

# Dear Padre,

*I look at what's going on in our world today, and I start to lose faith. How can I keep my faith strong in a time that seems faithless?*

Evil isn't a new phenomenon. The Book of Judges, for example, presents a faithless time that may rival what's happening in our world today. Judges' twenty-one chapters are so full of vandalism and war, murder and assassination, fratricide and suicide, that it makes a grim statement on the worst of humanity. Judges reminds us of humanity's need for salvation. In *A Catholic Guide to the Bible*, author Oscar Lukefahr writes, "Left to itself, humanity degenerates into a frightful caricature of what we ought to be. We see such lessons repeated in recent history.... In the Book of Judges, we see our need for God." It's easy to lose faith when our focus is on how bad the world is rather than on how we can do our part to make it holy. Pope St. John Paul II wrote in *Crossing the Threshold of Hope*, "Awareness of our own sinfulness, including that which is inherited, is the first condition for salvation; the next is the confession of this sin before God, who desires only to receive this confession so that he can save man. To save means to embrace and lift up with redemptive love, with love that is always greater than any sin." Don't lose Christian hope! While Christ already triumphed over sin and death, the reality of evil remains until God's kingdom is fully realized on earth as it is in heaven. (See 1 John 5:18-20.) ●



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Monday	Wednesday	Saturday
July 13 Weekday Is 1:10-17 Mt 10:34-11:1	July 15 St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 10:5-7, 13b-16 Mt 11:25-27	July 18 Weekday Mi 2:1-5 Mt 12:14-21
Tuesday	Thursday	Sunday
July 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Is 7:1-9 Mt 11:20-24	July 16 Weekday Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19 Mt 11:28-30	July 19 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 12:13, 16-19 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-3 or 13:24-30
Friday	July 17 Weekday Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8 Mt 12:1-8	

### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*Mission is not so much about "departing," but instead "remaining" in order to proclaim Christ through hospitality and welcome, compassion and solidarity. We are to remain...so as to look upon those who arrive from lands that are distant and violent; to remain and open our arms and hearts to them, welcoming them as brothers and sisters, and being for them a presence of consolation and hope.*



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## Leaving Room for the Unexpected

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

The Father is the reckless Sower. He sows not only in the good soil, where a harvest might be anticipated, but also in the difficult soil, where nothing seems to take root. He sows with abandon, seemingly wasting good seed, for no other reason than to experience the joy of creation and the endless possibilities of expecting to be surprised.

There is nothing wrong with well-laid-out plans and careful, methodical use of the resources available. However, planning should not exclude the possibility of the creative manifestation of the power of God in an unanticipated manner. Our planning should not restrict and constrict but rather enable and encourage. We have all experienced the unexpected flower that somehow lives surrounded by pavement. Or the hardy tree that clings to the side of the mountain. They should not be there. It should not be possible. Nothing can grow there. Yet, there they are, doing the impossible and proclaiming the improbable.

Thankfully, we serve a God who sees more than we are ever able to see. Who imagines for us more than we have ever dreamed possible. Who not only sows but also tends and waters, enabling stupendous growth, until it is time for the abundant harvest. ●



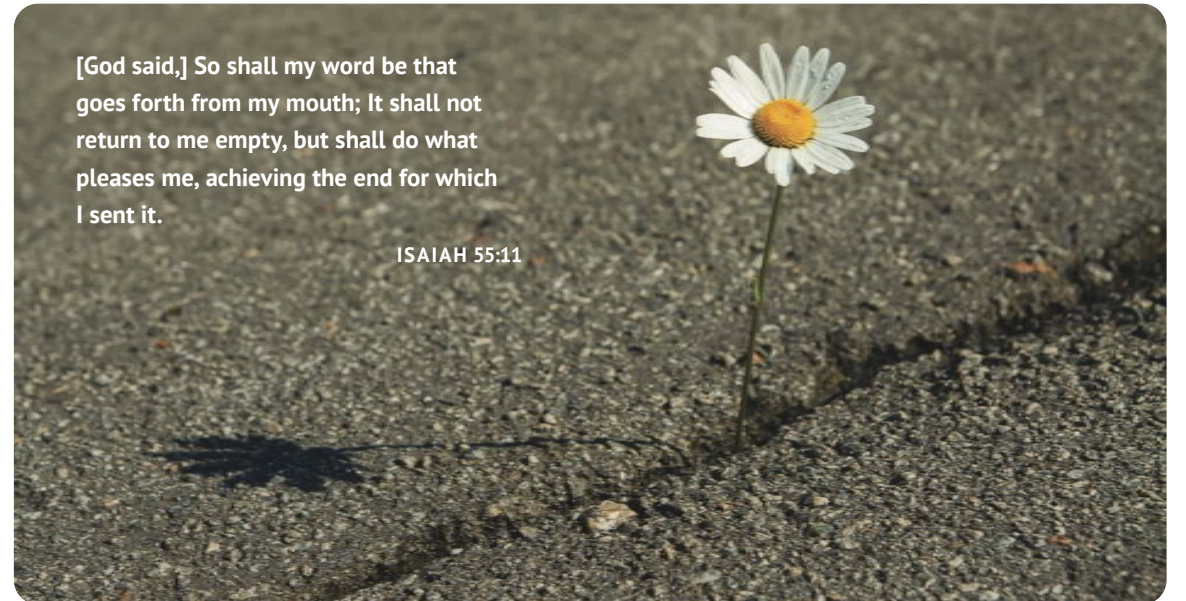
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### Reflect

*Have you ever been surprised by grace? Could you have missed it?*

[God said,] So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me empty, but shall do what pleases me, achieving the end for which I sent it.

ISAIAH 55:11



# St. Patrick's Catholic Church Telluride, CO

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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

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 Parish, Nucla.

Sunday: 12:00 Noon  
Saturday 5:30 pm  
Holy Days of Obligation - 6:00 PM

## July 12th, 2026 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Holy Mass Intentions:

#### Saturday, July 11th

5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

#### Sunday, July 12th

9:00 AM - +Jesse Hildebrand

#### Tuesday, July 14th

7:00 PM - For the deceased members of Seivert and Janssen families.

#### Wednesday, July 15th

8:00 AM - For the deceased members of Shaver and Cassens families.

#### Thursday, July 16th

8:00 AM - Katrina & Gary Aumiller

#### Friday, July 17th

8:00 AM - Rachel & Richard McCoy (5th Wedding Anniversary)

#### Saturday, July 18th

5:30 PM - +Janet Bartel

#### Sunday, July 19th

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: 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 every Sunday during summer after 9:00 AM Holy Mass. We need more volunteers to help.

**Last Week's Collection: \$ 2,046.00**

**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,

You are invited to join Bishop Berg in prayer as we begin a Diocesan-wide Novena to St. Therese and Our Lady for the end to the forest and wildfires that are burning throughout the Diocese of Pueblo. The fires are now affecting four of our deaneries and at least one of the fires appears to be uncontrollable in the near future.

During the 9-day period of communal spiritual practice, the Catholic diocese will be united in prayer for the intentions of those being affected, their families, concerns, livestock, crops, wildlife, firefighters and first responders.

Any financial assistance for families affected or needs will be gratefully received and applied 100% to those needs by Catholic Charities of Southern Colorado.

There is no set start/end date. Please feel free to pray the Novena any time.

To download Novena, please go to: [www.diopueblo.org](http://www.diopueblo.org)

Viva Cristo Rey!

