

St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

St. Patrick Church

St. Michael Mission

October 26, 2025

Thirtieth 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

Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil 25OCT25

5:00pm Mass

+Many Martinez

Sunday 26OCT25

9:00am Mass

+David & +Veronica Campa

+George & +Anne Gojkovich

+Aida Conrow

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Daniel Romero

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 27OCT25

No Mass Celebrated

Tuesday 28OCT25

Int of Sonia Hernandez

Int of Reyna Cota

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Wednesday 29OCT25

Int of Reyna Cota

Thursday 30OCT25

+Rita Barton

Friday 31OCT25

+Ruth Whitehead

Saturday 01NOV25

+Rene Martinez Sr.

+Rene Martinez Jr.

MASS INTENTIONS

All Souls Day

Saturday Vigil 01NOV25

5:00pm Mass

+Flavio Borbon

Sunday 02NOV25

9:00am Mass

+Dolores & +Daniel Valle

+Tony Verdugo

+Rene Martinez Sr.

+Rene Martinez Jr.

+Gilbert Chavez

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Bert Whitehead Sr.

2 Corinthians 5:19

*God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ,
and entrusting to us the message of salvation.*



“God,
be
merciful
to me,
a sinner.”

Luke 18:13

October 26, 2025

The Pharisee in Jesus’ parable is a righteous and admirable man: honest, generous, and faithful to his spouse. But he has a great flaw, one that he is unable to see, but one that Jesus hints at when he tells us that the Pharisee begins his prayer by saying, “O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity” (Luke 18:11). His entire prayer is about how good he is, how much better he is than everyone around him, not about how dependent he is on God’s mercy. And therein is his flaw: his pride deludes him into thinking that he has no need for God. As we hear in the first reading and the psalm, God is especially attentive to those in need: the oppressed, the widow, the orphan, the poor, the lowly, and the brokenhearted. Jesus himself became poor to share in our humanity. The Pharisee mistakenly believes that it is his own strength and will that elevate him above everyone else, that keep him from being poor and needy. The tax collector recognizes his dependence on God; the Pharisee feels dependent on no one but himself. Only the former has the humility to plead for God’s mercy, to embrace the way to salvation.

How do you keep a true sense of humility? Do you acknowledge your humility when you pray?



October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 | 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18 | Lk 18:9-14

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Today's first reading says, "The Lord is a God of justice who knows no favorites." While we humans show deference to people we admire or give preferential treatment to those we like, God loves all his creatures with the same perfect love. But then the reading goes on to say something that seems to contradict that opening line, even suggesting that God has a soft spot in his heart for the poor: "Though not unduly partial toward the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed." The text mentions that God hears the prayers of the widow and orphan, and that "the prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds." So what are we to make of all this? While God loves all perfectly, his heart is moved to mercy particularly toward the poor and lowly. And so the tax collector's humble prayer is heard, and he goes home justified, while the Pharisee does not.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus knew how to tell stories that acted as a mirror to reveal the state of peoples' hearts. Today's Gospel opens with the line: "Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness." Because we cannot know what's going on in someone's heart the way Jesus knows, we have to be careful not to assume we know what another needs to hear. Yet, in our efforts to accompany others on the road to discipleship, there may be moments where we're called to speak a word that "afflicts the comfortable or comforts the afflicted." If we do, we must always do so from a place of love and humility, recognizing that sometimes we are sharing this word because God has convicted *us* of precisely the same thing we're sharing with another! In that way, our sharing becomes more *witness* to the ways God has humbled us.

PRAY

There is a short, ancient Christian prayer known as the Jesus Prayer that is derived, in part, from our Gospel reading today. The entire text of the prayer is one line: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner" which is repeated over and over again. Consider praying this prayer throughout the week as a way of rooting yourself more deeply in humility and an awareness of our need for God's mercy.

Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina for the Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time

We begin our prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty ever-living God,
increase our faith, hope and charity,
and make us love what you command,
so that we may merit what you promise.
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, Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.
Luke 18:9-14

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. "Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity -- greedy, dishonest, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my

whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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?

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. How often do I compare myself to others? How can I develop a healthy self-esteem as a child of God?

But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven. How have my sinful behaviors separated me from God? What will help to bridge this divide?

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted. When have I been selfish, arrogant, and full of pride? How can I grow in the virtue of humility?

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

Closing Prayer:

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

The LORD confronts the evildoers,
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.
When the just cry out, the Lord hears them,
and from all their distress he rescues them.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.
The LORD redeems the lives of his servants;
no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in him.

(From Psalm 34)

Living the Word This Week

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

Perform an act of service for someone without taking credit.

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The Sermon

A man arrived in 1953 at the Chicago railroad station to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. He stepped off the train, a tall man with bushy hair and a big mustache. As the cameras flashed and city officials approached with hands outstretched to meet him, he thanked them politely. Then he asked to be excused for a minute.

He walked through the crowd to the side of an elderly black woman struggling with two large suitcases. He picked them up, smiled, and escorted her to the bus, helped her get on, and wished her a safe journey. Then Albert Schweitzer turned to the crowd and apologized for keeping them waiting. It is reported that one member of the reception committee told a reporter, "That's the first time I ever saw a sermon walking."

We've been given a great task - to live in harmony, to weep with the mournful, to laugh with the joyful, to not be conceited. We are called to be righteous, but not self-righteous.

Let's do our best, to be humble.



To God

Corrie ten Boom explained how she was able to handle the many compliments and praise that were constantly heaped upon her.

She said that she looked at each compliment as a beautiful flower.

She would smell each one for a moment and then place it into a vase with the others.

At the end of the day, she would take the beautiful bouquet of flowers and present them to God with these words: "Thank you, Lord, for letting me smell the flowers; they all belong to you."

She had discovered the secret of genuine humility.



Humility

A man who was suffering from constant headaches visited his doctor.

"Doctor, I don't know why I keep on getting these awful headaches," he said.

"I don't drink like so many others do. I don't smoke like so many others do. I don't run around at night like so many others do. I don't overeat like so many others do. I don't..."

The doctor interrupted at this point. "Tell me," he said, "this pain in the head you complain of, is it a sharp, shooting kind of pain?" "Yes," the patient replied, "that describes it perfectly. A sharp, shooting kind of pain!"

The doctor then made his diagnosis: "Simple," he said, "your problem is that you have your halo on too tight. All you need to do is loosen it a bit."

"Try a dose of humility."

*Humble yourself and you
will be honored*



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What things did the tax collector say to God?

How can we be humble like the tax collector?

A large, empty speech bubble with a black outline, intended for the student to write the things the tax collector said to God.

Color in the tax collector.

Four empty rectangular boxes with blue outlines, stacked vertically, intended for the student to write how they can be humble like the tax collector.

match up the correct endings

Draw a line from the first half of each sentence to its correct ending.

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector went

you will be honored.

The Pharisee prayed

"God, have pity on me! I am a sinner."

The Tax Collector prayed

you will be put down.

If you put yourself above others

to the temple to pray.

If you humble yourself

"God, I thank you that I am not greedy or dishonest."



Humble yourself and you will be humbled

Luke 18:9-14

My name is

God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, or even like this tax-collector.

Draw the tax collector offering his humble prayer to God.



God, be merciful to me, a sinner!



Draw a picture of yourself doing something that shows your humility.

All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Saturday, October 25



Knights of Columbus
Council 863

will welcome the

Relics of the Mexican
Martyr/Priests



3 p.m. Relics will arrive at
St. Patrick Church

3-4 p.m. Veneration

4:15 p.m. Rosary

4:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. Anticipated Sunday Mass
with the 4th Degree Honor
Guard participating.

Interesting YouTube presentations:

"Viva Christo Rey -- Catholic Persecution in Mexico" https://youtu.be/Z__ti5BiQz0

"For Greater Glory: The True Story of Cristeros"

<https://youtu.be/EnPi5cXIVHo?si=IVDeQHN88yliIH5K>

The movie "For Greater Glory" is also available for purchase on Amazon.com.

CANDLELIT MEMORIAL ROSARY

Sunday, November 2
6:00pm
St. Patrick Church - Bisbee

*Honor the memory of a
loved one with us*



We will be honoring the memories of loved ones who have gone before us. Please join us in celebrating the impact and influence they have had in our lives as we pray a rosary commemorating them.

The name of your loved one will be mentioned during the rosary. Each bead of each decade will be represented by their name and an optional candle. We ask that after the rosary, those who opted for a candle take it home and continue to keep it lit in their honor.

Forms and payment can be dropped in the collection basket or turned in at the rectory office. Payment and form is due before the end of the day on October 31, 2025 to assure they are included in the rosary. Thank you!

Your Name: _____ Phone #: _____

____ \$5 - In Memory of _____ Candle? Yes/No

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Please note: This Memorial Rosary is on SUNDAY evening instead of Saturday after Mass.

CATHOLIC QUIZ

26 October 2025

This week's Question: "Why is the Pope called the 'Supreme Pontiff'?"

The answer to last week's Question: "How many of the 267 popes have been non-Italian?"

Most of the popes have been Italian, because the Pope is first and foremost, the Bishop of Rome! Pope Leo customarily celebrates Mass in Italian (as well as in Latin, the 'official language' of the Roman Catholic Church).

Sixty-one of the 267 popes have been non-Italian, including fifteen Greeks, fifteen Frenchmen, seven Germans, one Palestinian (Peter), one Englishman, one Pole, and one Argentine, and one American – Pope Leo!

SOUL FOOD

26 October 2025

"Pray the Holy Rosary. Blessed be that monotony of the Hail Mary's which purifies the monotony of your sins!"

*-St. Josemaria Escriva
(1902-1975)*



"I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything for the glory of God,"
— St. Dominic Savio

Can a child really be a saint?
Yes! St. Dominic Savio shows us how.

From joyful play to quiet prayer, Dominic's life reminds us that holiness is not just for grown-ups—it's for children, too. With a pure heart, he chose Jesus each day and shared kindness, peace, and joy with everyone around him.

This beautifully illustrated story invites little souls to follow Dominic's example:

- ☐ Pray often
- ☐ Stay joyful
- ☐ Be kind and peaceful
- ☐ Love Jesus with all your heart

The Boy With a Pure Heart: A Story of St. Dominic Savio will inspire children to live with joy and love for Jesus—because even kids can be saints!



Come check out the wonderful children's books about saints written by parishioner Felicia Tucker. Perfect stocking stuffer or buy one of each for a great gift.

St. Patrick is so Blessed to have so many talented parishioners.





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Do you have our parish website marked as one of your favorites so you can find it easily?

From the website home page you can quickly find

- * Last weekend's homily
- * The current week's video announcements that play in the church narthex
- * Links to our Facebook and YouTube pages

The black navigation strip at the top will guide you to a wealth of information. Check it out!

Parish Financial Report



Last Sunday's Collection

St. Patrick Church

Envelopes/Loose: \$1650

Online Giving \$629

Total \$2279

St. Michael Mission

Envelopes/Loose: \$156

Online Giving \$148

Total \$304

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

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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
and make your donation today.**

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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)*



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

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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.