St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

St. Patrick Church

St. Michael Mission

December 28 2025

Feast of the Holy Family



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.

CONTACT US

P.O. Box 164
Bisbee, AZ 85603
520-432-5753
saintpatrick164@gmail.com
www.stpatsbisbee.com
www.facebook.com/stpatrickbisbee
www.youtube.com/c/StPatrickBisbee
stpatrickparishbisbee.flocknote.com

Office Hours

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

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Gregory Adolf, Canonical Pastor Rev. Amal Sebastiar, MSFS, Sacramental Minister Deacon Tony Underwood, Pastoral Administrator

Pastoral Associates

Deacon Joe Delgado Deacon Bill Lugo Deacon Jose Valle

Parish Corporation Board of Directors

Most Rev. Gerald Kicanas, Apostolic Administrator Rev. Edward Lucero Rev. Gregory Adolf Ruth Dugie / Mary Gomez

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



(Confession – 30 minutes before each Mass) 7:30am Tuesday – Saturday (St Patrick Church)



MASS INTENTIONS

The Holy Family Saturday 27DEC25 5:00pm Mass

- +Maria Stoddard
- +Angelica Munoz
- +Flavio Borbon

Sunday 28DEC25 9:00am Mass

+Alex Gojkovich +Ernest & +Teresa Herrera +Christy Dugie Int of Lydia Corral

St. Michael Mission 11:00am Mass

+Christy Dugie

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday 30DEC25

- +Christy Dugie
- +Mert Mendez Jr.
- +Mert Mendez Sr.
- +Valarie Mendez

Wednesday 31DEC25

- +Christy Dugie
- +Betty Mendez
- +Andy Mendez

Int of Annette Mendez

Thursday 01JAN26

- +Christy Dugie
- +Robert Andrade

Friday 02JAN26

- +Christy Dugie
- +Robert Andrade

Saturday 03JAN26

+Santos Flores Simon +Blanca Escarcega

MASS INTENTIONS

The Epiphany Saturday 03JAN26 5:00pm Mass

- +Flavio Borbon
- +Rene Martinez Sr.

Sunday 04JAN26 9:00am Mass

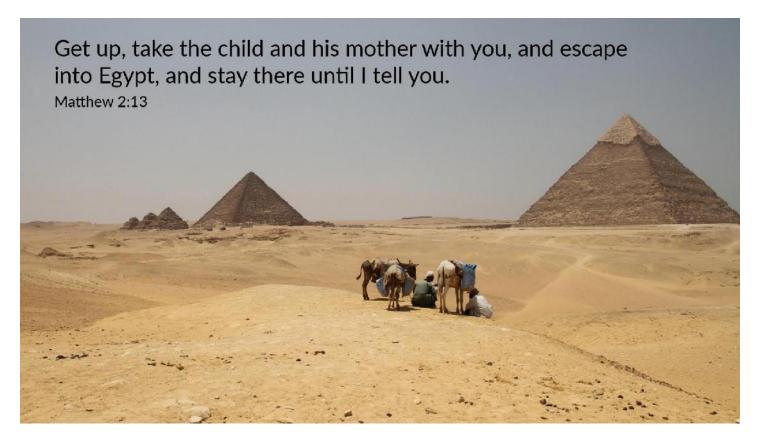
+Dolores & +Daniel Valle Int of Joe Stock Int of Benny Dagnino

St. Michael Mission 11:00am Mass

+Isabel C. Valenzuela

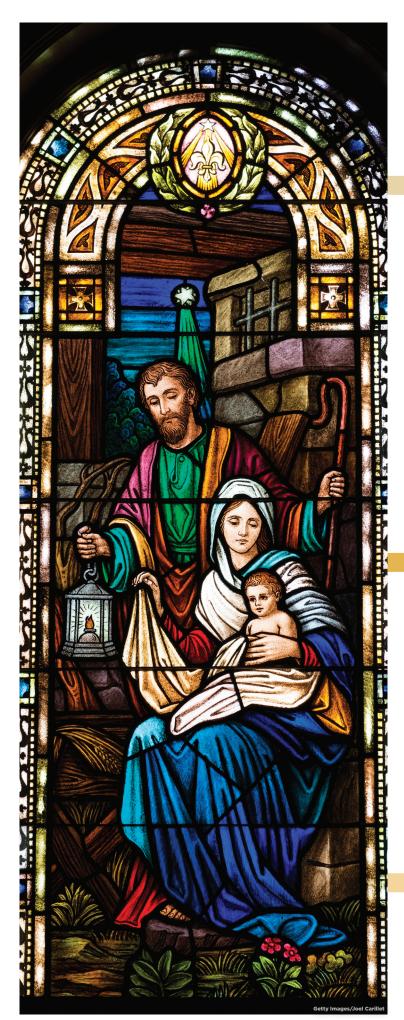
Colossians 3:15a, 16a

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.



December 28, 2025

The Gospel for today skips ahead a bit to tell what happens after next Sunday's Gospel. Next Sunday, on Epiphany, we hear the magi inadvertently tip off Herod to the birth of the king of the Jews. Today, we hear the angel of the Lord warn Joseph that because of Herod's murderous plans, the Holy Family must flee to Egypt. Keep in mind that they are already away from home, having left Galilee for the census. Now they face a perilous journey to a foreign country where they don't know anyone, don't know the language, have no place to stay, hardly any possessions, and no idea how long they will need to stay there. But, then as now, parents will sacrifice just about anything for their children. So in the dark of night, Mary and Joseph flee their homeland with their newborn child. They may have no money or possessions, but they have the virtues Paul calls upon the Colossians to exercise: patience, humility, gentleness, kindness, compassion, forgiveness, thankfulness, and love. Unlike material goods, these increase as they are used. May the Holy Family strengthen these virtues in us, helping us to see families who struggle today as holy families as well. Of the virtues Saint Paul lists, which one do you find it most difficult to exercise? Why? How can this improve?



December 28, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 | Col 3:12-21 | Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE In his Angelus address on the Feast of the Holy Family in 2001, St. John Paul II shared this with those gathered: "If we aspire to a deeper understanding of Jesus' life and mission, we must draw close to the mystery of the Holy Family of Nazareth to observe and listen." Following in the footsteps of the Holy Family in today's Scripture, we find ourselves in quiet Bethlehem, just after the departure of the Magi. The angel of the Lord appears to Joseph in a dream, this time with a warning: "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." They trust in God and their response is immediate. It is easy for us to imagine the Holy Family as different from ourselves — holier and more spiritual. Certainly, that's true. They were holy but they were also fully human, which means that what they attained is possible for each of us. Let us try to imitate them in this holiness.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It's easy to glamorize the life of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, but in reality, the cross was with them long before the crucifixion. From the moment of the Annunciation, there would be trials, temptations, and sufferings. But each time, they respond with immediate obedience and deep trust. In doing so, they give us all a perfect example of what the Christian life should look like: a life motivated by love and always listening for the voice of God, ready to respond in an instant. As we accompany others on this journey of faith, we also must listen deeply to them in order to help them in discerning the Spirit's movement in their lives. As we hone the spiritual muscle of attentive listening, we grow in our ability to respond to God and to God's action in our lives, and to help others do the same.

REFLECT

Most of us will never hear from an angel in the middle of the night telling us to walk hundreds of miles with our baby in tow. But every single one of us will be — has been — called. Let us pray to the Holy Family for an increase in the virtues of obedience and trust, so that we can respond to God's call in our lives.



Lectio Divina for the Feast of the Holy Family

We begin our prayer:

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

O God, who were pleased to give us
the shining example of the Holy Family,
graciously grant that we may imitate them
in practicing the virtues of family life and in the
bonds of charity,
and so, in the joy of your house,
delight one day in eternal rewards.
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, Feast of the Holy Family)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times. Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled,

Out of Egypt I called my son.

When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.

But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled,

He shall be called a Nazorean.

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?

Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. How do I experience the presence of the Lord? How can I be more attentive to God's presence and action in my life?

Out of Egypt I called my son. How I have heard God's call? How can I be more responsive to that call?

So that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled. What promises has God kept for me? How can I be a prophetic voice in my community?

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

Closing Prayer

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD, who walks in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table.

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

(From Psalm 128)

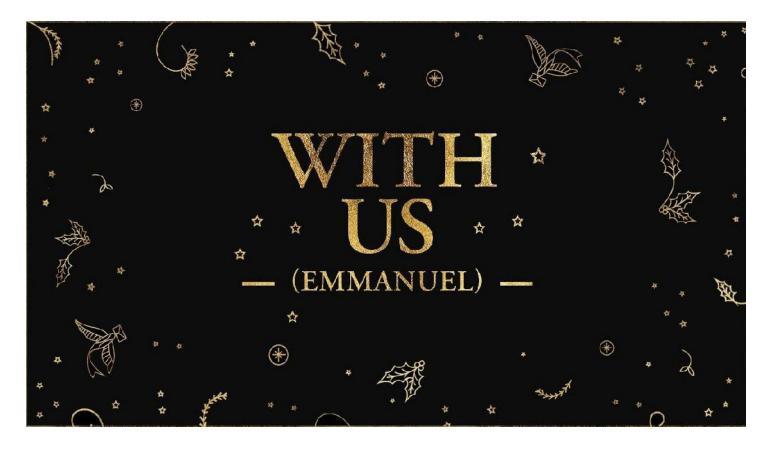
Living the Word This Week

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

In the bustle of the holiday celebrations, take some quiet time in prayer to listen for God's voice.

Excerpts from the *New American Bible, revised edition* © 2010, 1991, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Washington, D.C. and are used by permission of the copyright owner. Excerpts from the *Lectionary for Mass for Use in the Dioceses of the United States of America, second typical edition* © 2001, 1998, 1997, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, DC. Used with permission. All rights reserved. No portion of this text may be reproduced by any means without permission in writing from the copyright owner.

Excerpts from the English translation of *The Roman Missal* © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.



A psychiatrist in New York City, is well known for his work with catatonic schizophrenics. Normally doctors remain separate and aloof from their patients. Not this doctor, he moves into the ward with them. He places his bed among their beds. He lives the life they must live. Day-to-day, he shares it. He loves them. If they don't talk, he doesn't talk either. It is as if he understands what is happening. His being there, being with them, communicates something that they haven't experienced in years — somebody understands.

But then he does something else. He puts his arms around them and hugs them. He holds these unattractive, unlovable, sometimes incontinent people, and loves them back into life. Often, the first words they speak are simply, "Thank you."

This is what the Christ did for us at Christmas. He moved into the ward with us. He placed his bed among our beds. Those who were there, those who saw him, touched him and were in turn touched by him and restored to life. For many, the first word they had to say was "thank you."

The Christmas Season let's take time to say, "Thank you."



He Picked You

The Christmas tree hunt is on! The preferences are different, but the desire is the same. We want the perfect Christmas tree! You search for the right one. You walk the rows. You examine them from all angles. This one is perfect!

God does the same. He has picked you.

He knows just the place where you'll be placed. He has a barren living room in desperate need of warmth and joy. A corner of the world needs some color. He selected you with that place in mind. God made you on purpose with a purpose. He interwove calendar and character, circumstance and personality to create the right person for the right corner of the world, and then he paid the price to take you home.

The Christmas promise is this: we have a Savior and his name is Jesus!



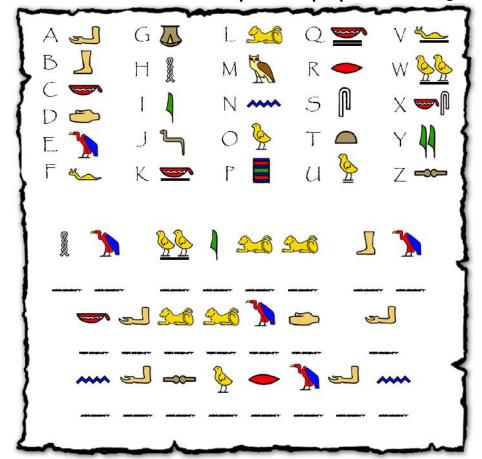
An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt. Draw the angel speaking to Joseph in his dream.



Joseph listened to the angel's warning because he trusted in God. Write down some of the names of those who you trust.

DECODETHEPROPHECY

Use the code below to decipher the prophet's message



Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23 © Creative Ministry Resources



"The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger."

Luke 2:16

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Mass Schedule (New Year's Day)

A Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday January 1

• 7:30am Mass – St. Patrick Church

CATHOLIC QUIZ 28 December 2025

This week's Question: "What is the Sanctus Bell?"

The Answer to Last Week's Question: "What is a 'Parochial Vicar'?"

Associate pastor, assistant pastor, and curate are the equivalent terms used in English-speaking countries, for the term 'Parochial Vicar' now used in the Code of Canon Law to designate the Priest assigned to assist the Pastor of a parish.

SOUL FOOD 28 December 2025

"Science can purify religion from error and superstition. Religion can purify science from idolatry and false absolutes."

- Pope St. John Paul II (1920-2005)



Your Support Matters!

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!

YTD Weekly Collections

(JUL to OCT Comparison to last year)

St. Patrick Offertory: Up \$2005 St. Michael Offertory: UP \$2043

October Report

Income: \$22,849 Expenses: \$27,141 **In the RED:** \$-4,292

YTD July 2025 to October 2025

Income: \$90,345 Expenses: \$103,275 **Balance:** \$-12,930

Other Revenue \$5,136 In the RED \$-7,794

Parish Financial Report

Last Sunday's Collection

St. Patrick Church

Envelopes/Loose: \$2377 Online Giving \$1337 **Total** \$3714

St. Michael Mission

Envelopes/Loose: \$117 Online Giving \$55 **Total** \$172

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!



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

Phone (928) 228-0258 aunderwood@diocesetucson.org





Thinking about a Vocation?

Contact: Fr. Alan Valencia

Director of Vocations and Seminarians

(520) 838-2531

avalencia@diocesetucson.org

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)