

May 11-12, 2019
Fourth Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day Weekend
Acts 13:14-5 Revelation 7:9 -17 John 10:27-30

Right on schedule, usually around this Fourth Week of the Easter Season, our Gospel passages move away from the Resurrection DAY remembrances and begin emphasizing the ‘ramifications of the Resurrection.’ Now that we have a deeper appreciation of Jesus’ FULL identity, we are encouraged to look back on what Jesus said and did during his brief years of active ministry/teaching/healing and speaking. In somewhat the same way as we ‘citizens’ look back, via the media, at persons of distinction, fame or elected office AFTER they have achieved their measure of success (or notoriety), so we are now encouraged to review all the Scriptures we have heard, week after week, especially those during the ORDINARY season when the hoopla of the major seasons are not in play. It was this very process that generated our Christian celebration of Christmas...keeping in mind that most people were not aware that Jesus was anything special until AFTER the crucifixion and Resurrection...THEN, it became important to honor the day that the ONE WHO WOULD RISE FROM THE GRAVE had been born and to unearth more information about how he had come to exist and about his family, etc. We do this, in our own lives, all the time. Only when we have determined that we like someone, feel safe with them and want to grow our relationship with them, only then do we mutually start to share and explore one another’s backgrounds, strengths and weakness’. This weekend’s remembrance, probably lost upon his listeners when he first said it, is that Jesus possesses the FULLNESS of God... ‘the Father and I are one!’ The eternal, the prime mover, the source of all known and unknown...with a human face and body! Wow...the lengths that God will go to introduce himself to us and help us become comfortable with him appears to know no limits...except for those who choose to keep their minds and hearts closed to him. Even the all-powerful God chooses to not disregard our capacity for free-will...our task as disciples is not to intimidate or threaten people into faith, but through example, allure people into wanting what we understand and strive to most fully possess.

Thank you for joining with our Santa Clara community as we delve more fully into the unfolding story/meaning of Easter, especially as we honor and celebrate Mother’s Day weekend. THANK YOU MOMS for all you have done and continually do to lift up your families, your children and spouses. THANK YOU for the million and one things you carry within your hearts and all the prayers you continually offer to benefit us, your kids. This coming Thursday our High School youth will receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation, please keep them in your prayers. As well, NEXT SUNDAY at the 12noon Mass, our SECOND batch of children will receive the First Eucharist...please keep them and their families in your hearts as well. This weekend we accept a SECOND COLLECTION to benefit the assorted parishes within our own Diocese of Orange that do not have the resources we take for granted here at Santa Clara. Your generosity to our ‘Parishes in NEED’ collection is sought and appreciated. I encourage you to take a Bulletin home with you and of course...as always...please remember that you are loved. FKB