

Dear Padre,

Should the pope get involved in American politics?

No, the pope should not get involved in the politics of any country. However, politics often intersects with religious concerns and particularly gospel values. When this occurs, the Holy Father has a responsibility to preach the gospel and defend the values the gospel teaches, even when it might sound political. He pronounces and teaches the values of the gospel, regardless of what nation or politician might feel confronted or challenged by what he teaches.

What often happens is, when politicians find themselves in conflict with the gospel values the pope is teaching, they choose to say, "The pope has no business in our politics," instead of listening. Completely understandable, at least from one perspective, but probably also disingenuous from another perspective. Politicians are fully aware of what is being proclaimed and why it is being proclaimed but choose not to listen. That, too, is completely understandable, if regrettable. One has to think only of the scribes and the Pharisees, and more particularly the high priest, who said, "Consider that it is better for you that one man should die instead of the people, so that the whole nation may not perish" (John 11:50). ●



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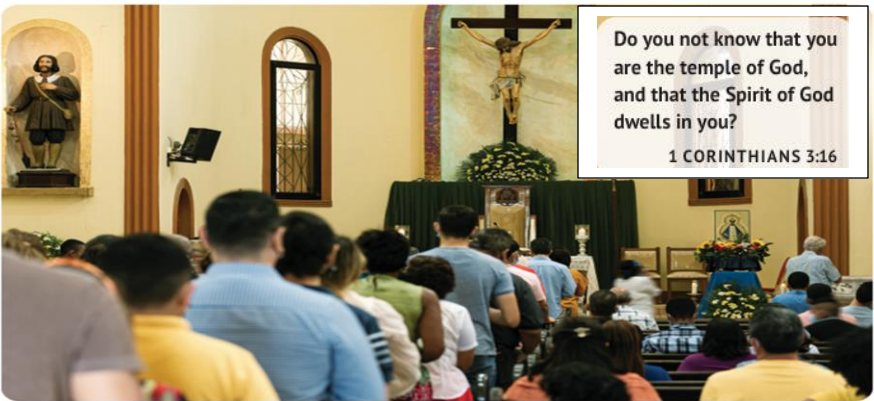
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Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?
1 CORINTHIANS 3:16

The Body of Christ on Parade

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Singing together during the distribution of holy Communion is one way of expressing the reality that we are one in the Eucharist, the Body of Christ. I once was taught to pray quietly during this time. If I'm honest, however, what I find myself doing after I return to my pew is watching others process past as they return from receiving Communion. They are a parade of holiness on the way. They are the longtime parishioners who have been making their way back to their pews in this way for decades—some now using walkers or canes, others with a bit of a slow hobble. There are teenagers, too. Some, from the expressions on their faces, look like their parents made them come, while others look

impressively prayerful. Young parents, too, caring for a new baby in their arms, and another couple holding a two-year-old's hand as he tugs to escape and be free. And middle-aged single people, now halfway through this life's journey. Young couples, as well, those just married or engaged and so obviously in love, but also widows and widowers longing for the love they once knew. All of these are the body of Christ, the very temple of God built upon the foundation that is Christ Jesus, as Paul notes so well. This is why I watch them processing back to their pews. This, too, is prayer. ●

Reflect

How do I pray after I've received holy Communion?

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Because of the Jewish roots of Christianity, all Christians have a special relationship with Judaism.... The theological dialogue between Christians and Jews remains ever important and close to my heart. Even in these difficult times, marked by conflicts and misunderstandings, it is necessary to continue the momentum of this precious dialogue of ours.

ADDRESS, ROME, MAY 19, 2025



The Dedication pf the Latern Basilica (C) Nov 9, 2025

The story of the cleansing of the Temple is found in all four Gospels. In Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus is upset with the deceitful practices of the vendors and expels them for that reason. But in John, Jesus' authority is contrasted with the authority of the Temple cult and is a criticism of the cult itself.

The story is composed of two parts, Jesus' action in the Temple and Jesus' predictions about the Temple's destruction. The time of year is the sacred feast of Passover. If the many pilgrims to Jerusalem during Passover were to have animals for the sacrificial rituals of the feast, it was necessary to sell cattle in the Temple and to change the unclean Roman money. By denouncing this, Jesus is cutting to the core of the Temple cult.

The story is really about Jesus' fate, not the Temple's fate, revealing that Jesus, not the Temple, is the locus of God's presence on earth. As they often do in John, the Jews misunderstand Jesus' words. This gives John the chance to explicitly state his point. Although this is the beginning of his ministry, Jesus is already speaking of his coming death and Resurrection.

John intentionally integrates a post-Resurrection perspective into the Gospel narrative. The statement that concludes this passage uses the fact of the Resurrection to prove the point of Jesus' words. Believers need to remember the words and actions of Jesus and claim them as affirmations of the truths of their faith.

Christians sometimes point to Jesus' anger in this passage as a way to point out Jesus' humanity. But this would miss the powerful point of the entire Gospel, that the Word became flesh. The point is not that Jesus' anger proves he is human. It is that a human being, in his words and actions, can claim the authority of God.

Sign up for a Catholics Encounter Christ Weekend- See the flier in your church.

Mass Schedule & Intentions
For the week of November 10, 2025

Mon.	Nov.	10	7:00 AM	SJ	No Mass
Tues.	Nov.	11	7:00 AM	SJ	No Mass
Wed.	Nov.	12	5:30 PM	SA	No Mass
Thurs.	Nov.	13	5:30 PM	SB	No Mass
Fri.	Nov.	14	8:30 AM	SJ	No Mass
Sun.	Nov.	16	5:30 PM	SJ	Anna M. Walz
Sat.	Nov.	15	4:30 PM	SA	People of the Parish
Sun.	Nov.	16	11:00 AM	SB	Mary Jane Pandorf †

Prayers for Fr. Mike to travel safely back to the States this week.



Barbara Peterson Nov 11th
Anna Walz Nov 15th



Mr. & Mrs. Mike Lehmkufer
Nov 16th

Ministry Schedule

Date: Nov 15-16	St Agnes	St Boniface	St John's
Time	Saturday 4:30 PM	Sunday 11:00 AM	Sunday 8:00 AM
Hospitality	Conrad & Aleta P.	Rod & Janel B.	Youth
Lector	Aleta A.	Emily P.	Youth
Server		Olivia D. & Katie P.	Youth
EMHC	Aleta A.	Steve & Kristen B.	Youth
Communion to shut ins or Music		Steve B.	Music: Youth

<p>St. Agnes <i>Our Gifts to God & Church</i> November 2, 2025 <u>Total Collection:</u> \$</p> <p><u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal the GOAL is MET!!!</p> <p>Thrift Store Open Nov 14 9AM to 4PM</p> <p><u>CCD Oct Nov 12th</u> Elementary 3:40 PM High School 7:30 PM Meal Wycoff November 15th there will be 4 baptisms, mass and a parish potluck</p>	<p>St. Boniface <i>Our Gifts to God & Church</i> November 2, 2025 <u>Total Collection:</u> \$</p> <p><u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal \$3500 of \$7452 with 9 of 17 Donors</p> <p>CCD Wednesday Nov 12th PreK to 2nd 4 PM Supper 6:10 Class 6:30 to 7:30 PM</p>	<p>St. John's <i>Our Gifts to God & Church</i> November 2, 2025 <u>Total Collection:</u> \$</p> <p><u>Diocesan Appeal</u> Dollar Goal \$2100 of \$5179 with 5 of 15 Donors</p> <p>CCD Wednesday Nov 12th PreK to 5th 3:40 PM 6th -12th Supper 6:30 Frey Class Begins 7:00 PM</p> <p>Youth Mass Nov 16 Coffee & Rolls to Follow</p>
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The Holy Father will bring hope, unity, and peace through a live digital encounter with 15,000 young in the U.S. at the 2025 National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis. It will be simulcast and live streamed to the world thanks to our exclusive broadcast partner, EWTN. Pope Leo will join the gathering from Rome on Friday, November 21, 2025. at 10:15 am ET | 7:15 am PT. Over a 45-minute span he will address the gathering and then dialogue directly with a number of attendees. Mark your calendar to watch the great event.

Council of Catholic Women Baby Drive

IN HONOR OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Please help us collect items for the Women's Resouce Center by placing your items in the play pen in the Church Hall by December 8th.

Item Suggestions:

Newborn & 0-3 month clothes

Baby Hygiene Items

Adult Hygiene Items

Baby Bottles

Baby Socks

Baby Bath Towels

Pacifiers

Brush and comb sets

Diapers sizes 4, 5, 6

Pullups