

Luke 8:1-3

¹ Afterward [Jesus] journeyed from one town and village to another, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. Accompanying him were the Twelve ² and some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³ Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their resources.

Mark 19:9

⁹ When [Jesus] had risen, early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons.

We all remember the appearance of angels in the bible; the angel that stayed Abrahams hand to prevent him sacrificing his son, the Angel that came to Mary to announce the conception of Jesus, the Angels who sang of Jesus' birth.

Demons are real too. They appear in the Bible just as angels do.

Believe that they exist today.

How many of you were at Fall Retreat last year?

Who remembers the problems we had with having mass and even adoration?

How many of you realize that on that Saturday afternoon and evening we were in full-fledged spiritual warfare?

The battle started with no vestments for the priest to consecrate the host for mass, which also meant no host for adoration. The core team proposed and rejected several ideas to proceed with adoration.

When you guys realized what was happening, you spontaneously gathered together in groups and began to pray. The first counter attack.

And when Joe and Deacon Ivan returned with a monstrance and a consecrated host adoration was on.

But how many of you realized that the core team formed a circle around you all? A perimeter guard duty. We wielded our weapons of prayer and waged battle the whole time constantly for you guys to experience adoration and to keep the enemy away.

The devil did everything he could to prevent us from having mass and adoration. He did everything he could to prevent the real presence of Christ at our retreat.

But remember this; Christ NEVER leaves you. It is we who sometimes leave him. It is the enemy who tempts us to abandon Christ. It's up to us to continuously fight the battle and defeat the enemy.