

I've learned a little bit about health and doctors in the past couple of years - what with almost dying from undiagnosed Diabetes and rising from the dead - so to speak.

One thing I'm finding interesting is the number of people who are diagnosed with a chronic illness, treat it for a while, and when the symptoms abate, assume they are miraculously healed.

They are - as we used to say - "cruisin' for a bruisin'" as it were. In essence the chronic illness doesn't just magically disappear; but instead symptoms lessen, or else people get acclimated to the symptoms.

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us an interesting example near the end ... speaking of when an evil spirit leaves someone, and then comes back with reinforcements.

In our own lives, we cannot live half-good lives. If we leave the door open to sin, we will sin. If we leave the door open to evil, we will choose evil.

As we heard a couple of weeks ago - "You cannot serve both God and money."

Let me paraphrase that - "We cannot serve both God and the devil."

As we approach this altar to receive the Sacred Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, let us pray for the grace of a complete conversion to Christ. Let us search out the darker areas of our hearts and invite Christ in ... and evict anything or anyone who is opposed to Christ.

Let us effect our complete "cure" from sin and the flesh ... by opening our hearts completely to Christ and His grace, and His love, and His mercy.