

Dear Padre,

I have one daughter and a grandchild who say they are bisexual and very much into the LGBTQ lifestyle, where they feel like they belong. I do not know how to handle all of this. They left the Catholic faith years ago. I do not believe they are atheists. Please help.

You are not alone in your struggle to know how to “handle all of this.” It’s hard for parents when their children choose a different lifestyle.

Try not to confuse gender expression with faith. Try not to confuse sexual orientation with faith. Just because a person is attracted to someone of the same sex does not mean they are not a person of faith. They may believe in God and even worship God in their own way. It sounds like your daughter and grandchild are honest with you. If they are willing, perhaps talking with them about how they experience God in their lives would be a fruitful conversation.

Whatever you do, the best practice is to love. Love your daughter and grandchild. When they express to you what they believe to be true about themselves, they are not asking for your permission. They are entrusting you with what they believe they have learned about themselves. Perhaps that very openness with you is a lesson that you taught them and a sign that they want to share with you what is important to them. ●

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We live in a time that rewards self-sufficiency, efficiency, performance. And yet, the gospel shows us that the measure of our humanity is

not given by what we can achieve, but by our ability to let ourselves be loved and, when necessary, even helped. Jesus saves us by showing us that

asking is not unworthy, but liberating.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,
SEPTEMBER 3, 2025



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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

May 4
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:5–18
Jn 14:21–26

Tuesday

May 5
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19–28
Jn 14:27–31a

Wednesday

May 6
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:1–6
Jn 15:1–8

Thursday

May 7
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:7–21
Jn 15:9–11

Friday

May 8
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:22–31
Jn 15:12–17

Saturday

May 9
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1–10
Jn 15:18–21

Sunday

May 10
Sixth Sunday of
Easter
Acts 8:5–8, 14–17
1 Pt 3:15–18
Jn 14:15–21

Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)

Acts 6:1–7 / 1 Peter 2:4–9 / John 14:1–12



Enough?

ANN M. GARRIDO

When I was a child, my parents taught me to pray with my hands pressed together, fingers pointed upward toward God. But somewhere along the way, I learned a different posture for prayer: seated, with my palms facing upward on my lap. It’s a gesture of openness—an acknowledgment that I come before God in humble need, ready to receive whatever he wants to give.

In today’s gospel, Philip approaches Jesus in a similar stance of openness. “Show us the Father,” he says, “and that will be enough for us” (John 14:8). Jesus responds that Philip has already seen the Father because Jesus’ words and actions are the Father’s words and actions. Philip needs no more—he has already received “enough.”

Sometimes, I need this reminder myself. I long for a new insight into God that perhaps one more book or one more lecture will give me. Don’t get me wrong: lifelong learning is a wonderful thing, and there is always more of God to discover! But it is important to acknowledge that, like Philip, I have already come to know the Father through Jesus, and everything I need to live the Christian life is already in place. Rather than more knowledge, it is a question of putting into action what I’ve been taught.

Of late, when I pray, I have embraced a new prayer posture: turning my hands downward, resting my palms on my knees. It helps me remember that with Jesus as my shepherd, I “shall not want.” I already have all I need. ●



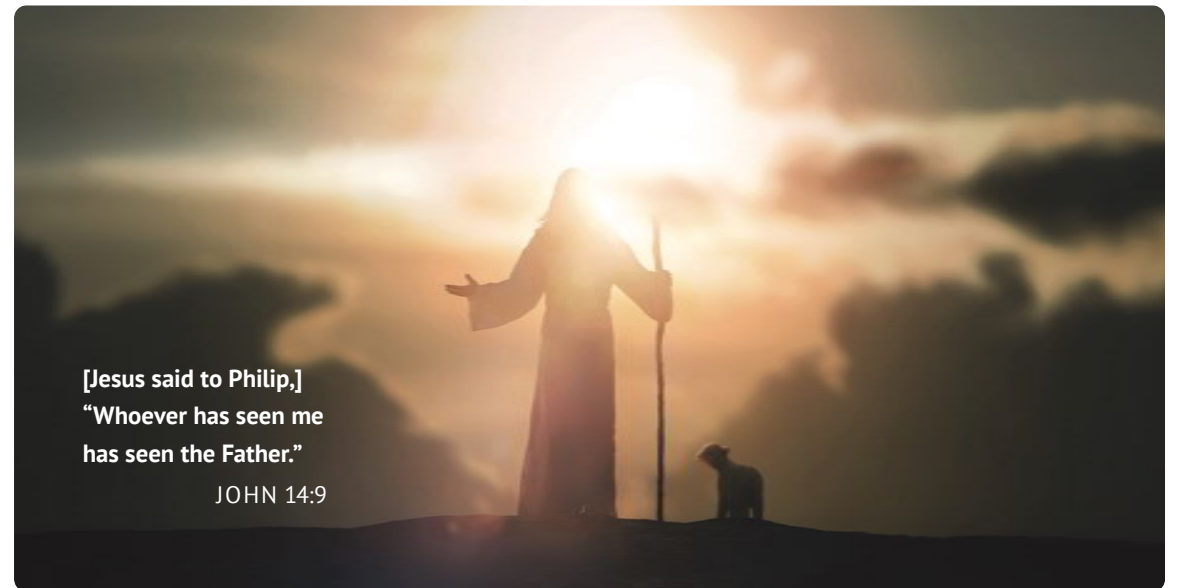
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Reflect

What does “enough” mean to me?

[Jesus said to Philip,]
“Whoever has seen me
has seen the Father.”

JOHN 14:9



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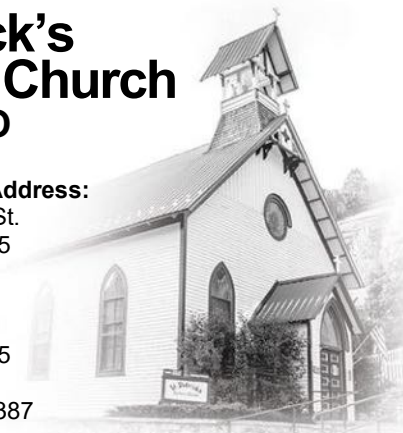
Holy Mass & Confession Schedule:

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



May 3rd, 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Mass Intentions:

Saturday, May 2nd
5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, May 3rd
9:00 AM - +Mary Frances Nault

Tuesday, May 5th
7:00 PM - NO HOLY MASS

Wednesday, May 6th
8:00 AM - NO HOLY MASS

Thursday, May 7th
8:00 AM - NO HOLY MASS

Friday, May 8th
8:00 AM - NO HOLY MASS

Saturday, May 9th
5:30 PM - Deacon's Service

Sunday, May 10th
9:00 AM - Deacon's Service

*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: 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.

This Sunday we will have **Crowning of Mary** after Morning Holy Mass.

Church and Parish Office will be closed on May 6-8 and 11-15. Father will be on El Camino Pilgrimage. Deacon Ed will be here next two Sundays.

Last Week's Collection: \$ 718 .00

Second Collection: \$320.45

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,
Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*

From May 5th to 18th. I will be on the Pilgrimage walking the Camino de Santiago.

What is the Camino de Santiago?

The Camino de Santiago, or The Way of Saint James, is a network of pilgrimage routes across Europe leading to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Spain. The cathedral houses the remains of Saint James, one of the apostles of Jesus. The Camino has been walked for over a thousand years, combining history, culture, and personal reflection into an unforgettable journey.

Why do people walk the Camino?

Many people walk the Camino for religious or spiritual reasons, following in the footsteps of centuries of pilgrims. However, faith is not a requirement—the Camino welcomes everyone. Others walk for personal challenge, cultural discovery, time in nature, or simply the chance to step away from daily routines. There are many reasons to walk the Camino de Santiago! Whatever the motivation, the shared experience of walking, connecting with others, and finding meaning along the path is what unites pilgrims of every background.

Beyond landscapes and history, the Camino offers a sense of community, connection, and personal growth. You meet people from around the world, share meals and stories, and experience a rhythm of life that is both simple and profound.

Viva Cristo Rey!

