

EPIPHANY

January 28, 2024

"Quiet! Come out of
him!"

Fourth
Sunday of
Ordinary Time



WELCOME to Epiphany



UNCLEAN SPIRITS

Some have said that perhaps it was a demon. Scientific folk, because we don't believe in demons anymore, say it was some sort of medical condition; kind of like epilepsy, that had the man convulsing as he was being healed. Some, say that the man was possessed by some sort of a deviant *behaviors*—something that held a grip on his life that he was *possessed* by the kind of things we don't like to talk about in church. Something evil that was waiting inside—like a predator. In fact, when we think of it this way, it's easy to think of the spirit as evil, and actually, it's really easy to take the leap and just demonize the whole person.

But again... who was he? Could he have been a stranger in the church that week? A visitor perhaps? Some sort of monster who got in somehow—some poor soul that walked by the church that morning who managed to sneak in past the ushers. It's nice to think that—because we don't want to think of our church family as having any of “those” kind of problem people, that one of us could... (perish the thought!)

But let's explore the possibility that this man was not a stranger in the midst of the congregation. That this man instead, was one of the regulars—one of the congregants... one of those waiting in the silence of hope as the Mass began... one of us.

Could *he*, perhaps, have been the one to have heard some word, some spoken truth that would deliver him? Could Jesus, perhaps, have touched the place deep inside—a part of him, a part of his spirit, something...unclean?... unclean?



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OUR PRAYERS: Come, Holy Spirit

Deep in every human heart is a desire for the living God that expresses itself in prayer. In the Catholic tradition, some prayers have become classic expressions of what the human heart seeks. *Words of Faith: Our Prayers* explores prayers that for centuries have revealed a faith that fosters a deep, personal, growing, and loving relationship with Jesus Christ. These prayers teach us much about who we are and about the God to whom we belong.
—Keith J. Egan, Series Editor

We Pray

This prayer is traditionally prayed in a call and response format, with a leader announcing the verse (V) and everyone present saying the response (R).

V. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful,
R. And kindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created,
R. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

Lord, by the light of the Holy Spirit
you have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit
help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

DID YOU KNOW?

The *gifts* of the Holy Spirit, the ways in which the Holy Spirit acts in our lives, are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude (or courage), knowledge, piety, and fear (or wonder and awe) of the Lord. These gifts are named in a prayer that the bishop or his designee prays at the beginning of the celebration of the sacrament of confirmation. When we trust in the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we are formed as good and holy people, living the *fruits* of the Holy Spirit in our lives: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity.

We Practice

This ancient prayer has its roots in both sacred scripture and the tradition of the Church. With phrases taken from Psalm 104, this familiar prayer says much in a few brief but beautiful words. We find the opening line of the prayer and echoes of its meaning in the sequence for Pentecost. A sequence is a liturgical prayer that is either sung or read just before the Gospel on certain high feast days. Those who pray

Evening Prayer find part of this prayer as the response to the Magnificat on Pentecost. We also see its second stanza in the Alleluia verse before the gospel reading on Pentecost Sunday and the votive Mass of the Holy Spirit, which is often celebrated at the beginning of a new academic year or for gatherings of civic leaders each fall at an annual Red Mass. We echo this prayer as we sing, "Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth" as our response to the Psalm on

Pentecost Sunday and often during the celebration of the sacrament of confirmation.

Come, Holy Spirit, come!
And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine!
Come, Father of the poor!
Come, within our bosoms shine.
You, of comforters the best;
You, the soul's most welcome guest;
Sweet refreshment here below;
In our labor, rest most sweet;
Solace in the midst of woe.

—from the Pentecost Sequence,
Veni, Sancte Spiritus



At Epiphany, we deliberately call upon the Holy Spirit at every Mass, and at every event we sponsor. We believe that the Holy Spirit is calling upon our church to grow and to become a light to our neighborhood and to our city.

COME, HOLY SPIRIT. TOUCH OUR HEARTS

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JAN 28 - FEB 4

EVENTS



**11:00am Family Mass &
Sunday Scripture
7:30pm Young Adult Mass**



**12:10pm Mass
12:30pm Miraculous Novena**



**11:00am 22 Club
12:10pm Mass
7:00pm Connect**



**12:10pm Mass
12:40pm OLPH (Church)
7:00pm Breaking Open The Word
7:00pm Bereavement**



**12:10pm Mass
7:00pm YA Alpha**



12:10pm Mass



**2:30pm Parish Alpha
3:00pm Rosary w/
Ladies of Charity**



**11:00am Family Mass
& Sunday Scripture
7:30 Young Adult Mass**

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A Message from the Pastor

Father Titus extends a sincere "thank you" to all the parishioners of Epiphany who give so generously to our parish. Whether it is your financial support, your giving of yourself in service, your prayers, and your kindness to one another. Thanks to your devotion to our parish community,

Epiphany lives!

2024 Cardinal's Appeal

The 2024 Cardinal's Appeal has begun! "Blessed are all who take refuge in Him!" In our Archdiocese, 2.8 million Catholics & countless others take refuge in the Lord through his Church & her ministries. The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal guides people in need to an encounter with Jesus. As always, we appreciate our generous parishioners.

If your 2023 Tax Deductions exceed \$13,850 (single), \$27,700 (married), or \$20,800 for heads of household, and they include church donations, you must obtain a report from Epiphany before filing your 2023 tax return. To take any of these deductions, please call the parish office to request a statement of donations.

MASSES
Monday-Friday 12:10pm
Saturday Vigil: 4pm
Sunday 11am & 7:30pm

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 27
4:00pm Roseanne Wentko
Sunday, January 28
11:00am Mary & David Power & the Brown family
7:30pm Ann Ahern
Monday, January 29
12:10pm Francisca Lacza
Tuesday, January 30
12:10pm intentions of Zenaida C. Pancho
Wednesday, January 31 *Memorial of Saint John Bosco*
12:10pm Anne Shinnick
Thursday, February 1 *Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul*
12:10pm Lynn Sobocinski
Friday, February 2 *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*
12:10pm Irene Soroka
Saturday, February 3
4:00pm intentions of Raquel C. Lucena
Sunday, February 4
11:00am Blanca Narvaez
7:30pm Mary Walsh
Monday, February 5 *Memorial of Saint Agatha*
12:10pm Msgr Patrick Brown
Tuesday, February 6 *Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions*
12:10pm Robert Curley

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace.

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