

Daily Message from Msgr. Dennis...

Thursday, April 2, 2020



Dear Parishioners:

Wednesday, April 2: Readings for the Day: Gen 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59

April 1st, April Fool's Day, came and went. Did anyone "fool" anyone else? I was tempted to announce that I'd won the California State Lottery for a bazillion dollars -- then say "APRIL FOOL!" But I chickened out.

As we get closer to Holy Week we see the life of Jesus taking every darker turn. Nothing He says seems to be making an impression on the "doubters" and "deniers" and the time of His passion and death are fast approaching. There plenty of Doubters and Deniers of the existence, much less the goodness of God. However, those who believe rest assured in God's loving presence and can face the uncertain future with greater calmness of spirit. Always keep that in mind. When things go wrong, as they sometime will, look to Christ who can soothe a hurting heart, calm a personal tempest, give light in a dark situation. What else is there?

Today our bishops and the deans of the diocese (Thank God I'm no longer a dean - it's a LOT of work) will celebrate the Chrism Mass at 4:00 p.m. at the Church of the Immaculata. This is the Mass where the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed and the Sacred Chrism is consecrated, all of which will be used during the coming year. It is also the Mass when the priests of the diocese renew their promises of loyalty and fidelity to the Church. Please pray for all of our priests this afternoon that the Lord will continue to bless them for His ministry. If you wish to view the Chrism Mass you can find it live-streamed at www.sdatholic.org and you will be directed to the proper site.

A Little Humor: Meanwhile, back in the COVID era:

- Many parents are about to discover that the teacher is not the problem!
- Sneezes went from "bless you" to "Back off" real quick.
- First time in history we can save the human race by lying in front of the TV and doing nothing. Let's not mess it up.
- What's worse: two masked guys trying to robe you or your unmasked pizza delivery guy?
- Day 12 with Judge Judy. Found a guy sitting on my couch. Apparently he's my husband. He seems nice.
- If you need 144 rolls of toilet paper for a 14 day quarantine, you probably should have been seeing a doctor long before now.

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