

Daily Message from Msgr. Dennis...

Saturday, April 4, 2020



Dear Parishioners:

Saturday April 4, 2020 Readings: Ex 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56

Not too long ago we experienced the Spring Solstice here in the Northern Hemisphere when the days started to get longer. It will reach its climax on June 21, the summer solstice, the longest daylight of the year. After a the waning daylight of Autumn and the dark of Winter many people look to Spring and Summer as a time of renewal and new life. Liturgically, though, as we can see from the daily Scriptures presented to us for Lent the days are actually getting darker. The time of the dark, frightening days of Jesus' passion and death loom on the horizon. However, we know from experience that even these dark days give way to the bright promise of God's presence and love on Easter Sunday when Christ is raised from the dead, bursts forth from the tomb and restores unquenchable, eternal light. If we're feeling a bit down and out right now, cooped up with self-isolation and social distancing don't forget that this too shall pass. Make this time a period of deeper, personal reflection and growth.

1. Turn off the television and stop watching the 24 hour news that has nothing good to say. Get the facts of the day and move on. If you can't live without the television on, try "The Golden Girls" for a laugh!
2. Read the news in the paper first but don't dwell over it – and move right into the comics which provide a little "light"-hearted amusement.
3. Read a book! Remember what those are? Surely there's got to be one or two lying around the house. If you've read it before, read it again.
4. Set a daily schedule and stick to it, and make part of it time for daily prayer. Ideally, you can find a few moments of silence – silence --- silence. Sit in silence, clear your mind, think of and do nothing and ask the Lord to fill that silence with His comforting voice.
5. De-clutter a room or two. Do we really need all the stuff we've accumulated? Now is the time to go through closets, etc. and get rid of accumulated junk, and to remove clutter from our homes.

Don't let the darkness get you down. The Light of Christ is our salvation and our hope!

Palm Sunday Mass will be livestreamed from the church tomorrow from the church at 10:00 a.m. After Mass blessed palms will be placed on the patio in the front of the church. Parishioners may come by throughout the day to pick up blessed palm strips.

A little humor: Got kids at home? Does this sound familiar? A little girl rushed into the kitchen and flung herself into her mother's arms, sobbing. "What's the matter, honey?" the mom asked. "My dolly" cried the little girl. "Michael broke my dolly." "Oh! What a shame! How did he do it" mom asked with rising anger. "He was being a snot" sobbed the little girl "and I hit him over the head with it."

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