

**April 21-22, 2018**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 4:8-17**

**First John 3:1-2**

**John 10:11-18**

Remember that fish you caught on vacation? It was almost bigger than you!  
Remember when Mom ate the hot sauce rather than ketchup? She was on fire!  
Remember when we snuck out of the dorms to....?  
Remember when....?

For four weeks we have remained at the empty tomb of Easter Sunday. Having pondered, with the help of 'The Acts of the Apostles', what the empty tomb means, now, we start remembering what the earliest Disciples of Jesus did with the POWER of the Resurrection, while within our Gospel passages we start to REMEMBER what Jesus himself said and did during his active years of ministry. Not unlike a family gathering after a funeral and retelling stories about the deceased, the Gospel passages for the remainder of the Easter Season will recall assorted conversations shared by Jesus with his disciples for our re-consideration of them through the lens of the Resurrection. On this Sacrament-packed weekend (Confirmation was Friday and First Eucharist is at the 12noon Mass) we remember when Jesus described himself as the Good Shepherd. An image frequently used by Pope Francis in encouraging those who minister within the Church to 'smell like their sheep', the Good Shepherd is courageous in living, serving and ministering amid the community. We also hear the tantalizing line, 'I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead and they will hear my voice and there will be one flock, one shepherd.' While understood to be directed toward the non-Jewish Gentiles of Jesus' day, it would not be unthinkable in contemporary times to understand the line through the lens of those in assorted life circumstances rejected and dismissed by the ritually rigorous. The desire of God is clearly to gather all of humanity into a single flock, protected and shepherded by Jesus. All too often there are those who attempt to thwart this desire of God by fanning the flames of disunity rather than seeking points of harmony between cultures, religions and human diversities. With the assurance of Jesus that those who seek to divide and thwart will not succeed, our task is to REMEMBER the stories we have heard, the stories from which we have derived hope and faith. In these unfolding Easter weeks, REMEMBER your Jesus stories...and refresh them with how you have experienced Jesus within your own life, your own struggles and your own resurrections.

Thank you for sharing this beautiful Spring weekend with our Santa Clara community. Congratulations to our Confirmation Youth who received the fullness of the Holy Spirit on Friday and to our first group of First Eucharist students receiving Jesus at the noon Mass: **Isabelle Bush, Eva Callari, Brooke Edwards, Michael Gotreau, Kellen Grant, Aubree Gutierrez, Brooklyn Kozicki, Daniel Kwan, Reese McGinnis, Kiera Pagaza, Scarlett Rodriguez, Emily Rojo, Addison Sampley, Madison Summerfield, Samantha Turchek, Natalia Wojtuszewski and Emily Yoo.** While still three weeks away, **Mother's Day** envelopes are available at the entrances/exits by which you may enroll your own mothers, living or deceased, in the special series of upcoming May Masses. ***For those of you who have made a PSA (Pastoral Services Appeal) Pledge for our 2018 efforts...THANK YOU...for the 600 plus who have all received a second letter of request...PLEASE share the PRAYER and DREAM of our community to have a permanent Church of our own and make a pledge, redeemable throughout the rest of 2018. We need your participation***

***and generosity...PLEASE.*** Enjoy the rest of your weekend and remember, you are loved.  
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