

Daily Message from Msgr. Dennis...

Monday, May 18, 2020 ~ Sixth Week of Easter



Readings: Acts 16:11-15; Psalm 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26-16:4A

Dear Parishioners:

Oh, there's such tension in society today. A current and former POTUS are now publicly flinging mud at one another instead of working together for the good of the country, Congress is at each other's throats again over more proposed stimulus money, a California Assemblywoman has gone to gutter language to express her displeasure at a businessman, there are protests and arguments over if, when and how much businesses should get back to work, churches defy government regulations about opening up for public services, those who can't attend church pout and get angry as if they're the only ones being inconvenienced, conspiracy theories about COVID-19 now abound and unthinking people jump from one to the other with the click of key on the internet convinced that they're all true as they fwd it to anyone with an email address, and on and on and on and on. What is wrong with people? Then again, what can a society expect that has pretty much sidelined God in favor of personal opinions and what Pope Benedict XVI called "the dictatorship of relativism?" Without a doubt we do need to get out of the confines of our homes more often. We need to walk, exercise, soak in the beauty of God's creation, learn the lesson to slow down and realize that there is very little we can do about things over which we have no control. What we can control, though, is how we live each day of our lives. We can either stumble along cursing the rocks in the road on which we stub our toes or we can walk with the Lord and let the Holy Spirit be our guide.

I don't know how many people still play CD's rather than find everything on music apps on their cell phones, but if you do still listen to CD's and would like to get one that has the calming, joyful, uplifting music of the Christian Faith that will set your hearts at peace and your soul soaring to the heavens I suggest *40 Hymns for Forty Days* by Paul Cardall which "features all new hymn arrangements for piano and strings. These tenderly performed 40 pieces are rich in melody and invoke an environment of prayer, mediation and spiritual awareness." When you come to confession on Saturday afternoons these two CD's are ones that are frequently played over the sound system in the church while you are preparing. Try it. You'll like it.

Prayer for our World Family: " Lord, we ask Your help that we may love and understand each person in our world family as a human being, worthy of dignity and respect. Sometimes this is very difficult, for our cultures, religions and histories are different and our ways and languages are unfamiliar to one another. May we rise above the prejudice which has often influenced our relationships in the past so that, as members of one world family, we might work together for the good of the world and all who inhabit it. Amen." (Prayers for Healing from Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate)

A Little Humor

"Can we uninstall 2020 and reinstall it again? I think it has a virus."

"This cleaning with alcohol is nonsense. NOTHING gets done after that first bottle!"

A clueless woman goes to the vet with her goldfish. "I think it's got epilepsy," she tells the vet. The vet takes a look and says, "It seems calm enough to me." The woman says: "Yeah, right now, but look how it acts when I take it out of the bowl to play with it."

LIFE FROM THE SEAT OF A FARMER'S TRACTOR:

"Live simply, love generously, care deeply. Speak kindly, and leave the rest to God."

COURTROOM QUOTES:

ATTORNEY: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition which I sent to your attorney?

WITNESS: No, this how I dress when I go to work.

Kyrie Eleison!

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