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Dear Parishioners:

Jesus encounters people on a heart-felt level because that is what distinguishes us from the rest of God's creation. We humans are blessed with relating with God deep within us to the point that we become spiritual people. Our humanity is defined on the Holy Spirit level within us or as St. Paul indicates: "we are temples of the Holy Spirit".

Sometimes Jesus casts out demons from people where demons are evil spirits within people's hearts that make Jesus the enemy. The authority of Jesus to cast out demons is indicative of how the Holy Spirit liberates and calms a demon-prone person(s). God clarifies through Jesus that the core of our unique humanity is that we have an inner life guided by the Holy Spirit. God's love runs heart deep within us and sets us free from the demons that cheapen the dignity of the human person.

Although God provides for all of creation, we humans are provided with the saving authority of Jesus that sets us free on the heart-felt level. Prayerful meditation will help us connect with Jesus deep within us and help appreciate that what distinguishes us from the rest of creation is how God makes us "temples of the Holy Spirit" and, thus, spiritual people.

With you in our unique humanity,

Fr. Terry