

# Daily Message from Msgr. Dennis...

Thursday, March 26, 2020



Dear Parishioners and Friends ~

**Daily Readings:** Exodus 32:7-14; Psalm 106:19-23; John 5:31-47

I hope everyone has been able to log in and find our daily Mass online now. The first few days were trial and error. Fr. Niru and I, working with Cheryl who is working from home, hope we've got the wrinkles ironed out. This is a wonderful way to stay in touch with everyone, knowing that we are united in the Eucharist and praying for one another. Since we can't have Holy Communion in person may I suggest making an Act of Spiritual Communion during communion time, which was composed by St. Alphonsus Liguori. We will also try to remember this during our live-streamed and recorded Masses at San Rafael so those watching can share in the spiritual communion with us:

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:** *My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

Now that we have purchased a camera for the parish that enables us to live-stream events Fr. Niru and I will live-stream Stations of the Cross this coming Friday at 7:00 p.m. (Well, we're both still new at this, I more than Fr. Niru who is of the I.T. generation). We will also live-stream Sunday Mass at 10:00 a.m. That seems to be a good middle time amongst our regular Mass times. I would love to have musicians but I don't want to risk their health by having too many show up. However, for the Holy Week Services we will have a pianist and at least two cantors to help us celebrate the sacred days. Also, I mentioned a few days ago that we have a new supplier of vigil candles and thus can lower the cost of the candles from \$10.00 to \$7.00 apiece for your devotional use. They will be available once we are allowed into the church again.

Thank you to our faithful parishioners who continue to send in their offering envelopes or contribute online. Our bills continue to be paid and we are paying our staff as well. Please don't forget to send in your offering or, if you prefer, hang on to it until we come to Mass again. Our Parish Increased Offering Campaign, "Pray, Serve, Receive," has been put on hiatus until we get back to normal. We aren't forgetting it but in good conscience I can't be bothering you all with this now.

One last thought for the day (taken from an email sent to me; more will follow each day): Going outdoors is not cancelled, listening to music is not cancelled, quality time with our families is not cancelled, reading a book is not cancelled, telephoning friends and neighbors to see how they're doing is not cancelled, singing outloud is not cancelled (though for some maybe it ought to be!), laughing has not been cancelled, home prayer and bible reading has not been cancelled, sharing HOPE with others has not been cancelled. Let's EMBRACE what we have."

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