

An Article from the *National Catholic Register*

Four Exorcists Urge Day of Fasting, Prayer and Reparation Dec. 6

The priests suggest the Rosary and prayers to the Sacred Heart, as well as “some form of penance, such as fasting, abstinence and other forms of mortification”

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WASHINGTON — Four exorcists have issued a joint statement asking Catholics worldwide to dedicate Dec. 6 as a day of fasting, prayer and reparation, “for the purpose of driving out any diabolic influence within the Church that has been gained as a result of recent events.” The exorcists, who have requested anonymity due to the sensitivity of their ministries, cited in a particular way the controversy that took place during the recent Pan-Amazon Synod, when statues purportedly of Pachamama, a goddess worshiped by indigenous Andeans, were incorporated into various synod events.

“These events bring home the reality that we are in spiritual warfare,” they said in their statement, “and that warfare is happening with the Church itself.”

The full statement follows:

In light of recent events regarding the Pachamama ritual in the Vatican Gardens, the subsequent procession of the idol into St. Peter’s, as well as placing the idols in St. Maria in Traspontina church, we are reminded of the words of St. Paul (1 Corinthians 10:20), “Do I say, that what is offered in sacrifice to idols, is anything? Or, that the idol is anything? But the things which the heathens sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God. And I would not that you should be made partakers with devils.”

The Psalms (95:5) tell us that “all the gods of the Gentiles are devils: but the Lord made the heavens.” These events bring home the reality that (Ephesians 6:12) “our wrestling is not against flesh and blood; but against principalities and power, against the rulers of the world of this darkness, against the spirits of wickedness in the high places.” These events bring home the reality that we are in spiritual warfare and that warfare is happening within the Church, itself.

We are, therefore, encouraging all Catholics who recognize the evil of the events to join us in a day of prayer and penance on December 6th, for the purpose of driving out any diabolic influence within the Church that

has been gained as a result of these recent events — along with any other events.

We are asking all of those who participate to do the following for this intention:

- 1.) say the Rosary;
- 2.) take on some form of penance, such as fasting, abstinence and other forms of mortification;
- 3.) to offer the prayers to the Sacred Heart, as seen below.

Other recommended acts which we encourage others to do for this intention is make a Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament and attend Mass that day, offering the merits of the Mass for this intention.

May the Divine Mercy rest upon all of us.

Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O sweet Jesus, Whose overflowing charity for men is requited by so much forgetfulness, negligence and contempt, behold us prostrate before Thy altar eager to repair by a special act of homage the cruel indifference and injuries, to which Thy loving Heart is everywhere subject.

Mindful alas! that we ourselves have had a share in such great indignities, which we now deplore from the depths of our hearts, we humbly ask Thy pardon and declare our readiness to atone by voluntary expiation not only for our own personal offenses, but also for the sins of those, who, straying far from the path of salvation, refuse in their obstinate infidelity to follow Thee, their Shepherd and Leader, or, renouncing the vows of their baptism, have cast off the sweet yoke of Thy Law.

We are now resolved to expiate each and every deplorable outrage committed against Thee; we are determined to make amends for the manifold offenses against Christian modesty in unbecoming dress and behavior, for all the foul seductions laid to ensnare the feet of the innocent, for the frequent violations of Sundays and holidays, and the shocking blasphemies uttered against Thee and Thy Saints.

We wish also to make amends for the insults to which Thy Vicar on earth and Thy priests are subjected, for the profanation, by conscious neglect or terrible acts of sacrilege, of the very Sacrament of Thy Divine Love; and lastly for the public crimes of nations who resist the rights and teaching authority of the Church which Thou hast founded.

Would, O divine Jesus, we were able to wash away such abominations with our blood. We now offer, in reparation for these violations of Thy divine honor, the satisfaction Thou didst once make to Thy eternal Father on the cross and which Thou dost continue to renew

daily on our altars; we offer it in union with the acts of atonement of Thy Virgin Mother and all the Saints and of the pious faithful on earth; and we sincerely promise to make recompense, as far as we can with the help of Thy grace, for all neglect of Thy great love and for the sins we and others have committed in the past.

Henceforth we will live a life of unwavering faith, of purity of conduct, of perfect observance of the precepts of the gospel and especially that of charity. We promise to the best of our power to prevent other from offending Thee and to bring as many as possible to follow Thee.

O loving Jesus, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our model in reparation, deign to receive the voluntary offering we make of this act of expiation; and by the crowning gift of perseverance keep us faithful unto death in our duty and the allegiance we owe to Thee, so that we may one day come to that happy home, where Thou with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

An Article from Catholiceducation.org

Solitary Sex

GRACE MACKINNON

Dear Grace, What is the Catholic Church's teaching on masturbation? Is it viewed as a mortal sin or as a venial sin? Could it prevent us from getting into heaven?

In 1975, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a Declaration on Certain Problems of Sexual Ethics, and it is this document that the Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes regarding this issue. "Both the Magisterium of the Church, in the course of a constant tradition, and the moral sense of the faithful have been in no doubt and have firmly maintained that masturbation is an intrinsically and gravely disordered action" (CCC# 2352). Whatever the motive, solitary sex in itself contradicts the meaning of human sexuality, which is meant by God to be shared between a man and a woman in marriage.

You ask if masturbation is viewed as a mortal or venial sin. Remember, that for a sin to be mortal, three conditions must together be met. It has to be a very serious and grave matter, which is committed with full knowledge and with deliberate consent. What we are saying is that for it to be mortal sin, it would have to be done deliberately, knowing that it is not what God wishes for us and without any regard for that. In order to judge the morality of a human act, certain conditions have to be considered. The Church recognizes, for example, that in the practice of masturbation,

psychological factors including adolescent immaturity, lack of psychological balance, and even ingrained habit can influence a person's behavior, and this could lessen or even eliminate moral responsibility.

The condition that many persons claim for their innocence regarding masturbation is habit, and we certainly know how difficult habits are to break. We must keep in mind, however, that habit does not completely destroy the voluntary nature of our acts. As Christians who are going to be held accountable for our actions, we must strive to unite ourselves to the Lord and, therefore, do all we can to curb or eliminate all habits that detach us from Him. So, if a person is masturbating and knows fully that it is wrong, and does it willingly without doing anything to resist, then he or she is guilty of grave sin.

The best thing a person can do if they are in doubt about the morality of any sexual activity is to talk to his or her confessor, a priest. After listening to all of the circumstances and conditions surrounding an individual's actions, he will make a judgment and give the proper guidance. Sometimes, professional help will have to be sought. But we should be careful with this because some professionals will actually encourage masturbation, and this would be wrong. God knows that we will sometimes fail but He does expect us to do our best to live according to His ways. He knows when we have done all we can to resist sin. If we have done that and have acknowledged and confessed our sin, then we can rest in the knowledge that we will enjoy a glorious happiness with Him in heaven one day.

Wisdom of The Dialogue of St. Catherine

Summary of Chapter 38. [See last bulletin online for context.] For those who go to hell at the second reproof...three principle vices led them to hell: selfishness, self-conceit, and pride. The Father says: "So also, I tell you, in hell there are four principal torments, and all the others are offspring of these." The four are: (1) These souls are deprived of seeing the Father. (2) Their conscience bothers them for eternity. (3) They see the devil in all his horror. (4) A perpetual spiritual fire torments their souls. They go to hell because they would not change their ways during their lifetime, as God tried to correct them for their false judgments and injustice. [E.g., God tells us, through His Church, to be at Mass every Sunday. It is a false judgment and an injustice against God to skip Mass on purpose.] The Father: "And when I reproved them a second time as they died, they would not hope, nor were they sorry for having offended Me but only for their own plight. So now they have reaped eternal death."

Paul, Apostle of Christ Movie Fellowship; Bring Your Family Members and Friends

-St. Anne, Wednesday, November 20. Potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m.; movie begins at 6:30 p.m.

-St. Bernard, Friday, November 22. Mass at 5:45 p.m. followed by a potluck meal; movie begins at 7 p.m.

-St. Ignatius, Sunday, November 24. Right after the 1 p.m. Mass we will head over to Mark and Debbie’s house for a potluck meal and the movie.

Christ the King Weekend

Next weekend is Christ the King weekend. We will pray the Litany of Christ the King and proclaim Jesus as King of our lives and of our two counties.

Thanksgiving Day Mass at OLS at 9:30 a.m.

Followed by a Patriotic Rosary

“Orphan” Thanksgiving Dinner

If you and your family do not have plans for Thanksgiving, join Fr. Peter and others for Thanksgiving dinner. Thanksgiving Day, 4 p.m. until ? at Our Lady of the Snow. Fr. Peter will make a turkey; bring something that you enjoy to share with others. Please call the office to let us know how many are coming: 970-887-0032

Thanksgiving Weekend Second Collection

We will take a second collection on Nov 30 and Dec 1 for the “Christmas families” we sponsor each year. This year we are working closely with Mountain Family Center. Please make checks payable to “Mountain Family Center.” We will make sure they get to this wonderful organization who works with the poor of the local community.

Christmas Mass Schedule

This year Christmas falls on a Wednesday. Ten Masses are available! The least crowded Masses at St. Bernard are on Christmas Eve at 8:15 p.m. and on Christmas Day at 7 a.m.

-Tuesday Evening (Christmas Eve), December 24

St. Bernard, 4:30 and 6:30 and 8:15 p.m.

Our Lady of the Snow, 5 p.m.

St. Anne, 5 p.m.

-Wednesday, December 25

St. Bernard, 7 and 9 a.m.

Our Lady of the Snow, 9:30 a.m.

St. Peter (Kremmling), 10 a.m.

St. Ignatius (Walden), 1 p.m.

Phone Problems

We just discovered that our phone programming was scrambled, and we did not know about messages we were receiving. (Some messages were being recorded properly on our main line, and some were not.) We apologize if you called the office in the last 19 months and did not receive a return call. [We will repeat this message for a few weeks.]

US Air Force Academy Cadet Choir Coming

On Martin Luther King weekend (January 17-19), the cadets will sing at on Saturday evening and Sunday morning—churches to be determined. The cadets would arrive on Friday evening about 8 p.m. and depart after Mass on Sunday.

If you want to sponsor some cadets this year, please call Angela at the office, 970-887-0032, x5. As usual, you would house them, feed them, and take them to the churches for their sung Masses.

Calendar of Events

-**Nov 20 (Wed)**. Potluck-Movie Night, StA, 6:30 p.m.

-**Nov 22 (Fri)**. Mass-Potluck-Movie Night, StB, 5:45 p.m.

-**Nov 23 (Sat)**. Seasonal 5:30 p.m. Mass begins at StB until March 28.

-**Dec 6 (Fri)**. Day of fasting and prayer in reparation for pagan rituals within the Church on earth.

-**Dec 12 (Thu)**. OL of Guadalupe Mass at St. Peter and Our Lady of the Snow, 6:30 p.m. Fiesta afterward.

Mass Collections, November 9 – 10

St. Anne	\$ 1904
St. Bernard	1029
Our Lady of the Snow	1557
St. Peter	406
St. Ignatius	<u>609</u>
Total	\$ 5505

Vocations Prayer Calendar

Please pray for our seminarians every day.

Sat—Daniel Rivas & Jose Medina

Sun—Jhan Pierre Reyes & Peter Srsich

Mon—John Stapleton & Michael Tran

Tue—Daniel Pereira & Nelson Woodbury

Wed—Bro. Peter Xavier and Holy vocations to marriage

Thu—Men in our family lines called to the priesthood

Fri—Increase in vocations to priesthood/religious life

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StA, StB, and OLS

KEY: StA = St. Anne; StB = St. Bernard;

OLS = Our Lady of the Snow

-Sat, Nov 16, StA, 5 p.m., People in our region/visitors

-Sun, Nov 17, StB, 7 a.m., Tim and Trish McNutt

-Sun, Nov 17, OLS, 9:30 a.m., John/Christine Beauchamp

Weekday Masses

-Mon, Nov 18, StA, 8:30 a.m., +Sue Jeffery

-Tue, Nov 19, OLS, 7:30 a.m., Dan and Diane Bielski

-Wed, Nov 20, StB, 8:30 a.m., Scott and Donna Webb

-**Thu**, Nov 21, **OLS, 8:30 a.m.**, Reparation and Healing

-**Fri**, Nov 22, **OLS, 8:30 a.m.**, Peter/Kathleen Brownell

-**Fri**, Nov 22, **StB, 5:45 p.m.**, Joseph and Annette Burbach

Mass Intentions and Schedule for StP and StI

KEY: StP = St. Peter; StI = St. Ignatius (Walden)

-Sun, Nov 17, StP, 10 a.m., People in our region/visitors

-Sun, Nov 17, StI, 1 p.m., All Souls #5