

# Dear Padre,

**Is it wrong for children to dress up as zombies and devils and other evil creatures for Halloween?**

No. It is perfectly acceptable to choose these kinds of costumes and to participate in the festivities of Halloween. Halloween is primarily a secular celebration. Although it is true that the original celebration is deeply rooted in the Christian tradition, that tradition is more properly celebrated during the great feast days of the Church that follow Halloween: All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

Mythological representations, and the costumes that remind us of these kind of characters, are to be understood with a sense of fun and mischief. There is no difference between a ghost, a goblin, a zombie, Captain America, Superman, or one of the Mario Brothers. They are all fictional characters in the very human stories we share with each other. The meaning we assign to them must be proportional to what they represent. On Halloween, they represent nothing more than a person in costume. It could be an entirely different story under different circumstances in which there might be the possibility of a misunderstanding about the meaning of such a costume. Halloween pretty much blurs that distinction and takes away the misunderstanding. It is meant to be entertaining and fun. That is all. ●



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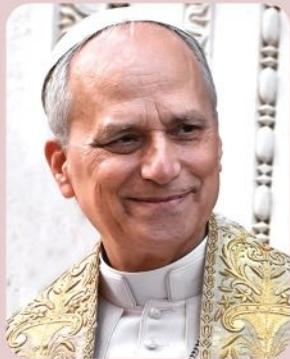
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### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

**My own story is that of a citizen, the descendant of immigrants, who in turn chose to emigrate. All of us, in the course of our lives, can find ourselves healthy or sick, employed or unemployed, living in our native land or in a foreign country, yet our dignity always remains unchanged: it is the dignity of a creature willed and loved by God.**



STEFANO SPAZIANI

AUDIENCE OF THE HOLY FATHER, ROME, MAY 16, 2025

#### Monday

October 27

Weekday

Rom 8:12-17

Lk 13:10-17

#### Tuesday

October 28

Sts. Simon and Jude,

Apostles

Eph 2:19-22

Lk 6:12-16

#### Wednesday

October 29

Weekday

Rom 8:26-30

Lk 13:22-30

#### Thursday

October 30

Weekday

Rom 8:31b-39

Lk 13:31-35

#### Friday

October 31

Weekday

Rom 9:1-5

Lk 14:1-6

#### Saturday

November 1

All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

1 Jn 3:1-3

Mt 5:1-12a

#### Sunday

November 2

The Commemoration of All the

Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Wis 3:1-9

Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9

Jn 6:37-40

(These readings or any

from no. 668 or from

the Masses for the Dead)

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 26, 2025

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18 / 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 / Luke 18:9-14



## Like the Rings of a Tree

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**F** or some, going to confession can bring a sense of relief—as if the slate has now been wiped clean; as if we have gotten a do-over with life or the past has been left behind as though it never happened. Our past, however, is always with us—the good and the bad, the joys and the sadness, the grace and the sin. There are no do-overs. We carry with us the marks of our lives simply because every experience, every kindness and cruelty, every moment of generosity and selfishness, all have made us into who are. We are much like a tree that adds a ring to its trunk each year. The ring always bears the marks of that year, whether it has been a year of rain or drought, whether insects have attacked, or whether Mother Nature has been kind. The tree always remembers and carries with it forever the rings of what life has been.

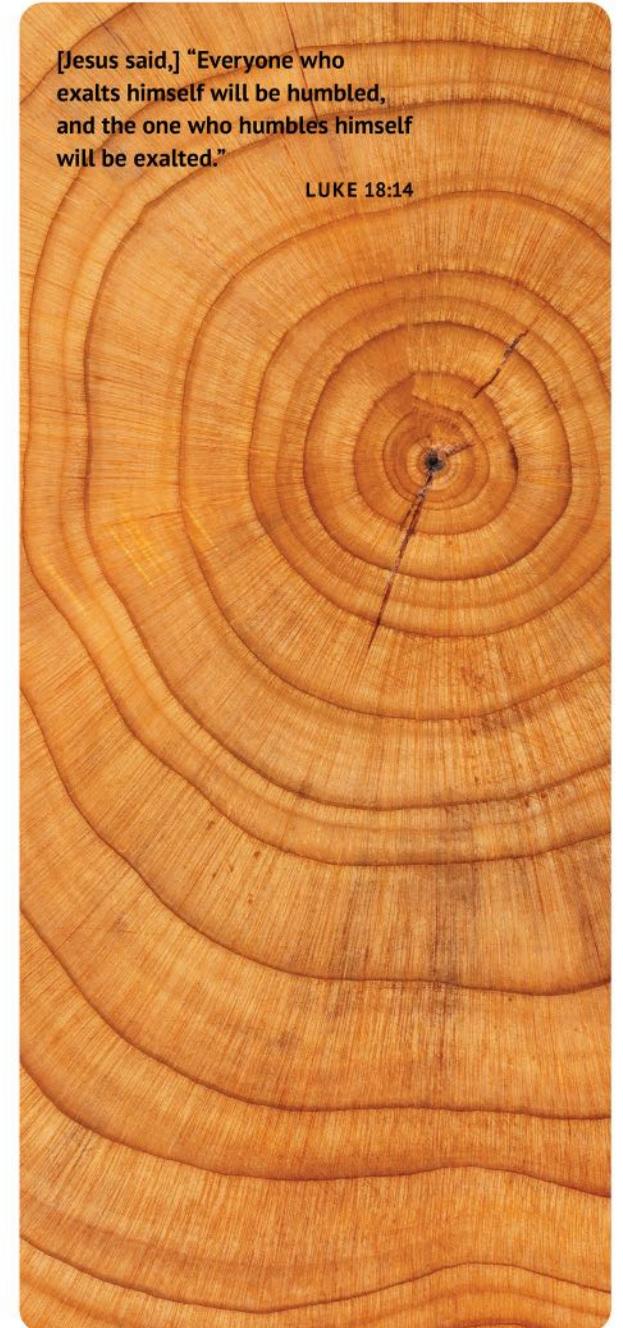
Our lives are the same. The story of the Pharisee and the tax collector tells this tale. Like the Pharisee, we have much good in our lives. We too have prayed and have been generous. We have been kind and honest and cared for the poor. We have tried to be faithful. The Pharisee's downfall was that he forgot about his sinfulness; he forgot he needed God's mercy. The tax collector, on the other hand, remembered his failings. Both were in need of God's love. Only the tax collector seemed to realize it. ●

### Reflect

**How has my life been a mixture of sin and grace?**

[Jesus said,] "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

LUKE 18:14



# 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:

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

## October 26th, 2025 - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Holy Mass Intentions:

#### Saturday, October 25th

5:30 PM - +Elaine Griffin

#### Sunday, October 26th

9:00 AM - Missa Pro Populo

#### Tuesday, October 28th

7:00 PM - +Rosemary & All Ohlmacher

#### Wednesday, October 29th

8:00 AM - Gabriel de Jesus Lopez Mireles

#### Thursday, October 30th

8:00 AM - Deceased members of Schneider Family

#### Friday, October 31st

8:00 AM - +Brandy Crago

5:30 PM - Deceased members of Wirkowski and Piotrowski Families

#### Saturday, November 1st - All Saints

9:00 AM - Missa Pro Populo

5:30 PM - Audrey & Mike Woodard

#### Sunday, November 2nd - All Souls

9:00 AM - Nash Trujillo

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.

**LOGOS**— after school program will start in November until Christmas break on Wednesdays at 3:30 PM. Please contact Katrina Aumiller or Sarah Dockray for more information.

November 1<sup>st</sup> - All Saints Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. We will still have Vigil and morning Holy Mass.

Next weekend after each Holy Mass we will have meeting for all Ushers, new and present.

Altar Servers meeting this Sunday at 6:00 PM.

**Last Week's Collection: \$ 540.00**

**Second collection: \$730.00**

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,

On October 19, 2025, one of the most solemn events of the Jubilee Year unfolded in St. Peter's Square: Pope Leo XIV canonized seven new saints, offering the Church and the world a profound message of holiness, unity, and hope. **Ignatius Maloyan, Peter To Rot, Vincenza Maria Poloni, María Carmen Rendiles Martínez, Maria Troncatti, José Gregorio Hernández Cisneros, and Bartolo Longo** were elevated to sainthood in a moving ceremony that highlighted the universality of the Church.

St. Maria Rendiles Martínez was the Venezuelan founder of the Congregation of the Servants of Jesus, who was born in Caracas in 1903 and died in 1977.

St. José Gregorio Hernández Cisneros, was born in 1864 and became a Third Order Franciscan. A Venezuelan doctor, he became known as “the doctor of the poor,” and he was killed in an accident in 1919 on his way to helping a patient.

St. Ignatius Maloyan, the martyred Armenian Catholic archbishop of Mardin, which is in present-day Turkey; born in 1869, he was arrested, tortured and executed in Turkey in 1915.

St. Peter To Rot, a martyred lay catechist, husband and father from Papua New Guinea. Born in 1912, he was arrested in 1945 during the Japanese occupation in World War II and was killed by lethal injection while in prison.

St. Vincenza Maria Poloni, founder of the Sisters of Mercy of Verona, Italy; she lived from 1802-1855.

St. Maria Troncatti, a Salesian sister born in Italy in 1883 who became a missionary in Ecuador in 1922. She died in a plane crash in 1969.

St. Bartolo Longo, an Italian lawyer born in 1841. He had been a militant opponent of the church and involved in the occult, but converted, dedicating himself to charity and to building the Pontifical Shrine of the Blessed Virgin of the Rosary of Pompei. He died in 1926.

*Viva Cristo Rey!*