

# Dear Padre,

*I've been to Latin Masses, and people do not socialize in church and seem more respectful than at a regular parish Mass, where people are leaving before Mass is finished, and there seems to be constant talking. Why is there such a contrast?*



I'd like to caution you about two assumptions. The first is about judging people who leave Mass early. We can't know what is in a person's heart. Some people work on Sundays or have other unavoidable commitments that require them to leave at a certain time.

The second assumption is that socializing before and after a parish Mass is disrespectful. The celebratory and welcoming culture of a Christian community that has gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist gives glory and praise to God. It is not disrespectful of the Eucharist, but rather a powerful witness to the unity, the community, and the faith of the people of God who gather with their Lord and Savior.

There are Eucharistic gatherings that encourage silence, such as the Latin Mass you have experienced as well as Eucharistic Adoration and Forty Hours Devotion. We need both—silence as we worship together and joyful interaction with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Both give glory to God.

All that being said, to those who enjoy socializing or who must leave the Mass before the final note of the final hymn: do be considerate of those praying near you. They might be praying for you! ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
MARCH 2	MARCH 3	MARCH 4	MARCH 5	MARCH 6	MARCH 7	MARCH 8
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Third Sunday of Lent
Dn 9:4b-10 Lk 6:36-38	Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12	Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28	Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Mt 21:33-43, 45-46	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32	Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

### Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

*We must also cry out for peace in the world. Let us all say, "We want peace in the world!"*

*Let us pray for peace. Let us pray for peace and be witnesses of the peace and reconciliation of Jesus Christ, the light that we are all seeking for today's world.*

GREETING TO YOUNG PEOPLE, ROME, JULY 29, 2025

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent (A)

Exodus 17:3-7 / Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 / John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



## Are You Listening?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

**I**f today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts." (See Psalm 95.) Our psalm prayer invites us to respond to the Word of God. A positive response should be assumed as ordinary: very few among us would deliberately ignore God's voice. The challenge is not in responding "yes" to the invitation of the Lord but rather in "hearing" his voice.

There are so many voices that daily compete for attention. We seem to be bombarded every waking moment with some kind of noise that demands attention and action. At one time, Neil Diamond might have been able to celebrate the "Beautiful Noise" of the city, but it is far more difficult for us today. Frankly, the noise around us is deafening, and most people long for true silence, a break in the pattern, a vacation from the frantic anxiety that seems to be present.

A wonderful Lenten practice—indeed, a spiritual practice that goes well beyond Lent—is to freely choose to disconnect from distraction. Resist the temptation to plug in the earbuds. Refrain from the distraction of social media content. Leave your cell phone in the living room, go sit in the backyard, and pay attention to nothing. "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:11), the psalmist reminds us. Listen for God's voice, hear his call, and respond to the invitation. ●



LEARN ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

RÖMANS 5:5

### Reflect

Do I need more silence?  
Do I find silence difficult?



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**RECONCILIATION: (Confession)** available, following Mass, on  
 Sunday and Wednesday – please contact Fr. Pedro, before mass, to confirm  
 availability. Also by appointment **and MARCH 19 at 5 pm with extra priests.**  
**BAPTISM:** Please contact the Deacon or Pastor, at least one month prior to  
 desired date.  
**SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE:** Please contact the Deacon or Pastor  
at least six months prior to desired date.

*Please remember St. Genevieve Parish in your Will*  
**THANK YOU for your donations!**  
**Weekly Budget: \$1,255.00**  
 02/22/26: \$825.00  
 03/01/26: \$1425.00  
**Building Fund Donations: \$120.00)**  
 Signup for On-line Giving at [methowcatholic.org](http://methowcatholic.org).

**Fridays in Lent**  
**@ 5 pm Stations of the Cross**  
**With Soup/Bread Simple Supper following**



*Thank you to all who volunteer and share!*



**CAFFEINE & CALORIES:** The weekly social hour continues, after Mass.  
 Please consider *hostina C & C*. Contact Alicia Brown for info. 509-429-1621.



**BUILDING COMMITTEE**

People with ideas about the new parish hall, especially those with building  
 skills, are welcome to Contact the Building Committee.

**PARENTS:** Please do not allow your children to play on/around the new block  
 retaining wall. Thank you!



The Cove is always in need of toilet paper. Pet  
 food is especially needed in the winter.  
 Donations can be left in the basket at the side  
 door.

**WELCOME! NO MATTER WHAT YOUR PRESENT OR PAST STATUS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, NO MATTER YOUR  
 PERSONAL HISTORY, AGE, RACE OR BACKGROUND, YOU ARE INVITED, WELCOMED, ACCEPTED, AND LOVED AT ST.  
 GENEVIEVE CATHOLIC PARISH.**

**Mass Schedule:**

**Sunday, Mar 8 @ 11:00 am, Third Sunday in Lent,**  
 Rosary @ 10:20 am

**Wednesday, Mar 11 @ 9:30 am, Rosary at 9:00 am**

**Sunday, Mar 15 @ 11:00 am, Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
 Rosary @ 10:20 am



**Liturgy of the Word**

*Exodus 17:3–7 Water flowed from rock to quench the people's thirst.*

*Psalm 95 "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."*

*Romans 5:1–2, 5–8 God's love is poured into our hearts in the gift of the Spirit.*

*John 4:5–42 or 4:5–15, The water Jesus gives is the wellspring of eternal life. 19b–26,  
 39a, 40–42*

"Is the LORD in our midst or not?" This question is posed at the end of the first  
 reading, but it could be asked in all three. First, we hear the Israelites complain to  
 Moses about the lack of water in the desert. Paul proclaims to the Romans that our  
 hearts are filled with the love of God, though we may not realize it. In the Gospel,  
 Jesus reveals to the woman at the well that he is the Messiah, the Christ, the one who  
 she and her people had been waiting for. The Lord is indeed in our midst, as for the  
 Chosen People in the desert, as in the early church in Rome, and as with the woman at  
 the well.

**Question of the Week:** How can the life-giving water I received in baptism flow  
 through me to quench the thirst of others in need?



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE HEART**



**OF PRAYER**

You can still join the Heart of Prayer small group offered  
 either Tuesday evenings at 6 pm or Wednesday mornings at  
 10:15am. Call Deacon Bill or Don Haley (509)989-9309 for  
 more information



*Please  
 Remember  
 in Your  
 Prayers*

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- Dayharsh Family
- Cor Bader
- Wannita Knox
- Malachi Knox
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- Hal Groat
- Peter Leon Guerrero
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- Evangeline Grace Knox
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- Terry & Barb Anderson
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*Repose of the Soul of*

- Robert Springer
- Mary Cucci