

Dear Padre,

I recently lost my husband of sixty years. I prayed for him through his four-year illness. Since he has died, I cannot pray. Any advice for me?

My heartfelt condolences on your profound loss. When someone we love dies, a part of us dies too. Sometimes, the trauma is so severe that it can even affect our relationship with God.

Psychiatrist Elisabeth Kübler-Ross identified five stages of grief. In the denial stage, some people can't accept the reality of the death. It becomes too much to handle. In the anger stage, some may question their belief in God—especially if their prayer requests (such as, "Please God, if you heal my loved one, I will...") weren't successful in the bargaining stage. People in the depression stage feel overwhelmed by the reality of the loss and may not always feel like connecting with others—even with God in prayer. However, in the acceptance stage, emotions stabilize, and a person comes to terms with their new reality. Nothing makes up for the absence of a loved one, but people manage to cope and live on.

It's because you loved so deeply that the loss feels so deep. God accepts you completely; God understands how you feel. He wants you to be at peace and live life fully. Our compassionate God yearns to help console you and offer assistance in your healing process until you can embrace him again in prayer. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday	Wednesday	Saturday
January 5 St. John Neumann, Bishop 1 Jn 3:22–4:6 Mt 4:12–17, 23–25	January 7 Christmas Weekday 1 Jn 4:11–18 Mk 6:45–52	January 10 Christmas Weekday 1 Jn 5:14–21 Jn 3:22–30
Tuesday	Thursday	Sunday
January 6 Christmas Weekday 1 Jn 4:7–10 Mk 6:34–44	January 8 Christmas Weekday 1 Jn 4:19–5:4 Lk 4:14–22a	January 11 The Baptism of the Lord Is 42:1–4, 6–7 Acts 10:34–38 Mt 3:13–17
Friday	January 9 Christmas Weekday 1 Jn 5:5–13 Lk 5:12–16	



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Let us resolve to bring [God's] love everywhere, never forgetting that each of our sisters and brothers is a dwelling place of God and that his presence is manifested above all in the little ones, in the poor and the suffering, who ask us to be thoughtful and compassionate Christians.

REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 25, 2025



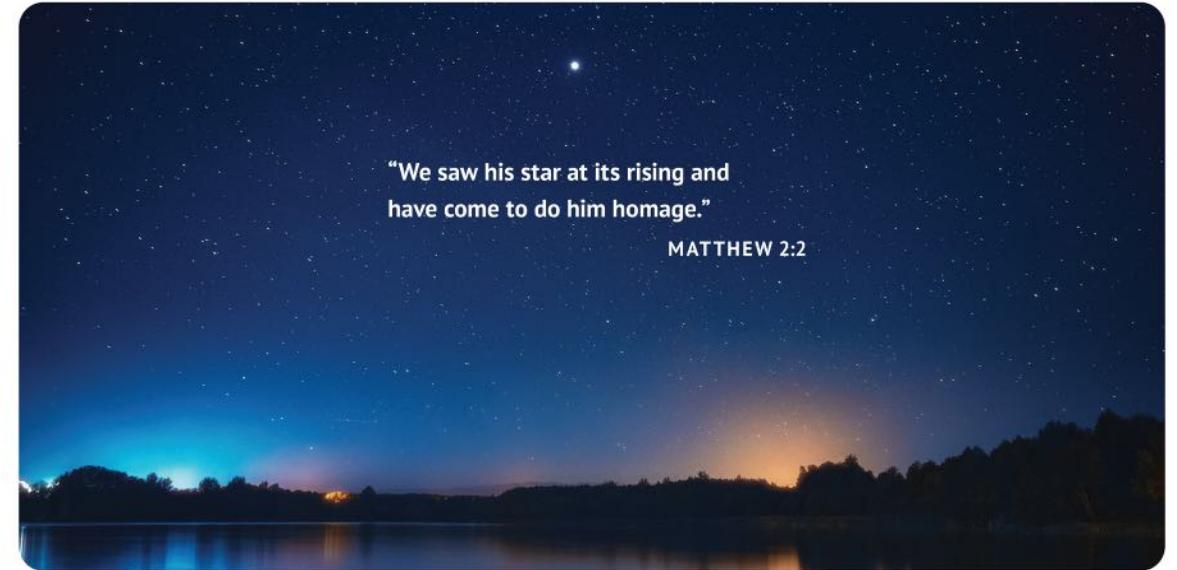
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Our Parish COMMUNITY

January 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord (A)

Isaiah 60:1–6 / Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6 / Matthew 2:1–12



"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

MATTHEW 2:2

Following Jesus Without a Star to Guide Us

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage" (Matthew 2:2) describes the spark that sent the Magi on their journey. Something unusual in the sky, interpreted as a sign of something wonderful—in response, they changed direction in their lives and devoted themselves to a completely different path. As wonderful as it might well be, a special star in the heavens is not the ordinary experience of how we learn to follow the Lord or discern his will. If only there could be a sign in God's universe for each of us, beckoning us forward, clarifying what we need to do, setting down the path that needs to be followed. Perhaps life would be much simpler. Or perhaps not?

Would it truly be less complicated if everything were made clear and certain? Is the manifestation of God's grace and blessings confined to the straight and narrow, or can we also experience God in the chaos—"in the weeds," so to speak. Human experience seems to suggest that life is more "gray" than "black and white." There is real grace in the journey, in making mistakes, even in choosing something that is incomplete. Thankfully, God's grace does not need perfection to be powerful. We can know and follow God's will for us in the ordinary moments of day-to-day living. We do not need the extraordinary or the dramatic. ●

Reflect

How can I resolve to look for God in the unplanned, the unexpected, the interruptions?



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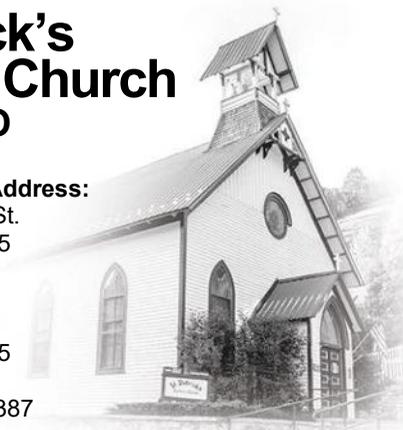
Holy Mass & Confession Schedule:

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 Mission, Nucla.

Sunday: 12:00 Noon
Holy Days of Obligation - 6:00 PM



January 4th, 2026 - The Epiphany of the Lord

Holy Mass Intentions:

Saturday, January 3rd
5:30 PM - +Margie Branson

Sunday, January 4th
9:00 AM - Missa Pro Populo

Tuesday, January 6th
7:00 PM - Fr. Elijah Thompson

Wednesday, January 7th
8:00 AM - +Samuel Smith

Thursday, January 8th
8:00 AM - +Jerry Hidalgo

Friday, January 9th
8:00 AM - +Victor and Beverly Lorenz

Saturday, January 10th
5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, January 11th
9:00 AM - Stefanie Balm

*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.

Candlelight Holy Adoration and Mass on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM.

Last Week's Collection: \$ 2,940.00

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,
“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times”. Charles Dickens wrote these famous words in 1856 as the opening to his novel “A Tale of Two Cities.” As we look and reflect at the past year, many people can relate to the second part of his saying. The challenges we have faced in managing the results of a global unrest have probably felt like “the worst of the times”. As we begin Year of Grace 2026, we only hope for “the best of times”. We believe that even in our darkest times, God will continue to shine His light and His goodness on us. He is our Father we can always rely on in all ups and downs of our life. This New Year will surely have its share of joys and trials. None of us can tell what's waiting for us. But if we go into New Year with trust in God's love, we will be a lot more confident that our heavenly Father will carry us as often as we need Him to. Whether we face worst of times, the best of times, or combinations of both, we must remember and know, that we will never face it alone. Jesus, the Light of the world, is with us. May this New Year be blessed to all of us.

Happy Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord!



Viva Cristo Rey!

