



Pastor's Message

May 17, 2020

Last night, I was scheduled to celebrate the 7:00pm mass. Virtual, in a room of the rectory, of course! Well, during the 29 minute mass, the following occurred:

- a. Constant barking of the dog whose delightful residence is immediately across the street from the rectory.
- b. Frequent loud throttling of a deranged neighbor's obnoxious motorcycle.
- c. My all-dependable cell phone ringing, as I received a phone call.
- d. My all-dependable cell phone beeping, indicating I have received a message.

All this happened in less than thirty minutes! Was it possible there were as many distractions in the Upper Room at the First Mass, with the Lord and his crew?

The experience last evening confirmed it. The Holy Mass is the most important action we as Catholics do each day. To have a cornucopia of distractions diffuse the focus of the offering of the Holy Mass, due to the fact I must be in a room in the rectory clinched it for me. I'm so ready to get back into the church. Aren't you?

Well, I suspect this coming week, we should be receiving notification from the powers working at mission control of our Diocesan Center, the doors will be unlocked so we all will be back in our parish churches to participate in private prayer. Indeed, that is an important first step to the eventual, hoped-for instruction coming from the ecclesiastical officials we are permitted to celebrate Holy Mass in church. Look for the welcome good news on our website.

Thank you, dog. And, thank you motorcycle owner. Finally, thank you cellular telephone. Because of each of you, once I get into the church, the first thing I will say to myself is what Dorothy said to Toto. "I'm getting the feeling we are not in Kansas anymore...we must be over the rainbow."

Fr. Marc