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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Dear Padre,


JESUS FERNANDEZ / SHUTTERSTOCK

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

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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Church Office Hours

Monday – Friday- 8am -11:30 am; 12:30 pm- 4:30 pm
Closed on Holy Days of Obligation

If an emergency occurs requiring the sacramental ministry of a priest, please contact the parish office Monday – Friday. After hours or on weekends, please contact Christine Baltz 724-549-6324.

Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered Saturday 11 am-12 noon, Tuesday & Thursday 5-5:45 PM or most any reasonable time by request, (your identity need not be known). Come receive our Risen Lord's forgiveness & healing.

Sacrament of Baptism presupposes sufficient instruction & a desire on the part of the candidate/ parent to practice the faith. *Expectant parents please ask for the Church's blessing for a safe and healthy delivery.* Call the Church Office to schedule instructions & the service.

Sacrament of Marriage is a wonderful commitment of life & love, & involves much serious deliberation, prayer & planning. Engaged couples should contact the pastor at least SIX Months before setting a date.

Sacrament of the Sick is always encouraged for those who are seriously ill, elderly, or facing surgery. The Sacrament of Healing is available upon request. Family & friends are invited to attend & thus show their support, love, friendship, & Christian concern

Bulletin announcement deadline is Wednesday, at noon

The Catholic Diocese of Little Rock is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by Clerics, Church volunteers, or Church workers, please contact the State of Arkansas Hotline for Crimes against Children at 1-800-482-5964 and the Chancellor for Canonical Affairs, Deacon Matthew A. Glover, (501) 664-0340 ext. 361. For pastoral assistance please contact the Victim Assistance Coordinator for the Diocese of Little Rock: Laura Gottsponer at (501) 664-0340, ext. 425. Diocese of Little Rock, 2500 N. Tyler Street, Little Rock, AR 72207.

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Mass Schedule

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday Nov 14, 2026
4:00 pm St Joseph Mass
Int: Parishioners
6:00 pm St Paul Mass
Int: Joseph & Joanna Thibeault, d

Sunday Nov 15, 2026
8:00 am St John Mass
Int: Don Thielemier d; Betty Steimel, d; L/D Frank & Josephine Thielemier family
10:30 am St Paul Mass
Int: Parishioners
5:30 pm Bucksnort Mass
Int: For all deer hunters, & attendees over the past 50 years

Monday Nov 16, 2026
No Mass

Tuesday Nov 17, 2026
6:00 pm St Paul Mass
Int: Tommy O'Donnell, d

Wednesday Nov 18, 2026
9:00 am St Paul Mass
Int: L/D mem of Andrew & Alice Jansen family

Thursday Nov 19, 2026
12:00 pm St John Mass
Int: Marie Peters, d; Wilma Wren, d; Dc'd mem Herman & Zita Walker family
6:00 pm St Paul Mass
Int: Dan Earsa, d

Friday Nov 20, 2026
9:00 am St Paul Columbarium Mass
Int: Dc'd members who are laid to rest

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Saturday Nov 21, 2026
4:00 pm St Joseph Mass
Int: Parishioners
6:00 pm St Paul Mass
Int: Earldean Baltz, d

Sunday Nov 22, 2026
8:00 am St John Mass
Int: L/D mem of Bill & Mallissa Zosso family; Jane Junkersfeld, d; Betty Steimel, d
10:30 am St Paul Mass
Int: Parishioners

Sacristan Schedule
Nov 21- Nick DeClerk Nov 22- Matt & Jennifer Hibbard
Nov 28- Alex Baltz Nov 29- Jeff Evers
Dec 5- Susan Meier Dec 6- Josh & Jill Neely

Financial Report	
November 12, 2026	$9,190.25
2026 year to date	$368,830.41
Children's Collection	$206.25
St Joseph October 2026	$3,187.00
DOLR October 2026	$676.00
Food Bank, September 2026	$1,093.00

On-line giving: Zeffy. Scan the QR code to begin.

Church Cleaning Schedule Nov 21 Roberta Waymon, Bridgette Rose, Teresa Baltz, Abby Tyler. **To volunteer to join a group & help maintain our church call the office or ask someone to join a group**.

Eucharistic Ministers/Altar Servers Schedule

6:00 pm November 21, 2026

Host Ministers: Tiffany Baltz, Maggie Baltz

Cups: Tom & Chris Baltz

Cups: Paul & Christie Yemma

Altar Servers: Aubrey & Cannon Hogan, Avery Seagraves

10:30 am Sunday November 22, 2026

Host Ministers: Jill Neely, Monica Loyd

Cups: Claire Garoutte, Abby Tyler

Cups: Cyndy Busick, Angie DeClerk

Altar Servers: Austin James, Cash Cox, John Henry Garoutte

6:00 pm Saturday November 28, 2026

Host Ministers: Mitch & Teresa Baltz

Cups: Alex & Tiffany Baltz

Cups: Rose Hutsell, Trish Thielemier

Altar Servers: Jake Baltz, Keegan Presley, Valentina Nguyen

10:30 am Sunday November 29, 2026

Host Ministers: Debbie Hibbard, Jennifer Hibbard

Cups: Terri Jansen, Shelly James

Cups: Veronica Rose, Rene' Tyler

Altar Servers: Jacob, Blakely Jansen, Caroline Thielemier

Plans are underway for our Annual School Bazaar, which will be held Dec 5th-6th. If you are interested in volunteering and helping make this year's bazaar a success, please call **Allison Swann at 870-219-9824**. We appreciate your help & support.

Nursing Home & Homebound

November: Joan Gross, Jeanette Thielemier & Susan Meier

If you or a fellow parishioner is unable to attend Mass due to illness, surgery, or recovery & would like to receive Holy Communion on Wednesdays, please call the church office so we can get you on the schedule.

Lectors: November: Saturday: David Vaugh

Sunday: Claire Garoutte

Ushers for November:

Saturday: Joe Bergman, Bobby Meier, Kyle Sutton, Terry Throesch

Sunday: Pink Baltz, Todd Berry, Jeff Evers, Gordon Thielemier

Next weekend: Special Collection Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Dates to Remember:

November 15 at 5:30 pm Bucksnort Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a covered dish.

Friday Nov 20th at 9:00 am Holy Mass will be held at the Columbarium. Fr Samy will celebrate Mass as we remember the faithful departed and pray for the eternal rest of their souls. Please bring lawn chairs.

Knights of Columbus Awards Banquet and Pie Auction November 21 at 7 pm in the Parish Life Center. Please call Matt Fair 501-412-3324 or Kyle Sutton 870-758-0737. Deadline is November 18.

KC Thanksgiving turkey sales are also going on. Please notify Kyle Sutton or Matt Fair deadline is November 23rd. Proceeds go to our CYM.

Knight of the Month: Christian Helms

Family of the Month: Dwayne Capps family

ST PAUL SCHOOL ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

November 9-18

Let's Share & Care. Join us in stocking the BRAD food bank for the holidays. **Drop off location: St Paul School, 311 Cedar St.**

Items needed include: Canned vegetables, instant potatoes, box/canned meals, ramen, oatmeal, mac & cheese, etc.

ALL NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS ACCEPTED.

Religious Gift Shop. Did you know the church office has a small religious gift shop? We offer a variety of items perfect for sacraments, special occasions, or personal gifts. Stop by during regular office hours.

Please pray for: Bishop Anthony Taylor, Kogan Vaughn. Samuel Thompson, Roy Billeaudeau, David Bassford, Suzanne Broadway, and Elizabeth Hick.