

Daily Message from Msgr. Dennis...

Tuesday, March 24, 2020



Dear Parishioners and Friends ~

Scriptures for the Day: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46, Jn 5:1-16

Why all this panic about buying bottled water at the store? The tap water is perfectly fine. Water is so important to us in many ways. Consider today's Readings. The water flowing from every direction of the Temple showed the prophet that the Lord God is the source of all good and all life in the world. In effect, the life-giving water of God creates a new Eden for the faithful. The waters of the Pool of Bethesda had curative powers (not unlike Lourdes) when the Angel Raphael, whose role was to bring healing, stirred the waters and healed those fortunate to bathe in them. Jesus proves Himself to be the living water of eternal life when He cured the unfortunate man who never got to the Pool of Bethesda in time.

What needs healing in our lives? The waters of Baptism washed away the stain of Original Sin and brought us into the presence of God granting us access to eternal Eden, fully healthy and alive in the Lord. Are you troubled by all that's going on (and who isn't)? Take some time and prayerfully, slowly read the Responsorial Psalm for today, Psalm 46.

Please check out parish social media pages. If we did things properly we are now recording daily Mass and have posted it on our parish Facebook page, our Parish App and website. If we didn't do it right just be patient. We'll get it right sooner rather than later. We also plan to live-stream Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday.

Tomorrow, March 25th, is the Feast of the Annunciation when Mary said "Yes" to be the mother of Christ. How grateful we are for that profound act of faith on her part. Pope Francis has called on the Catholic world to join him at 12:00 noon, wherever you are, by stopping and saying just one Our Father for an end to the scourge of the Corona Virus devastating the world. Let's all join him -- and why stop with just one Our Father? If you have time, how about reciting a rosary at 12 noon for that purpose?

Some good news: We have found a new supplier for votive candles. After Easter we will lower the cost of votive candles from \$10.00 to \$7.00. That's a good deal for everyone - and what is \$1.00 a day for a candle to serve as a silent reminder of our prayer before the Throne of God? Remember: "The love of Christ impels us ..." 2 Cor. 5:14

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