

Dear Padre,

My friend is deeply involved in her faith, but I struggle with our friendship because I don't like how she treats her pets. I don't understand how someone who values religion so highly can show so little care for animals. What should I do?



Franciscan Friar Kevin Mackin writes, “The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye to eye are two creatures of love” (“Why We Bless Animals,” *Catholic Update*). Because of this strong bond between humans and sentient creatures, it’s especially difficult to witness their mistreatment, either through neglect (such as failing to provide sufficient food, water, shelter, or veterinary care) or direct physical abuse (a violation of anti-cruelty laws and a criminal offense in all fifty states). Studies show that owning pets offers us companionship and emotional support; in turn, these qualities can foster in us greater empathy and compassion toward others. Yet, while pets may greatly benefit our health and well-being, owning them comes with a serious obligation and moral responsibility. Vulnerable pets depend on humans for adequate care and protection. At times, some pet owners can be overwhelmed by their responsibility to provide proper care; others may even be unaware that they are treating their pets inappropriately. Out of concern for both your friend and her pets, consider a non-critical, non-confrontational approach to discuss your observations and to offer assistance. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Today we lift up our prayer for peace in the world, asking that nations renounce weapons and choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy. Disarm our hearts of hatred, resentment, and indifference, so we may become instruments of reconciliation. Help us understand that true security does not come from control fueled by fear, but from trust, justice, and solidarity among peoples.

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.

Monday October 5 <i>Weekday</i> Gal 1:6–12 Lk 10:25–37	Thursday October 8 <i>Weekday</i> Gal 3:1–5 Lk 11:5–13	Sunday October 11 <i>Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 25:6–10a Phil 4:12–14, 19–20 Mt 22:1–14 or 22:1–10
Tuesday October 6 <i>Weekday</i> Gal 1:13–24 Lk 10:38–42	Friday October 9 <i>Weekday</i> Gal 3:7–14 Lk 11:15–26	
Wednesday October 7 <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> Gal 2:1–2, 7–14 Lk 11:1–4	Saturday October 10 <i>Weekday</i> Gal 3:22–29 Lk 11:27–28	



The Gradual Road to Ruin

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

A wise old sage once observed, “When it starts out stupid, it just gets more stupid.” The parable in today’s gospel illustrates this wisdom. The son has been sent. The jig is up. The owner is not going to give up the vineyard. The tenants gambled and lost. It’s time for them to accept the inevitable and pay the rent. But common sense and wisdom do not prevail. Kill the son, they think, and all that he would have inherited will be ours! How do you get from “don’t pay the rent” to “kill the son”? It is not a straight or smooth path. There are a lot of twists and turns between point A and point B. But it happens. It sneaks in. It demands little compromises and small dishonesties along the way as it becomes easier and easier for you to choose what is destructive. Then, you find you have lost it all—your very self. And the corruption you’ve embraced convinces you that you’re making wise choices. You must be completely cleansed of the seduction that has enabled you to make these choices. You need to start again. ●

Reflect

Am I aware of a sin that has become easy to commit?



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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

October 4th, 2026 - Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass Intentions:

Saturday, October 3rd
5:30 PM - Kim Lynch

Sunday, October 4th
9:00 AM - Missa Pro Populo

Tuesday, October 6th
7:00 PM - +Matty Servadio

Wednesday, October 7th
8:00 AM - +Joseph Russo

Thursday, October 8th
8:00 AM - +Dr. Ali Yusuff

Friday, October 9th
8:00 AM - +Max Rees

Saturday, October 10th
5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, October 11th
9:00 AM - +Leticia Caldera Ceullar

*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: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Holy Mass & Eucharistic Adoration- 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.

Pilgrimage to Poland – June 8 – 22, 2027.

Holy Adoration this weekend – 30 minutes before each Holy Mass.

Free will donation to support our long-time Parishioner Kim Lynch.

Last Week's Collection: \$ 1,972.25
Second Collection: \$1,344.00
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,

The dedication of October to the Holy Rosary is a rich tradition that opens our hearts to consider the beauty and efficacy of a prayer given to us by Our Lady, Herself.

Why is October Dedicated to the Holy Rosary?

To strengthen the faith of Catholics, the Church has designated a particular devotion for each month of the year. Many of these official designations came out of devotions begun centuries earlier through the teachings of the saints that flourished among the faithful. The Holy Rosary is such a devotion. However, in 1571 the month of October came to hold a special significance and testimony to the power of this spiritual weapon.

The Battle of Lepanto was fought between a large, highly skilled Muslim fleet of the Ottoman Empire and a smaller, minimally skilled Christian fleet known as the Holy League. The pope at the time, St. Pius V recognized the danger to Christendom presented by an advancing Muslim force, and he urged a fervent campaign of Rosary prayers for the battle that would ensue on October 7th. Against all odds and despite a grueling conflict, the Christian fleet was overwhelmingly victorious. The pope and all of Christendom knew it was due to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary through the prayers of the Rosary. In thanksgiving, Pope Pius V established the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (also called Our Lady of Victory) on October 7th to commemorate this triumph for the Faith under Mary's patronage.

In his encyclical *Supremi Apostolatus Officio*, in honor of the Feast Day already present in October, pope Leo XIII dedicated the entire month to the Rosary, urging all the Faithful to “*cling more and more to the practice of the Rosary, . . . not only as an ever-ready remedy for their misfortunes but as a whole badge of Christian piety*” (No. 8).

Viva Cristo Rey!