

# Daily Message from Msgr. Dennis...

Thursday, May 28, 2020 ~ Seventh Week of Easter

Readings: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Psalm 16:1-2a 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26



Dear Parishioners:

What's wrong with us? With all the challenges facing the Church today wouldn't you think everyone would be open and willing to put their personal views aside and do what is best for the Church and society? In the Catholic News websites I glance through every day one controversy after another is erupting over: wearing face masks at Mass, not distributing communion from the cup, disallowing, for the time being, receiving communion on the tongue (and let me tell you I don't know how many times I've been slobbered on or almost pass out from halitosis by giving communion on the tongue, not to mention grossed out by what's on the tongue when it's presented), asking not to hold hands during the Our Father, or even limiting the number of people who can attend Mass for the time being. All over the country people are arguing over common sense rules. Hey! Wait a minute! Maybe that's the problem. THERE'S NO COMMON SENSE in many of the arguments and personal opinions and pieties are being held onto like a dog with rag doll. What's wrong with us?

In the Diocese of San Diego, once we open up for public Masses on June 8<sup>th</sup> we will be limited to 100 people per Mass. We have added some Masses to accommodate as many as possible. Hopefully, in a few weeks we will be able to increase the number of those who can come to Mass, but there have already been complaints about limiting the number to 100 at this time. Consider this: In some counties in various states NO ONE is allowed to attend Mass yet. In some places it has been ordered that churches remain shut and locked so that not even a visit to the Blessed Sacrament is possible. In some places where the "ok" has been given reopen for public Masses (are you ready for this?) *no more than ten people are permitted to attend!* And, in at least the county where the Archdiocese of Baltimore is located, **county officials have forbidden the distribution of Holy Communion under any form and circumstance** to anyone in order to avoid any chance of passing on COVID-19. Now that is something that should be fought in the courts as it absolutely infringes on the rights of Catholics to receive Holy Communion. Maybe the officials in that county are getting their guidance from Beijing. What is wrong with us? So, if you are unhappy with the restrictions we have here just remember: It could be worse. Again, let's just use common sense and we'll get through all of this with peace of mind.

Six volunteers will be needed after every weekend Mass to help wipe down and sanitize the tops of the pews in the church and the chairs in the hall. We are asking for 6 people at every Mass who will commit to being at that particular Mass every week. After everyone leaves Mass the volunteers will go to the sacristy to pick up a spray bottle with sanitizer and a cloth to wipe down the seats. With six people this shouldn't take long at all. We already have a few names but if you are interested please email Deacon Bob who is keeping the list of volunteers ([deaconbob@sanrafaelparish.org](mailto:deaconbob@sanrafaelparish.org)). Thanks!

**A Little Humor** (Increasingly needed with each passing day): HEROIC ATHLETE QUOTES: Senior Basketball player at the University of Pittsburgh: "I'm going to graduate on time, no matter how long it takes!" Football commentator and former player Joe Theismann: "Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein."

From The Mouths of Children: A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

**RIDDLE ME THIS:** (From Yesterday) Three holes hold me; Some strength to throw me; To do well at my job, you need to control me; You throw me away, I always come back; I come in all colors but traditionally I'm black. What am I? (Answer) A bowling ball.  
(Today) What is worn by the foot but bought by the yard? (Answer tomorrow)

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