

Daily Message from Msgr. Dennis...

Friday, April 17, 2020



Friday of Easter Week Readings: Acts 4:1-12 Psalm 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a John 21:1-14

Dear Parishioners:

We've all heard the expression "Can't see the forest for the trees" meaning that we can be blinded to the truth of things by our own pre-conceived notions or prejudices. Today's gospel from the Gospel of John brings that home to us. The 21st chapter of John has always spoken very powerfully to me because it strikes me as how often I have been like the disciples of Jesus not being able to see or understand clearly what has been asked of me thus muddying my response to Him. "Can't see the forest for the trees" so aptly describes the response of many of us to the Lord's call. The apostles have returned to Galilee, their home turf where they felt more comfortable and at peace. It has been well over a week since the resurrection (it has to be since a journey from Jerusalem to Galilee in those days was about a seven day walk) and they're doing what they know: fishing. Jesus appears on the shore, at first no one recognizes Jesus until John does, then impetuous Peter puts clothes *on* rather than takes clothes *off* and jumps into the water to swim to shore - only about 100 yard away. Eventually they all come to recognize the risen Lord. (Read further in Jn 21 - the heart touching encounter between Peter and Jesus). What about us? Do we let our concerns, worries, grief, doubts, impatience, anxiety get in the way of recognizing the risen Lord Jesus Christ in our lives? Can we see the forest? Be at peace. The Lord is walking with us through the darkness of doubt and uncertainty to the bright promise of a new tomorrow.

Sunday Mass will be live streamed from San Rafael this coming Sunday, April 19th, 10:00 a.m. Try to join us by livestream even though you can't be with us in person in the church.

Confessions will still be heard on Saturdays, 3:30 - 4:40 p.m. (or ending earlier if people stop coming). Confessions will be heard only behind the screen, no face to face confessions, in the confessional behind the altar on the north side of the church.

A Little Humor: Anyone else's car getting 3 weeks to the gallon at the moment? And just like that: Having a mask, rubber gloves, duct tape, plastic sheeting and rope in your trunk is okay.

Stay safe. Maintain Social Distancing. Stay home unless absolutely necessary to leave. Stay well. Help do your part to defeat the coronavirus.

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