

Dear Padre,

Do non-Catholics go to heaven?

Yes, they do, because of the grace of God at work in his people. To suggest otherwise would seem to imply that Catholics somehow have a “golden ticket,” or some kind of right that simply does not exist.

The Incarnation of Jesus healed the division between heaven and earth, a division established by the “sin of Adam” and confirmed by our own lives of sin. Through his passion, death, and resurrection, all has been restored to the manner that the Father first envisioned through his Creation. The division was between humanity and divinity, not between religious practices and divinity. Catholics believe and celebrate that God accepts all people of a good heart and a good spirit. God is not blinded by the labels that sometimes blind his people to the bigger reality.

When Catholics, or people of any religion, proclaim exclusivity and specialness, particularly when it concerns eternal life, all people should be very cautious about what they assume. To assume a certain type of arrogance—to yourself and to your belief and life of faith—that excludes others or separates another as “not one of us” simply has no place in the kingdom of God. ●



PASCAL HUOT / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 8 <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Gn 3:9–15, 20 Eph 1:3–6, 11–12 Lk 1:26–38	December 9 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 40:1–11 Mt 18:12–14	December 10 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 40:25–31 Mt 11:28–30	December 11 <i>Advent Weekday</i> Is 41:13–20 Mt 11:11–15	December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Zec 2:14–17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab Lk 1:26–38 or 1:39–47	December 13 <i>St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</i> Sir 48:1–4, 9–11 Mt 17:9a, 10–13	December 14 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Is 35:1–6a, 10 Jas 5:7–10 Mt 11:2–11

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

With the light and the strength of the Holy Spirit, let us build a Church founded on God’s love, a sign of unity, a missionary Church that opens its arms to the world, proclaims the word, allows itself to be made “restless” by history, and becomes a leaven of harmony for humanity.

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Will You Notice the Shoot?

ANN M. GARRIDO

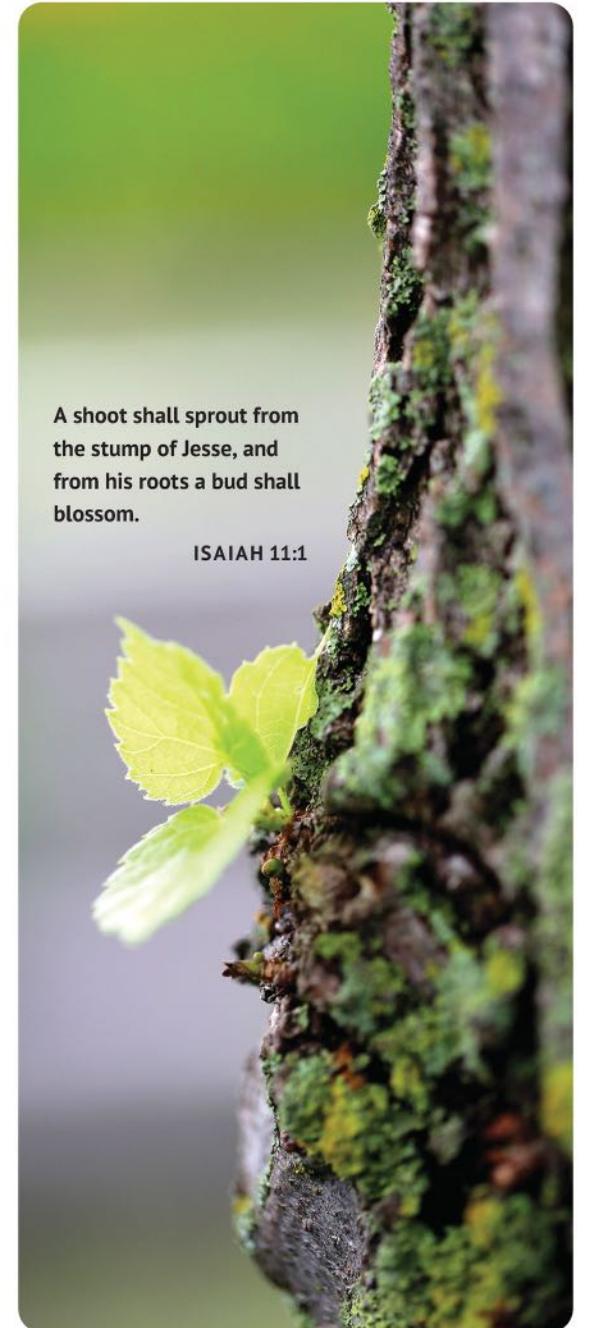
Today’s first reading from the prophet Isaiah offers a familiar Advent image: the shoot sprouting from the stump of Jesse. The verses immediately preceding speak of God walking through the forest with an ax: “The tall of stature shall be felled, and the lofty ones shall be brought low” (Isaiah 10:33). But now, amidst all the destruction, a tiny sign of new life emerges, and the Spirit of God descends upon it, bearing many gifts—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, delight.

So often, when we scroll through the news, our attention is captured by violence and war and the “mighty” who make great noise when they fall. “Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees,” echoes John the Baptist in today’s gospel. If we are looking for where God’s Spirit can be found, however, Isaiah reminds us we will need to look elsewhere. We will need to attend to the quiet, fragile resurrections taking place below the surface when it appears as if all has been lost. If we seek wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, awe, and delight, we will need to look where the little ones of the earth are found. We must have our eyes open for the shoots.

The gospels emphasize that Jesus was one such little one. Although the glory days of his people seemed to have come to a crashing close, they have not. In him, we glimpse the truth that life is stronger than death. We see that the future has not been erased, no matter how terrible the past. In him, we find our hope. ●

Reflect

Are my eyes open to the small signs of God’s work in the world, or am I too distracted to notice?



A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom.

ISAIAH 11:1

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Pastoral Information:

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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

December 7th, 2025 - Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Mass Intentions:

Saturday, December 6th

5:30 PM - Audrey & Mike Woodard

Sunday, December 7th

9:00 AM - Missa Pro Populo

Vigil - 5:30 PM - Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

Monday, December 8th - Immaculate Conception

8:00AM - Missa Pro Populo

Tuesday, December 9th

8:00 AM - John Seivert

Wednesday, December 10th

8:00 AM - Joseph & Celeste Adams

Thursday, December 11th

8:00 AM - Grace Aumiller

Friday, December 12th

8:00 AM - Norm Moss

Saturday, December 13th

5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, December 14th

9:00 AM - Gabriel de Jesus Lopez Mireles

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.

Monday, December 8th is the **Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. It is a **Holy day of Obligation**. Vigil Holy Mass at 5:30 PM on Sunday and 8:00 AM on Monday.

Hour of Grace – Dec. 8th, Monday from 12:00 – 1:00 PM.

On Tuesday, December 9th, Holy Mass is at 8:00 AM. No evening Holy Adoration or Mass.

Next Sunday – Second Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious.

Last Week's Collection: \$ 559.00

Please visit: 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,

On December 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we also celebrate the Hour of Grace. Here is a brief explanation of what it is.

The appeal for the institution of an Hour of Grace for the whole world on December 8 from 12 noon until 1 p.m. comes from the apparitions of the Virgin Mary, Rosa Mystica, to Pierina Gilli (1911-1991) in Montichiari in Italy. While the Church officially regards these as a “private experience,” Mgr. Pierantonio Tremolada, Bishop of Brescia since 2017, declared the Basilica of Fontanelle di Montichiari a diocesan Marian sanctuary on December 7, 2019, mentioning Pierina Gilli. The Universal Hour of Grace has just been officially celebrated there, following the Act of Consecration to the Virgin Mary, Rosa Mystica, Mother of the Church. Our Lady's words as related by Pierina Gilli: “I wish that every year, at 12 noon on December 8th, an Hour of Grace for the entire world be celebrated. Through this practice, numerous spiritual and corporeal graces will be obtained. Our Lord, my divine Son Jesus will grant His very great mercy as long as the righteous continue to pray for poor sinners. Those who cannot go to church should pray at home at 12 noon (until 1 p.m.) and will then receive my graces.”

REQUEST OF BLESSED MOTHER FOR THE HOUR OF GRACE

1. On December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, go to a church, if possible, for one full hour of prayer, otherwise, the prayer can be done at home.
2. During this special hour of grace, put away all distractions and concentrate on your union with God.
3. Begin by praying, three times, Psalm 51 with outstretched arms.
4. The rest of the Hour of Grace may be spent in silent communication with God, saying the Holy Rosary, praising God in your own way, saying your favorite prayers, singing hymns, reading your Bible, etc.

It is also worth noting that dozens of scientifically unexplained lacrimations of tears, oil or blood from figures of the Virgin Mary as Rosa Mystica have been documented throughout the world in recent decades. Viva Cristo Rey!