

Dear Padre,

Where did the Virgin Mary spend her last days on earth? Ephesus or Jerusalem?

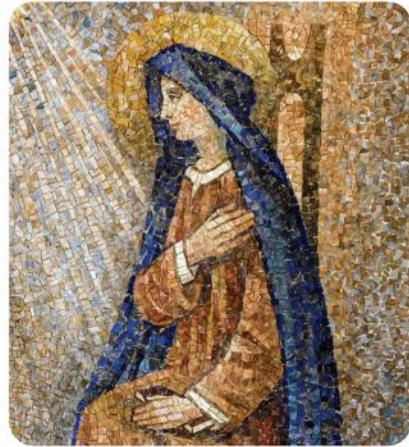
Shortly before Jesus died on the cross, he entrusted his widowed mother to the protective care of John the Evangelist. (See John 19:26–27.) Accordingly, when John lived his final years in Ephesus, it is believed that Mary also spent her last days nearby in a modest stone dwelling, before being assumed body and soul into heaven “to be preserved from the corruption of the tomb” (Pope Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*, 1950). Moreover, it is likely in Ephesus (present-day Turkey) where the tradition of Mary’s Assumption started.

Pope Benedict XIV (1740–1758) declared Ephesus was “where the Blessed Mother...proceeded from this life into heaven.” More recent popes, such as Paul VI in 1967 and John Paul II in 1979, prayed in this venerable home, known as Mother Mary’s House.

However, close to Gethsemane in Jerusalem is the Basilica of the Tomb of Mary from the fifth century. It is built around an ancient crypt where Mary’s body was believed to have been laid before it was assumed into heaven.

While both Ephesus and Jerusalem claim to be the location where the Virgin Mary spent her last years on earth, experts contend the latter is the older tradition and the more credible place. Even if Mary temporarily left Jerusalem, it is probable she returned to the land of her birth and resided there at the end of her earthly life. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

And at the end of our life, [the Lord] will call us to account for the goods he has entrusted to us....

We have received so much: life, faith, family, relationships, work, but also the places where we live, our city, creation....

[A]re we guardians of all that has been given to us?

ANGELUS, ROME,
AUGUST 7, 2022



RICCARDO DE LUCA - UPDATE / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday

August 11
St. Clare, Virgin
Dt 10:12–22
Mt 17:22–27

Tuesday

August 12
Weekday
Dt 31:1–8
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday

August 13
Weekday
Dt 34:1–12
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

August 14
St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

August 15
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a,
10ab

1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Saturday

August 16
Weekday
Jos 24:14–29
Mt 19:13–15

Sunday

August 17
Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Jer 38:4–6, 8–10
Heb 12:1–4
Lk 12:49–53

Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 10, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wisdom 18:6–9 / Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–19 or 11:1–2, 8–12 / Luke 12:32–48 or 12:35–40



Life Is a Game of Golf

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

When the British colonized India, they brought with them the game of golf.

A worse hazard than sand traps turned out to be monkeys. Wherever the ball landed, a monkey would run onto the fairway, pick it up, and drop it somewhere else—from the fairway into the rough, out of a sand trap onto the green, from the green back onto the fairway. The Brits tried everything to keep the monkeys off the course—fences, sirens, booming noises. Nothing worked. In the end, they ended up changing the rule book: play the ball where the monkey drops it.

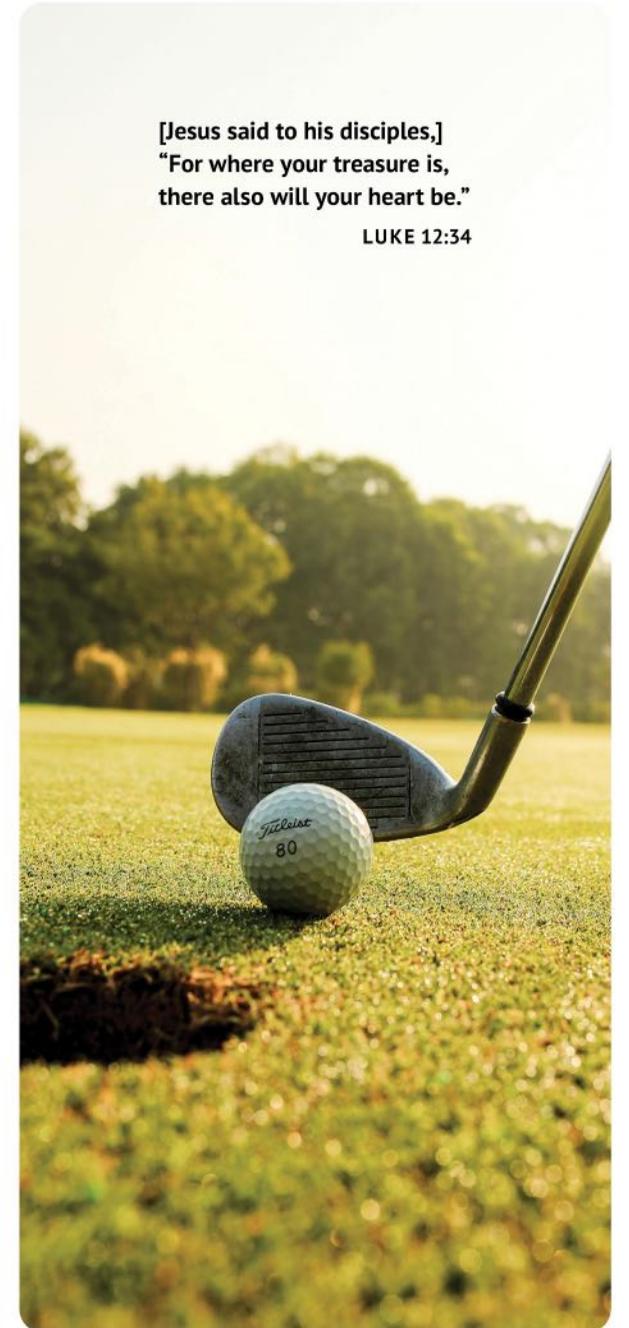
The scriptures today tell of people who lived with an openness to wherever it was that God would take them. They played the ball wherever the monkey dropped it. It is the story of the Hebrews enslaved in Egypt when they were about to be led out into a God-knew-where desert. It is the story of aged Abraham and Sarah, called to travel to an alien land and then into parenthood in their old age. Faith is not trusting that God will always take us to where we want to be; it is trusting that wherever it is that God takes us will ultimately bring us into fuller life. So, watch and be ready to recognize the coming of God. It may be in times of darkness for you (as when the master comes late at night, says Luke’s Gospel) or when you find yourself in an “alien land,” a place in life you’ve never been before. ●

Reflect

What surprising places has God led me?

[Jesus said to his disciples,]
“For where your treasure is,
there also will your heart be.”

LUKE 12:34



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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

August 10th, 2025 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, C

Holy Mass Intentions:

Saturday, August 9th

5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, August 10th

9:00 AM - +Chuck & Kathy Shaver

Tuesday, August 12th

7:00 PM - Della Hall

Wednesday, August 13th

8:00 AM - +Jim, Marian and Peggy Seivert

Thursday, August 14th

8:00 AM - +Jan Yetmar
5:30 PM (Vigil) - Missa Pro Populo

Friday, August 15th - The Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM - +Erick Nepsky; Elijah Aumiller

Saturday, August 16th

5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, August 17th

9:00 AM - Claire and Edward Friedman

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 Sunday 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 Weekend- second collection for the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Pueblo.

August 15th – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation.

Coffee and donuts after 9:00 AM Holy Mass.

Last Week's Collection: \$ 2,441.00

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,

From the Office of the Bishop

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ:

Today's second collection is 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. Please remember that the Catholic Foundation is separate from the diocese, and the generosity of the faithful is critical to its mission. Your generous gift will help build upon the remarkable success of last year's second collection. And remember, 100% of the funds received from the second collection will stay in the diocese. Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Stephen J. Berg

Bishop of the Diocese of Pueblo

Viva Cristo Rey!

