

# Daily Message from Msgr. Dennis...

Thursday, Second Week of Easter, April 23, 2020



Readings: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34: 2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

The daily prayers from the Breviary (a.k.a. Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours) that the ordained are obligated to pray for the good and welfare of the Church have taken on greater meaning these days. The Office (from Latin, *officium* – meaning duty/obligation) is divided into several hours of the day; hence, “liturgy of the hours.” They are: Office of Readings, Morning Prayer, Daytime Prayer, Evening Prayer, Night Prayer. It’s amazing how the psalms and their message speak to the heart of what is going on and what we are going through with this pandemic. While we might think this is the worst time in history for us the psalms, which were hymns written with various themes and emotions, tell us that the human race has been through it all before and that those faithful to God eventually emerge in to the light and warmth of a new day. Those are good lessons for us. In the breviary’s Office of Readings that follow Easter we read from the Book of Revelation and this year what John has to say in Revelations also tells us that those who are faithful to the Lord don’t and won’t always have it easy, but that faithfulness to Christ and His Church will help us emerge victorious. It’s amazing how calming a prayerful reading of the Liturgy of the Hours is.

The Liturgy of the Hours is a good prayer resource for anyone. The books can be bought at Amazon or Autom.com, most commonly known as Christian Prayer, although the single volume lacks the Office of Readings. It can also be downloaded onto a smartphone or iPad or Android at iBreviary.com (free of charge though at times a donation is requested). It’s really worth the effort.

**A Little Humor:** A man said: “One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift. The next year I didn’t buy her a gift. When she asked me why, I replied, “Well, you still haven’t used the gift I bought you last year.” And that’s how the fight started.

AND TO BE FAIR:

One night a man was getting ready for bed and was standing in the bathroom looking at himself in the mirror. His wife could tell he was unhappy so she asked him what was wrong. “I feel horrible” the man said. “I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment.” His wife replied: “Your eyesight’s darned near perfect.” And then fight started.

Yesterday’s riddle: There are five eggs in the basket. Five people each take one of the eggs. How can it be that one egg remains in the basket?

Ready for the answer? Here it is.

The last person took the basket with the last egg still in it.

And remember: No matter how much you push the envelope, it’ll still be stationery. ☹

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