

## Friday 33rd in Ordinary Time

**Gospel text (Lk 19,45-48):** Jesus entered the Temple area and began to drive out the merchants. And He said to them, «God says in the Scriptures: ‘My house shall be a house of prayer’: but you have turned it into a den of robbers».



**Illustration:** Pau Morales

Today this serious warning from Jesus is a most timely one. The warning is still valid! In many areas of western society the sense of the sacred has weakened. In some places, weddings (or funerals, or First Communions) are more like a stadium (or a convention hall) than a temple. The less we pray, the more we talk!

-When Jesus became displeased in the Temple (2,000 years ago), He wasn't yet present through the Eucharist. Now He is. Imagine what a disappointment for Him!