

October 2-3, 2021

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 2:18-24

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

The creation narratives are BEST understood through the lens of a loving grandfather, 100,000+ years ago, whose grandson has crawled into his lap and asked him... 'Grandpa...where do we all come from?' Having no knowledge of science or evolution nor the movement of the continents (plate tectonics), our VERY primitive ancestor would construct a STORY out of experiences HE understood, citing examples with which he and the boy would be familiar. As one generation passed to another generation...give or take a few thousand years...the stories acquired the perceived authenticity of TRUTH. While LITERALLY totally wrong, the lovingly transmitted stories would have a veneer of TRUTH to them, a TRUTH that could best be described as being UNDERSTOOD...even though the story might be factually inaccurate. This weekend, we experience this quandary...the story within the First Reading from Genesis...keeping in mind that no humans were around when creation occurred...nonetheless, the story, while totally fictional, has the authenticity of TRUTH...and lays the foundation upon which many (but not all) of earth's societies have flourished. Not complete fairytales, but not scientifically provable, it is up to us to deduce the ESSENTIAL truths being conveyed...in a manner that is rememberable and repeatable...one generation after another, after another...while also noting how we have MATURED in our thinking and awareness.

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.

Responsorial Psalm Response:

'May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.'

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.

Thank you for depositing this SINGLE USAGE Worship Aid in one of the WHITE trash receptacles at the back of the Hall.

Knowing how QUICKLY our months come and go, as we embrace this FRESH month of October, it may be wise, in these beginning days, to block out TIME (substantial quantities of it) to enjoy this transitional season. **Of particular excitement on Saturday, October 23rd, will be the ORDINATION of our own Mr. ERIC SUMMERFIELD to the PERMANENT DIACONATE at 10am at Christ Cathedral.** You are each welcome and invited to attend...and most certainly please make arrangements to come and be with DEACON Eric on Sunday, October 24th at the 10am Mass...followed by a festive and tasty reception. For those of you who signed up LAST weekend for any of our ministries, please make sure you make contact with Pam Melancon, our Front Office Manager (714-970-7885), so that you may get fingerprinted and Safe-Environment cleared before you can start ANY involvement within any of our Ministries or Outreaches here at Santa Clara. Please note that NEXT WEEKEND we will be accepting a SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION on behalf of WORLD MISSION SUNDAY...an opportunity to financially support those Missionary efforts who were not able to send anyone to present their cases to individual parishes. As you bask in these early Autumn days, please know that **YOU ARE LOVED!! FKB**