

Dear Padre,

My wife mentioned that neither the Book of Mormon nor the Catholic Bible mentions purgatory. Please comment.

A not-uncommon frustration is when a person searches the Bible for a particular word or phrasing. Frankly, it is expecting too much from the religious text to be able to faithfully record a particular word or phrase that originated hundreds of years after the ancient text was composed. Purgatory is one such example of this frustration. The concept of purgatory is referenced in the biblical text, particularly in 2 Corinthians 5:10 and 7:1, Hebrews 9:27 and 12:14, and 2 Maccabees 12:46, but the word is never used.

This should come as no real surprise because it was not until the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) that the concept was expanded and formed into a theological statement of belief that has become central to Roman Catholicism. And what is that belief? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is clear: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned” (CCC, 1030, 1031a). The Book of Mormon never references purgatory, but it does speak about the afterlife and the experience of “waiting” in the spirit world for the completion of earthly time. ●



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Monday

August 25
Weekday
1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10
Mt 23:13–22

Tuesday

August 26
Weekday
1 Thes 2:1–8
Mt 23:23–26

Wednesday

August 27
St. Monica
1 Thes 2:9–13
Mt 23:27–32

Thursday

August 28
St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Thes 3:7–13
Mt 24:42–51

Friday

August 29
The Passion of St. John the Baptist
1 Thes 4:1–8
Mk 6:17–29

Saturday

August 30
Weekday
1 Thes 4:9–11
Mt 25:14–30

Sunday

August 31
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 3:17–18, 20, 28–29
Heb 12:18–19, 22–24a
Lk 14:1, 7–14



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The narrow door is an image that could scare us, as if salvation is destined for only a select few, or for perfect people. But...a little further ahead, [Jesus] confirms, “Men will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.”

Therefore, this door is narrow, but is open to everyone!

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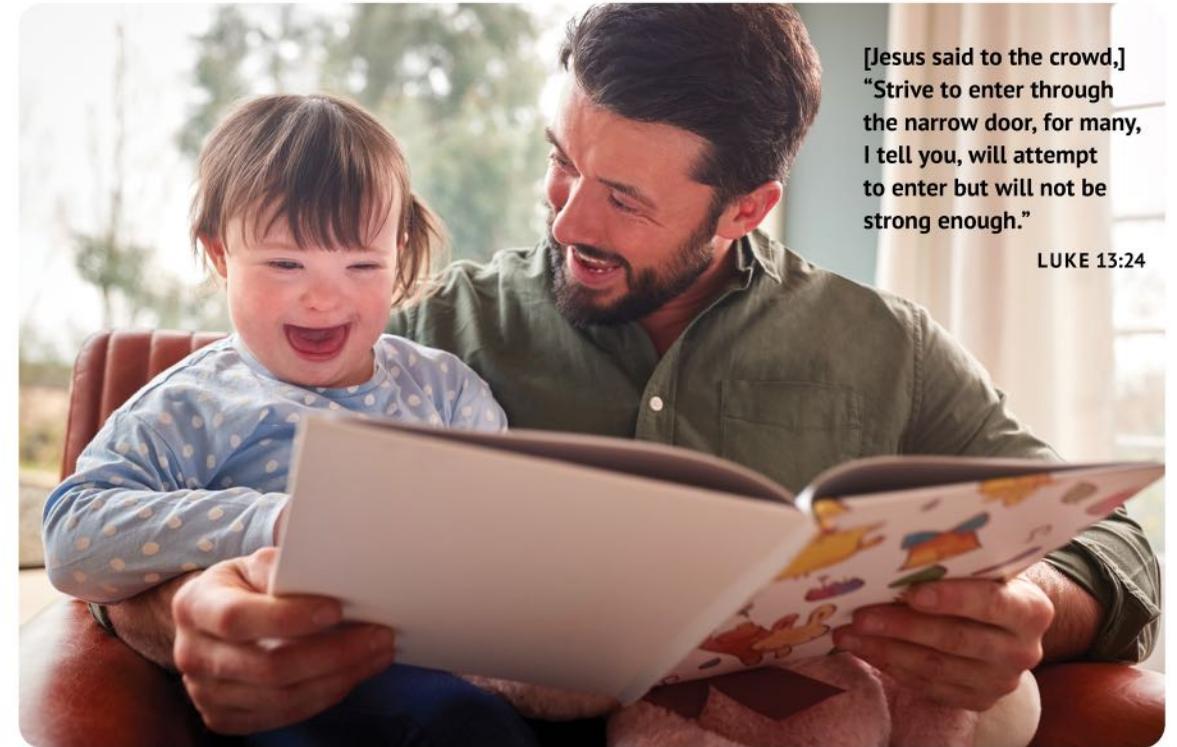
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Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 24, 2025

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Isaiah 66:18–21 / Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13 / Luke 13:22–30



[Jesus said to the crowd,] “Strive to enter through the narrow door, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.”

LUKE 13:24

The Narrow Gate

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Some people find love in their lives; others complain of loneliness. Some find peace, while others seem to be perpetually angry. Some live comfortably amid human diversity, yet others insist that the rest of the world be like them. There are those who are able to forgive and compromise and offer compassion and those who cannot. The difference seems to be the ability to forgo one’s own desires for the sake of a greater good or the common good. Such may be the narrow gate through which some may not be strong enough to enter.

Phrases like *the kingdom of God* or *the kingdom of heaven* are not just references to places to which we go

but also ways of being or states of existence. They all refer to God’s presence, to life with God. You’ve heard people say they were so happy that they felt it was like heaven on earth. It wasn’t a place they went but an experience of being filled with joy and peace. It’s pure gift. No one ever finds it by focusing on oneself. It is the narrow gate by which we find our way into such a life. It is the doorway of caring for others. ●

Reflect

What is the “narrow gate” before me now—the most difficult challenge as a follower of Jesus?

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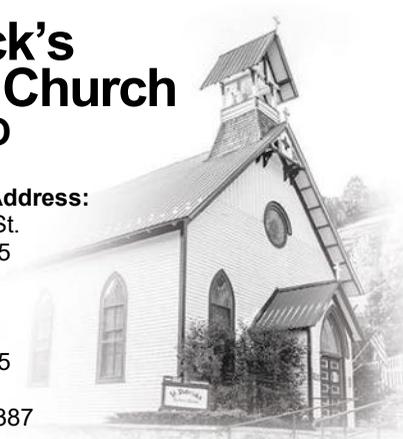
Holy Mass & Confession Schedule:

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
Holy Days of Obligation - 6:00 PM



August 24th, 2025 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

Holy Mass Intentions:
Saturday, August 23rd
5:30 PM - Elijah Aumiller

Sunday, August 24th
9:00 AM - Missa Pro Populo

Tuesday, August 26th
7:00 PM - NO HOLY MASS

Wednesday, August 27th
8:00 AM - NO HOLY MASS

Thursday, August 28th
8:00 AM - NO HOLY MASS

Friday, August 29th
8:00 AM - NO HOLY MASS

Saturday, August 30th
5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, August 31st
9:00 AM - +Daniel Hannon

*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, 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.

Coffee and donuts after 9:00 AM Holy Mass.

Classes are forming now for all adult and student Sacraments and Faith Formation!
If you are interested, please contact Katrina Aumiller, 970-417-9096.

Bilingual Holy Mass will be moved from last Sunday of the month to Vigil Holy Mass last Saturday of the month.

On Sunday, September 7th, we will have a **Stewardship Sunday**. You will have a chance to sign up for different ministries and classes.

This Sunday we have a **blessing for students and teachers** as they begin new school year.

There will be **no daily Holy Mass** this week..

Last Week's Collection: \$ 1.583.00

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Pastor's Corner

*Dear Parishioners and Visitors,
Sanctifying Time: The Catholic Meaning of Days and Months. (By Sam Guzman)*

The liturgical cycle gives shape and meaning to the year, and each season brings new significance. But the liturgical year is just the beginning. Did you know Mother Church has also assigned meaning to each day and month of the year? It's true. Let's briefly examine the significance of each day and month.

Thursday: The Holy Eucharist – Our Lord instituted the most holy Eucharist on a Thursday, so it is fitting that we remember this greatest of sacraments on this day. The Eucharist is the greatest gift of God to mankind, as it is nothing less than Jesus himself. What gift could be greater?

Friday: The Passion – Jesus was scourged, mocked, and crucified on a Friday. Because of this, the Church has always set aside Fridays of days of penance and sacrifice. While the U.S. sadly does not require abstinence from meat on Fridays, penance is still required in one form or another. This day should always be a day of repentance and a day in which we recall Christ's complete self-sacrifice to save us from our sins.

Saturday: Our Lady – There are a number of theological reasons Saturdays are dedicated to Our Lady, perhaps the most significant is that on Holy Saturday, when everyone else had abandoned Christ in the tomb, she was faithful to him, confidently waiting for his resurrection on the first day of the week.

Viva Cristo Rey!

