

St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

St. Patrick Church

St. Michael Mission

September 28, 2025

Twenty Sixth 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

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Deacon Joe Delgado

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Parish Corporation Board of Directors

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Rev. Edward Lucero

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil 27SEP25

5:00pm Mass

+Alyssa O'Malley

Sunday 28SEP25

9:00am Mass

+Fr. Padilla

+Manuel Figueroa

+Deceased SVdP Members

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Pat Kambourian

+Martin Grijalva

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 29SEP25

No Mass Celebrated

Tuesday 30SEP25

Int of Pete Carberry

Wednesday 01OCT25

Int of Hernandez & Gonzales
Families

Thursday 02OCT25

Int of Santos Gonzales

Friday 03OCT25

+Ruth Whitehead

Saturday 04OCT25

+Bert Whitehead Sr.

MASS INTENTIONS

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil 04OCT25

5:00pm Mass

+Flavio Borbon

Sunday 05OCT25

9:00am Mass

+Dolores & +Daniel Valle

+Manny Montaño

St. Michael Mission

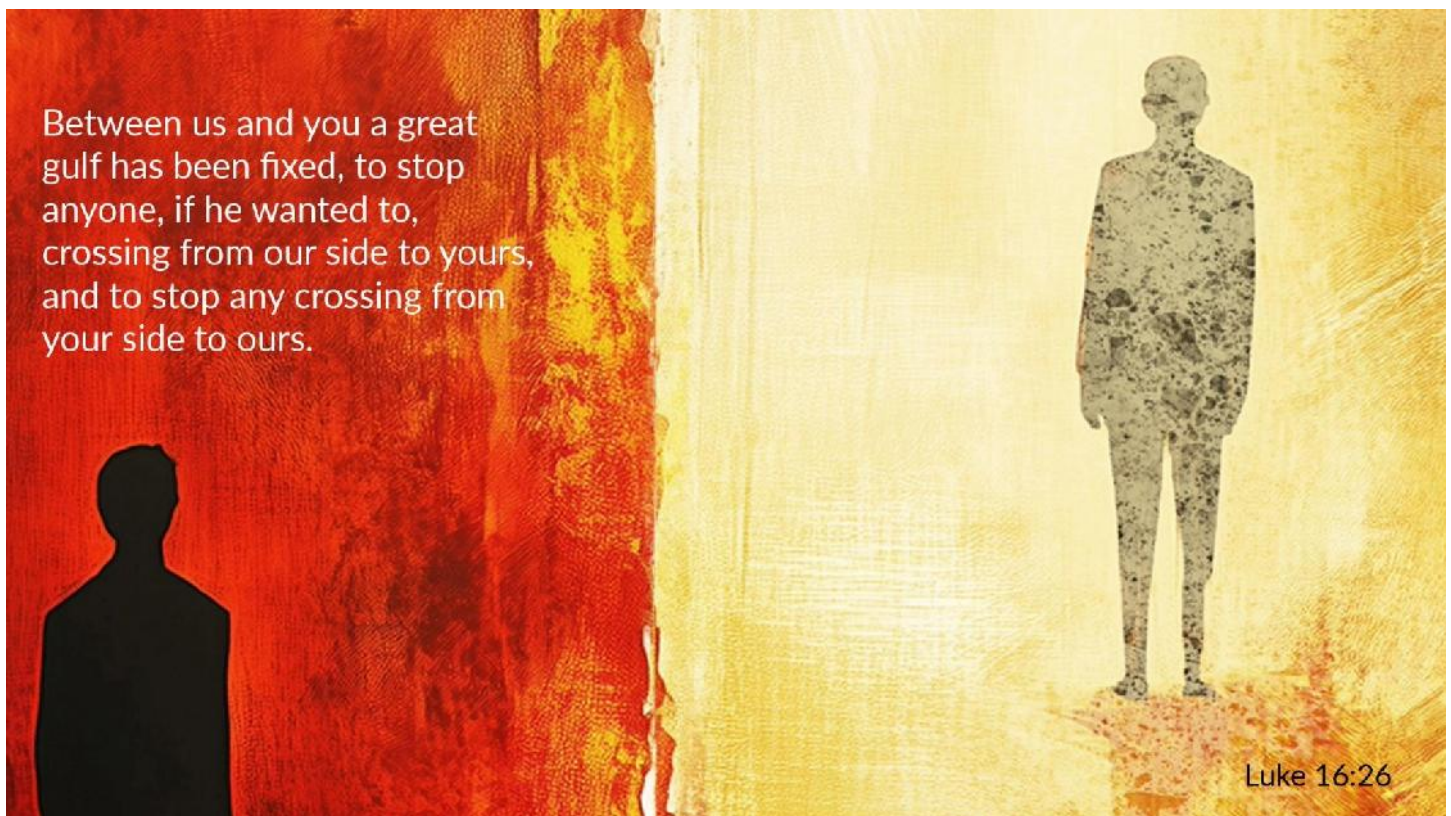
11:00am Mass

+Isabel Valenzuela

+Martin Grijalva

Psalm 146:6-7

*Blessed is he who keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.*



September 28, 2025

The rich man was very rich. He didn't just wear fine linen, but garments of purple, normally worn only by royalty, for purple dye was very expensive. He didn't just enjoy sumptuous food occasionally; he enjoyed it every single day. The poor man was very poor. Starving, he longed for just scraps of food. He had untreated sores, no doubt exacerbated by his poor diet and squalid living conditions. The two lived in opposite worlds, separated by only a simple door. But after they die, their worlds switch. The poor man, Lazarus, lies tenderly in the bosom of Abraham while the rich man suffers in torment. These brothers in faith (each recognizes Abraham as a father) are separated by an uncrossable chasm. For his entire life on earth, the rich man turned his back on his brother, when even just a little kindness, a little generosity, just a brief reach across that separation could have joined them together after death. Now it is too late. But not for us. The bridge we build to our neighbor in need today is the bridge that carries us across the chasm tomorrow.

What bridge will you build this week to share what you have with someone in need?



September 28, 2025

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7 | 1 Tim 6:11-16 | Lk 16:19-31

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

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

Have you ever had a moment when you felt yourself to be the underdog, and wished that there were some champion who would come and defend your cause? Today, we see God described in those terms. Our psalm tells us that the Lord “raises up those who are bowed down,” that he “protects strangers,” and “the fatherless and the widow he sustains.” But God doesn’t stop there. He wants *us* to become champions for the poor. Notice that our Gospel reading depicts the poor man named Lazarus in such a way that we cannot help but feel compassion for him. Here is a man who is in dire need, covered in sores, right outside the door of a rich man who has more than enough to provide for his own needs and those of Lazarus – but does nothing to help him. In fact, the rich man’s *dog* shows more compassion toward Lazarus (by licking his sores) than the rich man! The story is meant to prick our consciences and move us to have the same kind of response that God has – of compassion – leading us to become champions for those in need.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Throughout our history, the Church has been particularly effective at spreading the faith during those times when we’ve put care for the poor and vulnerable at the center of our action. Before the advancements of modern medicine, members of the early Church risked their lives to care for those sick with contagious diseases. Their selfless example led many to faith in Christ. While our situation is much different today, we are called at the beginning of the first reading to not be complacent in our efforts to care for the poor. As we serve those most in need, our witness will likewise draw others to seek to know and follow the God of compassion whom we serve.

SERVE

One of the ways we can fight against complacency is to engage in service. Check your parish or local charitable organizations for opportunities to serve those in need in your community. No matter what kind of service you choose to engage in, do everything with “love, patience, and gentleness,” as Paul reminds us today. Then we will be models of God’s own care for the poor.



Love and Compassion

A man went to visit in a home where there were several children, and, trying to relate to the kids, he asked one of the girls about her doll collection. "Which is your favorite doll?" he asked. "Promise not to laugh if I tell you?" she questioned. He promised not to laugh, and the little girl got up, went into another room, and brought back a worn-out, tattered doll that looked like a refugee from the trash pile.

There was a crack in the arm, a missing nose, marks all over the body and a bald head. The man did not laugh, but unable to hide his surprise, he asked, "Why do you love this one the most?" She replied, "Because she needs it most. If I didn't love her, nobody would."

In the heart of this young girl we see a powerful message from today's Gospel. God is in the lives of those who cry out to us for our love and compassion. These signs, signals and revelations are all around us; the rich man in today's Gospel ignored them, what will our response be?

Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina for the Twenty-Sixth 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 manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.

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-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.
Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used

to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.' Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"



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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?

And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus. Who is “Lazarus” in my community? How can I give more care and attention to those in need?

Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established. When have I felt separated from God? What are the causes of that separation?

They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them. Who can teach me about my faith in a truthful and reliable way? How can I be more attentive to what God is trying to tell me?

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

Closing Prayer:

Blessed he who keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets captives free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind.
The LORD raises up those who were bowed down;
the LORD loves the just.
The LORD protects strangers.

The fatherless and the widow he sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The LORD shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

(From Psalm 146)

Living the Word This Week

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

Consider becoming involved in your parish’s outreach to the poor, the homebound, or the unaffiliated.

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I was Hungry

I WAS HUNGRY and you told me to wait.

I WAS HUNGRY and you set up a commission.

I WAS HUNGRY and you talked about bootstraps.

I WAS HUNGRY and you told me I shouldn't be.

I WAS HUNGRY and you had napalm bills to pay.

I WAS HUNGRY and you said, "Machines do that kind of work now."

I WAS HUNGRY and you said, "The

poor are always with us."

I WAS HUNGRY and you said, "Law and order comes first."

I WAS HUNGRY and you blamed it on the Communists.

I WAS HUNGRY and you said, "So were my ancestors."

I WAS HUNGRY and you said, "We don't hire over 35."

I WAS HUNGRY and you said, "God helps those who help themselves."

I WAS HUNGRY and you said, "Sorry, try again tomorrow."

We who consider ourselves to be one of God's children in Christ MUST share with the needy. We who worship God must show compassion to the hungry. This is not an option. This is a requirement from the Lord for those who are saved by grace through faith. When we hear the cry: "I am hungry" what will we do?



Let It Flow

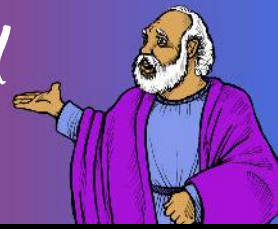
There was a beautiful lake that lost its zesty freshness. The water formerly had been clear. It was alluring to animals and people alike. But it became covered with a green scum. The farm animals became ill from drinking the water. Finally someone came by the lake who understood the problem. Debris collecting from the hard spring rains had stopped up the dam and prevented the free flow of water, not into the lake, but out of the lake.

The spillway was cleared, and soon the lake was fresh and clean again. The flow in and out was necessary to keep the water fresh, clean, and pure!

Doesn't the same principle apply to you and me as human beings? The blessings of life flow to you and me, but we sometimes fail to realize that most of these blessings are not meant just to flow to us, but through us, for the good of others around us, especially for those in need.

Let's take heed, what debris in our hearts do we need to clear out?

Listen and turn to God



26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

What happened to the rich man when he died?

What should the rich man have done while he was still living on earth?



Jesus wants us to listen to him. In what ways can we listen to God? Draw yourself listening to God.

Help the angels
take Lazarus
up to heaven.





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September 19, 2025

Jennifer Ratkovich
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Bisbee, Arizona

Jennifer,

Community defined in Webster's dictionary is fellowship with others who share the same attitudes, interests, and goals. On September 14th of this year, we worked together to achieve the same goal-----helping those in need. Community isn't defined any better than that.

Please accept our sincere gratitude to all the volunteers who generously dedicated their time and effort to make the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser a success.

Through your hard work and commitment, we raised \$3,740 to support the Bisbee Coalition for the Homeless. These funds will directly benefit our ongoing mission to assist the unhoused, food insecure, and vulnerable members of our community.

Your involvement is crucial in strengthening our efforts and bringing hope to those in need. Thank you for making a meaningful difference.

From all the board members of Bisbee Coalition for the Homeless, we say,

Thank you!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Bedolla".

Tony Bedolla
Executive Director

"Our mission is to give a hand up to anyone in need in Cochise County"

DID YOU KNOW – 28 September 2025

that this past week, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, *Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa*, sent a special video message regarding the on-going warfare in Gaza?

The 60-year old Franciscan Cardinal and head of the Church in the Holy Lands is a powerful voice for an end to the now 2-year-old conflict. (You may recall that he offered to take the place of the Israeli hostages being held by Hamas – a true shepherd.) He said: *“You’ve already heard the news, so there’s no need to delve into the dramatic daily story of what we’re experiencing in Gaza. The images are also very significant; unfortunately, they speak of destruction, of death, of so much pain. . .”*

“One of the problems we’re experiencing is precisely this: We’re so overwhelmed by pain that there seems to be no room for the pain of others.” He added, *“We are also experiencing a climate of deep hatred, increasingly entrenched within both populations, Israeli and Palestinian, that seems to have no end”.*

This mutual hatred is demonstrated not only in violence, he said, but also in language. *“I believe that the violence we are witnessing is also the result of years of violent and dehumanising language.”* Cardinal Pizzaballa explained that if we dehumanised others through language, *“creating a culture, a way of thinking, the transition to actual physical violence is only a matter of time, and unfortunately, we are witnessing it”.*

The Cardinal’s insight is an important one for us living in the United States as well.

The *demonizing* (‘dehumanizing’ in the Cardinal’s words) of political opponents and the collapse of civil discourse, is resulting in the inevitable violence, as he describes.

We have all heard the adage: *“Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names will not hurt me.”* But we are discovering that “name calling” (reducing others to objects rather than persons) can – and the Cardinal says, will inevitably - lead to violence.

As Catholics we are called to speak the truth in love (*Ephesians 4:15*), which involves communicating the truth with genuine care and empathy to foster spiritual growth and strengthen relationships. It requires humility, empathy, and a willingness to listen before speaking. The goal is to build people up, never to tear down or denigrate, and to promote that peace which has God as its source. (*“Blessed are the peacemakers. . .for they shall be called the children of God.”* Matthew 5:9)

How are we creating a culture of peace – in our own homes? In conversations with friends? In the public forum? Is what I am viewing on television or on the internet building up or tearing down that culture of peace and civil discussion? Do I spend as much time in prayer – interceding for persons and situations – as I do criticizing?

We each of us - and all of us as the Church - have a vital role in addressing the verbal and physical violence which is placing our world at such risk.

Cardinal Pizzaballa concluded: “This war must end as soon as possible. We know it makes no sense to continue it. It’s time to stop ... But we know that the end of the war we long for, despite what the news reports say, will not be the end of the conflict, it will not mark the end of the hostility, or the pain this hostility will cause.”

He encouraged believers and all those involved to renounce hateful language and to *“work hard to create a different narrative”.*

PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM – and the Holy Land!

Parish Financial Report



Last Sunday's Collection

St. Patrick Church

Envelopes/Loose: \$2585

Online Giving \$932

Total \$3517

St. Michael Mission

Envelopes/Loose: \$83

Online Giving \$178

Total \$261

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

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Use "Give Now" link

THANK YOU!



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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!

WEEK OF SEPT. 22-26



Catholic Schools' Second Collection September 27-28! How can you help? First by donating to this second collection if you are able. Second, please remember our school leaders, pastors, teachers, parents, and most especially our students in your prayers. Third, please promote Catholic education in your community. One of the best gifts we can offer the youth is formation in the faith that is integrated with their academic and social life through the ministry of Catholic education.



Monastic Experience Weekend
"Prefer Nothing to Christ." (RB 4,42)



Santa Rita Abbey, a Cistercian community in the heart of the Arizona desert, warmly invites you to experience the peace and rhythm of monastic life.

WHO: Women between 20 to 40 years old, who are interested in
or discerning religious life

WHEN: Oct 3 (Fri) 4 pm ~ Oct 5 (Sun) 6 pm, 2025

WHERE: ☐ Santa Rita Abbey, Sonoita, AZ / Santa Rita Abbey

REGISTER: ☐ Register for 2025 Monastic Experience Weekends

CONTACT: ☐ santaritavocations@gmail.com / 520-455-5595

FURTHER INFORMATION: ☐ Monastic Experience Weekend



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

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.