

June 24-25, 2017

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Romans 5:12-15

Matthew 10:26-33

Some people have exceptional recall, the ability to remember the names of people they met casually dozens of years prior. Some of us, myself included, forget the reason we go into the kitchen or garage and end up smacking our foreheads for forgetting the simple chores of daily living....or like the time I forgot my own mother's whole name when introducing her to someone! On this first full weekend of Summer and in the midst of our SummerFest celebrations, we are reminded that God NEVER forgets any of his children....the question though is whether we will remember God and turn to him regularly within our lives as a guide, teacher, inspiration, as our strength and salvation. People with whom we were ONCE familiar become facially unrecognizable to us through the passage of time if we have not had repeat contact, even their names will become forgotten, especially if they are not woven into the events of our daily lives. Think for a moment of all the names of the kids you once knew in your elementary classrooms, with whom you perhaps played ball or exchanged lunch treats...and now, 10, 20, 40 or 50 years later many are nothing but a blur, lost to time. How regular, deep and insightful are our conversations with God? Do we invite God into our decision-making, our driving, our conversations, our deliberations? Is God a continual part of each day or is it easier and easier to put off a God-conversation for another day...which can become two, three or seven days? The less and less we converse, listen and share with God, the harder it becomes to automatically call upon him in times of trouble or confusion...harder to trust that he will remember who we are....harder for us to believe that he actually cares...which makes it easier and easier to stop conversing regularly with Father, Son or Holy Spirit. It is NOT that God forgets any of us or turns away from any of us....but all too often we are the ones that stop talking with him and turn away. Even the hairs on our heads are counted...so well are we known by God....and as a special bonus, when we are on speaking terms with the God of the universe....we need fear no one!

Thank you for sharing these first weekend days of Summer with our Santa Clara community. Outside (and inside depending on if the doors are open) you can smell the delicious aromas of our SummerFest Food Fair...so please come out and enjoy the offered delights. Exchange whatever amount of cash or credit you wish to spend for food coupons at the \$\$\$ Exchange Tables and then have whatever you want. If you wish to spend more, come on back and get more coupons. Soda, wine, beer, water, margaritas, hamburgers, chili, Filipino Food...it and more is all available for you...take some home for a snack or for tomorrow's lunch. Bulletins await you and as next weekend is the weekend PRIOR to the Fourth of July, make sure to break out your Red, White and Blue to pay special honor to our 241st birthday. As you munch your way through SummerFest, please know that you are loved. FKB