

# Dear Padre,

*When I was young, my parish covered all the statues during part of Lent. What did it mean exactly? Do any churches still do this?*

In 2001, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the practice of veiling statues and crosses during the last two weeks of the season of Lent, beginning on the fifth Sunday of Lent. This practice is optional, at the discretion of the local pastor. According to the Roman Missal, “Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.”

Covering crosses and statues in violet cloth in the final weeks of Lent indicates a shift in the Church’s focus from Jesus in the desert (gospel for the first Sunday of Lent) to Christ during his Passion. Similar to other Lenten disciplines of penance and fasting that align us in solidarity with Christ, the veiling custom is meant to deepen our appreciation for Christ’s ultimate sacrifice. It represents our “fasting” from sacred depictions of the cross on which hung our salvation and from images of the saints, who glorify Christ and in whom he is glorified. This concealment creates an absence to make our hearts grow fonder for the Lord, who “bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24). ●



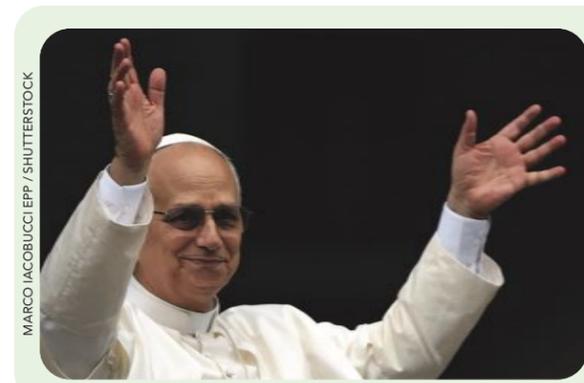
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>MARCH 9</b>	<b>MARCH 10</b>	<b>MARCH 11</b>	<b>MARCH 12</b>	<b>MARCH 13</b>	<b>MARCH 14</b>	<b>MARCH 15</b>
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Kgs 5:1–15ab Lk 4:24–30	Dn 3:25, 34–43 Mt 18:21–35	Dt 4:1, 5–9 Mt 5:17–19	Jer 7:23–28 Lk 11:14–23	Hos 14:2–10 Mk 12:28–34	Hos 6:1–6 Lk 18:9–14	1 Sm 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a Eph 5:8–14 Jn 9:1–41 or 9:1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38

### 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

*We feel a deep and burning thirst that no drink in this world can satisfy. Knowing this, let us not deceive our hearts by trying to satisfy them with cheap imitations!... Let us turn this thirst into a step stool, like children who stand on tiptoe, in order to peer through the window of encounter with God.*

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Exodus 17:3–7 / Romans 5:1–2, 5–8 / John 4:5–42 or 4:5–15, 19b–26, 39a, 40–42



## Are You Listening?

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**I**f today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” (See Psalm 95.) Our psalm prayer invites us to respond to the Word of God. A positive response should be assumed as ordinary: very few among us would deliberately ignore God’s voice. The challenge is not in responding “yes” to the invitation of the Lord but rather in “hearing” his voice.

There are so many voices that daily compete for attention. We seem to be bombarded every waking moment with some kind of noise that demands attention and action. At one time, Neil Diamond might have been able to celebrate the “Beautiful Noise” of the city, but it is far more difficult for us today. Frankly, the noise around us is deafening, and most people long for true silence, a break in the pattern, a vacation from the frantic anxiety that seems to be present.

A wonderful Lenten practice—indeed, a spiritual practice that goes well beyond Lent—is to freely choose to disconnect from distraction. Resist the temptation to plug in the earbuds. Refrain from the distraction of social media content. Leave your cell phone in the living room, go sit in the backyard, and pay attention to nothing. “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:11), the psalmist reminds us. Listen for God’s voice, hear his call, and respond to the invitation. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

ROMANS 5:5

### Reflect

*Do I need more silence?  
Do I find silence difficult?*

# St. Patrick's Catholic Church Telluride, CO

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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

## March 8th, 2026 - Third Sunday of Lent

### Holy Mass Intentions:

#### Saturday, March 7th

5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

#### Sunday, March 8th

9:00 AM - +Scott Mages

#### Tuesday, March 10th

7:00 PM - Elijah Aumiller

#### Wednesday, March 11th

8:00 AM - Gregory Aumiller

#### Thursday, March 12th

8:00 AM - +Linda French

#### Friday, March 13th

8:00 AM - +Jeff Green

#### Saturday, March 14th

5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

#### Sunday, March 15th

9:00 AM - Deceased Members of Schnider family.

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.

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

**Last Week's Collection: \$ 1,239.00**

**Second Collection: \$503.00**

**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,

Today we celebrate Third 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](mailto: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!**

