

Dear Padre,

I'm in the OCIA program. My wife and I were married civilly. She goes to a non-denominational church but is not baptized. Someone said we would have to get our marriage "convalidated." Why? And what does that mean?

Convalidation is a legal term, but it can also be understood as good pastoral practice and even more as a wise spiritual choice. Basically, from a legal point of reference, your marriage took place outside of the canonical structure of the Church. It needs to be "regularized" and "documented" for you to move forward. Because your wife is not baptized, it cannot be a sacramental marriage, which requires baptism, but it can be made valid and recorded in official Church documentation. Such documentation is helpful, particularly if you have children and intend to raise them as Catholic. Also, if your wife ever decides to become a baptized Catholic, your marriage would automatically become a sacramental marriage when she is baptized. Nothing more is required of you. All in all, it is a good decision and a positive step in your spiritual journey. ●



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

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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Monday

July 27  
Weekday  
Jer 13:1-11  
Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday

July 28  
Weekday  
Jer 14:17-22  
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday

July 29  
Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus  
Jer 15:10, 16-21  
Jn 11:19-27 or  
Lk 10:38-42

Thursday

July 30  
Weekday  
Jer 18:1-6  
Mt 13:47-53

Friday

July 31  
St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest  
Jer 26:1-9  
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

August 1  
St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Jer 26:11-16, 24  
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday

August 2  
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Is 55:1-3  
Rom 8:35, 37-39  
Mt 14:13-21

Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 26, 2026  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 / Romans 8:28-30 / Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46



[Solomon said to the Lord,]  
"Give your servant, therefore,  
a listening heart to judge your  
people and to distinguish  
between good and evil."

1 KINGS 3:9

What Image of the Kingdom Will You Serve Up?

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Jesus' favorite thing to talk about was a mystery he called the kingdom of God, referred to in the Gospel of Matthew as the kingdom of heaven. He was not the first to speak of it. The prophets before him spoke often of God's dream for the world. They wanted all to know what it would look like when God reigns here on earth as God already reigns in the heavens. But Jesus added to that teaching by offering vivid new images of what God's reign is like. Matthew 13 is filled with such snapshots. The kingdom of heaven will be like a mustard seed, a pearl, a measure of leaven, a hidden treasure. It will be like a sower casting out seed, a wheat harvest, a net that catches many fish.

At the end of this litany, however, Jesus offers an image of what he expects of those who have received his teaching about the Kingdom. They are to be like "the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52). It sounds as if Jesus' disciples are to act like hosts of a banquet, setting the table with stories from across time to feed their guests with whatever words and images would best help them grasp the mystery of this kingdom. They are to continue Jesus' work of developing new ways to illumine a mystery that is in the end too great for words. ●

Reflect

What image of God's kingdom would you offer people of the twenty-first century?



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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# St. Patrick's Catholic Church Telluride, CO

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*Please visit our website & Facebook page for the most up-to-date information on Holy Mass times and other important announcements.*

## Pastoral Information:

**Pastor:** Rev. Mariusz Wirkowski  
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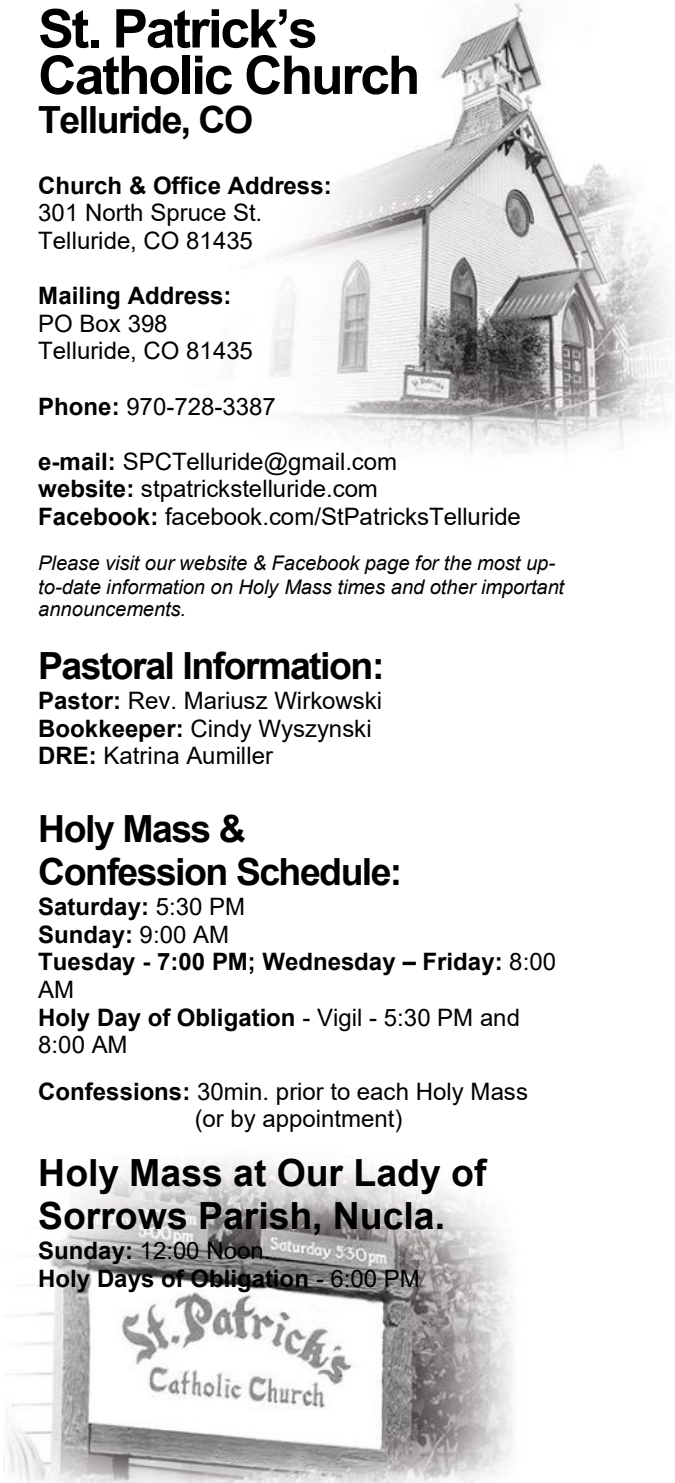
## Holy Mass & Confession Schedule:

**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



## July 26th, 2026 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Holy Mass Intentions:

**Saturday, July 25th**  
5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

**Sunday, July 26th**  
9:00 AM - Stefanie Balm

**Tuesday, July 28th**  
7:00 PM - Gary & Katrina Aumiller

**Wednesday, July 29th**  
8:00 AM - +Linda French

**Thursday, July 30th**  
8:00 AM - Gregory Aumiller

**Friday, July 31st**  
8:00 AM - Gregg Cleath

**Saturday, August 1st**  
5:30 PM - John Yetmar

**Sunday, August 2nd**  
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

## 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.

***Coffee and donuts*** every Sunday during summer after 9:00 AM Holy Mass. We need more volunteers to help.

Next Sunday - ***Second Collection*** for Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Pueblo.

Our ***Annual Partish Picnic*** will take place on July 30th, Thursday at 5:30 PM at Town Park. We ask families with last names from A - M to bring side dish or salad, and from N - Z to bring dessert.

***Hike and Holy Mass at the mountain*** - August 1st, Saturday. We will hike a beautiful trail to Hope Lake. We will meet at 8:00 AM at the trailhead. Please bring enough water and snacks.

**Last Week's Collection: \$ 2,290.00**  
***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,*

**From the Office of the Bishop**  
*Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,*

Next Sunday's second collection will be for our Catholic Foundation. The Catholic Foundation is known as “The Giving Arm of the Diocese,” because for over 30 years its core mission has been to provide financial and other support to parishes, missions and other Catholic organizations throughout the diocese, especially in rural areas and other places where resources might be scarce. Sometimes a grant from the Catholic Foundation is the only way a church can afford to provide desperately needed faith formation activities and new materials.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

*Viva Cristo Rey!*