

Dear Padre,

My former boyfriend died recently. He was very abusive and caused me a lot of pain. Should I pray for him even if I believe that no amount of prayer could help him?

Yes, you should pray for him and, despite your lingering hurt from the relationship, resist the urge to make a judgment about him. This decision is not only a healthy spiritual choice, but it will also help you heal the wounds that you still carry. Praying for him does not mean that you are denying any of the hurt that he inflicted on you but rather that you are capable of maturity and choices that were seemingly beyond his ability. Praying for him really says more about you than it says about him. It is also an act of grace-inspired honesty and faithfulness. It is a statement that you believe wholeheartedly in the merciful and forgiving God who is capable of healing the deepest hurts and is even capable of helping his faithful people ultimately forgive those who have inflicted harm upon them. ●

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



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

While unity attracts, division scatters....

Therefore, in order to be a truly missionary Church, one that is capable of witnessing to the attractive power of Christ's love, we must first of all put into practice his commandment, the only one he gave us after washing his disciples' feet: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."



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

Monday

July 20
Weekday
Mi 6:1–4, 6–8
Mt 12:38–42

Tuesday

July 21
Weekday
Mi 7:14–15, 18–20
Mt 12:46–50

Wednesday

July 22
St. Mary Magdalene
Sg 3:1–4b or
2 Cor 5:14–17
Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

Thursday

July 23
Weekday
Jer 2:1–3, 7–8,
12–13
Mt 13:10–17

Friday

July 24
Weekday
Jer 3:14–17
Mt 13:18–23

Saturday

July 25
St. James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7–15
Mt 20:20–28

Sunday

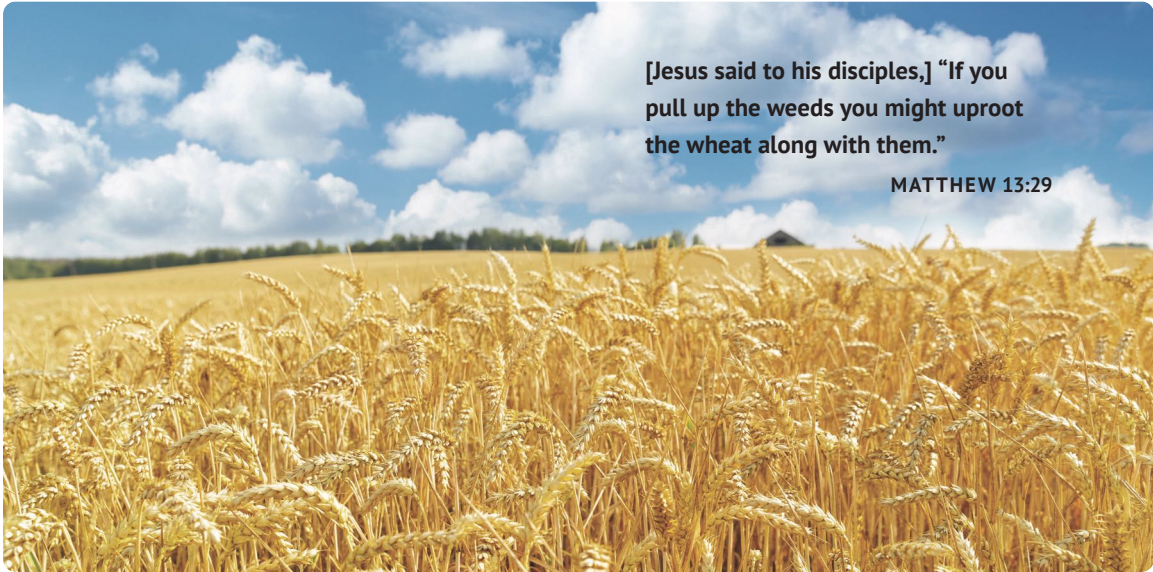
July 26
Seventeenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12
Rom 8:28–30
Mt 13:44–52
or 13:44–46

Our Parish COMMUNITY

July 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Wisdom 12:13, 16–19 / Romans 8:26–27 / Matthew 13:24–43 or 13:24–30



[Jesus said to his disciples,] “If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them.”

MATTHEW 13:29

Weeds in Wheat

MIGUEL DULICK

Jesus loved parables. “He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: ‘I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation [of the world]’” (Matthew 13:34–35).

Indeed, parables spring from creation itself. Wheat and weeds grow, a natural process, just waiting for Jesus to read the kingdom of heaven hidden within. Jesus doesn’t force an interpretation on these elements; he, more than anyone, follows his own advice: “Whoever has ears ought to hear” (Matthew 13:43).

Matthew is the only gospel writer who records this parable. Maybe he liked it because it’s his own story. Among the beautiful wheat of the chosen people, he was an ugly weed, a tax collector for the Roman Empire. Once Jesus plucked him from obscurity to follow him, Matthew might have thought, *Why didn’t God just strike me dead for all the poison I spread among my own brethren?*

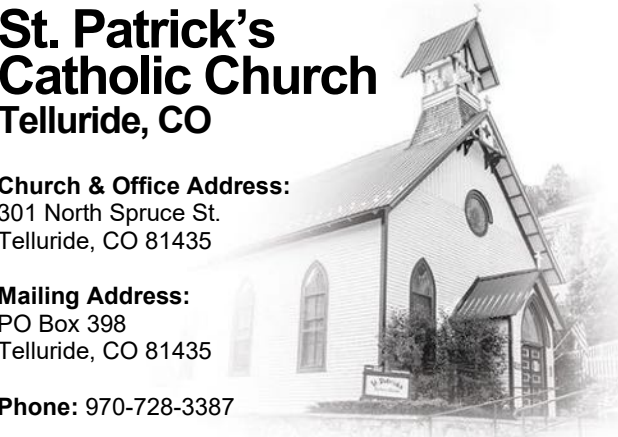
Now, in the parable, the weeds never become wheat, and they indeed meet a terrible fate, but the point is to let the wheat and weeds grow together, lest we uproot the wheat when we pull up the weeds. Oftentimes, it’s difficult to tell the difference. Those who are “wheat” should not find excuses to separate from those judged to be “weeds.” The risk is too great for the damage we may do. Let God do the separating in God’s own time. ●

Reflect

Are you tempted to give up on someone? Or yourself?



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OF OUR PARISH
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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 19th, 2026 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass Intentions:

Saturday, July 18th
5:30 PM - +Janet Bartel

Sunday, July 19th
9:00 AM - Missa Pro Populo

Tuesday, July 21st
7:00 PM - +David Hidalgo

Wednesday, July 22nd
8:00 AM - +Jeff Green

Thursday, July 23rd
8:00 AM - NO HOLY MASS

Friday, July 24th
8:00 AM - Robert Busch Nault

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

Sunday, July 26th
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, 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.

No Holy Mass on Thursday, July 23rd. Parish Office closed on Wednesday and Thursday.

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.

Last Week’s Collection: \$ 2,023.00
Please visit: stpatrickstelluride.com/donate to offer your financial support.

“For where your treasure is, there also is your heart.”
Matthew 6:21

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

I'd like to share with you today a beautiful story shared by our Bishop Stephen Berg.

I offer this story, not knowing its provenance, as told to me by my Uncle Bishop Joe after he ordained me to the priesthood 25 years ago. A famous preacher once hosted a popular call-in radio program around various topics, and the topic of that day was The Good Shepherd. Callers were invited to discuss their perceptions as to what that image meant to them. It was a rich discussion, according to biblical passages of The Good Shepherd as the gate and gatekeeper, protector of the flock against the wolves, and seeker of lost sheep. The conversation expanded into the need for modern administrative and political acumen in a more difficult world than biblical times, for The Good Shepherd to guard and grow the flock.

After a while, a lone voice, aged and so broken as to be barely audible, came on. Without regards to the opinions so far expressed, an elderly woman began to talk of her journey, her family, the joys and disappointments of her life. It seemed that she had missed the point of the topic. However, there was something compelling about how she told her story, and the host knew not to interrupt. What unfolded was an image of a person who had struggled to raise a family, through children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, through travails, brokenness and sorrows, and who had never given up on anyone. Now, alone, she wanted to share that, and to simply indicate that all along the way, Jesus was there.

As her story continued, the host noticed the call-in lights on the phone call-in deck gradually turn off, one by one. He himself was so moved that as she finished, he paused for a long moment of silence. There were no more calls to answer. Then he resumed, humbled and obviously touched, saying, “we have had a beautiful discussion, with many rich images suggested of what The Good Shepherd might look like and what that might mean. We can study and reflect a lot about The Good Shepherd, and that is good. But now, in that last call, something else happened. *We heard His voice.* This lady who just spoke *knows* Him. She *is* The Good Shepherd *in His image.* And that makes all the difference.”

Viva Cristo Rey!