

July 3-4, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 2:2-5

Second Corinthians 12:7-10

Mark 6:1-6

Having never attended (nor been invited) to any recent High School reunions, I have no idea what any of my former classmates look like. Indeed, while I remember some of my classmate's names, our lives diverged in college and the ensuing years of priesthood, thus, even if you held a gun to my head, I have no idea what most of them are doing, if they have children, are married or divorced or even deceased. With that in mind, the Gospel story of Jesus returning to his 'native place' sounds reminiscent of my own circumstances...having lost touch with everyone I once knew and they likewise having lost touch with me. Nonetheless, the 'old-timers' of Jesus' village have 'heard stories' about Jesus...and they are having none of it! Didn't he grow up here?! Didn't we know him back then?! He was nothing special back in those days...what makes him so special now?! Sometimes we too do not let Jesus MATURE...we remember what we were taught as children but we have not opened ourselves to an ADULT relationship...and ADULT spirituality whereby we don't just run to Jesus for a quick and easy miracle but accept that sometimes life is necessarily hard...meaning we must sometimes pick up our CROSSES and follow him. So...as ADULTS, how well do you know Jesus? Are you still talking to him as you were taught in the fourth or third grade? How would that work in today's world if you tried to stay a child when you went to purchase a car or arrange medical treatment? What holds us back from accepting and sharing/conversing with Jesus as ADULTS?

Responsorial Psalm Response:

'Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.'

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you; we bless you; we adore you; we glorify you; we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten son, Lord God, lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer, you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the lord, you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.

Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Communion Instructions

For THIS WEEKEND....reception of Holy Communion will occur at the CONCLUSION OF MASS, after the final blessing. Please come to the distribution sites as have been described, two in the middle and two in the center aisle near the front, please maintain six feet between you while standing in line. Please receive in the HAND, immediately consume the Blessed Sacrament and immediately depart from Church (without returning to your seats.) You MAY, of course, chat with each other on your way to your cars....but please do it safely. **BEGINNING NEXT WEEKEND on JULY 3rd - 4th, we will return to our 'old' manner of receiving Communion....and then YOU returning to your seats...for the closing prayer, announcements and final blessing and closing hymn/song....and THEN departing from the HALL.**

Thank you for depositing this SINGLE USAGE **Worship Aid** in one of the WHITE TRASH RECEPTACLES at the back of the Hall as you depart. Thank you.

Thank you for joining with our Santa Clara Community on this Fourth of July Weekend (also known as the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.) I hope your holiday is filled with good experiences...and BETTER than what you did or didn't get to do during the pandemic on July Fourth of 2020. **Please note that NEXT WEEKEND...at our 10am Sunday Mass, FATHER CHEEYOON will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving with us...and you are ALL INVITED...to both the Mass and then the Reception following.** Before we start to lose touch with him, let's give him our blessing and love as he goes forth among his parishioners at Holy Family Parish in Orange. Have a safe holiday, put politics aside...let's practice neighborliness and kindness on our 245th Birthday! (And as the fireworks explode, and the burgers and hot dogs are grilled... please remember, **YOU ARE LOVED!**)