

Daily Message from Msgr. Dennis...

Friday, May 8, 2020 ~ Fourth week of Easter

Readings: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11b; Jn 14:1-6

Dear Parishioners:



I'm not sure if I've mentioned this or not but when I was in the seminary in Rome way back in ancient days, and then back there again for my doctoral studies six years later, when I got bored, homesick, fed up with everything I would say: "I want to go home." That seemed to make things better just knowing that "home" was there, a brief 18 hour flight away. Even today, when things haven't been going well and I get fed up I say "I want to go home." The problem with that is that I'm already home! However, just saying it still makes me feel better. Home, of course, is where we grew up and were nurtured. It was always a place where we feel comfortable and secure. Even if the houses in which we were raised are no longer in the family the thoughts and memories are still "home" to us. In my lifetime my family lived in two different neighborhoods and the thoughts of "home" are part of each neighborhood even though I no longer live there. "I want to go home" is a safe place memory. In today's gospel Jesus talks about "home" to His disciples. He obviously makes it sound wonderful because they begin to ask directions how to get there. They know that what the Lord is talking about will be exactly what everyone needs: peace, contentment, happiness, security – maybe the aromas of mom's cooking or the fragrance of a fresh cut lawn on Friday afternoon, safely tucked into a warm and comfortable bed at night. Jesus calls us home and offers us all we long for. All we have to do is follow his directions to get there.

THURSDAY, MAY 14 The Holy Father has asked Catholics to join with all people of faiths and religions in a day of prayer, fasting and charity to implore the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MOTHER'S DAY is Sunday. Mother's Day cards and envelopes are available on the table in the vestibule of the church. Please feel free to stop by and pick one up.

Confessions are heard here every Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

A Little Humor: A man has been on the lockdown with pregnant wife for almost two months. One day the wife says "Honey! I think the baby is coming." The man frantically calls 911 and shouts into the phone "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!" "Is this her first child?" the 911 operator asks. "No!" he shouts, "This is her husband!"

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