

Daily Message from Msgr. Dennis...

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Good Day to you Dear Parishioners:

Boy! Did it rain last night or what? Earlier in the day I looked at the weather app on my smart phone (which increasingly makes ME feel dumb) and it said that there was a 40% chance of "showers" at 9 p.m. At 9 p.m. the heavens opened up and a deluge hit Rancho Bernardo. It continued off and on for at least 40 minutes when I went to bed. (I love the sound of rain on the roof when I'm in bed.) This morning the air was cold and crisp, the yards were clean, the plants were sparkling in the sunlight with the water on them from the rain, and the newspaper deliverer properly wrapped the Union-Tribune and paper wasn't soaked through! What a glorious day! Despite the trials and tribulations that come our way in our lives the Lord still lets us know that He's thinking of us. Little things like a clear sky, clean air, leaves sparkling with rainwater let us know that despite the troubles we currently encounter there are signs of life that make us smile. The Book of Leviticus, from the Office of Readings these past few days, tells about the frustration of Moses and God while dealing with the Hebrew Children in the desert during the Exodus. Sometimes we can't seem to see beyond the immediate here and now and we grumble and complain against God which causes Moses to say "What's wrong with you people?" While we keep our feet in the present we must always look forward to the future. There's no use in looking back, either, because that keeps us from going forward in hope. So, like a beautiful, clear, crisp morning after a night of torrential rain we are reminded that God takes care of us despite the challenges of life. Sooner or later we'll get out of the desert and enter the Promised Land. In other words, regarding our present situation; This too shall pass. Just keep your eyes fixed on the Lord as our ancestors have since God first called Abraham.

If you are searching for a consistent form of daily prayer why not embrace Liturgy of the Hours (a.k.a. the Breviary). The Liturgy of hours sanctifies different hours of the day: Office of Readings can be done at any time but is usually done first thing, then there is Morning Prayer, Daytime Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayers. You can download the Breviary on your smart phone. For iPhone users the app is iBreviary. It's free and available to everyone.

Humor for the day in this time of self-quarantine: A family received a text from their cleaning lady which said: "Our cleaning lady just called and told us she will be working from home and will send us instructions on what to do." ☐

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