

Exorcisms

The Judeo-Christian tradition and many other religions accept that humans can be possessed by demonic spirits. Catholics acknowledge that the devil exists and that he may have power over some people. The Bible recounts at least six instances of Jesus casting out demons.

But, please, don't believe everything you see in the movies. What makes good Hollywood is often far from the truth. There are countless exorcism-inspired films and what is claimed to be based on a true story is often widely exaggerated or even completely made up.

A lot of exorcisms were and are done based on ignorance. Almost all the physical healings done by television-evangelists or charismatic figures are false and often performed on people who are emotionally troubled and then the consequences can be terrible.

In 2003, an autistic eight year old boy in Milwaukee was killed during an exorcism by church members who blamed an invading spirit for his disability. In 2005, a young nun in Romania died at the hands of a priest during an exorcism after being bound to a cross and left to die. And on Christmas Day in 2010, in London, England, a fourteen year old boy was beaten and drowned to death by relatives trying to exorcise an evil spirit from him.

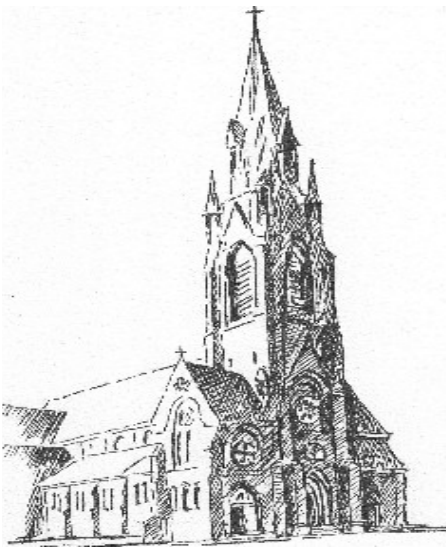
An exorcism can be performed only by a trained priest and only with the permission of his bishop. Pope Francis has advised priests who hear troubled confessions from parishioners to not hesitate to call on the services of an exorcist, chosen with great care and prudence.

In an exorcism, the demonic entity is commanded to leave the person, not by the authority of the priest, but "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit".

Before an exorcism is performed, the Church always investigates to be sure mental illness isn't involved, since treating this illness is the concern of medical science.

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8:30 am Portuguese
10:00 am Portuguese
11:30 am English
1:00 pm English

Weekday Masses
Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese
6:00 pm English
Saturday 5:00 pm English

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Friday of Every Month at 5:00 p.m.

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Baptism—Sundays
Baptisms will be booked by appointment only

Marriages
Please contact the priest 12 months in advance

Confessions
Every day before Mass, except on Sunday

Schools
St. Mary Elementary 416-393-5205
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XIV Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 9, 2023

First Reading (Zech 9:9-10) The messianic king is portrayed, not as a proud warrior, but as a humble and gentle champion of peace for all peoples.

Responsorial Psalm: I will bless your name for ever, my King and my God.

Second Reading (Rom 8:9.11-13) St. Paul contrasts life 'in the spirit' with life 'in the flesh'.

Gospel (Mt 11:25-30) Jesus reveals the Father to those who are 'little', and lightens the burdens of those who are humble.

The prophet Zechariah foretells the coming of the messianic king who will put an end to war to establish peace. It was as such a Messiah that Jesus entered Jerusalem before his passion. Matthew sees Jesus as fulfilling this prophecy. Jesus lightens the burdens of the poor and brings peace to the humble. His life is based on his unique relationship with the Father, a relationship which he wants to share with his disciples.

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I have made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord if You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart**

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

On Eagles' Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

**And He will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield

The Summons

Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?

You Are the Voice

**You are the voice of the living God,
Calling us now to live in your love,
To be children of God once again!**

1. Praise for the light
that shines through the night,
from darkness to light,
from death to new life,
and praise to the morning
that brings forth the sun,
to open our eyes to the Lord!
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2. Praise for the water that springs from the sea,
the seed that gives life to all who believe,
God's love overflowing, our hearts know the joy
to be daughters and sons of the Lord,
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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, 8 July

5:00 pm. Maria Liduina Cabral—João da Silva Loureiro & family intentions—Sarah Costello & Gilbert Sandrelli—Sasanjeewa Dias—Jose & Deolinda Rego—Adelino & Maria Romeiro—Antonio & Maria Rego—Jeremias Pereira

Sunday, 9 July

8:30 am. Olivia, João e Fernando Machado

10:00 am. Community—Jaime de Sousa—Abel Braga Ferreira—Agostinho Bruz—Intentions of Claire Virginia—Joaquim Lopes de Brito, parents & in-laws—Maria Augusta Sousa

11:30 am. José & Angelo Medeiros—Isabella Han

1:00 pm.

Monday, 10 July

9:00 am. Intention of Filomena & Jaime Melo

6:00 pm. Liberio & Conceição Ledo

Tuesday, 11 July

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Luciano & Rosa Borges, parents, siblings & souls in purgatory

Wednesday, 12 July

9:00 am. Vittorio & Attilia Bettio

6:00 pm. Ildeberto Camara

Thursday, 13 July

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Richard Vicente

Friday, dia 14 de July

9:00 am. José Medeiros

6:00 pm. Souls in purgatory

Saturday, 15 July

5:00 pm. José Manuel Oliveira Correia & intention of Luiza Correia—Maria dos Anjos Cordeiro—Maria Bruno