

July 21-22, 2018

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Ephesians 2:13-18

Mark 6:30-34

Within relationships there are times of focused, intentional conversation, times when 'issues' are aired, resolved or handled. Within relationships, there needs to equally be times of comfortably being within each others' company, enjoying shared experiences and adding to the trove of memories from which future stories can be told regarding your bonds of affection. Sometimes people approach their spirituality as a HEROIC ENDEAVOR, like a house being built, lots of sweat and work with the resultant exhaustion at the conclusion of each fresh effort. Granted, within all relationships, especially our ones with God, intensity and focus are important when growing in understanding or seeking truth or forgiveness. However, what is sometimes overlooked is that God enjoys spending quiet, blank - time with us, languishing in our company and inviting us to do the same with him. As opposed to those who fear that God is always ready to strike them down, the Jesus of today's Scripture selections is someone who cares about our WHOLENESS and encourages us to rest and rejuvenate ourselves within his company: 'Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.' Having crossed the mid-point of July, the August schedules, for many, are starting to exert a gravitational tug. Back to school nights and introductions to new campuses will be getting underway, fresh academics and new faces await our sons and daughters and the purposefulness of September will soon have us packing away the grills and beach umbrellas. HOWEVER...before all that starts to happen, how about some relaxed time, OUT OF THE ORDINARY time with your spouse, with your children, with yourself and God? Sunset drinks at the Laguna Montage make you want to stay there forever. Breakfast at the Beachcomber at Crystal Cove is a treat for anyone. How about an evening stroll through downtown Fullerton or a casual drive to your old neighborhoods, schools or playgrounds? Perhaps just some quiet time at the Regional parks...walking, thinking and releasing? Remembering that there is nowhere where God is not...cut yourself some slack and enjoy Summer....autumn will come soon enough...but until then...let yourself remember what Summer used to mean to you (or what you wanted it to mean)...and enjoy it anew with Jesus.

Thank you for your kindness in sharing this weekend with our Santa Clara community. For those of you participating with La Cena...it gets underway right after 5pm Mass, so come on out, there are no assigned seats, so get yourself situated and start to enjoy the evening. UNFORTUNATELY we are not able to accept new reservations/drop-ins tonight, the tables have been prepared based on who has signed up. BUT...the good news is that the second La Cena will be on Saturday, September 15th! My THANKS and DEEP appreciation go out to all who helped in overseeing Deacon Daniel's Reception last week, especially, *Marc Jordan, our Knights of Columbus and Maria McFarland and members of our Large Event Hospitality Committee: Suzanne Merrick, Karen Engel, Monique Pillar, Marguerite Benet, Eric Allen, Elizabeth Riley, Sardina, Ellie Granger, Maryann Goodkind, Tessie Mowen, Marta Magdalena, Janice Arelano. Lois Anderson, Mary Riegel, Laura Midkiff, Donna Wojak, Diane and Eric Hansen and Sue O'Donnell.* THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY and KINDNESS!!! We are happy to accept the FILLED Backpacks you previously took home, please drop them off on the table beneath the arbor or at the Parish Office throughout the week. Please take a

Bulletin with you for other news and remember....as you are watching that sunset from the Montage or strolling the walkways of the Regional Park....you are loved. FKB