

Dear Padre,

If Catholics say the Confiteor at Mass, then why do we still need to go to confession?

Recall when Jesus told Simon and his fishing companions to lower their nets after they had caught nothing. (See Luke 5:1–11.) When their boats began to sink with so many fish, Simon fell at Jesus’ feet and said, “Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.” Likewise, at Mass, we’re so filled with awe upon entering the presence of God that we become aware of our own sinfulness.

The penitential act prepares the assembly to enter the celebration in a proper spirit of humility. The priest and the faithful observe a period of silence to acknowledge their sinfulness and confess their awe of Christ’s love and mercy. This is expressed in different forms, one of which is the Confiteor, a general confession that invokes the support of the communion of saints and the specific community gathered at Mass. It includes the instruction to strike one’s breast, an ancient gesture of humility and penitence. (See Luke 18:13; 23:48.) The rite concludes with the priest’s absolution, but it “lacks the efficacy of the sacrament of penance” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 51). Thus, the penitential act isn’t a substitute for absolution from sins confessed in the sacrament of penance, particularly serious, mortal sins. Rather, it prepares the faithful as a unified community to properly listen to God’s word and celebrate the Eucharist worthily (*GIRM* 46). ●

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

In the Church there is...a place for everyone, and... every Christian is called to proclaim the gospel and bear witness in every environment.... Thus, this people shows its catholicity, welcoming the wealth and resources of different cultures and, at the same time, offering them the newness of the gospel to purify them and to raise them up.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, MARCH 11, 2026

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Monday September 14 <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> Nm 21:4b–9 Phil 2:6–11 Jn 3:13–17	Wednesday September 16 <i>Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</i> 1 Cor 12:31–13:13 Lk 7:31–35	Saturday September 19 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49 Lk 8:4–15
Tuesday September 15 <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> 1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a Jn 19:25–27 or Lk 2:33–35	Thursday September 17 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Cor 15:1–11 Lk 7:36–50	Sunday September 20 <i>Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Is 55:6–9 Phil 1:20c–24, 27a Mt 20:1–16a
	Friday September 18 <i>Weekday</i> 1 Cor 15:12–20 Lk 8:1–3	

Our Parish COMMUNITY

September 13, 2026
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Sirach 27:30–28:7 / Romans 14:7–9 / Matthew 18:21–35



The Debt We Have in Common

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As we hear today’s Gospel of the servant whose enormous debt is forgiven, yet who refuses mercy to a fellow servant owing far less, we cannot help but ask: how can this be? This is the first question that comes to mind. How could a person be forgiven so much and then, just a few minutes later, refuse to forgive something inconsequential in comparison? Selfishness doesn’t really explain it. Being so full of oneself doesn’t explain it. Being completely dense and obtuse is perhaps closer to the truth, but even that explanation comes up short.

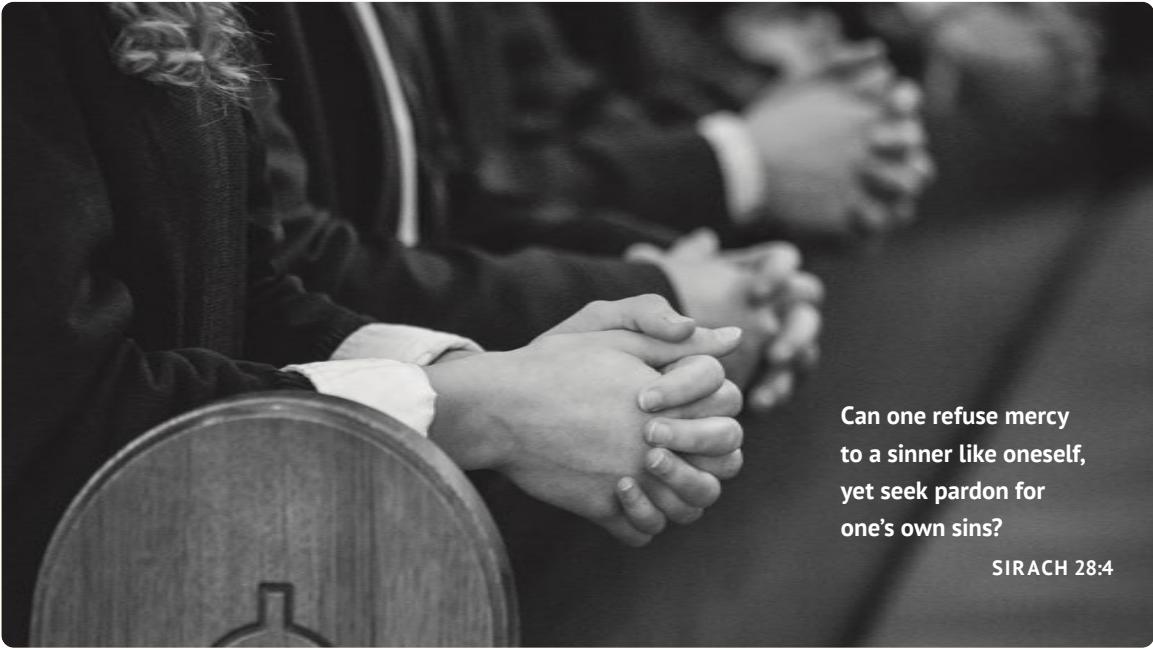
The truth is that the exaggeration of the debt is secondary to the story. What is essential to the story is the invitation to reflect on what it means to be a human being. It is to acknowledge that, when all is said and done, everyone owes a huge debt. No one is exempt from gratitude. An honest acceptance of who we are—completely and totally dependent on God who created us—is the core truth. To be so disconnected from this truth as to not recognize one’s own dependence and be completely unaware of the need to be grateful—that is the real challenge the story considers. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

Reflect

How am I at forgiveness—with others and with myself?



Can one refuse mercy to a sinner like oneself, yet seek pardon for one’s own sins?

SIRACH 28:4

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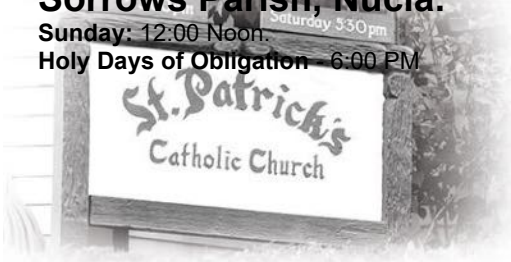
Holy Mass & Confession Schedule:

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



September 13th, 2026 - Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass Intentions:

Saturday, September 12th
5:30 PM - Missa Pro Populo

Sunday, September 13th
9:00 AM - Craig Taylor

Tuesday, September 15th
7:00 PM - NO HOLY MASS

Wednesday, September 16th
8:00 AM - NO HOLY MASS

Thursday, September 17th
8:00 AM - NO HOLY MASS

Friday, September 18th
8:00 AM - NO HOLY MASS

Saturday, September 19th
5:30 PM - Logan & Lindsey Spivey (17th Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, September 20th
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, 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: 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Holy Mass & Eucharistic Adoration- 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.

Our next event for St Patrick Anniversary Celebration is our **Parish Mission** with Rev. Chad Ripperger on September 25 - 27, 2026. Sign-up sheet is on the back of the Church, as well as program for our Parish Mission. **LAST CALL TO SIGN-UP!**

Pilgrimage to Poland – June 8 – 22, 2027.

Diocese of Pueblo Clergy Retreat – September 14-18, 2026. No Holy Masses. The Church and Parish Office will be closed.

Bible Study Class – Book of Genesis. If you are interested, please sign up on the back of the Church for this 8 lessons Bible Study Class. We will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM, starting on October 7th.

Last Week's Collection: \$ 1,295.00
Please visit: stpatrickstelluride.com/donate to offer your financial support.

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

I invite you to join our Bible Study Class:

Genesis: From Creation to Covenant is an eight-session study exploring how the first book of the Bible lays the foundation for the entire story of salvation.

The book of Genesis tells how **Creation was born from God's infinite love and goodness**, the chaos brought by the Fall, and the covenant promises that move salvation history forward. Through some of the most well-known and beloved stories in Scripture—including Adam and Eve, Noah and the Ark, the Tower of Babel, Abraham, Jacob, and Joseph—**God initiates his plan to restore what was lost.**

Guided by **Jeff Cavins and Dr. Scott Powell**, this study shows how God works through every generation and covenant promise to draw his people back into relationship with him and prepare the way for our salvation, a plan that continues to unfold in our lives today.

Sign-up sheet is on the back of the Church. We will meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall, starting on October 7th.

Viva Cristo Rey!