

# Dear Padre,

## Why must I choose practicing Catholics as my baby's godparents?

The Church is clear about the qualifications of godparents: at least sixteen years old; leading lives of faith; confirmed and having already received Communion, among others. (See the *Code of Canon Law*, 872–874.) “Godparent” isn’t simply an honorary title we bestow on someone. It’s an important role in a child’s faith life. Parents and godparents introduce us to Jesus and teach us to pray. We talk to Jesus on our own and learn more about him through Scripture. Our parents take us to church. We watch their example and that of our godparents. It is the gradual process of being introduced to Jesus by those who know him that leads us to trust him and have faith in him. At baptism, a godparent lights a candle from the Easter candle and holds it for the child as the presider says, “Receive the light of Christ.” That is how faith comes to us: a gift from God, but through other people. Parents and godparents must have the bright flame of faith in their own hearts if they hope to pass it to the child.

It is permitted to have only one godparent, fulfilling the requirements previously mentioned, and a special “witness” who is a person of faith but is not Catholic. ●



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| Monday                  | Tuesday                                        | Wednesday                                   | Thursday                                                        | Friday                                  | Saturday                             | Sunday                                 |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| September 28            | September 29                                   | September 30                                | October 1                                                       | October 2                               | October 3                            | October 4                              |
| Weekday                 | Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels | St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church | St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church | The Holy Guardian Angels                | Weekday                              | Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Jb 1:6–22<br>Lk 9:46–50 | Dn 7:9–10, 13–14 or Rv 12:7–12ab<br>Jn 1:47–51 | Jb 9:1–12, 14–16<br>Lk 9:57–62              | Jb 19:21–27<br>Lk 10:1–12                                       | Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5<br>Mt 18:1–5, 10 | Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17<br>Lk 10:17–24 | Is 5:1–7<br>Phil 4:6–9<br>Mt 21:33–43  |



### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*Jesus taught us that in discerning how to help our neighbor, we must imitate the example of the Good Samaritan, who selflessly gave of his time and resources to someone whom he had never previously met.... When we help those in need, especially those who cannot repay us, we become the Lord's instruments.*

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 27, 2026  
**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**  
Ezekiel 18:25–28 / Philippians 2:1–11 or 2:1–5 / Matthew 21:28–32



Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves.

PHILIPPIANS 2:3–4

## Will You Work in God’s Vineyard?

ANN M. GARRIDO

Most parents can resonate with today’s gospel. Who hasn’t had a child promise to do their chores and then neglect to do them? Or a child who threw a fit when asked to help but then pitched in after all?

Jesus’ parables intend to give clues about a mystery he called the kingdom of God—a revelation about what the world will look like when God’s dreams for it are realized. We get a good hint that this parable is meant to be about the kingdom of God because it speaks of a vineyard, and Jesus often compared God’s kingdom to a vineyard. Vineyards throughout the ancient world were associated with joy and abundance, but they also required much tending. They needed workers, and that is what God has called us to be for the kingdom.

Jesus observed that those who professed to support God’s coming kingdom often seemed to do little to help bring it about whereas those who historically had been viewed as resistant to God’s ways were more receptive to John the Baptist’s preaching—and, we can imagine, Jesus’ message as well. They were the ones who proved in the end more willing to lend a hand.

The vineyard of which Jesus spoke still requires workers. It still requires people willing to collaborate with God in gathering the abundant harvest that will mark a season of great joy. We can imagine that, like any parent, God’s greatest delight would be to have children who say “yes” and then follow through on their word! ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

### Reflect

When I am tempted to be resentful, what would be a healthy response?

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Please visit our website & Facebook page for the most up-to-date information on Holy Mass times and other important announcements.

## Pastoral Information:

**Pastor:** Rev. Mariusz Wirkowski

**Bookkeeper:** Cindy Wyszynski

**Parish Council:** Luke Trujillo - Chairman; Sarah Dockray - Secretary; Laura Aleman; Kim Lynch, Jed Sharpe, Rev. Mariusz Wirkowski

## 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

## September 27th, 2026 - Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Holy Mass Intentions:

#### Saturday, September 26th

5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

#### Sunday, September 27th

9:00 AM - Andrew & Andrea Carpenter (7th Wedding Anniversary)

#### Tuesday, September 29th

7:00 PM - +Ray Lapsys

#### Wednesday, September 30th

8:00 AM - +Joseph Russo

#### Thursday, October 1st

8:00 AM - Mike Napolitano

#### Friday, October 2nd - Holy Adoration before Holy Mass

8:00 AM - Gary Aumiller

#### Saturday, October 3rd

5:30 PM - Kim Lynch

#### Sunday, October 4th

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, 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.

A big thank you to everyone who have helped us with our Anniversary Parish Mission with Rev. Chad Ripperger.

**Pilgrimage to Poland** – June 8 – 22, 2027.

This Sunday we will have second collection for **Mission Appeal**. We will hear from Fr. Emmanuel Alao, from the Diocese of Ekiti in Nigeria.

First Friday of the month – October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Holy Adoration **BEFORE** Holy Mass at 7:30 AM and Holy Mass at 8:00 AM.

**Last Week's Collection: \$ 1,801.00**

**Please visit:** [stpatrickstelluride.com/donate](http://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,

**Mission Appeal for the Catholic Diocese of Ekiti.**

Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord. May the peace of Christ remain with you always. We thank God for the sense of solidarity in faith experience and the many areas of communion and oneness in our faith expression. This is evident in our sense of prayers and support for the various Catholic Christian communities in developing nations, like Nigeria. We so much appreciate your support on behalf of the faithful in the Diocese of Ekiti.

The Catholic Diocese of Ekiti is a gift of God and beacon of hope for over three hundred thousand Christians, located in the south-western part of Nigeria in the continent of Africa. In this socio-political context, many Christians are faced with numerous challenges but with courage continue to uphold the faith amidst their struggles and challenges. The Church that constitutes the Diocese of Ekiti has been committed to Evangelization, Education, provision of health structures and support for young, poor and vulnerable; for many years and will continue in that light as much as there are resources to carry such noble tasks.

Our prayers and financial aid will help a lot to consolidate efforts and initiatives in evangelization and catechetical formation for old and young; Support priestly formation programs and offering support to seminarians undergoing formation for the priesthood. Building of befitting house of worship and rectories for poorer communities. Provision of adequate transportation means for Priests and Catechists. Enhance charitable outreach to the poor, vulnerable and the needy. Create opportunities for vocational training and educational formation for the young people. Create financial support for needy families.

Your loving gesture of solidarity through prayers and financial aid will go a long way in supporting the Diocese to effectively carry out the ministry of Christ in the context of communities where people face numerous socio-economic challenges but with strong sense of faith. We deeply appreciate your love and solidarity. God's blessings always.

*Fr. Emmanuel Alao.*

(On behalf of the Bishop, Clergy and Faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Ekiti.)

**Viva Cristo Rey!**