

Daily Message from Msgr. Dennis...

Monday, April 27, 2020 ~ Third Week of Easter



Readings: Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

You might have noticed with the listing of the Daily Readings for Mass that sometimes the Psalm Response goes from one verse another and skips one or more verses in between the sequence. Why does it do that? The Answer: I haven't a clue. Maybe the liturgists who selected the readings think it creates a better flow of a certain them by skipping around. I don't know.

There's quite a contrast today between the gospel and the first reading. In the gospel people were scurrying about like ants looking for Jesus. He wasn't where they thought He was, then they went to find Him where He'd fed the multitude, then they finally found Him in Capernaum. Put yourself in that scene and try to picture all the confusion and running about. Why were the crowds interested in Jesus? He as much tells them that all they wanted to see was another magic show, and then He begins to set them straight. Now, compare their actions to that of Stephen. He knew the truth of Jesus and he was compelled to preach the Good News despite opposition and harassment. So what are we looking for from the Lord: a magic show to entertain us or a deeply felt knowledge and love for Christ and the compulsion to free Him regardless of any obstacles placed in our way?

For some time now we've had problems trying to secure the pastoral center because people have been caught climbing over the locked gate to get in. A good deal of vandalism has taken place in the process. The restrooms are now on permanent lock down until the building is back in full use and a new security fence has been put over the outside steps of the pastoral center to keep vandals and a gang of kids from breaking into our building. It didn't work. On Saturday two of the young teenagers who have been a problem couldn't get in over the gate so they climbed the wall to get in. They were caught and the ringleader's father was summoned who came to get the little hooligan. The police know about it all and urge us simply to keep an eye out on things. If you're walking by and you see these kids (early teenagers) skateboarding around the property (which the police have told them not to do) DO NOT CONFRONT THEM, but please let us know the time, date and place you saw them. By the way, the ringleader's name is Noah.

A Little Humor: It's like being 16 again. Gas is cheaper and I'm grounded! And we need to change who is in charge of this pandemic crisis. Three phone calls and Radar, from M*A*S*H, could've had masks, gloves, ventilators, PPE, 12 year old Scotch, Rocky Road ice cream and grape flavored Nehi!

If you replace "W" with "T" in "What, Where and When," you get the answer to each of them.

Stay Safe! Stay Sane! Stop listening to the news 7/24.

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