

Daily Message from Msgr. Dennis...

Saturday, March 21, 2020



Dear Parishioners and Friends ~

This morning's Readings for Mass are from Hosea 6:1-6, Psalm 52 and Luke 18:9-14.

It makes me wonder, were they written for us today, or has today come about during these Scriptures? Hosea speaks again of how we have been struck by events, but God is faithful to us and will raise us up from the gloom and fear that covers us now. In the gospel Jesus' parable of the two men praying in the Temple - how the one who was looked down upon was raised up while the other who thinks he had it all, had it all wrong. These days of Lent, particularly these days of uncertainty, are reminders once again of our duty before God. Perhaps we've become too complacent in our relationship with God. Perhaps we've become too comfortable while ignoring the needs of the world around us. Perhaps we've become too accepting of the secular view of everything at the expense of the importance of God in our lives. Now, brought to our needs, we realize how little we are in control and how important life in Christ is to us. The Eucharist, Christ's living presence among us, denied us for awhile, will actually bring us back to God with mind, heart and lives renewed; more aware of and faithful to our God. We are working to put together live-stream of our parish liturgies for Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday. Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday will all be celebrated at San Rafael though modified quite a bit. Once we are set I'll let you know the times so you can celebrate with us via live-stream. (Hey, in the words of Sgt. Schultz on Hogan's Heroes: "I know NOTHING..." about this kind of thing so I have parishioners trying to figure it out for us. Lectors and Musicians of the Parish: If any of you are willing to help us in this venture (Just us and not open to the public, and keeping proper social distances) please email me and let me know. I'll be sure to get in touch with you. My email address is frdennis@sanrafaelparish.org Fr. Niru and I will celebrate Mass for the 4th Sunday of Lent tomorrow, March 22, at 10 a.m. in the church. Although we are not yet set up for live-stream and you can't join us in person, please set aside 10 - 10:30 a.m. for a time of quiet prayer and reflection at home, joining us spiritually for all of our intentions. Don't forget to read the bulletin, found at www.sanrafaelparish.org.

Blessings,
Monsignor Dennis Mikulanis
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