

**May 12-13, 2018**

**The Ascension of the Lord - Mother's Day Weekend**

**Acts 1:1-11**

**Ephesians 1:17-23**

**Mark 16:15-20**

**'Why are you standing there looking at the sky?'**

People to see, things to do, work to be done. Such are the themes of these final days of the Easter Season. Borrowing the phrase from Elvis, with our celebration of Ascension, 'Jesus has left the building!' The fullness of honoring his incarnation throughout Advent, celebrating his birth on Christmas and in condensed fashion honoring his adult years, leading to dissecting his climactic death and resurrection for all these weeks of Easter, we now possess the complete 'Story of Jesus'. Yet, while we may possess it, we have spent 2000+ years trying to understand it, perceive its deepest meanings and apply it within our daily lives. There is work to be done and it belongs to us. It is up to us, we who have encountered the RISEN JESUS in our lives, to share these encounters with those around us. By our actions, words, kindness, compassion, mercy and trust, the world will be transformed. The graces of God work through and within us; God using our human flesh, bone and blood to continually incarnate Jesus to help the blind see, the lame walk, the deaf to hear and the mute to speak so that all may experience the fresh possibilities awaiting we who embrace Jesus. While Jesus has ASCENDED from his human/post-resurrection existence, he is still, as he promised, very much with us. With the Ascension, we are now entrusted with the work that Jesus started; he trusts us, even with our flaws and failings, to carry on. To what will you set your heart? To what will you give greater effort? The world, with the promptings of the Holy Spirit, can be completely changed...but we will be the ones doing it.

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As we begin to close out the Easter Season, thank you for sharing this Ascension/Mother's Day weekend with our Santa Clara community. To all the moms present among us, THANK YOU for your many graces and gifts by which you have participated in making us who we are. Next weekend there will be an OPPORTUNITY to assist the assorted parishes throughout the Diocese of Orange who do not have the resources we take for granted here at Santa Clara...the PARISHES in COLLABORATION Second Collection. Just giving you a head's up. Please take a Bulletin with you as you journey home for other news and events...remember, you are LOVED. FKB