

St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

St. Patrick Church

November 30, 2025

St. Michael Mission

First Sunday of Advent



House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Isaiah 2:5

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.

Office Hours

Monday - Closed

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

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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

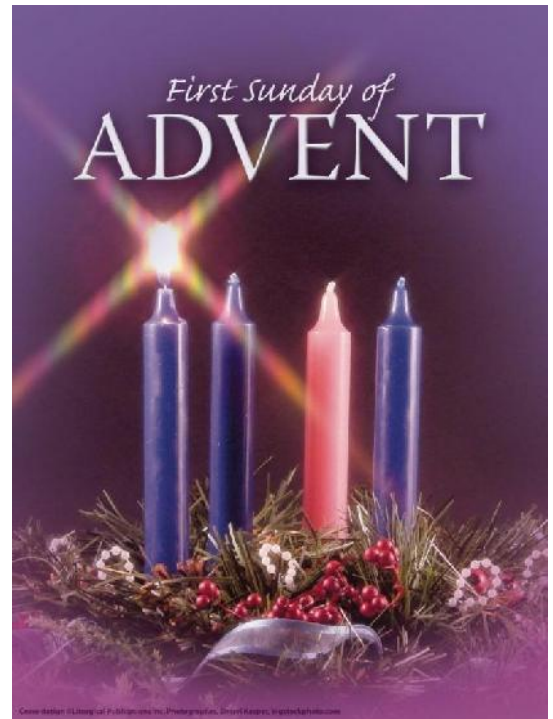
St. Michael Mission - Naco

- 11:00am Sunday Morning

Weekday Schedule

(Confession – 30 minutes before each Mass)

7:30am Tuesday – Saturday
(St Patrick Church)



MASS INTENTIONS

1st Sunday of Advent
29NOV25

5:00pm Mass
+Jesus Delgado
Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Sunday 30NOV25
9:00am Mass

+Grace Hawthorne
+Irma Carabeo
+Frank Romero Carabeo
+Frank Encinas Carabeo
+Nina Joy Contreras Dominguez
Int of Art Collazo

St. Michael Mission
11:00am Mass
+Isabel Valenzuela

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 01DEC25
No Mass Celebrated

Tuesday 02DEC25
+Arlene Diaz
Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Wednesday 03DEC25
Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Thursday 04DEC25
Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Friday 05DEC25
Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Saturday 06DEC25
Int of Santos Gonzales
Int of Hernandez Family

MASS INTENTIONS

2nd Sunday of Advent
Saturday 06DEC25
5:00pm Mass
+Flavio Borbon
Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Sunday 07DEC25
9:00am Mass
+Dolores & +Daniel Valle
+Tony Verdugo
+David & +Veronica Campa
+Georgiann Adcock
+Marta Perez

St. Michael Mission
11:00am Mass
+Isabel Valenzuela

Psalm 85:8

*Show us Lord, your love;
and grant us your salvation.*



“So stay awake,
because you
do not know
the day when
your master is
coming.”

Matthew 24:42

November 30, 2025

Each Advent, we are reminded that Jesus comes into the world in a variety of ways at different times. The music and decorations already impinging upon our senses recall Jesus' first coming—as an infant lying in a manger. That joyous event is foreseen by Isaiah in today's first reading. The prophet speaks of people from every nation gathering on the Lord's mountain, reforging their weapons of war into tools of farming and cultivating. Jesus himself describes his second coming in the Gospel, warning his disciples that the time will be unknown, leading to some being ready while others are not. Saint Paul passes along much the same warning to the Romans, but it is his own story that points toward another coming of Jesus that we mark during Advent: Jesus coming into our hearts. As with his second coming, we cannot anticipate when it will happen. As with his first coming, he brings joy and peace when he comes. Importantly, each time he comes he brings us something no one else can: salvation. Every day, every hour, let us welcome our Savior. Then we truly can go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

What will you do to ensure that you will be ready for each arrival of Christ in your life?



November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Written by
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Is 2:1-5 | Rom 13:11-14 | Mt 24:37-44

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

For many in the upper latitudes of the northern hemisphere, this is the darkest time of the year, the time when the duration of daylight is at its lowest. It's providential, then, that our first reading calls us to "walk in the light of the Lord!" Paul tells us that we do this by "throw[ing] off the works of darkness" and "put[ing] on the armor of light." While we might not struggle with the vices listed in Paul's Letter to the Romans, each of us has our own struggles against sin. As we begin this Advent season, let us take time to do a thorough examination of conscience to discern areas of weakness and sin – those "works of darkness" Paul talks about – in our own lives. Then, consider taking up practices that help you to foster the opposing virtues to arm yourself against these temptations. As you grow in these virtues, you'll certainly be on your way up the mountain of the Lord and walking in his light!

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's Gospel calls us to vigilance. Jesus tells us, "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." While he is speaking about our need to be ready to meet the Lord when he comes at the end of our lives, it's also an invitation for us to always be ready to share our faith with others whenever the opportunity presents itself. As Scripture says, we should "always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you a reason for your hope." (1 Pet 3:15) We never know the moment when someone will come to us in need of prayer, a word of encouragement, or with questions related to their own spiritual hunger. We must always be ready to meet them where they are and offer a word of hope.

PRAY

Take a moment to pray this week for those "divine appointments" – those individuals who might come your way – seeking encouragement or insight into the spiritual questions in their lives. Ask for the grace to be "awake" so that you're ready to meet them when they come. We can't always predict when these encounters will happen, but we can prepare ourselves to receive these persons as Christ and offer them our full attention and love.



Lectio Divina for the First Week of Advent

We begin our prayer:

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

Prepare our hearts, we pray, O Lord our God,
by your divine power,
so that at the coming of Christ your Son
we may be found worthy of the banquet
of eternal life
and merit to receive heavenly nourishment
from his hands.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

(Collect, Wednesday of the First Week of Advent)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: “As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if

the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

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?

In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage. What distracts me from prayer and from spending time in the presence of God? What steps can I take to limit these distractions?

They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. When have I avoided noticing the needs and concerns of others? How have I let my own desires and preoccupations carry me away from my life of faith?

So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come. What can I do this Advent to help prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas? How can I live in expectation of Christ's coming at the end of time?

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

Closing Prayer

I rejoiced because they said to me,
"We will go up to the house of the LORD."
And now we have set foot
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, built as a city
with compact unity.
To it the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD.

According to the decree for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
In it are set up judgment seats,
seats for the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
May those who love you prosper!
May peace be within your walls,
prosperity in your buildings.

Because of my brothers and friends
I will say, "Peace be within you!"
Because of the house of the LORD, our God,
I will pray for your good.

(From Psalm 122)

Living the Word This Week

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

If possible, spend some quiet time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

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Advent Warning and Promise



Deacon Tom attended a funeral held in an off-brand, country church. He writes: "I had never seen anything like it. The preacher began to preach. He shouted; he flailed his arms. 'It's too late for Joe. He's dead. But it ain't too late for you. People drop dead every day. Why wait? Now is the day for decision. Give your life to Jesus.'"

Deacon Tom complained to his wife that the funeral was the worst he had ever seen. He fumed and fussed, complaining that the preacher had done the worst thing possible for a grieving

family - manipulating them with guilt and shame. His wife agreed. But then she said: "Of course the worst part of it all is that what he said is true."

My friends, each one of us lives in the shadow of the apocalypse - the dark reality of the end of our time and the end of the world's time. That is the warning of Advent. But there is also good news. There is also the promise of Advent - the promise that in the darkness, in the shadows, in the unpredictable anxiety of our unfinished lives, God is present. God is in control, and God will come again. With each candle we light, the shadows recede a bit, and the promise comes closer. With each candle we light, we are proclaiming that the light shines in the darkness and the darkness will never overcome it. The promise is that wherever there is darkness and dread in our lives, wherever there is darkness and dread in the world around us, God is present to help us endure. God is in charge, and hope is alive. And as long and as endless as the night seems, morning will come - in God's good time and God's promised way.

Have a Blessed Advent!



Ready

A man lived in the Midwest, right smack in the middle of tornado alley. After several tornados came near his home, tearing up his neighbor's homes and barns, he decided to build a storm cellar.

He decided to go first-class and build a well-stocked cellar that would give him refuge in any storm. He spent an enormous amount of money.

But, as luck would have it, as soon as he spent the money for the shelter, tornados stopped coming in his direction. Oh, sometimes a warning would be posted on the news and he would go down into his cellar, but invariably it would be a false alarm. He began to wonder if he had spent his money for nothing. Finally, there came a major storm that roared through his property and flattened his barn. When he came out of the storm cellar, he looked at all the damage and then he looked up at the sky and said, "Now that's more like it!"

That man was ready. And he stayed ready. He didn't know WHEN the storm was going to come, he just knew it was going to come. So, he was ready. We don't know WHEN Jesus is coming back, He didn't tell his disciples, He didn't even know the time Himself, that was in the Father's hands. He did his part in getting us ready. Now it's up to us to "STAY READY."

Have a blessed Advent.

Stay Awake! Be Ready!



First Sunday of Advent, Year A

During the season of Advent we prepare for the arrival of Jesus.
What are three things you can do to be ready for Jesus during this first week of Advent?

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Try to decipher this teaching that Jesus gave to his disciples. Draw yourself listening to Jesus.



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 of  will come.

Help Noah and the animals find their way onto the ark so they can be ready for the flood when it comes.





"Rejoice, so
highly favoured!
The Lord is
with you."

Luke 1:28

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

St. Patrick Church

Monday December 8th – 7:30am

As we prepare for the birth of Jesus, we take a step back and celebrate his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. God chose Mary to initiate the mission that led to our salvation: to bear God's Son—our Savior, our Redeemer—into the world. For nine months she would carry the Lord in her womb as he grew into the baby who would be born in a stable in Bethlehem. But before that, she had to make a choice. She chose to accept her mission, placing herself in God's hands. No matter what we may face, may we have the courage to do the same.



Advent Communal Penance Service

St. Patrick Church

Tuesday December 9th – 4-6pm

3 Priest Confessors

O my God,
I am heartily sorry for having offended you,
and I detest all my sins because of your just punishments,
but most of all because they offend you, my God,
who are all good and deserving of all my love.
I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace,
to sin no more
and to avoid the near occasions of sin.
Amen.



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. Patrick Church

Friday December 12th

Singing – 5:30am

Mass 6:00am

Make Room in the Inn

Pope Leo XIV in his Apostolic Exhortation calls us as people of faith to welcome, promote, protect, and integrate our immigrant sisters and brothers. During Advent when we celebrate the Posada, how Mary and Joseph were turned away from the Inn, we will listen to the voices of migrants in our community to better understand their plight and struggles.

-Bishop Gerald Kicanas

My home is no longer my home

Milton is 35 years old. He was arrested while returning from dropping his kids off at school. An officer pulled him over, claiming he had been speeding. "I've never violated traffic rules. I'm a father, and the last thing I want in my life is trouble," Milton says.

A father of two US-born children, he arrived in the US when he was 7 years old. His home and life are in Tucson, where he built a house after getting married with his wife, Azucena, 10 years ago. "My home is no longer my home. Now I face a reality that's completely different from the life I've known. I worry deeply that Azucena will have to handle everything on her own. That was never the plan."

He wakes up every morning and talks to God. Milton shares that "God has been my best friend my whole life, and I hope that in these new circumstances He remembers the friendship we have, because now I think He might be the only one keeping me going."

- Milton, husband and father, detained in Tucson and deported to Nogales, Sonora.



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Diocese of Tucson

CATHOLIC QUIZ

30 November 2025

This week's Question: "What is the 'West Front' of a church building?"

The answer to last week's Question: "What is the 'orientation' of a church building?"

The great churches of Europe were commonly positioned with the axis of their nave pointing due east (Latin: orient), thus, "oriented" so that: 1) the rising sun would shine on the altar; 2) the Faithful would face the rising sun while praying, ready to greet the Risen Lord, Who will put the darkness to flight and inaugurate a new day; 3) it would face Jerusalem, so honoring the Holy City which many medieval maps showed as the center of the world, with east rather than north appearing at the top of the map!

In modern times this practice has become impractical, depending on the shape of the building site; but in liturgical language, the altar is still the "east end"!

SOUL FOOD

30 November 2025

"To make the Sign of the Cross is to pronounce a visible and public "YES!" to Him Who died for us and Who is risen, to the God Who in the humility and vulnerability of His love is omnipotent, stronger than all the power and intelligence of the world!"

*- Pope Benedict XVI
(1927-2022)*

CONGRATULATIONS !



Cochise Cares, which tracks the volunteer service of all who register, awarded **Jennifer Ratkovich** the Employee Volunteer of the Year Award for 2024. Ratkovich tallied 161 volunteer hours primarily by live streaming church services every weekend and cooking for the church fish fry fundraiser that takes place every six weeks. Ratkovich is the administrative assistant for facilities at the Douglas Campus.

Hats off to parishioner Jennifer Ratkovich. Cochise College recently awarded Jennifer "Employee Volunteer of the Year for 2024" recognizing her many volunteer hours serving the people of our parish. Just a few of her ministries: Videographer for live streaming of weekend and Funeral Masses, Parish Facebook Administrator, Chef/Cook for numerous Fundraisers, Committee Chair for our Good Shepherds Committee, Memorial Rosary Coordinator, Sign Coordinator/Publisher, Pastoral Council Member, and the list goes on. We are proud of Jennifer and thank God for her commitment which has served and blessed our faith community for many years.

Congratulations Jennifer!

St. Patrick Women's Club CHRISTMAS BAZAAR '25

GREAT FOOD!

BREAKFAST BURRITOS

GREEN CHILE PLATE

GREEN CHILE BURRITO

ALBONDIGAS SOUP

QUESADILLAS

SUPER NACHOS

Local and
out of town
vendors with a
wide variety of
arts, crafts,
& gift items

WOMEN'S CLUB BAKERY!

Homemade
Baked Goods &
Sweets

GAMES

Cake Spin
Cherry Tree
Loteria

RAFFLE
BASKETS

Sat. Dec. 6

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH PARISH HALL --- BISBEE

The Christmas Bazaar is just a few days away! You'll enjoy many of the "regular" things, plus a few games this year for everyone to enjoy. The popular raffles will greet you when you enter --- \$300 cash & lottery tickets, a hand-made quilt, an "adult spirits" basket, specialty baked goods, a Michael Kors purse, Wayne's plants, and several other items.



All ages will enjoy the cake spin, the "cherry tree" and the Loteria.

Our vendors are ready to display their wares, the kitchen and bakery items will be top-notch as usual.

We'll all be ready. We hope we'll see you there!



Advent is nearly here. And Christmas will follow quickly. Do you need a little help getting ready?

Our Gift Shop has so many items, many local and hand made, that you won't find other places.

The prices are right, the atmosphere is pleasant, browse on your own or help if you need it.



Thank 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!

Parish Financial Report

Last Sunday's Collection

St. Patrick Church

Envelopes/Loose:	\$2019
Online Giving	\$1092
Total	\$3111

St. Michael Mission

Envelopes/Loose:	\$108
Online Giving	\$55
Total	\$163

YTD Weekly Collections

(Comparison to last year)

St. Patrick Offertory: Up \$2261
St. Michael Offertory: UP \$1418

SEP Report

Income: \$25,564
Expenses: \$28,319
In the RED: \$-2,756

YTD July 2025 to SEP 2025

Income: \$67,949
Expenses: \$76,093
Balance: \$-8,144

Other Revenue \$4,633
In the RED \$-3,512

Use Online Giving

www.stpatsbisbee.com

Use "Give Now" link

THANK YOU!



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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

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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)*



**Join the
Bisbee Community Chorus
At Our**

Bisbee Community Caroling Singalong

Saturday, December 6

5:00 PM

First Baptist Church

1173 W. Highway 92, Bisbee

Refreshments!

Free Admission!

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*From Laughter to Light:
A Holiday Journey*

**BISBEE COMMUNITY CHORUS
HOLIDAY CONCERT**

Sunday, December 7 at 3:00 PM

Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 PM

*Special Guests: The Sugar Beats
Beca Reyes, Daniele Panther, Brenda Pratt*

Presbyterian Annex, 24 Howell Avenue

Admission \$15

Children under 18 Free

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