros” for their rallying cry: “*¡Viva Cristo Rey!*” — “Long live Christ the King!” For the faithful, the cry was a final profession of faith; for the government, it was treated as an act of defiance.

The 1926–1929 Cristero War ended in a U.S. negotiated truce (*the Arreglos*) rather than a clear military victory, resulting in a stalemate. The government suspended strict enforcement of anti-clerical laws, allowing public worship to resume, while the Church halted its support of the uprising and agreed to abide by state laws, effectively losing its political power and legal property rights. Although open warfare ended, the government continued to crack down on the Church, with thousands of Cristero leaders and participants assassinated after the truce, leading to sporadic fighting into the 1930's. Many Priests and Religious, including our Carmelite Sisters of the Sacred Heart, sought refuge in the United States during the persecution, and many of our parishioners' older relatives have vivid memories of the persecution of the Church.

A sad anniversary!

(The definitive movie about the Cristero War is *For Greater Glory* (2012). The film chronicles the 1920s rebellion by Mexican citizens against their government's brutal crackdown on the Catholic Church and religious freedom.)

DO YOU OCCASIONALLY REQUEST A MASS INTENTION AT ST. PATRICK PARISH?

This is a good time to review the reminder below that has been used for several years, asking requestors to submit their requests in a timely manner. Please remember --- if your Mass Intention is received close to the Mass date you are requesting, there is no guarantee that your date can be honored, or that it will be published in time to be included in our weekly Flocknote / bulletin. Please ---help the office staff complete your request on time by doing your part first!

Mass Intention Requests

Parishioners requesting a Mass Intention are asked to complete a Mass Intention Request Form located in the church and mission or by using our online form. Mass Intention Request Forms can also be emailed to parishioners. Completed forms should be dropped off at the parish office, mailed, emailed, a pic sent via text, or placed into the Sunday collection basket.

Completed forms should be received by the parish office a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the Mass date being requested. This will allow an orderly recording of the Mass Intention into the "Daily Mass Record" book. It will also allow a timely publishing of the Mass Intention into our parish bulletin and weekday/weekend Mass scripts.

We hope this request reduces the need for late, last minute, panic Mass Intention Requests that when accommodated increases opportunities for error when recording and re-work of Mass scripts that have been published and distributed.

Your understanding is appreciated.



Livestream Schedule

**Saturday, July 25
5pm**



**Sunday, August 2
9am**

www.youtube.com/StPatrickBisbee



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DONATE
THANK YOU!



*Is it time to discard
a few things??*

*****Old CD's or DVD's?***

*****Old costume jewelry,
jewelry fragments ?***



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round.*

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**St. Patrick
Parish**

**OFFICE / GIFT SHOP
HOURS**

**OPEN TUESDAY - SATURDAY
10:00 AM - 2 PM**

SATURDAY AFTER 6:00 PM MASS

SUNDAY AFTER 9:00 AM MASS



CATHOLIC QUIZ 26 JULY 2026

This week's Question: "Did St. Joseph have another wife?"

The answer to last week's Question: "Why do images of St. Joseph frequently depict him carrying a flowering staff?"

Legend says that Zechariah the High Priest told the Virgin Mary that in a vision, the angel of God had instructed him to bring together the marriageable men who were seeking Mary's hand and have each leave his staff in the Temple overnight. The Lord's choice of a husband for Mary would be revealed through a sign. In the morning, the staff of Joseph the carpenter was found to have blossomed, while the staff of the other suitors were barren! And so, Saint Joseph is often depicted carrying his flowering staff!

SOUL FOOD 26 JULY 2026

"Indeed, one can observe that our spiritual leaders do not experience so much evil censure and calumny from the pagans as they do from the so-called "Faithful" and those who belong to the Church. And yet there is nothing, absolutely nothing, that can bring ruin in the Church so easily and surely as when no intimate bond exists any more between listeners and the teachers, between the children and their spiritual fathers, between leader and follower. Of this I warn you and pray with tears. Cease this wicked practice."

- St. John Chrysostom (367-407)



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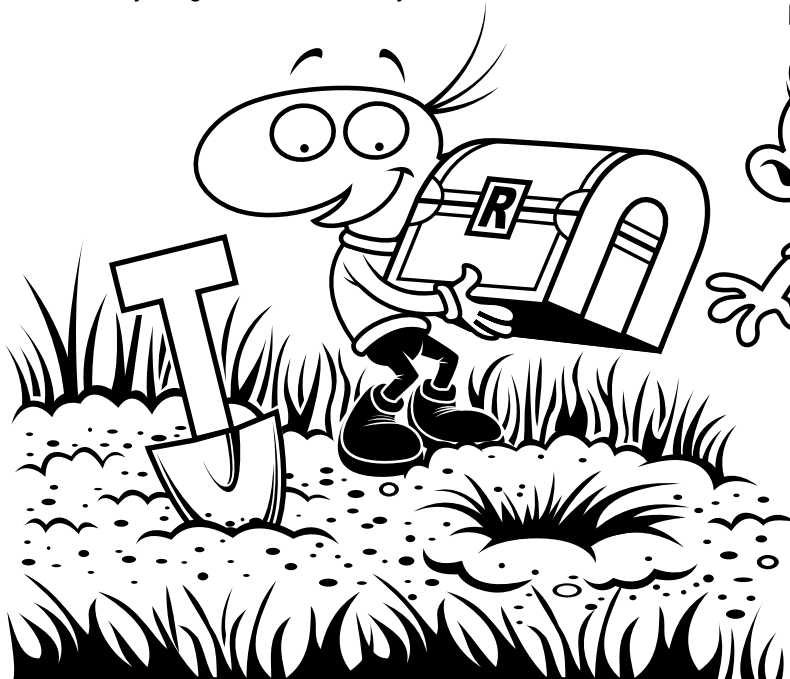




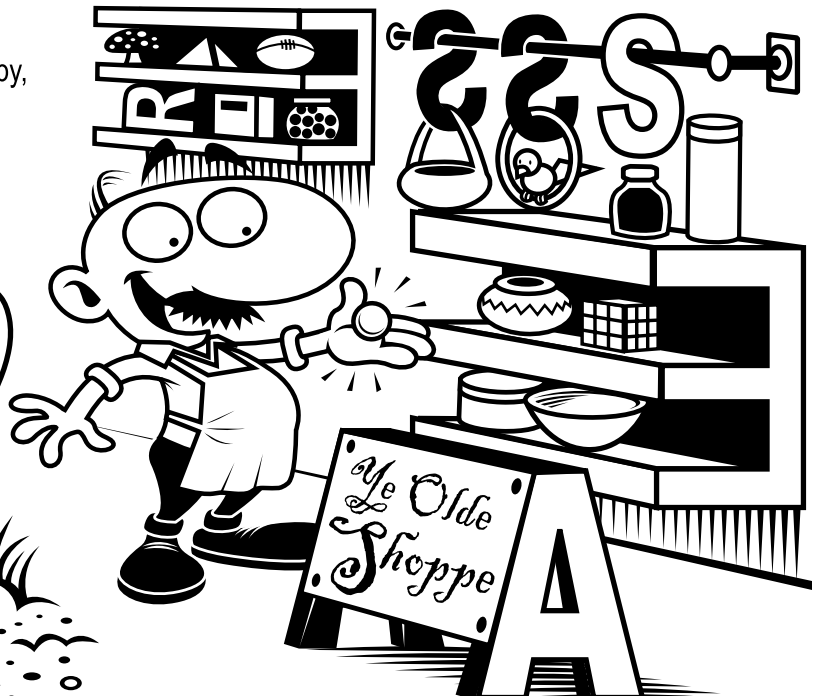
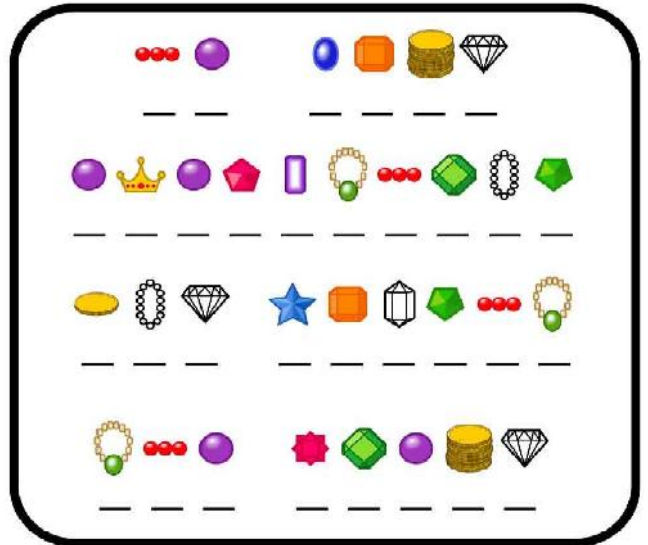
Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of God is so valuable that we ought to be prepared to give up everything for it. What are some things in your life that you would be prepared to give up or change in order to enter God's Kingdom?

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"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field."



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"The kingdom of heaven is also like a shop keeper looking for fine pearls. When he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it."

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: \$2026
Online Giving \$446
Total \$2472

St. Michael Mission

Envelopes/Loose: \$170
Online Giving \$25
Total \$195

Use Online Giving

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Parish Compliance Representative

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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)*