

# Dear Padre,

**During Mass, is it proper for the faithful to raise our hands when pronouncing the words, “For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever”?**

When the priest and people offer the Our Father together to God, the presider assumes an ancient posture of prayer, known as the *orans*—with arms extended and palms opened upward. After the Lord’s Prayer, the priest keeps his hands extended and says alone the embolism (“Deliver us, Lord...”). At the end, he joins his hands, and the people acclaim, “For the kingdom...” This acclamation is meant to be the people’s response to the embolism, and the priest remains silent for it. It would appear unnecessary for the faithful to now extend their hands during this acclamation—especially when it’s a response to an embolism prayer that just called for the presider to have extended his own hands and now has them joined together.

Although the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* doesn’t mention a specific congregational hand posture during this acclamation, it speaks in favor of “what serves the common spiritual good of the People of God, rather than private inclination or arbitrary choice,” stating that a common bodily posture “is a sign of the unity of the members of the Christian community gathered together for the sacred Liturgy: it both expresses and fosters the intention and spiritual attitude of the participants” (*GIRM* 42). ●




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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

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<b>Monday</b> <b>June 1</b> <i>St. Justin, Martyr</i> 2 Pt 1:2–7 Mk 12:1–12	<b>Thursday</b> <b>June 4</b> <i>Weekday</i> 2 Tm 2:8–15 Mk 12:28–34	<b>Sunday</b> <b>June 7</b> <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i> Dt 8:2–3, 14b–16a 1 Cor 10:16–17 Jn 6:51–58
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>June 2</b> <i>Weekday</i> 2 Pt 3:12–15a, 17–18 Mk 12:13–17	<b>Friday</b> <b>June 5</b> <i>St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr</i> 2 Tm 3:10–17 Mk 12:35–37	
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>June 3</b> <i>St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</i> 2 Tm 1:1–3, 6–12 Mk 12:18–27	<b>Saturday</b> <b>June 6</b> <i>Weekday</i> 2 Tm 4:1–8 Mk 12:38–44	



**A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV**

*To those in power, I repeat: listen to the voice of conscience! The apparent victories achieved with weapons, which sow death and destruction, are in reality defeats and never bring peace or security! God does not want war, he wants peace, and he strengthens those who are committed to leaving behind the spiral of hatred and taking the path of dialogue.*

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# Embracing the Mystery

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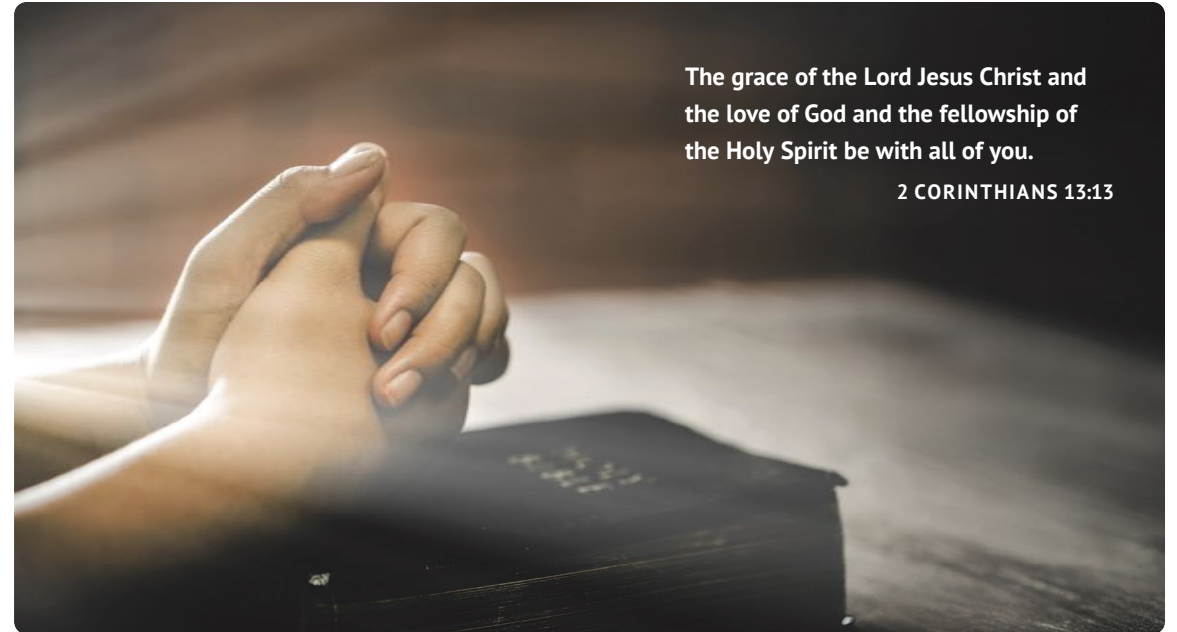
**The Christian confession of a triune God cannot be explained**, it can only be believed. It is not a cop-out to proclaim that this belief is rooted in mystery. Mystery is the essential language and experience of belief. We lose something when we try to explain a mystery instead of embracing it. It may make us uncomfortable; it may provoke more questions than answers. Regardless, it does not suggest the weakness of mystery but rather the beauty, the wonder, and the awe.

Embracing belief and living as a person of faith is a singular journey. You cannot believe for someone else, and that person, even one you dearly love, cannot believe for you. It is also important to understand that as singular as the journey of faith may be, it ultimately ends in community. Belief does not isolate a person, but rather invites a person to connect with others who also walk in faith.

The community/communion of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is the perfect witness to the truth that mystery creates. One God, three divine persons. The Eucharist that we celebrate on this day proclaims the unity of our belief—to the Father, through the Son, by the power of the Holy Spirit. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY



The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:13

## Reflect

**How does the mystery of the Trinity reveal God’s nature as a communion of love?**

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## Pastoral Information:

Pastor: Rev. Mariusz Wirkowski

Bookkeeper: Cindy Wyszynski

DRE: Katrina Aumiller

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

## May 31st, 2026 - The Most Holy Trinity

### Holy Mass Intentions:

#### Saturday, May 30th

5:30 PM - +Jeff Green

#### Sunday, May 31st

9:00 AM - Missa Pro Populo

#### Tuesday, June 2nd

7:00 PM - +Diana Fritz

#### Wednesday, June 3rd

8:00 AM - +Gloria Hunt

#### Thursday, June 4th

8:00 AM - Maria, Wojciech, Joanna, Martin, Jessica Kuros

#### Friday, June 5th

8:00 AM - +Jan Yetmar

#### Saturday, June 6th

5:30 PM - +Ray Lapsys; +Michael Ward

#### Sunday, June 7th

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 - Rezoz 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 have a Graduation Blessing for our High School Seniors.

This Friday, June 5th, is **the First Friday** of the month. We will celebrate votive Holy Mass and Adoration to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Next Sunday is **first Sunday** of the month. Please join for Holy Adoration 30 minutes before each Holy Mass.

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

**Last Week's Collection: \$ 1,827.00**

**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,

**Pope Leo Challenges us to clean our closets!**

Pope Leo XIV, in a recent address, urged the faithful to clean out their closets. This was not a reflection of how well he thinks we've done at tidying our houses, but simply a request to identify useless items, things that have only served to clutter our surroundings, rather than enhance them. This physical decluttering by extension invites us to begin to cleanse the “**closet of the soul**” as he refers to it, a much more profound action. By examining our inner selves, we can return toward “**simplicity, sobriety and truth**”.

Just as fasting from food and drink can help to restore the physical body, fasting and a deeper examination of our minds and hearts will release the poisons that clutter our inner selves. The Holy Father explained that each of us is on a journey of life that is a “**path of beauty**” that can be best experienced by cultivating a serious interior life. This interior life is served by prayer, reflection, contemplation and an appreciation for silence allowing us to hear God speaking to us. This is a gift from God that will “**blossom in our hearts**” if we but allow ourselves the quiet and peace necessary to absorb it. In his Easter message, the Pope also urged all faithful and people of good will to use this soul cleansing to move us to “**abandon every desire for conflict, domination, and power, and implore the Lord to grant his peace to a world ravaged by wars and marked by a hatred and indifference that makes us feel powerless in the face of evil.**”

In keeping with our closet cleaning theme, perhaps it is a good time to also purge our “to-do-list” and dispense with whatever might no longer be of value and focus in on some tasks that have only grown in importance.  
**Viva Cristo Rey!**