

Daily Message from Msgr. Dennis...

Monday; May 11, 2020 ~ Monday Fifth Week of Easter



Readings: Acts 14:5-18; Psalm 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Dear Parishioners:

There's an odd, overlooked line in today's gospel. It is still part of Jesus' last supper discourse (I wonder if the disciples thought it would ever end and they could get to dessert) where Judas (not the Iscariot) asks, "Master, then what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world" (vs. 22)? Maybe Jesus' message was finally beginning to sink in. Jesus responds about the mutual love between Him and the Father and the subsequent love of God for those who are open to God's word. In other words, the Word of God can be preached from every soap box, street corner and pulpit in the world but if the hearer is not open and disposed to hear and then embrace the word, what good does the Word do? It's like offering a person intimate friendship only to have it rebuffed. God wants us. God loves us. Let us be open to what God tells and respond accordingly. That's what happened, Judas (not the Iscariot) for Jesus to tell you what He did.

Mother's Day was yesterday but let's carry it over a bit. Someone wrote: "Every Mother's Day is an opportunity to reflect on all Mom has done for you, but this year it is especially true. In these uncertain times, we've been surprised at how much the advice of the experts sound like the good old common sense that Mom use to drum into our heads. *For example:* Wash your hands. Cover your mouth when you sneeze. If you are feeling blue, get outside and play. Eat well, but don't eat too much. Cook your own food whenever you can. Learn how to entertain yourself – make your own fun. A good book can be your best friend. No one can be bored or sad while they are learning something new. Be kind to others all the time, but be extra kind to others when you are stressed; they may be too. Have patience."

Thursday, May 14th, has been called by the Inter-religious leadership in the world, including Pope Francis, to be a day of prayer, fasting and works of charity to implore God for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A Little Humor:

Life From the Seat of a Tractor: An Old Farmer's wisdom: 1) Life is simpler when you plow around the stump. 2) Words that soak into your ears are whispered, not yelled. 3) Meanness doesn't just happen overnight.

A view from the courtroom: ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact? WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

ATTORNEY: What is your date of birth? WITNESS: July 18th. ATTORNEY: What year? WITNESS: Every year.

You kiddin' me? A man and his wife are spending the night in a nice hotel. The wife goes in to shower and her husband shouts: "Did you find the shampoo?" She answers: "Yes, but I'm not sure what to do. It's for dry hair and I've just wet mine."

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