

Dear Padre,

Adam and Eve had two sons and maybe others not mentioned in the Bible. How were others born without having committed incest?

This is a perfectly valid question, and one that I think many people have probably asked themselves at one time or another. Unfortunately, it is the wrong question, because it does not reflect the true meaning of the story.

The story about Adam and Eve is not a literal story or, in other words, a story that would be reported by CNN or FOX News. It is a teaching story, intended to encourage belief in the creative power of God at work in his creation. It is not, nor has it ever been, a literal step-by-step tutorial of the early days of the human race.

The bible includes different literary forms: narrative or history, poetry and songs, parables, letters, genealogies, and more. Knowing what form is being used, the purpose of the passage, who is writing or talking, and the intended audience is the work of Scripture scholars. The story of creation is not intended to be literal; it is inspirational. ●



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday

September 21
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13
Mt 9:9–13

Wednesday

September 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Prv 30:5–9
Lk 9:1–6

Saturday

September 26
Weekday
Eccl 11:9–12:8
Lk 9:43b–45

Tuesday

September 22
Weekday
Prv 21:1–6, 10–13
Lk 8:19–21

Thursday

September 24
Weekday
Eccl 1:2–11
Lk 9:7–9

Friday

September 25
Weekday
Eccl 3:1–11
Lk 9:18–22

Sunday

September 27
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 18:25–28
Phil 2:1–11 or 2:1–5
Mt 21:28–32



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

It is a great sign of hope—especially in our times, traversed by so many conflicts and wars—to know that the Church is a people in which women and men of different nationalities, languages, and cultures live together in faith: it is...a reminder and prophecy of that unity and peace to which God the Father calls all his children.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, MARCH 11, 2026

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 20, 2026
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Isaiah 55:6–9 / Philippians 1:20c–24, 27a / Matthew 20:1–16a



Next Up!

MIGUEL DULICK

I keep hearing preachers say this is their least favorite gospel, because it makes people so mad! All the workers in a vineyard get a full day’s pay—which folks interpret as heaven—even the ones who came at the last hour of the afternoon. “You mean, I work hard my whole life, and some nobody from nowhere just waltzes into heaven ahead of me?” But wait a minute! You think you *deserve* your “pay”? None of us is anywhere or anything, even breathing, without God’s grace. It’s not a competition; it’s our only hope! We should be dancing in the street to celebrate God’s generosity. Matthew himself must have chuckled at this parable, since he was also a latecomer, having spent his life grinding his own brothers and sisters into poverty to feed the tax maw of the Roman Empire. Then, Jesus called him! I love the twist in the parable: the owner not only pays the last ones equally, but he pays them *first*!



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

If you don’t like standing in line, you could be like Paul, who wants to just skip to the end: “I long to depart this life and be with Christ” (Philippians 1:23). As he says, “To me life is Christ, and death is gain” (Philippians 1:21). We should all be so eager. Just concentrate on the “fruitful labor” of service to others. Put everyone else ahead of you, and don’t be afraid of some hard work. Any vineyard is a challenge, even when that vineyard is the Church. ●



For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, [says] the Lord.
ISAIAH 55:8

Reflect

Do I feel more deserving than others or struggle with envy?

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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

September 20th, 2026 - Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass Intentions:

Saturday, September 19th

5:30 PM - Logan & Lindsey Spivey (17th Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, September 20th

9:00 AM - Missa Pro Populo

Tuesday, September 22nd

7:00 PM - Stefanie Balm

Wednesday, September 23rd

8:00 AM - John Seivert

Thursday, September 24th

8:00 AM - +David Hidalgo

Friday, September 25th

8:00 AM - +Brian Green

Saturday, September 26th

5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, September 27th

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

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.

Our next event for St Patrick Anniversary Celebration is our **Parish Mission** with Rev. Chad Ripperger on September 25 - 27, 2026.

Pilgrimage to Poland – June 8 – 22, 2027.

Bible Study Class – Book of Genesis. If you are interested, please sign up on the back of the Church for this 8 lessons Bible Study Class. We will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM, starting on October 7th.

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

Last Week's Collection: \$ 1,801.00

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,

I invite you to join our Bible Study Class:

Genesis: From Creation to Covenant is an eight-session study exploring how the first book of the Bible lays the foundation for the entire story of salvation.

The book of Genesis tells how **Creation was born from God's infinite love and goodness**, the chaos brought by the Fall, and the covenant promises that move salvation history forward. Through some of the most well-known and beloved stories in Scripture—including Adam and Eve, Noah and the Ark, the Tower of Babel, Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph—**God initiates his plan to restore what was lost.**

Guided by **Jeff Cavins and Dr. Scott Powell**, this study shows how God works through every generation and covenant promise to draw his people back into relationship with him and prepare the way for our salvation, a plan that continues to unfold in our lives today.

Sign-up sheet is on the back of the Church. We will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall, starting on October 7th.

Viva Cristo Rey!