

# Daily Message from Msgr. Dennis...

Holy Thursday, April 9, 2020



Dear Parishioners:

The only Masses permitted today are:

- The Chrism Mass where the Holy Oils for use during the coming year are blessed. In the Diocese of San Diego the Chrism Mass is done the week before Holy Thursday, which is permitted.
- The evening **Mass of the Lord's Supper**. This Mass will be **livestreamed** from our parish this evening at **7:00 p.m.** Because there is no congregation present the revised liturgical norms from the Vatican state that the formal reception of the Holy Oils and the ritual of washing the feet of selected parishioners is omitted. (Any responses to the prayers you hear while watching will be coming from those in attendance who have a specific role in the liturgy.)

**Readings for this evening's Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Psalm 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rev 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21**

At this Mass we commemorate the Institution of the Eucharist and the mandate to serve others in the name of Christ. Because we have not been able to celebrate public Masses for the past few weeks many Catholics have come to realize the central importance of the Eucharist in the life of the Church. Not being able to receive Holy Communion has been a spiritual burden for many, but perhaps this "fasting from the sacraments" will help all of us to have a greater appreciation for them in our lives. Let us continue to pray that this coronavirus is brought under control soon and that we will soon be able to attend Mass again. Let us also renew our commitment to reach out and serve others in their need reflecting the actions of Christ when He washed the feet of His apostles. At this time service could be a phone call to a friend or relative to see how they're doing; getting groceries for an elderly shut in; planning a happy Easter Sunday even while not being able to socialize with others; and, perhaps most importantly, making sacred these next few days by praying even more fervently for an end to this scourge and asking the Lord to help us draw closer to Him. If you live alone or with just one or two others (not a houseful of kids who need entertainment and who are probably driving everyone nuts) try to find some quiet time away from television, cell phones, radios, CD players whatever. Just sit in silence, try to empty your mind and make space for the Lord to come and visit. You'll be amazed at the peace that follows.

Tomorrow, **Good Friday**, livestream Stations of the Cross at 12:00 noon; Service of the Passion of the Lord and adoration of the cross at 3:00 p.m. Even though tomorrow is **Good Friday the church will not be open for private prayer at all**. The reason for this is our fear that too many people would want to come to the church to pray and thus violate the "stay at home" policy that is proving to help flatten the curve of the spread of the virus. However, we will livestream the services as noted above.

**A Little Humor:** This "stay at home" policy has had one good effect. I've managed to complete three books. That's a lot of coloring!

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