

April 27-28, 2019

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16

Revelation 1:9-11; 12-19

John 20:19-31

**When pigs fly! I wasn't born yesterday! You've got to be kidding! Is this a bad joke?
Yea, right; 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands...and put my finger into the nail marks
and put my hand into his side...I will not believe!'**

There are most unusual times in modern history: when the value of inoculations are questioned (they worked well in ridding us of smallpox and polio), when hard science is cavalierly dismissed (the ice caps ARE melting and low lying areas ARE being deluged), when we have found out we were repeatedly deceived by Church leaders in years gone-by (if they had just immediately arrested and prosecuted the clergy abusers, most of us would have understood), is it any wonder that the words of the Apostle Thomas ring so true:

I WILL NOT BELIEVE!

With Easter just seven days past, it is easy to rush forward to Mother's Day, Confirmations, Graduations, First Eucharists, Ordinations, with nary a moment to ask ourselves:

DO I REALLY BELIEVE THAT JESUS WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD?

And if we believe it...what exactly do we believe? Remember, the Resurrection is more than a resuscitation, as is what happened to Lazarus and the others Jesus brought back from the dead. Jesus is VERY MUCH Jesus...but he can appear and disappear....he still has the wounds...but is strong and healthy. What does all of this mean? Not a circus gimmick to be marveled at, the Resurrection is the EXCLAMATION MARK that punctuates everything Jesus said and taught throughout his human years. The empty tomb of Easter is supposed to rekindle within us a search for the TRUTH that comes to us from the God/Man, Jesus, who was crucified, buried and resurrected from the grave. If we TRULY wish to be his disciples...we need to do more than just believe in the resurrection...we need to do more than stick our fingers in his wounds...we need to live our lives as he asked us to. Only in this way:

'will we have life in his name.'

With our Ladies Spring Event having just occurred earlier this weekend, our Hall has been properly tidied and restored to the blooming Easter Garden that will continue to welcome you for the many weeks to come. Thank you for sharing this weekend with our Santa Clara community, please make sure you take a Bulletin with you for other news of upcoming events. With Mother's Day only two weekends distant, if you wish to enroll your Mom's, living or deceased, in these special May Masses, envelopes for that purpose are available at the entrances/exits. THANK YOU as well to all who contributed to our Easter Flower collection...your generosity is GREATLY appreciated...have you spotted the orchid or plant that was specifically purchased with YOUR name in the hearts of our A&E team? As these Easter weeks move us toward the many events of Spring and Summer, please remember, you are loved. FKB