

From the desk of the Pastor

The Power of Blessed and Exorcised Holy Water

St Teresa of Jesus firmly believed in the power of sacramentals to grant grace and protection. On one occasion, there was an infestation of fleas in her convent, and she seemed to miraculously rid them from her convent through the use of Holy Water. She also commented that from nothing do evil spirits fly away faster and remain away for longer than from Holy Water. St. Teresa of Jesus is not alone in her appreciation for Holy Water. Many of the saints have recommended the regular use of Holy Water as a source of protection against the attacks of the enemy.

I remember as a young boy that my mother would often use Holy Water around the house. She regularly sprinkled the car and tires with Holy Water if we were going on a journey. I, myself, have developed the habit of making the sign of the cross with Holy Water each night before I go to bed.

The point of all this is an encouragement to all of you to consider making the use of Holy Water a regular part of your spiritual life. If we believe the testimony of the saints, we would make the use of Holy Water a common part of our daily lives. Priests who work as exorcists have testified that Holy Water is a powerful tool against the enemy. These men who confront the devil directly in the rite of exorcism use Holy Water as a part of the ritual because the devil and his fallen army loath the power that God has given to this simple element.

The prayer for the blessing and exorcising of the water mixed with salt manifests the power that God will infuse into the water if it is used with faith.

"O water, creature of God, I exorcise you in the name of God the Father (+) Almighty, and in the name of Jesus (+) Christ His Son, our Lord, and in the power of the Holy (+) Spirit. I exorcise you so that you may put to flight all the power of the enemy, and be able to root out and supplant that enemy with his apostate angels, through the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will come to judge the living and the dead and the world by fire. Amen."

This week, each family of the parish will be offered a small empty bottle. You are invited to fill the bottle with blessed and exorcised water from the baptismal font. I encourage everyone to immediately bless their homes and families with the powerful means of abating the influence of evil and calling down the blessings of God. All that is necessary is that with faith you would sprinkle your homes and family and cars with the Holy Water, invoking God's protection.

Peace,

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