

# Dear Padre,

**A friend of mine took his life. He was a very staunch Catholic. His wife wanted to know if he could be buried or have a Mass in the Catholic Church.**

Yes, your friend should most certainly receive a Catholic funeral and burial. "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (*The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2283).

A person who is suffering with a mental illness or disorder, certainly a prerequisite for suicide, may not have the necessary mental freedom to choose something that is understood as grave or mortal. In other words, he or she does not have the necessary requirements for full and free consent of the will.

Not that long ago, suicide was often misunderstood. Thankfully, today we understand the havoc and suffering of mental illness, and that a person can be a victim, even if it might look like he or she is not. The great suffering of those who take their own lives must not be dismissed or discarded. The family members and friends of a person who suffers suicide should also not be judged but should only receive compassion and understanding. They, too, are victims, in the fullest sense of the word and in the truest understanding of what it means to be a fragile human being. ●



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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV



**Young people of our time, like those of every age, are a volcano of life, energy, sentiments, and ideas. It can be seen from the wonderful things they are able to do, in so**

**many fields. However, they also need help in order for this great wealth to grow in harmony and to overcome what...can still hinder their healthy development.**

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 15, 2025

## 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*.

<b>Monday</b> December 29 <i>Octave of Christmas</i> 1 Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35	<b>Thursday</b> January 1 <i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i> Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21	<b>Saturday</b> January 3 <i>Christmas Weekday</i> 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Jn 1:29-34
<b>Tuesday</b> December 30 <i>Octave of Christmas</i> 1 Jn 2:12-17 Lk 2:36-40	<b>Friday</b> January 2 <i>Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</i> 1 Jn 2:22-28 Jn 1:1-18	<b>Sunday</b> January 4 <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12
<b>Wednesday</b> December 31 <i>Octave of Christmas</i> 1 Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18		



# Embracing a Spirituality of Listening

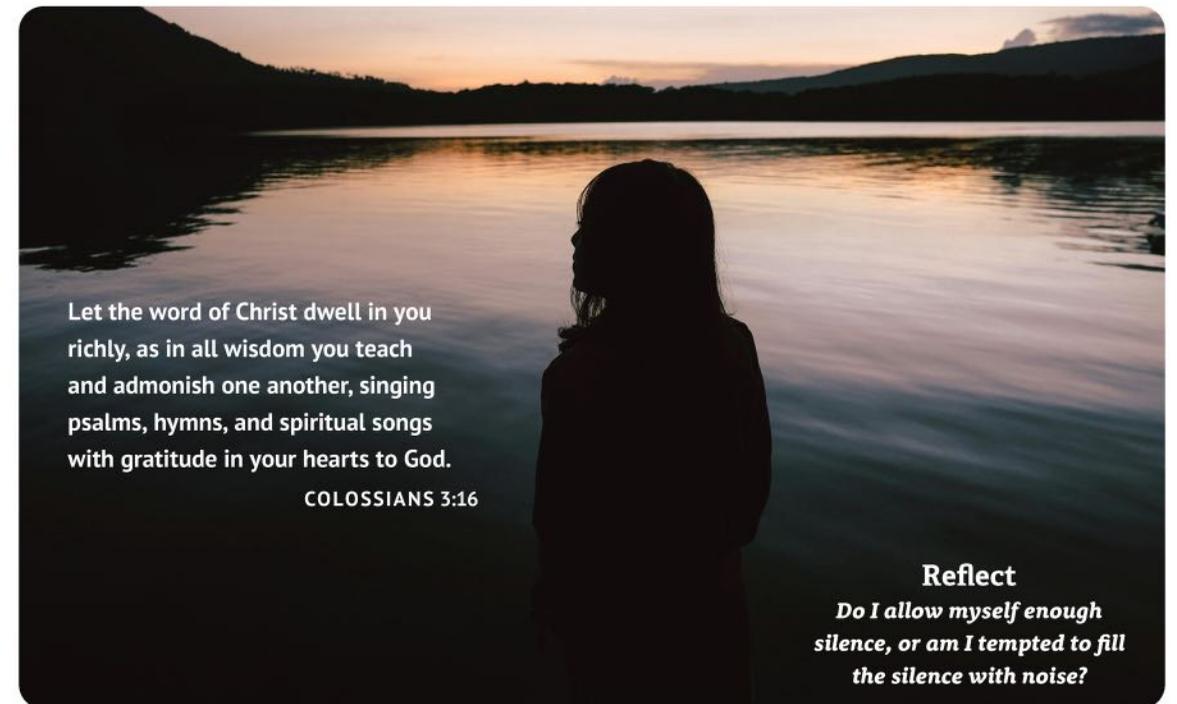
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**T**he most treasured prayer of Jesus' people has long been and remains the Shema: "Hear O Israel, the Lord is God. The Lord is One." Jewish spirituality is grounded not in seeing or touching or tasting, but in hearing. No one exemplifies fidelity to this way of being in the world more than Joseph, as evidenced in today's gospel. Joseph is one who listens to what God's messenger says to him and immediately acts on it. He responds to the call to flee with Mary and Jesus to Egypt. Then, he responds to the call to return home with his family to Israel. As many have noted, Joseph never speaks in Scripture, but he certainly listens, and he certainly acts on what he hears.

Christmas is perhaps the noisiest season of the year. At gatherings of family and friends with festive music in the background, it often feels as if we are shouting over one another to be heard. It is a season when it can be hard to have deep conversations, even with God. Indeed, it can be such a busy season that sometimes our regular prayer practices fall by the wayside. But, if we do not make space in our daily lives to listen, might we miss messages that are important, even urgent, for us to hear, as in the case of today's gospel? Messages that require immediate response? What would it look like to carve out a bit of silence in this holiday season, to be like Joseph and regroup yourself in a spirituality of listening? ●



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Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

COLOSSIANS 3:16

**Reflect**  
*Do I allow myself enough silence, or am I tempted to fill the silence with noise?*

# St. Patrick's Catholic Church Telluride, CO

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## Pastoral Information:

**Pastor:** Rev. Mariusz Wirkowski  
**Bookkeeper:** Cindy Wyszynski  
**DRE:** Katrina Aumiller

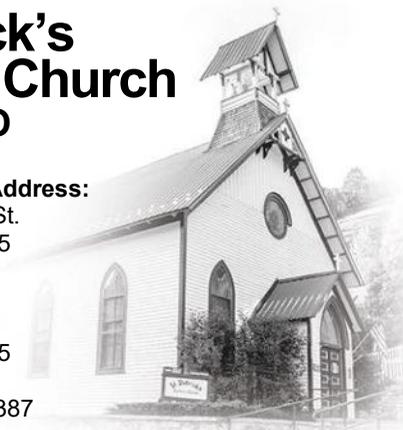
## Holy Mass & Confession Schedule:

**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  
**Holy Days of Obligation - 6:00 PM**



## December 28th, 2025 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### Holy Mass Intentions:

**Saturday, December 27th**  
5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

**Sunday, December 28th**  
9:00 AM - Gabriel de Jesus Lopez Mireles

**Tuesday, December 30th**  
7:00 PM - +Mike & Sara Wright

**Wednesday, December 31st**  
8:00 AM - +Samuel Smith

**Vigil - 5:30 PM** - Missa Pro Populo  
**Thursday, January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
9:00 AM - +Diana Fritz

**Friday, January 2nd**  
8:00 AM - Kevin Kiernan

**Saturday, January 3rd**  
5:30 PM - +Margie Branson

**Sunday, January 4th**  
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

## 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.

**Candlelight Holy Adoration and Mass** on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM.

January 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday, - **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.** It is a **Holy Day of Obligation.** Vigil Holy Mass – Wednesday at 5:30 PM and Thursday morning at 9:00 AM.

**First Friday of the Month** – January 2<sup>nd</sup> – votive Holy Mass and Adoration to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at 8:00 AM.

A big **Thank You** to everyone who helped decorate our church for Christmas!

**Last Week's Collection: \$ 1,514.00**

**Christmas Collection: \$5,337.00**

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*"For where your treasure is, there also is your heart."*

Mathew 6:21

## Pastor's Corner

*Dear Parishioners and Visitors,*

As we finish the calendar year of 2025 and begin the Year of Grace 2026, we are thankful to our Heavenly Father for all blessings and graces He bestowed upon us, our loved ones, and our world. At the same time, as we enter into unknown, as we begin New Year, we enter it with our new hopes, plans and dreams. As faithful believers we know that we are His beloved children and that He will always protect, guide, and keep us in His unconditional love. Let us continue to love our God and entrust Him our future. *"To Him belongs all glory. Amen."* Rom. 11.36.



*Viva Cristo Rey!*

