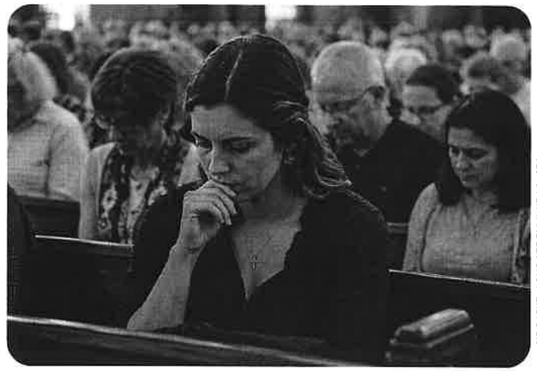
Dear Padre,

At Mass, I have difficulty communing with God after receiving Communion because of the noise and activity. Why not more silence?



JESUS FERNANDEZ / SHUTTERSTOCK

During Mass, communal silence is called for within the Penitential Act, for people to recollect themselves; at the end of a reading or the homily, so all can meditate briefly on what they've heard; and then after Communion, for people to praise and pray to God in their hearts. (See *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 45.) In other words, there is a silence that reflects our contrition before God; a silence that reflects our need to ponder his word; and a deep silence before God that reflects awe and incapacity for words after receiving the Body and Blood of Christ!

After Communion, a period of communal silence for personal prayer is intended before other activities, such as a second collection or announcements. Also, a psalm, canticle of praise, or hymn may be sung. (See *GIRM* 88, 164.) "Liturgical silence is indispensable to the rhythm of a balanced celebration. Without it, the celebration can become perfunctory in its haste or burdensome in its unrelieved sound and song" (*Introduction to the Order of Mass*, 48, USCCB, 2003). As St. Alphonsus wrote in *The Holy Eucharist*: "There is no prayer more agreeable to God, or more profitable to the soul, than that which is made during the thanksgiving after Communion."●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

To those who seek to alleviate the conditions of the poorest, I express my gratitude.... You know well that the question of the poor leads back to the essence of our faith, for they are the very flesh of Christ.... "Where the world sees threats, [the Church] sees children; where walls are built, [the Church] builds bridges."

HOMILY, ROME, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

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Monday
November 16
Weekday
Rv 1:1–4; 2:1–5
Lk 18:35–43

Tuesday
November 17
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Rv 3:1–6, 14–22
Lk 19:1–10

Wednesday
November 18
Weekday
Rv 4:1–11
Lk 19:11–28

Thursday
November 19
Weekday
Rv 5:1–10
Lk 19:41–44

Friday
November 20
Weekday
Rv 10:8–11
Lk 19:45–48

Saturday
November 21
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:4–12
Lk 20:27–40

Sunday
November 22
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Ez 34:11–12, 15–17
1 Cor 15:20–26, 28
Mt 25:31–46

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

November 15, 2026
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Proverbs 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31 / 1 Thessalonians 5:1–6
Matthew 25:14–30 or 25:14–15, 19–21

Be Not Afraid

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSsR

So close to Thanksgiving Day, a parable that seems to champion the Puritan work ethic feels fitting. The parable in today's gospel appears to celebrate sincere, positive efforts, while at the same time, it does not look kindly on lackluster attempts. But, as with all of Jesus' parables, we need to take a closer look.

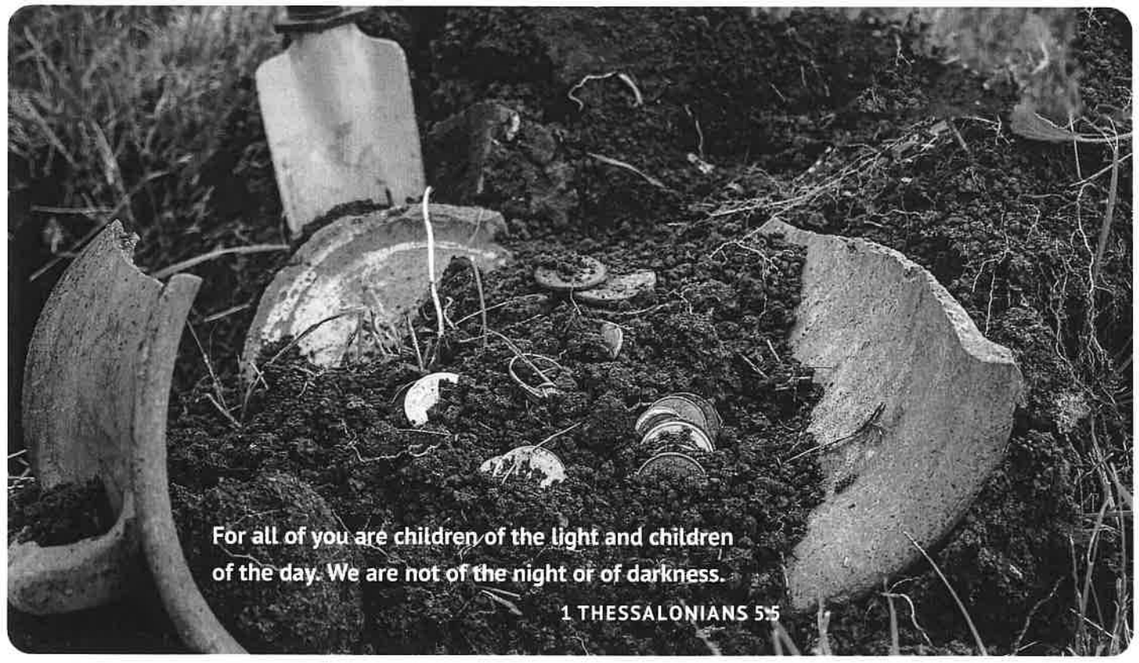
In this instance, the third servant deserves examination. His situation seems to be not so much about work as it is about fear and hopelessness. It is not that he is unable to produce or to take the action needed; rather, he is bound and limited by fear and his perception of what the master requires. His fear makes it impossible for him to do what is required of him, so he does not respond.

We do not know how the master would have reacted if the servant had tried and failed. We do not know if an honest effort on the servant's part would have been enough. We do know that the master rejects fear as an excuse for inaction, and for this reason, the servant is singled out and punished. His fear not only made it impossible for him to work but also prompted the exact circumstance he was trying to avoid: displeasing the master. From the viewpoint of the parable, the servant's decision was not a good one. ●

Reflect

When has fear kept me from doing right or refraining from doing wrong?

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING NOVEMBER 17 AT 6:30 PM.

There will be a Knights meeting for all three churches on Tuesday the 17th after mass at All Souls. Items to discuss: Coats for Kids, Christmas goodie bags. Please plan to attend.

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCES

Deceased of Devier & Hutzenbiler Family
Jim & Eleanore Deaver
Larry & Colette Schmitt
Audry Murray
James Murray
Bess Murray
John Barbour
Richard Barbour
Eileen Barbour
Joan Murray
Bruno Ramos
Rufino Ramos
Jairo Ramos
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Elvira Ornelus
Felipe de Jesus Lamas
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Juvenal Lamas, Sr.
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Salvador Torres, Sr.
Deceased of Myers & Panas families
Ed Brandt
Bud & Mildred Dolson
Hazel & Bernie Adams
Bill & Delores Dailey
Joe & Patricia Lopez
Manuel & Margaret Vera
Lawrence Sanchez
Gil & Soledad Sanchez
Emery & Myrtle Gusman & deceased families

In Our Midst - One day my son came downstairs in our house and went into the kitchen to get himself a bowl of cereal. He had no idea I was in the front room quietly reading something on my smartphone. He poured his milk and reached to grab a spoon. At that moment, I simply said, "Hello." Startled, he jumped back from the silverware drawer and let out a scream. He would tell this story differently, but it certainly was a scream. He clutched his chest as if he had just seen a ghost. All I wanted to do was say hello.

We have all been startled by someone when we thought we were all alone. Sometimes that person in our midst was simply quiet and hidden from our view. Other times, we simply have our head and mind in the clouds to the point we are ignoring the fact we are not alone.

At times that person we don't see is Jesus. He might seem quieter some days, but he should never be hidden from our view. He is always there with us, in others, and sharing our everyday moments. When we fail to see him in our midst, it is easy to act in ways we wouldn't if we saw him directly in front of us. We become less giving and more self-centered. No one wants to be surprised one day when suddenly they realize they were not alone, especially if the one who startles us is our God. Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

Date	Day	Time	Place	Intention
11/16	Monday	7:00 PM	Bayard	All Souls celebration
11/17	Tuesday	6:00 PM	Bridgeport	All Souls celebration
	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Bridgeport	Knights of Columbus meeting
	Tuesday	6:30 PM	Bridgeport	"She Shall Be Called Woman"
11/18	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Dalton	All Souls celebration
11/19	Thursday	6:30 AM	Bridgeport	"That Man is You"
	Thursday	9:00 AM	Dalton	LeMoyne Myers
11/20	Friday	9:00 AM	Bayard	Linda Thoms birthday (23rd)
11/21	Saturday	5:30 PM	Bayard	Ernest Vera birthday
11/22	Sunday	8:00 AM	Dalton	† Jim Deaver
	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bridgeport	Marce Vasquez, Jr.
	Sunday	1:30-3:00 PM	Bridgeport	OCIA class

ALL SOULS
617 P STREET
BRIDGEPORT NE 69336

MASS TIMES
Tuesday – 6:00 PM
Sunday —10.00 AM

CONFESSIONS ARE AVAILABLE FROM 9:30 AM - 9:45 AM

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	$710.00
CHILDREN	$21.00
PLATE	$250.00
SUBTOTAL	$981.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	$1525.00
MASS INTENTIONS	
TOTAL	$981.00
BUILDING FUND	$1000.00
APPEAL GOAL	$5,767.00
DONATIONS	$2470.00
BALANCE	-$3,297.00
DONOR GOAL-22	9

Thank you for your support.

- Prayer line requests may be made to Carolyn-279-2997
- Knights of Columbus meeting November 17 @ 6:30 PM

Ministries for November 22

Greeter	Server	Lector	Eucharist
Lucy	Gabel	Doug H	Jero
Roach		Don	Julie H
Family			Deb A
Rosary	Doug H		



SACRED HEART
1003 AVE B
BAYARD NE 69334

MASS TIMES FOR NOVEMBER
Friday – 9:00 AM
Saturday – 5:30 PM

NOVEMBER MASS SCHEDULE: SATURDAY AT 5:30 PM CONFESSIONS: 5:00-5:15

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	$840.00
CHILDREN	$3.00
PLATE	$756.00
SUBTOTAL	$1,599.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	$885.00
MASS INTENTIONS	
TOTAL	$1,599.00
BUILDING FUND	$15.00
APPEAL GOAL	$4,381.00
DONATIONS	$2510.00
BALANCE	-$1,871.00
DONOR GOAL – 15	7

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- Prayer line requests may be made to Ann 308-225-1609.
- There will be coffee on the Second Sunday.
- Knights of Columbus meeting November 17 @ 6:30 PM

Ministries for November 21

Greeter	Server	Lector	Eucharist
Janet	Chris	John AR	Barry
Dan		Jamie H	Dave D
			Erma



SAINT MARY'S
718 FRANCIS ST
DALTON NE 69131

MASS TIMES FOR NOVEMBER
Thursday – 9:00 AM
Sunday– 8:00 AM

NOVEMBER MASS SCHEDULE SUNDAY AT 8:00 AM CONFESSIONS: 7:30-7:45

OUR GIFTS TO GOD & CHURCH

ADULTS	$790.00
CHILDREN	$4.00
PLATE	$41.00
SUBTOTAL	$835.00
WEEKLY BUDGET	$1020.00
MASS INTENTIONS	
ALL SOULS DAY	$100.00
TOTAL	$935.00
BUILDING FUND	
APPEAL GOAL	$7,200.00
DONATIONS	$2,550.00
BALANCE	-$4,650.00
DONOR GOAL – 15	6

Thank you for your support.

- Prayer line requests may be made to DeAnn-249-1735.
- Knights of Columbus meeting November 17 @ 6:30 PM

Ministries for November 22

Greeter	Server	Lector	Eucharist
Bruce	Greg	R J	Earl
Jenn		Linda	Kate
			Jim S

