

Daily Message from Msgr. Dennis...

Sunday, March 22, 2020



Dear Parishioners and Friends ~

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Laetare Sunday: Praised Be Jesus Christ. Scripture Readings for the day: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41 Today's gospel tells about Jesus curing the man born blind. Other people laughed at and scorned the man when he presented himself to the authorities after Jesus healed him but he stood firm in his faith in the one who healed him, Jesus Christ. We were born spiritually blind but the grace of baptism opened our eyes to the wonder of God and has allowed us the ability to see and understand right from wrong, truth from falsehood. That doesn't mean, though, that we don't sometimes close our eyes to the truth and wander off down the dark path of sin. However, Christ in His love sees our distress and helps restore our self-induced blindness. Always remember it is Christ alone who is our hope and our salvation. The false prophets of politics and media cult won't save us. The narcotic of temporary pleasure and the foolishness of popular opinion only deepen the darkness. When challenged in your faith, as the formerly blind man was challenged in his, reconfirm your faith in the One who saves and know the source of our salvation. Hopefully all of our parishioners are doing well during these difficult days. Be calm. Watch only the headline news and avoid the 24 hour talking heads who only make matters worse. When you go to the store to buy NECESSARY items don't be a hoarder but remember others have needs as well. If you subscribe to the Union-Tribune read the comics, especially Pearl Before Swine. THEY make you laugh! Fr. Niru and I are praying for you and offering Mass for you daily in our small, rectory chapel. We'd live stream that if we knew how. We are working on setting up live stream for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. I'm confident we'll be able to do that and I'll let you know when it's available. Palm Sunday is two weeks from today. We will bless palms on Palm Sunday (sadly, privately) and then we will put the blessed palms in a container on the front patio of the church and you will be able to drive by and pick up your blessed palm to take home. Be kind to one another. Kids, be patient. Husbands and wives - love one another and hug one another. We'll get through this. If your faith starts to weaken, prayerfully read Psalm 46. That will be a big help. "The love of Christ impels us ..." (2 Cor. 5:14)

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