

Daily Message from Msgr. Dennis...

Tuesday, March 31, 2020



Dear Parishioners:

Tuesday, 5th Week of Lent: Readings for the Day – Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 Jn 8:21-30

We seem to be getting better at live-streaming daily Mass at 8:00 a.m. and recording it for those who wish to view it later. It's remarkable, but we're getting literally hundreds of viewers each day tuning in. Perhaps this time of isolation (brought about the evil one, no doubt) is helping us all to realize the need and central importance of God in our lives, as well as giving us a greater appreciation for the Eucharist. Pray that this COVID-19 scourge on the planet ends soon. Pray for those medical personnel on the front lines of those caring for their patients and for the scientists around the world who are working to find a cure and a vaccination against it. We will be live streaming Holy Week services beginning with Palm Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Palms will be blessed at that Mass. After Mass blessed palms will be available in the vestibule of the church on Sunday through Wednesday for those who wish to come by and take a few home. The schedule for Holy Week live-stream services will be posted here on Palm Sunday.

Looking for Strength in Sacred Scripture: "What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor lie, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:35, 37-39)

Pray Often: "Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to Thy protection or sought Thy help was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence I fly unto Thee O Virgin of Virgins my mother. To Thee I come, before Thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petition but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen." Let us keep in mind the Blessed Mother's maternal love for all her children, enfold us in the mantle of her love, and protect us from all evil – especially the evil of this modern plague.

A Bit of Humor: A harried mother goes to Kentucky Fried Chicken to get the kids something to eat. They wanted the kids meal with a leg so the mother says to the person on the other side of the speaker: "Three kids meal with a leg" and the lady taking the order says "which side?" The mom was struck silent as she thought such an odd decision: "I guess the right side" she said; I don't know what the difference is." After several moments of laughter coming over the intercom the lady inside says: "No, Dearie, which side would you like to go with the leg? Mashed potatoes or wedges?" (Jesus, take the wheel. It's been a long day.)

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