

# Daily Message from Msgr. Dennis...

Saturday, May 16, 2020 ~ Fifth Week of Easter

Readings: Acts 16:1-10; Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21



Dear Parishioners:

Where does the time go? It seems like Ash Wednesday was only a few weeks ago and next week already we celebrate the Ascension, and then the following Sunday Pentecost. Pentecost is also Memorial Day weekend. Our celebrations for both Pentecost and Memorial Day will certainly be different this year. It is doubtful that we'll back in church for public celebration of Mass on Pentecost but we will continue with our livestreaming of Mass. Sadly, our annual Pentecost Festival has had to be canceled as well. Despite the fact we cannot meet together why not wear red anyway? Pentecost Sunday is Sunday, May 31. Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension.

Just to keep you informed, the Catholic bishops of California have developed protocols to present to the governor to allow our churches to open for Mass again. Our parish staff will be meeting this coming week to discuss how we can best institute those protocols in our parish if and when permission is given. We will keep you informed by our parish website, Facebook page, parish app, bulletin and – if we can do it in time – by U.S. Mail to let you know when we can gather again and what rules have been established to provide health and safety considerations in church for Mass.

As for today's gospel: Jesus couldn't be any plainer. If you are a faithful disciple of Him don't expect everyone to fall in love with you. He tells us that being His faithful disciple will cause grief and heartache. We will be hated just as He was hated. What is the source of this hatred? The source is Satan itself and it has corrupted many people to wallow in hatred. However, those who remain faithful to Christ and His Church will be the winners in the end. As for the other, poor losers ..... well, who knows what eternal separation from God is like? One thing is certain: It won't be in the least pleasant and fun.

YESTERDAY'S RIDDLE: (you probably already guessed the answer): A man it totally dressed in black: black shoes, socks, trousers, coat, gloves, and ski mask. He is walking down a back street with all the street lamps off. A black car is coming toward him with its headlights off but somehow manages to stop in time. How did the driver see the man? ANSWER: It was daytime.

#### A Little Humor:

One priest said to another: "I never attend funerals before noon. I'm not really a mourning person." (get it?)  
You know those car commercials where there's only one vehicle on the road? Doesn't seem so unrealistic these days.  
It may take a village to raise a child, but I swear it's going to take a vineyard to home school one!

#### Life from the seat of a farmer's tractor:

"When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty."  
"Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you."  
"Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads."

#### ACTUAL COURTROOM QUOTES:

ATTORNEY: "Were you present when your picture was taken?" WITNESS: "Your kidding, right?"  
ATTORNEY: "Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?"  
WITNESS: "All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight."

Kyrie Eleison!

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