

# Dear Padre,

**What is the Church's view on having crystal stones or sage in the home to bring in positive energy?**

The Church does not have an official position on every possible human action or activity. The Church believes in the discerning principle of maturity and fully expects that the people of God will use the ability that has been entrusted to them by the Creator in a positive manner. The Church understands the power of mystery and the power of symbols but rightfully assigns any "energy" that mystery and symbols may generate to the power of the Holy Spirit. Inanimate objects, by the very definition of "inanimate," do not generate energy. They may be symbols of energy, but they do not have energy in and of themselves.

If you enjoy crystals because of their beauty or because of the way they diffuse light, then there is no harm in having them in your house. If you like the smell of sage, then use it and enjoy it. All symbols have different meanings, depending on how they are understood and used by the people who gathered, collect, and store them for use. These symbols have no power in and of themselves for good or for evil. However, if you live in a culture that has identified the meaning of a symbol, and that assigned meaning contradicts Christian belief and practice, it would be best to avoid that symbol. ●



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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

**Peace is first and foremost a gift. It is the first gift of Christ: "My peace I give to you" (John 14:27).... It engages and challenges each of us...demanding that first of all we work on ourselves. Peace is built in the heart and from the heart, by**

**eliminating pride and vindictiveness and carefully choosing our words. For words, too, not only weapons, can wound and even kill.**

**AUDIENCE OF THE HOLY FATHER, ROME, MAY 16, 2025**



ERRERBERTO / SHUTTERSTOCK

#### Monday

October 20  
Weekday  
Rom 4:20-25  
Lk 12:13-21

#### Tuesday

October 21  
Weekday  
Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21  
Lk 12:35-38

#### Wednesday

October 22  
Weekday  
Rom 6:12-18  
Lk 12:39-48

#### Thursday

October 23  
Weekday  
Rom 6:19-23  
Lk 12:49-53

#### Friday

October 24  
Weekday  
Rom 7:18-25a  
Lk 12:54-59

#### Saturday

October 24  
Weekday  
Rom 8:1-11  
Lk 13:1-9

#### Sunday

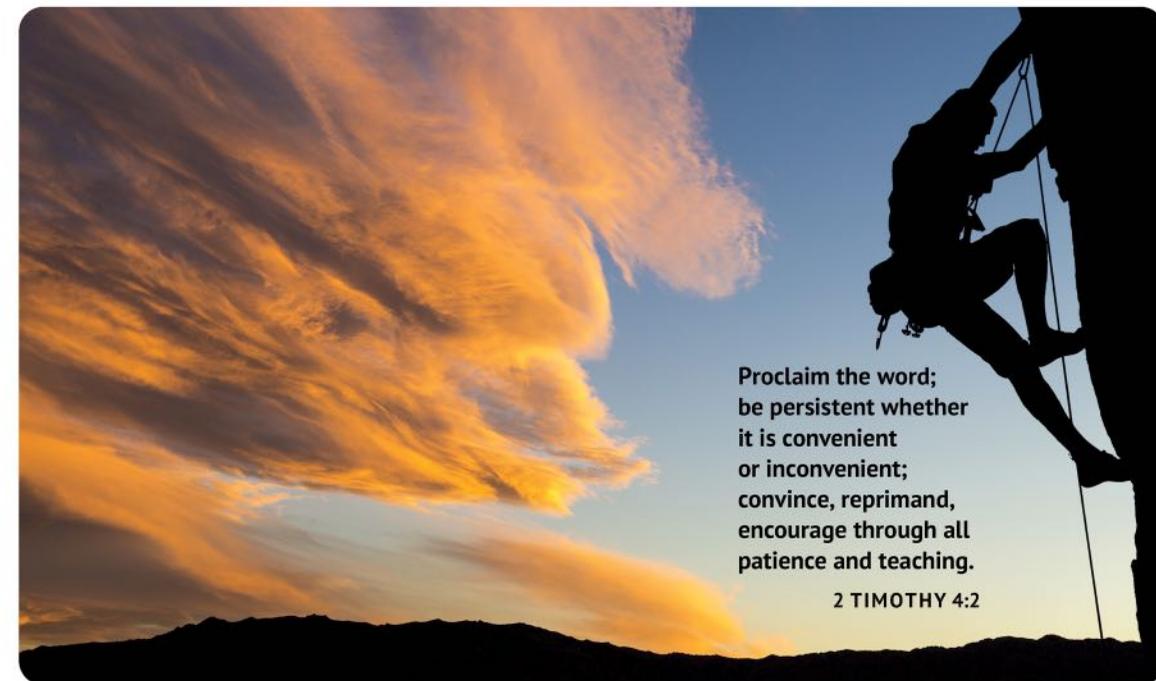
October 25  
Thirtieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Sir 35:12-14, 16-18  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18  
Lk 18:9-14

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 19, 2025

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Exodus 17:8-13 / 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 / Luke 18:1-8



**Proclaim the word;  
be persistent whether  
it is convenient  
or inconvenient;  
convince, reprimand,  
encourage through all  
patience and teaching.**

2 TIMOTHY 4:2

## The Widow God

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**have a friend who likes to say that God always answers prayers; it's just that sometimes God says "no."** He'll say that not always getting what we pray for seems to fit the way life is. My difficulty with that piece of religious folk wisdom is that God then comes off as someone who sits around sorting out answers to prayers from the billions of daily requests sent God's way. When I object to my friend's saying, he's quick to remind me that God wants us to pray. Doesn't this week's parable about the widow who plagues the dishonest judge say just that? Don't give up praying. Yet God isn't like a dishonest judge who cares not for any human being. It also presumes that the sheer multiplication of words sent God's way increases the chances that we'll get a positive hearing,

and that God needs to be convinced to do good for us, or at least what we presume is good. But then that presumes that we know better than God.

So perhaps God is not like the judge but like the widow, continually pleading that we might give him a hearing. The purpose of our prayer, then, is not to get God to do what we want, but rather to open ourselves to what God wants for us. That does take some trust, but don't we believe that God knows us better than we know ourselves? That's why the parable ends with the question, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" ●

### Reflect

**When I talk to God, do I also listen?**

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## Pastoral Information:

Pastor: Rev. Mariusz Wirkowski

Bookkeeper: Cindy Wyszynski

DRE: Katrina Aumiller

## Holy Mass & Confession Schedule:

Sunday: 9:00 AM

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

Saturday: 5:30 PM

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

## October 19th, 2025 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Holy Mass Intentions:

#### Saturday, October 18th

5:30 PM - +Mary Dorflinger

#### Sunday, October 19th

9:00 AM - Missa Pro Populo

#### Tuesday, October 21st

7:00 PM - Gabriel De Jesus Lopez Mireles

#### Wednesday, October 22nd

8:00 AM - +Duane Prais

#### Thursday, October 23rd

8:00 AM - +Raimundas Lapsys

#### Friday, October 24th

8:00 AM - Grace Aumiller

#### Saturday, October 25th

5:30 PM - +Elaine Griffin

#### Sunday, October 26th

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, Tom Mortell, Mary E. Lynch, Liz Bradley, Paige Hagen, Care Bear, Carl Carson, Joshua Nault, Phil Couture, Jose Cuaron, Kim Lynch, Allison Myer, Lou Gagliano, 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

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.

Today we celebrate World Mission Sunday – Second Collection.

Men's Group will met on second Tuesdays each month, Next meeting is on October 11th after evening Holy Mass, around 7:30 PM.

LOGOS— after school program will start in November until Christmas break on Wednesdays at 3:30 PM. Please contact Katrina Aumiller or Sarah Dockray for more information.

**Last Week's Collection: \$ 744.00**

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,

**World Mission Sunday** is the one Sunday each year when the entire Catholic Church comes together in prayer, reflection, and sacrificial giving for the missions. On that day, there is a global collection — the only one mandated by the Code of Canon Law (see Canon 791.4) — taken in every parish, in every diocese, in every country for the support of the missions. Established in 1926 by Pope Pius XI, World Mission Sunday is coordinated by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of the four Pontifical Mission Societies. Its purpose is to sustain more than 1,124 mission territories — places where the Church is young, often materially poor, and sometimes persecuted, but where the seed of the Gospel is being planted and nourished. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith provides support for pastoral and catechetical programs, church construction, healthcare, and education in mission territories.

### **A Day That Makes a Real Impact**

Thanks to the generosity of Catholics in the United States, in 2024 World Mission Sunday helped:  
\*Support the formation of 82,498 seminarians;  
\*Sustain the work of 258,540 religious sisters;  
\*Equip 843,785 catechists; \*Maintain 8,749 orphanages and shelters for children; \*Build 570 new churches.

### **More Than a Collection**

World Mission Sunday is not just a second collection. It is the Church's annual call to put the missions and evangelization at the center of our life and parish communities. It reminds us that every Catholic is by baptism, a missionary disciple, and that our own nation was once mission territory, sustained by the very collection we now have the privilege to support. Let us respond — together with each other and with Pope Leo — as Missionaries of Hope among the Peoples

*Viva Cristo Rey!*