

Daily Message from Msgr. Dennis...

Fourth Sunday of Easter ~ May 3, 2020



Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 23:1-6 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10

Dear Parishioners:

It is no great compliment that Jesus compares us to sheep. Without someone to watch over them, protect them and lead them; without a faithful sheep dog to keep them in line – often times nipping at their feet to get them doing what they’re supposed to do – they’ll get lost and be in danger of becoming tasty meals for coyotes, wolves, bears, mountain lions or anything else that comes along. Isn’t that the same with us, though? We are all part of God’s flock but we can tend to wander off on our own because the grass on the other side of the hill looks greener. We leave the Church because of any number of reasons (mostly foolish) and we think we’re so smart when we’re really acting like – well, let’s just say not so smart. Jesus, though, is the Good Shepherd and He keeps a watchful eye out for us. He leads us, guides us and protects us within the comfort of His flock, the Church. Even when the flock is kind of dirty and stinky we’re better off within it than out of it because, by ourselves, we’re doomed. If we have troubles with the flock that’s ok. Sooner or later we all do. Let’s just keep our eyes on the shepherd and make sure we follow Him.

So far we have no word when we can gather again as CHURCH to worship. It’s rather amazing that here in California beaches and parks are now open, liquor stores and Marijuana dispensaries (which until last November were illegal) are considered “essential services” – but Houses of Worship, regardless of religion, are banned from opening their doors for public worship. Something’s wrong here. We’d better check the foundations of our society and make sure they’re in good shape before whole structure comes tumbling down.

A Little Humor: Here are a few rambling thoughts:

- The State of California has banned groups larger than 5. If you’re a family of six, you’re all about to find out who’s the least favorite.
- A person can now say: “I’m as bored as an Amish electrician.”
- Smoking pot and skipping school used to get kids in trouble. Now weed is legal and schools are closed!

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