

**February 2-3, 2019**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Jeremiah 1:4-19**

**First Corinthians 13:4-13**

**Luke 4:21-30**

Some things never change. In the same way that the Apostle Thomas did not initially believe the Resurrection of Jesus had occurred, in today's Gospel, the people of Nazareth REJECT Jesus, finding him 'too full of himself'. Giving us a dose of 'reality', this weekend's Gospel reminds us that not everyone opened themselves to Jesus' presence, teachings or miracles. They certainly knew him, he had grown up in their midst, which leads us to presume his early years were relatively normal and not eye-raising. Thus, it was impossible for them to see BEYOND what they expected to see; they thought they knew Jesus and were not interested in any of the purported stories of his mighty deeds. If they did not get their own 'show', they were content with what they thought they knew of him. Not one to pass on challenging their 'blindness', Jesus reminds them of the dire consequences of OTHER PEOPLE'S blindness...which simply makes them even more upset, to the point where his own former villagers attempt to kill him. Remembering the consequences of SELF-IMPOSED BLINDNESS, in what ways are we BLIND to other views, other opinions, other truths, other realities? Of course, this is probably a 'dead-on-arrival' sort of question...since if we are BLIND...all we know is what we want to know, hence the apt expression 'I know what I know, don't confuse me with the truth.' Given our human stubbornness, is it any wonder that EVEN GOD has a hard time moving us along the paths of time??

What a SUPER Weekend, thank you for sharing it with our Santa Clara community. You are reminded that NEXT weekend, all of our Masses are dedicated to our 2019 Development Campaign Effort and PLEDGE COLLECTION by which we will fund our Permanent Church into existence. Please bring your pledge envelope with you to Mass next weekend so I may personally accept it from you. Extra copies of the Development Campaign Brochure are on the table at the side of the hall, beneath all the photographs, if you did not receive one (or want to send one to a friend) please take a copy. The Bulletin has other info within it, likewise, please one with you as you leave, it makes a handy placemat for your guacamole or your buffalo wings appetizers. Whether you ram your way through the afternoon or enjoy a quiet New England style day of leisure, please remember that you are loved. FKB