

# Dear Padre,

*I was taught that it is a requirement to fast at least one hour before receiving Communion. However, I've seen donuts out before Mass begins and hear candy wrappers being crumpled around me. This seems disrespectful to me.*



It is important to use the correct words when describing a particular action. In this case, "requirement" does not really capture the full meaning and understanding of what the Church teaches. A better understanding is that it is a discipline and a practice of the Church to ordinarily observe the eucharistic fast for one hour before receiving holy Communion. If you are of a certain age, you may remember that there have been changes regarding the eucharistic fast. A "requirement" might suggest that the fast is integral to the sacrament itself. It is not.

The second part of your question seems to be a matter of perception. Based on your perception, you judge something to be not quite right. But, consider that there are many reasons why hospitality may be set up before Mass. The crumpling of wrappers could be something other than what you identify. Regardless, you are not required to assume the burden of policing what is taking place at Mass. It is much better to participate, celebrate, and be grateful for the sacrament that we gather to experience as a community of faith. ●

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
February 23	February 24	February 25	February 26	February 27	February 28	March 1
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Second Sunday of Lent
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18	Is 55:10-11	Jon 3:1-10	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25	Ez 18:21-28	Dt 26:16-19	Gn 2:1-4a
Mt 25:31-46	Mt 6:7-15	Lk 11:29-32	Mt 7:7-12	Mt 5:20-26	Mt 5:43-48	2 Tm 1:8b-10
						Mt 17:1-9

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

**Today, signs of hope are increasingly found in care homes, communities for minors, centers for listening and acceptance, soup kitchens, homeless shelters, and low-income schools. How many of these quiet signs of hope often go unnoticed and yet are so important for setting aside our indifference and inspiring others to become involved in various forms of volunteer work!**

MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF THE POOR, ROME, JUNE 13, 2025

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent (A)

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 / Matthew 4:1-11



"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil."

MATTHEW 4:1



## Jesus for the Win

MIGUEL DULICK

**T**he account of the temptations could be presented as a comical play. Pope Francis insisted, "Don't talk to the devil!" Indeed, Jesus does not engage in dialogue with Satan, much less any negotiation or any business. Stones become bread? Jesus may have fasted for forty days, but he's had plenty to eat—"every word that comes forth from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). Nor will Jesus "test" his Father by jumping off the "parapet of the temple" (like the bell tower of a gothic church). (See Matthew 5-7.) You don't play God, and you don't play with God. Satan really beclowns himself with the last temptation—promising the whole world if Jesus would just take a knee? No one would fall for that, would they?

Except—most of us. We'd do the bread; we'd do the jump; we'd definitely do the world! Look at the first reading, from Genesis. Adam and Eve give up paradise for a piece of fruit! It's a sad story because Eve does chat with the serpent, answering questions, allowing for a different point of view. But, as they say on Facebook, Satan "destroys" her! And Adam, too. If they didn't sew fig leaves for each other, the whole story would be unbearable. Even as they realize their sin, there is a little tenderness.

Saint Paul explains it clearly. Sin entered the world, but with Jesus Christ, there is an "overflow" of grace for the many. (See Romans 5:15.) And that's what Lent is about—a flood of grace. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

### Reflect

**What grace do I pray for this Lent—for myself and for someone who is struggling?**

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## Pastoral Information:

Pastor: Rev. Mariusz Wirkowski

Bookkeeper: Cindy Wyszynski

DRE: Katrina Aumiller

## Holy Mass & Confession Schedule:

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

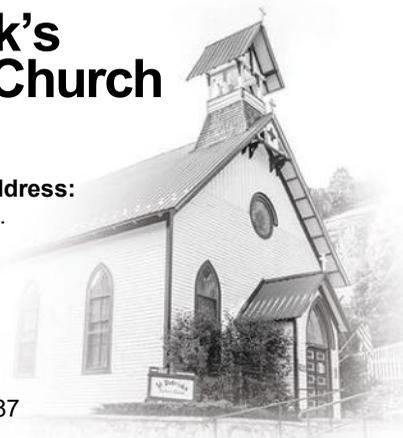
Tuesday - 7:00 PM; Wednesday – Friday: 8:00 AM

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 Mission, Nucla.

Sunday: 12:00 Noon  
Saturday 5:30 pm  
Holy Days of Obligation - 6:00 PM



## February 22nd, 2026 - First Sunday of Lent

### Holy Mass Intentions:

#### Saturday, February 21st

5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

#### Sunday, February 22nd

9:00 AM - Barbara & Mark Hankins

#### Tuesday, February 24th

7:00 PM - Luke & Katherine Ohlmacher and family

#### Wednesday, February 25th

8:00 AM - +Cara Taylor

#### Thursday, February 26th

8:00 AM - +Mary & Carl Lammers

#### Friday, February 27th

8:00 AM - Andrea Carpenter

#### Saturday, February 28th

5:30 PM - Conversion of all members of Schneider family.

#### Sunday, March 1st

9:00 AM - Missa Pro Populo

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

## 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.

**Stations of the Cross** – Fridays during Lent at 5:30 PM.

During Lent we will offer Bible Study: **“No Greater Love: Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion”**. Every Thursday night at 6:00 PM starting on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

St. Patrick Day celebration sign-up sheets at the back of the church.

**Last Week's Collection: \$ 3,291.00**

**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,*

Today we celebrate First Sunday of Lent. A time of slowing down in our busy daily lives; a time of taking personal spiritual inventory; a time of practicing more of prayer, almsgiving and fasting. But, during this time we will also celebrate some feasts. One of them is St. Patrick Day, our Parish Saint Patron. On this day we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day Holy Mass at 5:00 PM followed by Traditional Corned-beef and Cabbage Dinner, Shamrock Bingo and Irish Jig Contest.

**Who:** Parishioners and visitors of all ages (not open to the general public).

**When:** Tuesday, March 17th, 2026. Holy Mass at 5:00 PM; dinner at 6:00 PM.

**Where:** St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 301 North Spruce Street (church basement).

**Cost:** \$15/per adult; \$5/per child (children under 3 Free).

**Includes:** Traditional corned-beef and cabbage buffet dinner with sides, dessert and beverages PLUS each paid guest will receive ONE (1) reusable Shamrock Bingo card good for the evening of multiple bingo games. Additional bingo cards may be purchased for \$5/card. We will have prizes for each winner. A blessed gathering to enjoy good food, great fun, fantastic prizes – *Grand Prize is a gift certificate for overnight stay at the Inn at the Lost Creek Hotel in Mountain Village!* Starting on February 21st, we will have a sign up sheet available at the church entrance after each Holy Mass and will collect payment by cash or check. If you have any questions, please email the Parish Office spctelluride@gmail.com or 970-728-3387. We are thrilled to host this event to celebrate Saint Patrick and we look forward to seeing you there!

*Viva Cristo Rey!*

