



January 28, 2018 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Lectionary: 71 Gospel MK 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

Spiritual Reflection:

To the degree that your ego grows will your apostolic work be a failure. The more you allow your ego to die, so much the more will your apostolic work flourish (cf. Jn 3:30). – Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan

The demon is only concerned about himself. Jesus is concerned about others.

Spiritual Questions:

1. How selfish are you?
2. How does selfishness lead to evil acts?
3. How selfless are you?
4. What demons do you need to have Jesus drive out of you?
5. How can you manifest concern for others?