Dear Padre,



Why do some parishes have only priests who can't speak English well?

The short answer to your question is that in many instances, a diocese does not have enough priests to staff all its parishes. In this case, the bishop "recruits" priests from parts of the world where the number of priests is more abundant.

This is not a new practice. In the 1830s, American bishops were recruiting priests from Europe to staff the parishes in the United States. As a result, men like St. John Neumann and Blessed Francis Seelos came to the United States. They worked not only for the German immigrants, whose language they knew because they were German themselves, but also for the Irish, the French-speaking, the Native Americans, and any other Catholic group that needed Catholic pastoral service.

In the first half of the twentieth century, the American Church was able to send missionaries to Latin America, Asia, and Africa, where there were not enough Catholic priests. The Maryknoll Missionaries, for instance, were founded for this purpose.

Today, the situation has reversed. The places with the most Catholic priests are in Asia, Africa, and some Latin American countries, as well as in Eastern Europe. If these men are willing to make the sacrifice of leaving their homeland, family, and friends to serve us, shouldn't we make the effort to show some gratitude and hospitality to them? ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
November 23	November 24	November 25	November 26	November 27	November 28	November 29
Weekday	*St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*	*Weekday*	*Thanksgiving Day (USA)*	*Weekday*	*Weekday*	*First Sunday of Advent*
Rv 14:1–3, 4b–5	Rv 14:14–19	Rv 15:1–4	Sir 50:22–24	Rv 20:1–4, 11–21:2	Rv 22:1–7	Is 63:16b–17, 19b; 64:2–7
Lk 21:1–4	Lk 21:5–11	Lk 21:12–19	1 Cor 1:3–9	Lk 21:29–33	Lk 21:34–36	1 Cor 1:3–9
			Lk 17:11–19			Mk 13:33–37



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

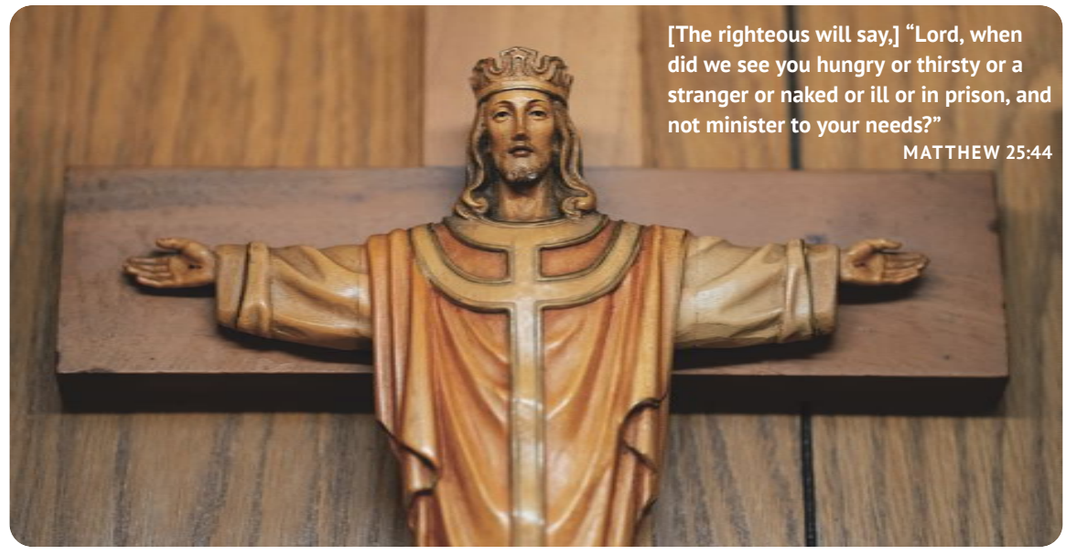
Artificial intelligence now demands to be "disarmed," freed from logics that turn it into an instrument of domination, exclusion, and death. Like nuclear energy, it must be at the service of all and of the common good. Decisions about technology must never be separated from conscience and responsibility.

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[The righteous will say,] "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?"

MATTHEW 25:44

Living the Beatitudes

MIGUEL DULICK

For his last sermon, Jesus revisits his first. In the Sermon on the Mount, if you are poor, or in mourning, or meek; if you hunger and thirst for righteousness; if you are merciful or clean of heart or a peacemaker or even persecuted, you are blessed! Now, Jesus reframes the Beatitudes as blessings bestowed, ultimately, on Jesus himself, in the persons of his "least brothers" with very specific needs: I was hungry; I was thirsty; I was a stranger; I was naked; I was sick; I was in jail. "Whatever you did, you did for me!"

Indeed, Jesus may be anticipating the last few days of his own life, when he will himself know every need: he will be hungry, thirsty, displaced, naked, hurt, and jailed, at least for one wicked night. Who "did" for him?

Once, I visited friends with their first baby. They said, "Oh, Miguel, we admire you so much. You're always helping people." This—while they're holding their newborn!

I just laughed and quoted Jesus: "When I was hungry, when I was thirsty, homeless, naked, sick, in prison.... You do *all* of this every day with your baby—except for the jail thing! Who is more 'least' than a newborn?"

"We never thought of it like that."

"Yes! Your baby is Jesus!"

And maybe Jesus is always a baby. Even Michelangelo's *Pieta* depicts Jesus as the size of a child in a teen mother's lap. ●

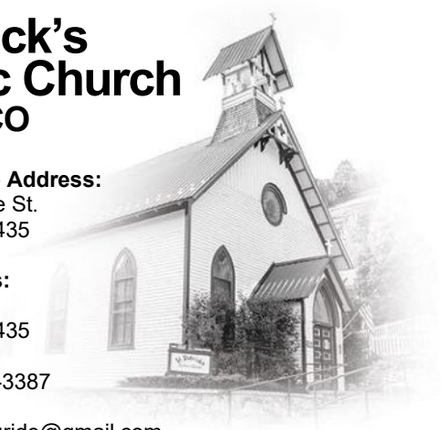
Reflect

Who are the "least" in my world? Is there anyone I'm ignoring?

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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 Parish, Nucla.

Sunday: 12:00 Noon.
Holy Days of Obligation - 6:00 PM



November 22nd, 2026 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Holy Mass Intentions:

Saturday, November 21st
5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, November 22nd
9:00 AM - For our deceased loved ones whose names are written in our Parish Book of Remembrance.

Tuesday, November 24th
7:00 PM - +George & Audine Barker

Wednesday, November 25
8:00 AM - +Phil Napolitano

Thursday, November 26th - THANKSGIVING DAY
9:00 AM - Richard McCoy

Friday, November 27th
8:00 AM - +Karl Napolitano

Saturday, November 28th
5:30 PM - Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, November 29th
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, Wallis Hewson

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: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Holy Mass & Eucharistic Adoration- 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.

Tuesday evenings – Candlelight Holy Adoration at 6:00PM and Holy Mass at 7:00 PM.

November 26th, Thursday – Thanksgiving Day. Holy Mass at 9:00 AM. No Holy Adoration.

Novena and Consecration of St. Patrick Parish to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: Novena starts on November 27th and Consecration will take place during Sunday Holy Mass on December 6th.

Changing the Song Books on Saturday, November 28th at 10:00 AM.

Last Week's Collection: $ 1,122.00
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,
Happy Thanksgiving Day!
Since Thanksgiving is one of the most popular holidays in United States, I think it is good for all of us to recall why we are celebrating it. Innumerable blessings have been bestowed upon the United States of America. Concerning these blessings President Lincoln wrote: "No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God." President Lincoln went on to set apart the last Thursday of November as "a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens." While President Lincoln established America's official Thanksgiving holiday in 1863, it was the Pilgrims who first celebrated a day of Thanksgiving in this land in 1621 and who set an example that many followed in the succeeding years. As the Pilgrims gathered their harvest in the autumn of 1621 and looked back over the preceding year, they had so much for which to be thankful that they decided to set aside a day of Thanksgiving unto God, Whom they acknowledged as the Giver of all blessings and the only reason for their survival. It was indeed a miracle that they did survive their first year in the wilderness of New England and had a good harvest. Desire for a home where they could freely worship God, and the desire to "propagate… the Gospel of the kingdom of Christ" and be stepping stones for others to do the same, motivated a band of Christians (later called Pilgrims) to set out on a hazardous voyage to plant a colony in the new world of America. Each year when we celebrate Thanksgiving, let us remember the heritage of that day and why the Pilgrims, as well as President Lincoln set aside a day of Thanksgiving. In the words of Lincoln, proclaiming the second National Thanksgiving Day: this is "a day of thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God, the beneficent Creator and Ruler of the Universe." (Quotes from Intercessors for America)
Viva Cristo Rey!