

Dear Padre,

I had not been to confession for decades until recently, and I've probably committed mortal sins I can't remember. I want God's forgiveness, but I'm unsure how to get it at this time.

You ask if God has forgiven you for sins that you may have committed in the past but that you don't remember now. You say you have been to confession recently.

A mortal sin has three criteria: it is seriously wrong; the person knows it is seriously wrong; and the person is free to commit the sin or not. In the case you are describing, you don't even remember what the mortal sin might have been, or even if there was one. So, no, you don't have to confess something you don't remember. Also, you have already gone to confession recently, and you sound truly repentant for your past sins. You do not indicate that you were deliberately trying to hide any sins from the priest. So, you have already been forgiven, not only for the sins you remembered but also for those you don't remember. That is why usually we will say something like "for these sins and for those I may have forgotten" when we go to confession.

The bottom line is that confession is for you to experience God's mercy. It is not to test how good your memory is. Be at peace. God loves you and particularly wants you to experience the peace that comes from his forgiveness. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The Church is at the same time an earthly community and the mystical body of Christ, a visible assembly and a spiritual mystery, a reality present in history and a people journeying toward heaven (Lumen Gentium, 8; Catechism of the Catholic Church, 771). The human and divine dimensions integrate harmoniously, without one overshadowing the other.... [The Church] is a reality that is both human and divine.



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GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, MARCH 4, 2026

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Monday

September 7

Weekday

1 Cor 5:1–8

Lk 6:6–11

Tuesday

September 8

The Nativity of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1–4a or

Rom 8:28–30

Mt 1:1–16, 18–23

or 1:18–23

Wednesday

September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 7:25–31

Lk 6:20–26

Thursday

September 10

Weekday

1 Cor 8:1b–7, 11–13

Lk 6:27–38

Friday

September 11

Weekday

1 Cor 9:16–19,

22b–27

Lk 6:39–42

Saturday

September 12

Weekday

1 Cor 10:14–22

Lk 6:43–49

Sunday

September 13

Twenty-fourth Sunday

in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30–28:7

Rom 14:7–9

Mt 18:21–35

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 6, 2026

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Ezekiel 33:7–9 / Romans 13:8–10 / Matthew 18:15–20



[Jesus said,]
“For where
two or three
are gathered
together in my
name, there
am I in the
midst of them.”

MATTHEW 18:20

Like a Gentile or a Tax Collector

ANN M. GARRIDO

As someone who works in the field of conflict management, I like to think that all situations can be worked out if we go about it in a skilled manner. If we use the right words. Ask the right kinds of questions. It's embarrassing to admit that even the best “tools” in my “conflict belt” sometimes still effect little change. Today's gospel can be consoling in a strange way. It acknowledges that even when we use all the tools we have on hand to heal a relationship, it doesn't always work out. Sometimes, we may need to become strangers to one another, at least for a while—like a Jew to a Gentile or a tax collector.

Of course, when Jesus says “treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector,” it is important to consider how Jesus treated Gentiles and tax collectors. He healed the centurion's servant. He ate in Zacchaeus' house. Jesus did not see Gentiles and tax collectors as enemies and did not treat them as such. Rather, Jesus understood Gentiles and tax collectors as those with whom he might start a relationship should the opportunity present itself. The past cannot be rewritten, but perhaps a different kind of future is still possible.

Is there a relationship in your life that feels beyond healing at this point and from which perhaps you need some distance? Is it still possible to treat the other person with the kindness Jesus showed toward Gentiles and tax collectors? ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

Could I improve how I handle conflict with others?



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Bookkeeper: Cindy Wyszynski

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

September 6th, 2026 - Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass Intentions:

Saturday, September 5th
5:30 PM - Mike Heslin

Sunday, September 6th
9:00 AM - Missa Pro Populo

Tuesday, September 8th
7:00 PM - Anthony Ohlmacher and family

Wednesday, September 9th
8:00 AM - +Joseph Russo

Thursday, September 10th
8:00 AM - +Dr. Ali Yusuff

Friday, September 11th
8:00 AM - +Mas Rees

Saturday, September 12th
5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, September 13th
9:00 AM - Craig Taylor

*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: 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.

Coffee and donuts every Sunday during summer after 9:00 AM Holy Mass. This is the last Sunday.

Our next event for St Patrick Anniversary Celebration is our **Parish Mission** with Rev. Chad Ripperger on September 25 - 27, 2026. Sign-up sheet is on the back of the Church, as well as program for our Parish Mission.

Pilgrimage to Poland – June 8 – 22, 2027.

Diocese of Pueblo Clergy Retreat – September 14-18, 2026. No Holy Masses. Parish Office will be closed.

From now on, Thursday Holy Adoration will be only after Holy Mass. No more Holy Adoration at 7:00 AM.

Last Week's Collection: \$ 1,631.00
Please visit: stpatrickstelluride.com/donate to offer your financial support.

“For where your treasure is, there also is your heart.”

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

I invite you to join me on a Pilgrimage through Poland, a land of chapels, mountains, and shrines, from June 8th to 22nd, 2027. On this journey, we will follow in the footsteps of three great Polish Saints- St. John Paul II, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and St. Faustina Kowalska - as we embrace the culture of the Polish people centered in Krakow. On this trip, you will have the opportunity to embrace the homeland of St. John Paul II. Walk in his footsteps from where he was born and baptized to where he later visited as Pope. In Lagiewniki, we will pray in the Shrine of Divine Mercy and be drawn closer to the life of St. Faustina and Christ's message of Mercy. At Auschwitz, we will encounter the reality of the holocaust and pray for the departed souls as St. John Paul II did, while also celebrating the heroic martyrdom of St. Maximilian Kolbe, who gave up his life for another prisoner. Join us for beautiful mountainsides, magnificent churches, colorful marketplaces, inspiring stories about the lives of these Polish Saints, amazing food, and much more!
Viva Cristo Rey!