

# Dear Padre,

**A Protestant friend tells me that Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins. That doesn't seem accurate to me. What does the Church teach about the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross?**

Jesus understood his mission to be sacrificing his own life "as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was even at the cost of death. However, saying Jesus' death was payment for our sins doesn't mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the slaughter of his own innocent son. Rather, we are redeemed because of the mutual love between Father and Son, as well as the love Christ had for us all when he offered his life. "It is love 'to the end' (see John 13:1) that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique sacrifice "that completes and surpasses all other sacrifices," when "the Father handed his Son over to sinners in order to reconcile us with himself," and the Son of God freely and lovingly offered his human life to his Father "in reparation for our disobedience" (CCC 614). Christ "bore our sins in his body upon the cross.... By his wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Viewed in light of the resurrection, Christ's death has meaning in eternal life's triumph over sin. ●



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
September 15 <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> 1 Tm 2:1-8 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35	September 16 <i>Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i> 1 Tm 3:1-13 Lk 7:11-17	September 17 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Tm 3:14-16 Lk 7:31-35	September 18 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Tm 4:12-16 Lk 7:36-50	September 19 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Tm 6:2c-12 Lk 8:1-3	September 20 <i>Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs</i> 1 Tm 6:13-16 Lk 8:4-15	September 21 <i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Am 8:4-7 1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

**I chose to take the name Leo XIV...mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic encyclical *Rerum Novarum* addressed the social question in the context of the first great industrial revolution. In our own day, the Church offers...the treasury of [its] social teaching in response to...new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice, and labor.**

ADDRESS TO THE COLLEGE OF CARDINALS,  
ROME, MAY 10, 2025

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 14, 2025

*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

Numbers 21:4b-9 / Philippians 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17



## When Life Is on Empty

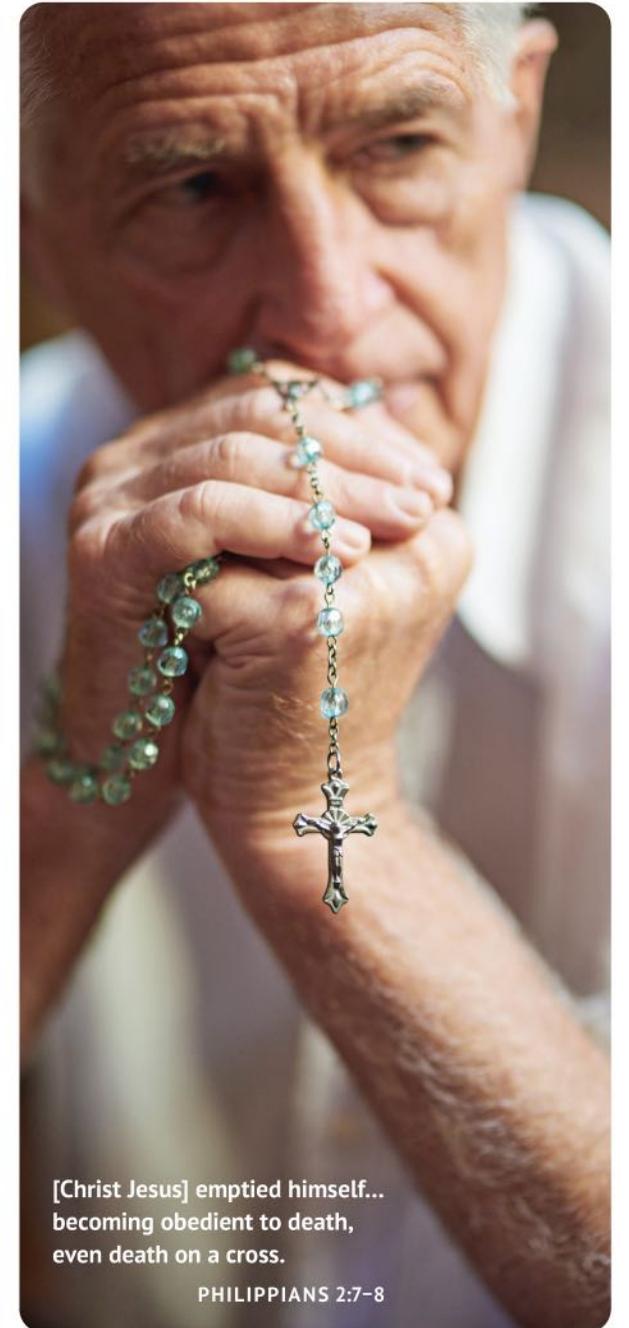
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**A**s he stood in line in front of me, the back of his T-shirt read, "Pain is weakness leaving the body." Though unsaid, it implied that the parting pain would be replaced by newfound strength. Yet, the more I thought about it, I wondered if that is always the case. Some pain simply leaves one empty, like the grief that comes with the death of one's child. That emptiness never leaves, it is never replaced. So too, the pain of living with mental illness, as it seems to isolate one from many of life's joys and satisfactions. Or, eventually, the aging process in all of us, as it slips in and steals the treasures of life, one by one. Pain is not always weakness leaving the body. Sometimes, it is the pain of an alien spirit settling in for the long haul.

If St. Paul's assertion that Jesus came and "emptied himself...coming in human likeness...even [to] death on a cross," then those times that seem to empty us of all we would hold dear are the times when we slowly take on the image of Jesus in our own lives. It is at such times when we are most powerless but also when God's spirit shines through our broken and wounded lives, if only because we become totally dependent upon God. It is Saint Teresa of Kolkata who is said to have once remarked that even God cannot fill what is already full. ●

### Reflect

**What emptying am I experiencing?  
Can I accept it as becoming more like Jesus?**



[Christ Jesus] emptied himself... becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:7-8

# 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

Bookkeeper: Cindy Wyszynski

DRE: Katrina Aumiller

## Holy Mass & Confession Schedule:

Sunday: 9:00 AM

Tuesday - 7:00 PM; Wednesday – Friday: 8:00 AM

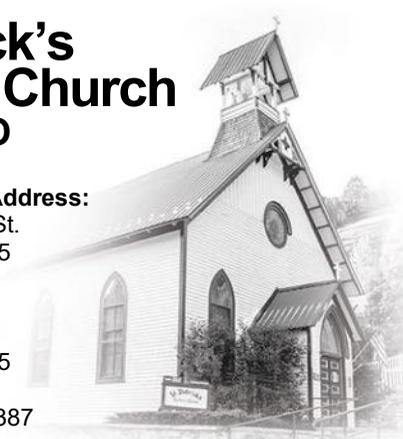
Saturday: 5:30 PM

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



## September 14th, 2025 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### Holy Mass Intentions:

**Saturday, September 13th**

5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

**Sunday, September 14th**

9:00 AM - Gregory Aumiller

**Monday, September 15th**

8:15 AM - Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday, September 16th**

7:00 PM - NO HOLY MASS

**Wednesday, September 17th**

8:00 AM - NO HOLY MASS

**Thursday, September 18th**

8:00 AM - NO HOLY MASS

**Friday, September 19th**

8:00 AM - NO HOLY MASS

**Saturday, September 20th**

5:30 PM - +Elaine Griffin

**Sunday, September 21st**

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, Tom Mortell, Mary E. Lynch, Liz Bradley, Paige Hagen, Care Bear, Carl Carson, Joshua Nault, Phil Couture, Jose Cuaron, Kim Lynch, Allison Myer, Lou Gagliano, 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

**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 – **Second Collection** for ***Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.***

The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa is our opportunity to support the faith of our African brothers and sisters. Despite many challenges, the Church in Africa is growing! Our special collection this weekend supports the Church in Africa and the faithful there.

Last Sunday we had a ***Stewardship Sunday.*** Thank You everyone who signed up for different ministries and classes. We will start trainings/classes soon.

**Clergy Retreat** – September 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>. No daily Holy Mass this week. The Church will be open for private Adoration.

**Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, Holy Mass at 8:15 AM in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows.**

**Last Week's Collection: \$ 2,122.00**

Please visit: **[stpatrickstelluride.com/donate](http://stpatrickstelluride.com/donate)** to offer your financial support.

“For where your treasure is, there also is your heart.”

## Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

**Support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa.**

We live our Catholic faith with a deep understanding of ourselves as pilgrims walking together and helping one another through life. From biblical times to our present day, Catholics have always visited holy sites, shrines, and other places significant in the history and life of the Church. In walking and praying together at these sites, Catholic pilgrims experience unity with Christ, with one another, and with the Church today and throughout history in a deeper way.

During the first week of Lent, in early March 2024, approximately 1,000 Catholics from across the Diocese of Gbarnga in Liberia in west Africa went on a pilgrimage to the site of the people's first encounter with Catholic missionaries in the town of Saclepea, Liberia. By retracing the footsteps of those 19th-century missionaries, these pilgrims connected with their history while also deepening their call to build upon this legacy today.

This special event was made possible by a grant from the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, which helped provide food and accommodations for the pilgrims and liturgical furnishings for Masses and confessions. Throughout Africa, your donations to the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, a program of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, help African Catholics continue the work of evangelization and building up the Church that began with those first missionaries.

*Viva Cristo Rey!*