

Daily Message from Msgr. Dennis...

Sunday, May 24, 2020
Feast of the Ascension of the Lord



Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Dear Parishioners:

Forty days after His resurrection Jesus called the apostles together for one last time, gave them His final instructions and ascended to the glory of heaven. Some say it was the day Jesus decided to work from home ☺). Now, having left the apostles and His other disciples to carry on His work the good news would begin to be proclaimed. The only problem was that the apostles, dense as ever, stood around looking up at the sky as immobile as stone statues. Jesus must have taken a deep breath and said to two angels: "Look at them down there. Go see if you can get them moving." The Acts of the Apostles tells of two men dressed in white suddenly appearing and saying, in effect: "Well? What are you waiting for? GET TO WORK!" How often do we, hearing the Word of God, just stand around immobile and not do what we were commissioned to do to make it known? Although Jesus ascended to heaven He left us His abiding presence in The Scriptures, the community of the Church and most importantly in the Eucharist. Though we temporarily cannot gather for Mass again until June 8th we are still strengthened and encouraged by His abiding presence. We might not like the current restrictions placed upon us but it is for the good of society that they have been placed. Only by working together can we do our part to end the pandemic. Don't forget what Jesus said: "I am with you until the end of time." So, what are we waiting for? Let's not stand around like stone statues but let's continue to live and preach the gospel by the joyful witness of our lives.

A Little Humor....

COURTROOM QUOTES:

ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you? WITNESS: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which. ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you? WITNESS: Forty-five years.

CHILDREN IN CHURCH:

A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."

One particular four-year old prayed: "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those whop put trach in our baskets."

RIDDLE ME THIS:

From Yesterday: You can hook me but I'm not a fish; You can drive me but I have no wheels; You can slice me but I stay in one piece. What am I? (ANSWER: A golf ball.)

For Today: I have two arms, but no fingers or hands; I have two legs, but only use them to stand; I carry things for you but you must carry me, Help me up a little bit and I'll make your job easy. What am I?

Very Rev. Msgr. Dennis L. Mikulanis

San Rafael Parish
17252 Bernardo Center Drive, San Diego, CA 92128 ~ Phone: (858)487-4314 Fax: (858)487-1498
www.sanrafaelparish.org ~ Facebook: @SanRafaelCatholicChurch