

Dear Padre,

I am in my third year of sobriety. Can I still become a eucharistic minister if I do not partake in Christ’s blood?

Yes. Your personal sobriety practice has nothing to do with your eligibility for service as a minister of the Eucharist. Some would even argue that your commitment to sobriety is a powerful witness of your commitment to living a responsible and mature Catholic life. Instead of an obstacle to ministry, it is a shining example and witness of the power of God’s grace at work in your life.

Practically, since ministers of the Cup are often required to consume any remaining Precious Blood after holy Communion is distributed, it might be a good personal practice to make sure there are enough ministers present to perform this necessary step in ablution. If everyone is informed in advance, it contributes to the shared sense of reverence and respect that is required of a eucharistic minister. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We live immersed in a culture of speed, immediacy, and haste—a culture of “discard” and indifference that prevents us from pausing along the way and drawing near to acknowledge the needs and suffering that surround us. In the parable, when the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he did not “pass by.” Instead, he looked upon him with an open and attentive gaze—the very gaze of Jesus.

MESSAGE ON WORLD DAY OF THE SICK,
ROME, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Monday

August 10
St. Lawrence, Deacon
and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6–10
Jn 12:24–26

Tuesday

August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Ez 2:8–3:4
Mt 18:1–5, 10,
12–14

Wednesday

August 12
Weekday
Ez 9:1–7; 10:18–22
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

August 13
Weekday
Ez 12:1–12
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

August 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63
or 16:59–63
Mt 19:3–12

Saturday

August 15
The Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin
Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a,
10ab
1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Sunday

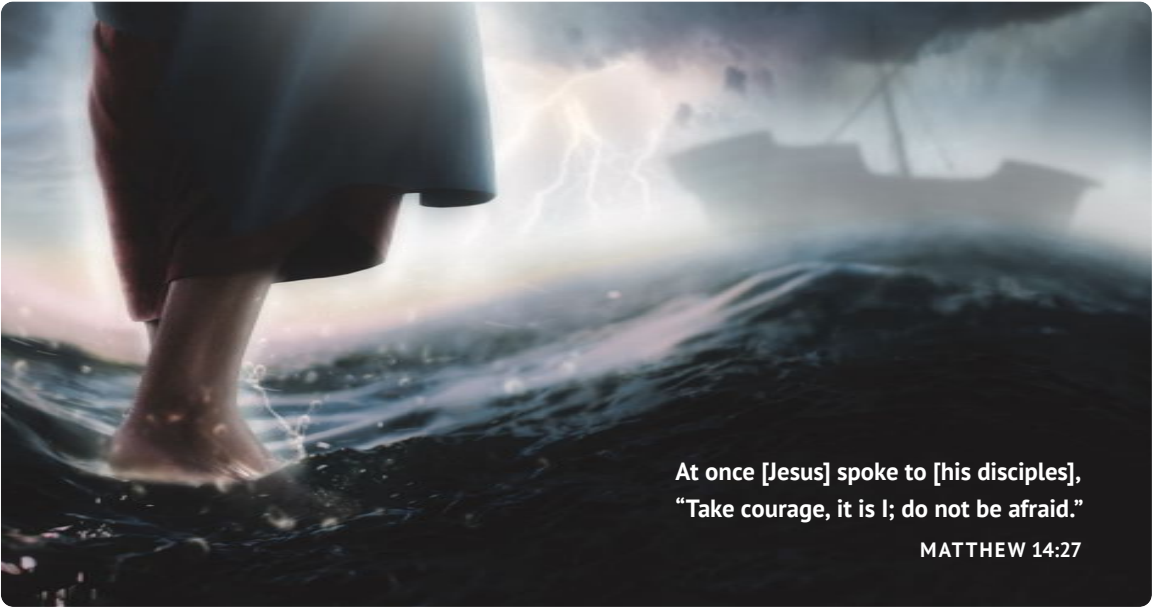
August 16
Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6–7
Rom 11:13–15,
29–32
Mt 15:21–28

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 9, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 Kings 19:9a, 11–13a / Romans 9:1–5 / Matthew 14:22–33



At once [Jesus] spoke to [his disciples],
“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.”

MATTHEW 14:27

One for All

MIGUEL DULICK

In the first reading, Elijah is ready for anything—a whirlwind, an earthquake, a fire—because “the Lord will pass by” (1 Kings 19:11). But God comes tiptoeing, with a tiny whisper. Elijah, a giant of a prophet, covers his face like a child and wraps himself in the word of the Lord. Ordinarily, at this point, a homily would move on to the gospel. But in the second reading, from Romans, we are brought up short. Paul, a giant himself, would love a reassuring whisper from God. He is in utter agony, for the doubtful salvation of “my own brothers,” the Jews. Such is his distress that he wishes he could offer himself in exchange, even to the extent of being “accursed and separated from Christ” (literally, “anathema”) for “my kin.” (See Romans 9:3.) His anguish is heartbreaking, especially since it seems to be a prayer he has repeated over and over. Paul was no doubt thinking of Moses, who dramatically offered his own life to save the Israelites from God’s judgment after the golden calf: “[Lord,] if you would only forgive their sin! But if you will not, then blot me out of the book that you have written” (Exodus 32:32). Paul’s faith told him that Christ had opened the door of salvation to everyone, and even rejection by the chosen people could not close it. In fact, it confirmed its universal promise. A paradox perhaps, much like when Jesus walked on water, as we hear about in today’s gospel. ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

Is there a situation that is causing you anguish? Do you believe God hears you?



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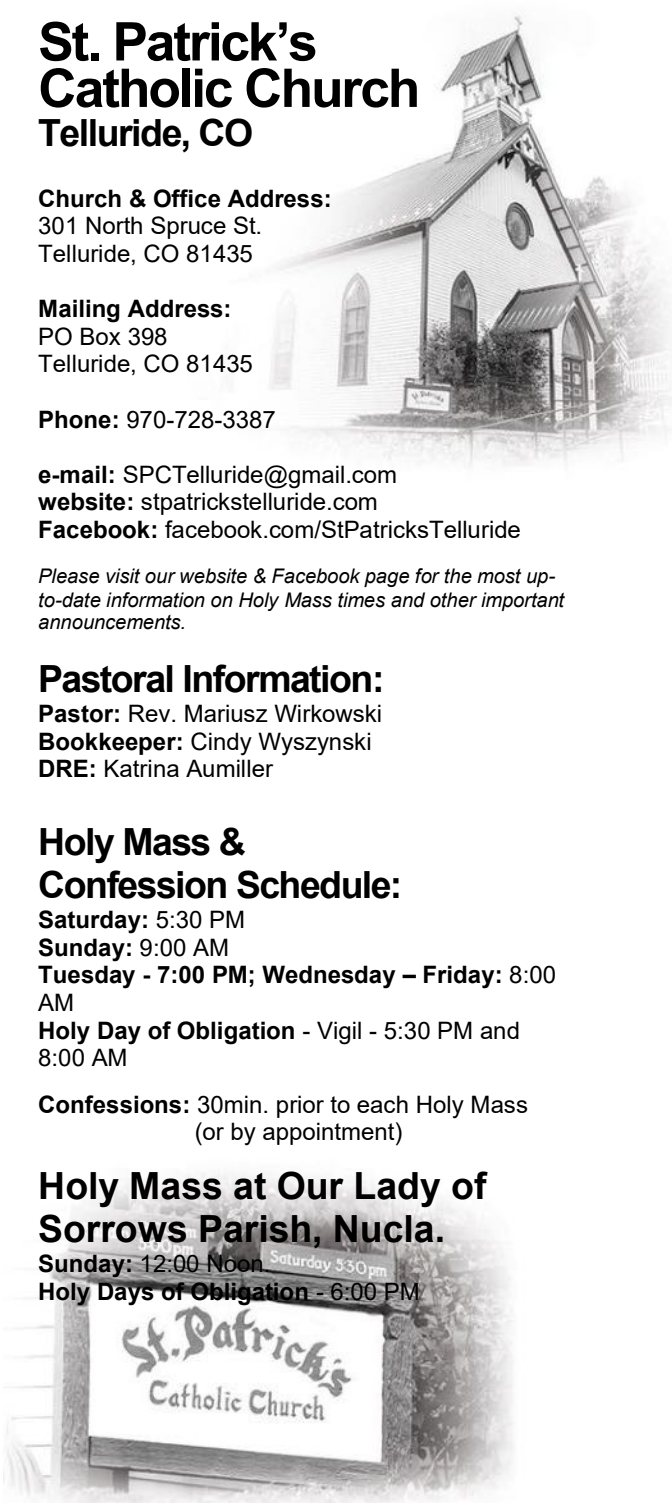
Holy Mass & Confession Schedule:

Saturday: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
Tuesday - 7:00 PM; Wednesday – Friday: 8:00 AM
Holy Day of Obligation - Vigil - 5:30 PM and 8:00 AM

Confessions: 30min. prior to each Holy Mass (or by appointment)

Holy Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Nucla.

Sunday: 12:00 Noon
Holy Days of Obligation - 6:00 PM



August 9th, 2026 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass Intentions:

Saturday, August 8th
5:30 PM - +Margaret & Joe Sulentic

Sunday, August 9th
9:00 AM - Missa Pro Populo

Tuesday, August 11th
7:00 PM - Gary & Katrina Aumiller

Wednesday, August 12th
8:00 AM - +Raimundas Lapsys

Thursday, August 13th
8:00 AM - +Al & Rosemary Ohlmacher

Friday, August 14th
8:00 AM - Elijah Aumiller

Saturday, August 15th - The Assumption of the BVM
9:00 AM - Richard Kojta

5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, August 16th
9:00 AM - +Debbie & Steve Ohlmacher

*If you would like to have a Holy Mass intention for your loved ones, living or deceased, please contact the Parish Office by calling: 970-728-3387 or place your request in the collection basket near the entrance of the church.
- Suggested donation for each mass is \$10.*

Healing Prayers - Rezos Por Tus Curaciones

Let us pray for those who have asked for our prayers...

Kevin Kiernan, Bob Kammer, Cody Couture, Dakota Couture, Eric Block, Judy Donnelly, Mike Napolitano, Mary E. Lynch, Liz Bradley, Care Bear, Carl Carson, Joshua Nault, Phil Couture, Jose Cuaron, Kim Lynch, Allison Myer, Marianne Edward, CarolAnn O'Dea, Juan Esparza, Martha Gagliano, Stanislaw Kowalczyk, Susan Martin Smith

Upcoming Events: *All Are Welcome!*

First Fridays of the month - **Devotion to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus** - Holy Mass and Adoration - 8:00 AM.

Tuesdays: 6:00 PM- Holy Adoration. 7:00 PM – Holy Mass

Second Tuesdays of month: 7:30 PM – Men's Group

Wednesdays: 7:30 AM
Women's Group Faith Fun Fellowship – Church

Thursdays: 7:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Mass - Church

First Sunday of the month - Holy Adoration 30 minutes before each Holy Mass.

Each Sunday during Summer- Coffee and donuts after 9:00 AM Holy Mass.

Last Saturday of the month - Bilingual Holy Mass

“So also we, being many, are one body in Christ, and each one is a part, the one of the other.”
Romans 12:5

Parish Announcements:

We would like to welcome all Visitors who are with us celebrating the Holy Mass this weekend.

Please check our ***Parish Website /Calendar*** for updated schedule of events.

Please join us for ***praying the Holy Rosary*** on Sundays before 9:00 AM Holy Mass. It starts at 8:30 AM.

Coffee and donuts every Sunday during summer after 9:00 AM Holy Mass. We need more volunteers to help.

August 15th, Saturday is ***the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary***. This year it is ***not a Holy Day of Obligation***. We will still celebrate Holy Mass at 9:00 AM.

Last Week's Collection: \$ 2,602.50

Second Collection: \$479.00

Please visit: stpatrickstelluride.com/donate to offer your financial support.

“For where your treasure is, there also is your heart.”
Mathew 6:21

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

August falls entirely within Ordinary Time, but its spiritual tone is anything but ordinary. The central liturgical highlight is the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on **August 15**, a Holy Day of Obligation in many regions. The Assumption reminds us that our earthly pilgrimage has a heavenly destiny and that Mary's fiat continues to bear fruit in the Church today.

August is rich with saints whose lives illustrate mercy and mission. Some notable commemorations include:

St. Alphonsus Liguori (Aug 1) – Doctor of the Church and founder of the Redemptorists, who preached God's mercy to the most abandoned.

St. Dominic (Aug 8) – A champion of truth who combined preaching with deep compassion.

St. Clare of Assisi (Aug 11) – A spiritual sister to St. Francis, Clare embraced poverty and Eucharistic devotion with profound humility and trust.

St. Maximilian Kolbe (Aug 14) – A modern martyr of charity who volunteered his life in Auschwitz, embodying the greatest act of love.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux (Aug 20) – A mystic and reformer whose writings on divine love shaped medieval spirituality.

St. Monica (Aug 27) – Patron of mothers, whose persistent prayer brought her son, St. Augustine, to conversion.

St. Augustine (Aug 28) – A towering Doctor of the Church who illuminates the journey from sin to sanctity through God's relentless mercy.

The Passion of St. John the Baptist (Aug 29) – A solemn remembrance of the prophet's courageous witness to truth, even unto death.

Each of these saints gives us a living commentary on the Gospel—models of both the **spiritual and corporal works of mercy** and reflections of the Church's year-round mission.

Viva Cristo Rey!