Dear Padre,

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



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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."●

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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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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. ●

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Reflect

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



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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nov 15, 2026

Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Mt 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase.

He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them, especially the one that means the most to us.

Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us.

~Archdiocese of St. Louis

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Flowers	80
Funerals	300
House Blessing	50
Maintenance Fund	35
St. Theresa Choir	100
Thanksgiving	50

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SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

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Let us serve others and spread the message of Jesus Christ.

In this weekend's Gospel, a master entrusts his servants with gifts and expects them to be used well. Marriage, too, is a gift that grows when tended. **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** helps couples enrich their sacrament through time together and stronger communication skills. Join WWME Hawai'i for a residential weekend Feb. 19-21, 2027, at St. Anthony Retreat Center in Kalihi Valley, O'ahu. Priests are also welcome to renew their vocation and strengthen parish relationships. Apply at www.hawaiiwwme.org or contact Brian and Claudine Perry at (808) 276-5721 or brian.claudine.perry@wwme.org.

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