

St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

St. Patrick Church

St. Michael Mission

August 31, 2025

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."
Luke 14: 13-14

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, Canonical Pastor
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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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil 30AUG25

5:00pm Mass

+Richard Verdugo
+Blas & +Carmen Urbina
+Alex & +Irene Urbina

Sunday 31AUG25

9:00am Mass

+Dorothy Finley

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Ruth Whitehead

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 01SEP25

No Mass Celebrated

Tuesday 02SEP25

+Ruth Whitehead

Wednesday 03SEP25

+Rene Martinez Jr.
+Rene Martinez Sr.

Thursday 04SEP25

+Bert Whitehead Sr.

Friday 05SEP25

+Pat Kambourian

Saturday 06SEP25

+Ruth Whitehead

MASS INTENTIONS

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil 06SEP25

5:00pm Mass

+Flavio Borbon
+Alex & +Maria Moroyoqui
Int of Artemisa Carbajal

Sunday 07SEP25

9:00am Mass

+Dolores & +Daniel Valle
+Peter Michael Polanco
Int of Hernandez Family
Int of Artemisa Carbajal

St. Michael Mission

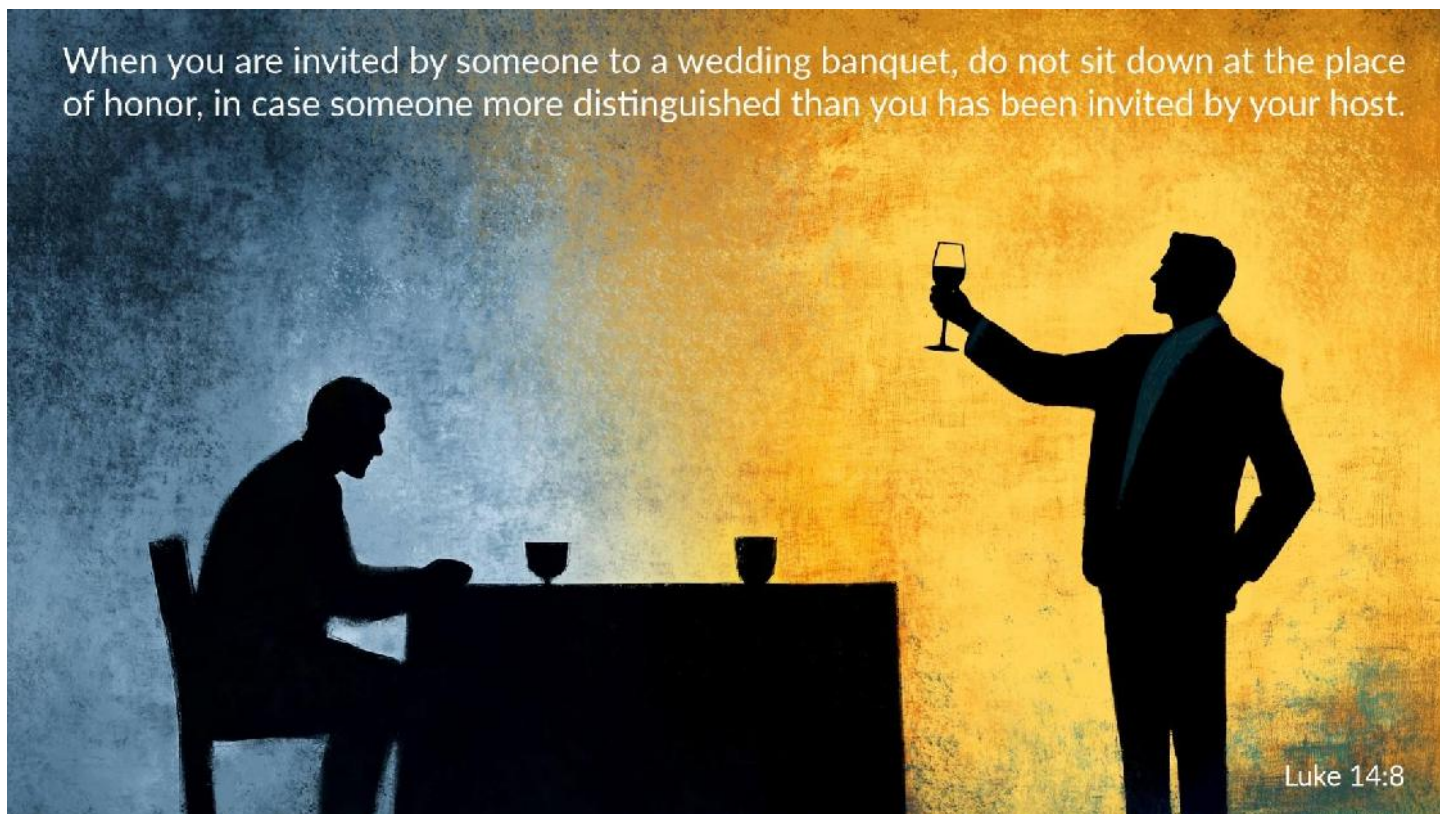
11:00am Mass

+Bert Whitehead Sr.

Matthew 11:29ab

*Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord,
and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.*

When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host.



August 31, 2025

Jesus loves to tell parables about banquets and feasts, doesn't he? In the one we hear today, a guest takes a prominent seat at the table, only to be directed, embarrassingly, to the lowest place instead. Jesus praises the guest who sits humbly and then is invited to a higher position. He has a lesson to the host as well: Do not invite those who will repay you by inviting you to their own feasts, but the poor and forgotten, who have no way to repay you. "You will be repaid," Jesus concludes, in a much better way: "at the resurrection of the righteous" (Luke 14:14). Jesus invites us all to the heavenly banquet, an offer we have no ability to return in kind. Or do we? Recall that Jesus teaches that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do for him. Therefore, we repay him by feeding and clothing and visiting and caring for the Christ in those who cannot personally repay us. In lavishing our prosperity on those in need, we invite Christ to a banquet.

When you give yourself to someone in need, do you feel your reward in your heart? What will you do this week for someone in need?



August 31, 2025

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 | Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a | Lk 14:1, 7-14

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

There's a well-known story about an actor who was asked by an elderly priest to recite Psalm 23. The actor agreed only if the priest also recited the psalm. While the actor's delivery was met with esteem and applause, the priest's was met with raw emotion, stunned silence, and tears. The actor, smiling, said, "I may know the psalm, but the priest, he knows the Shepherd." I can't help but be reminded of this story when reading today's Gospel. Like the Pharisees, the actor represents the one who was the "center of attention" who was humbled whereas the priest, in his humble service to God, found himself exalted. That is where true humility lies, when our actions and our everyday lives are rooted in God first and not ourselves.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As Jesus reminds us today, "Every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Beyond telling us this truth, Jesus lived it. Scripture tells us that Jesus – the second Person of the Holy Trinity – "emptied himself, taking the form of a slave..." (Phil 2:7), and that he came not "to be served but to serve" (Mk 10:45). Each of us is invited to consider the ways we can imitate the same humble servant-leadership which Jesus showed throughout his life. What does servant leadership look like, practically speaking? Some simple examples: At work, it might look like signing up to do those less desirable tasks that others would prefer to avoid. In our homes, it could look mean letting your children or spouse choose what's for dinner rather than asserting your own preferences over meal planning. In our relationships, it might mean allowing a friend to talk through their struggles without offering advice or sharing how you might have handled things differently. With the eyes of faith, each of us can see countless opportunities to practice the virtue of humility in daily life.

WITNESS

Like the priest in the story above who revealed God to the crowd in his recitation of Psalm 23, you have the opportunity to let God shine through in your life to others. Be a servant leader, seeking to glorify God rather than yourself. When you are humble you "will be exalted" and "repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina for the Twenty-second Week in Ordinary Time

We begin our prayer:

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

God of might, giver of every good gift,
put into our hearts the love of your name,
so that, by deepening our sense of reverence,
you may nurture in us what is good
and, by your watchful care,
keep safe what you have nurtured.
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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully.

He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."



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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?

The people there were observing him carefully.
When have I judged others by their appearance?
How often do I gossip or intrude on others' privacy?

Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. How great a priority do I place on the good opinion of others? When have I valued worldly esteem over spiritual growth?

Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. How can I reach out more effectively to those on the peripheries? How can I extend hospitality to those in need?

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

Closing Prayer:

The just rejoice and exult before God;
they are glad and rejoice.
Sing to God, chant praise to his name,
whose name is the LORD.

The father of orphans and the defender of widows
is God in his holy dwelling.
God gives a home to the forsaken;
he leads forth prisoners to prosperity.

A bountiful rain you showered down, O God, upon
your inheritance;
you restored the land when it languished;
your flock settled in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided it for the
needy.

(From Psalm 68)

Living the Word This Week

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

Research parish and diocesan efforts to assist those who are poor or unhoused and prayerfully discern how you might become involved in these works.

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Humility

Robert Coles, the psychiatrist, wrote a book about Dorothy Day. In the book there is this anecdote. Dorothy Day, as you know, is that famous Catholic social worker, the founder of the Catholic Worker. When Coles was a medical student at Harvard, he volunteered to work at the Catholic Worker. He was a Harvard graduate. He was in medical school. He was going to be a psychiatrist. In this society, that is about as high a status as you can get. He knew that. He was really proud of it. He was also proud that as this person with all these credentials, he was volunteering to help the poor. It was the kind of thing people would sit up and take notice of.

He arrived at the Catholic Worker. He asked to see Dorothy Day. He went right to the top. The person said that she was in the kitchen. He went into the kitchen, saw her sitting at a table, talking to someone. He had enough medical training to recognize that the man that she was talking to was addicted to some dangerous substance. He was disheveled. He was obviously a homeless street person. She was sitting at table with him, listening intently to what he had to say. Now I want you to have in mind Jesus' parable of the banquet and the seats at the table, and where you are supposed to be at that banquet.

She is at table with this street person, giving him her full attention. So she didn't notice Coles come in the room. He stood beside the door, waited for her to finish. When she finished the conversation she stood up. That is when she noticed Coles. She asked, "Do you want to speak to one of us?"

He was astounded. Dorothy Day was famous. This man with her was a nobody. He's a derelict. "You wanted to speak to one of us?" Coles had never seen anything like this before. Humility that can identify with another person so completely as to remove all distinctions between them. It cut through all of the boundaries, all the categories that society sets up to separate us from one another. There were just two people, brother and sister, the sister concerned about the brother.

It changed his life. He said he learned more in one moment than he did in four years at Harvard. He saw in one moment what it means to humble yourself as our Lord did, "who did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but humbled himself, and took on the form of a servant."

For he who exalts himself will be humbled and he who humbles himself will be exalted.



One

Sarah lived in a home for unwed mothers. She was not one of the clients; her mother was the cook there. Sarah had grown up in the home and was the special pet of all the girls who came there. One day, a new girl, young and pregnant had come to the home. As she sat on the bench, waiting

for her intake interview with the director, she wept. Sarah, now about twelve or thirteen years old, had seen many girls come and go by then, and she knew most all of them had the same look of despair when they arrived. Sarah took pity on the girl, who was not far from her own age. She began talking, and as she did, the girl stopped crying.

Then Sarah began to offer some advice on how to answer the standard questions, particularly the one about the father of the baby, “When she asks you who the father is, don’t lie, she hates it when you lie, and, whatever you do, don’t say he’s dead, everyone says he’s dead.”

The girl looked at Sarah, and much to her surprise, asked her, “So what did you say when she asked you?”

Sarah froze; she was horrified that the girl had mistaken her for “one of them”. She loved and cared for those girls, but in her mind there had always been a careful separation between them and her.

She could love and support them, but she could not be one of them.

That, I guess is the difference between God’s hospitality and ours. God chose to be us. “Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.” (Phil. 2:5b-7) He knows us, He chose to be us, He is One with us.



Empty

A martial arts student was meeting with his master and teacher at a table, having tea.

The student said to his master, "I've learned all you have to teach me about defending myself. I want to learn one thing more now. Please teach me about the

ways of God."

The master took the teakettle and starting pouring the student's cup full of tea. Soon the cup was full and began to spill over onto the saucer. But the master continued to pour the tea until it spilled over the saucer and then onto the floor.

The student finally said, "Stop, stop, the tea is spilling over. The cup can't take any more."

The master then looked at the student and said,






"You are so full of yourself that there is no room in your life for God. It is not possible for you to learn the ways of God until you learn to first empty yourself."



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Who would you invite to your party? Fill out the invitation.

Use the words below to complete these sentences.

-  When you are invited to be a _____, go and sit in the _____ place.
-  If you put yourself _____ others, you will be put down.
-  When you are _____ to a wedding feast, don't sit in the _____ place.
-  If you _____ yourself, you will be honored.
-  When you give a _____, invite the _____, crippled, the lame and the _____. They _____ pay you back.

CANNOT GUEST
HUMBLE INVITED
BEST BLIND FEAST
ABOVE WORST
POOR

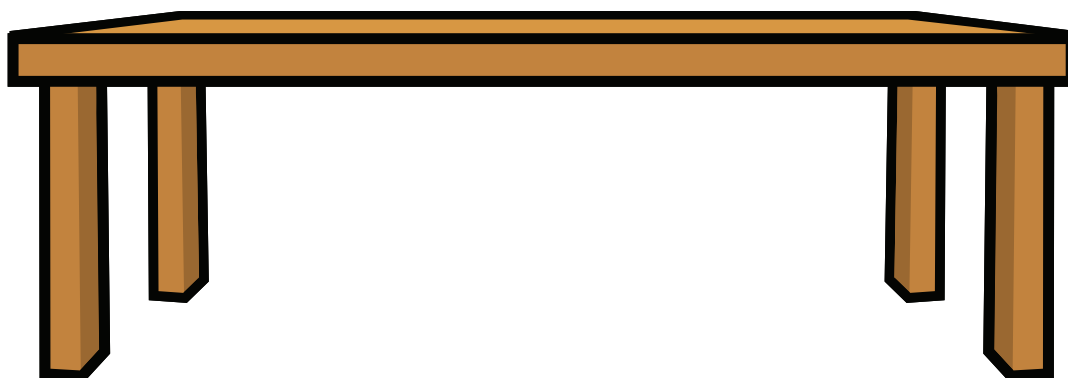
If you were invited to a party where would you sit? Circle the chair you would sit in and write down why you would sit there.



Invite the poor to your feast



Draw a picture of yourself as a guest at a party. Where at the table would you sit?



Draw some of the people whom you would invite to your party.

When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

CATHOLIC QUIZ

31 August 2025

This week's Question: "What is a 'Chancel'?"

The answer to last week's Question: "What are the 'Steps' to the altar?"

The sanctuary of the church (the altar area) is approached by a series of steps, Symbolic of the ascent to Christ. The 'altar platform' is spiritually understood to be a 'mountain top' – recalling Mount Sinai, Mount Carmel, Mount Tabor, the Mount of Olives, and, of course, Calvary.

The Latin word for "steps" – 'graduales' – from which we get the English words, 'gradual', 'graduation', 'grade' – gave their name to the Psalm verses sung between the Epistle and the Gospel, as the Deacon or Priest 'ascended' the steps of the altar to proclaim the Gospel, hence in the Missal: 'the Gradual'. (The number of steps is not fixed in liturgical law, but it is usually no less than three.

SOUL FOOD

31 August 2025

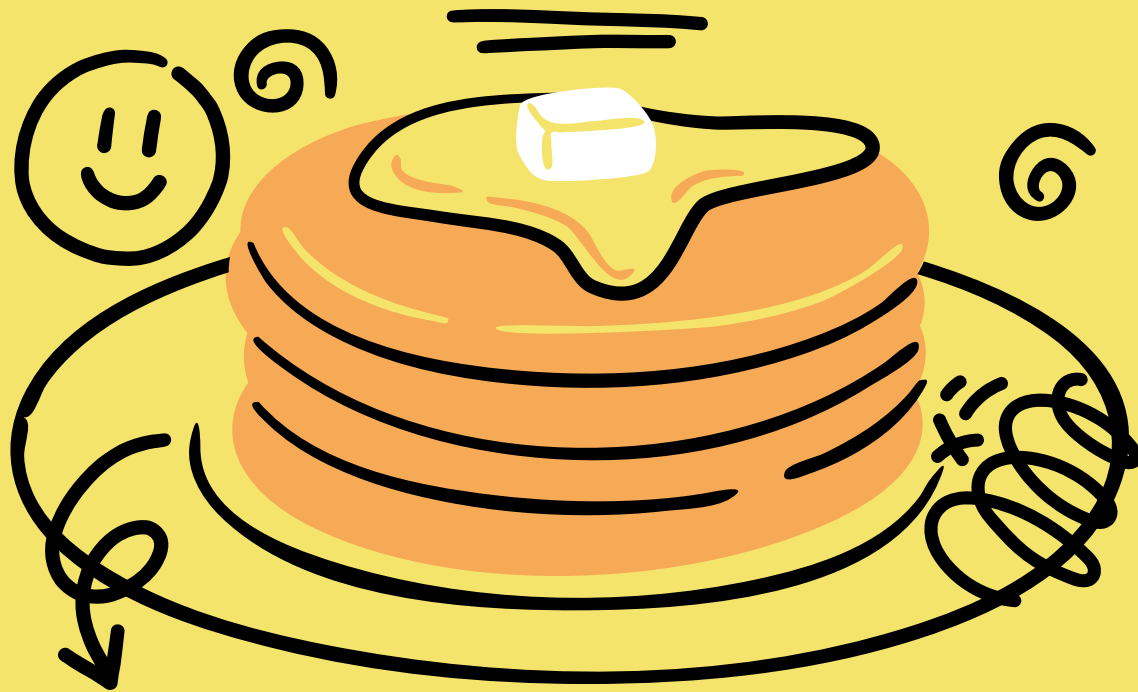
"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ. There are very many hidden Meanings in the Bible. So read often, and study as much as you can. Let sleep overtake you with the Holy Book in your hand. When your head nods, may it sink on a holy page."

-- St. Jerome
(345-420)

Supporting those in need is key to living a good Christian life. Not just to those within our reach, but outside of our circle as well. On September 14, our Good Shepherds will host an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast to raise funds for the Bisbee Coalition for the Homeless. By participating, you will enjoy a delicious meal and support those during their time of need. Your generosity and support are vital in making a positive impact and demonstrating the values of love and service to our community and neighbors. We hope you will join us!

Can't make it that day? You can still help! Advance tickets may be purchased at the gift shop and gifted to someone. They can enjoy breakfast on you!!

PANCAKE DAY



HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR THE
BISBEE COALITION
FOR THE HOMELESS

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

8AM - 12PM

ST. PATRICK CHURCH HALL
100 QUALITY HILL - BISBEE

\$10

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**PLATE INCLUDES EGGS, SAUSAGE,**  
**AND ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKES**  
**(ADDITIONAL SAUSAGE & EGGS**  
**AVAILABLE FOR ADDED CHARGE)**



## Notice of change in Gift Shop hours

Monday, September 1 **CLOSED**  
Labor Day holiday

Beginning September 1  
Mondays -- GIFT SHOP IS CLOSED  
Tuesday thru Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Open for after-Mass shopping after weekend  
masses

## CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED



Our choir is gearing up for fall. Our first rehearsal will be August 27, and we will begin singing for Mass in September. We usually sing for the 5 pm Saturday Mass, occasionally for the 9 am Sunday liturgy.

Some of our current members have been with the choir for 50+ years. At one time we could gather a group of 35+ voices with no problem. But each year our message to the congregation is the same---we have fewer singers and have a harder time each season because one by one our members are unable to continue. To maintain a choir we need singers.

We welcome anyone of any age who would like to join us to sing for a Mass most weekends, and a once a week rehearsal. Please consider helping us continue.

Questions? Speak to any of the choir members. Or contact

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# Parish Financial Report



## Last Sunday's Collection

### St. Patrick Church

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Envelopes/Loose: | \$1862        |
| Online Giving    | \$930         |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$2792</b> |

### St. Michael Mission

|                  |              |
|------------------|--------------|
| Envelopes/Loose: | \$97         |
| Online Giving    | \$233        |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$330</b> |

## 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        |
| <b>In the RED:</b> | <b>\$23,079</b> |

## YTD July 2024 to June 2025

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Income:              | \$367,773       |
| Expenses:            | \$309,599       |
| <b>Balance:</b>      | <b>\$58,174</b> |
| <b>Other Revenue</b> | <b>\$11,825</b> |
| <b>Project Exp</b>   | <b>\$89,643</b> |
| <b>In the RED</b>    | <b>\$19,644</b> |

## Use Online Giving

[www.stpatsbisbee.com](http://www.stpatsbisbee.com)

Use "Give Now" link

THANK YOU!



# **Help Support**

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**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  
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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**

**Representative**

**Deacon Tony Underwood**

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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.