

Rectoría San Juan de Dios
XI Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 19, 2-6; Ps 100; Rm 5, 6-11; Mt 9, 36-10, 8
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Let Us Cast Out Spirits

This Gospel makes us think that those people of Jesus' time had a great need for hearing the proclamation of the Good News and liberation. Can we ask ourselves: and now, is there not the same need? Are we not desiring good news in the same way and desiring that our spirit grow free of opposition?

It is true! Now, just as much as before, and more than ever, we need the life of God in our midst. We need to cast out our unclean spirits. Those that empty reality of meaning or falsify it.

Although it seems that many turn their backs on God or consider faith a thing of the past, they do not stop aspiring to a transcendent life. For that reason, we see that there is still a great longing for justice, peace, and love and the desire that poverty and suffering be overcome and that all would return to joy.

The mission continues to be necessary. Christ continues transmitting His own mission to us, the new disciples: priests, religious, and laity. And He transmits to us the same powers to expel unclean spirits. The unclean spirits of our epoch, as in the time of Jesus, are not the possessed but those that enslave us, those that impede our authentic liberty, those that hinder our life in God.

It is true! We need to rid ourselves of unclean spirits—ours and those of society. But who can obtain the gift of liberation for us? What institution in our society can satisfy our highest yearnings, our longing for God?

What are the unclean spirits that afflict me today?

1-Let us be of God.

No one shakes off his unclean spirits, his obsessions, anxieties, additions...if he is not sustained by the power of God.

Be the property of God, not of the oppressors of the world nor of your own fears and phantoms. Walk in the light, stop flirting with false gods and artificial utopias. In the end, you are alone, with your loved ones, and with God, but without contaminations, doubts, noises...

Make an alliance with God by way of your family and your environment. Exorcize without rites, only with your testimony and with the certainty that the Father of Jesus is with you.

2-Let us live in Reconciliation.

If Christ rehabilitated with his Blood when we were still sinners, with how much love will He free us from any evil spirit if we seek Him by reconciling our world?

Live with the strength of Christ, with His saving Blood. Live proud of your relationship with Him. Experience the precious gift of His Spirit when you are able to counsel, mediate, liberate.

3-Let us exercise our authority.

We, the baptized, are sent, on mission, a priestly kingdom, a holy nation. Free people from religious

ignorance. Get ready as did the first disciples, in a simple way and without attracting attention, moved by those who could be walking like sheep without a shepherd, maltreated and exhausted.

Exercise your authority over unclean spirits, casting them out from yourself, your life, your family, and your environment. Cure any disease and affliction with love.