

**May 12-13, 2007**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 15:1-29**

**Revelation 21:10-23**

**John 14:23-29**

**Mother's Day Weekend**

Back during Lent we spoke of 'suffering' (the cross) being the shadow side of 'joy'. If we are willing to embrace JOY, we must necessarily be prepared to experience its shadow of suffering and struggle – they are mysteriously united. This weekend, in the Easter Season, we experience an echo of that mystery as we hear in the Gospel of John of Jesus preparing his disciples for his departure from their midst. Jesus was of course speaking of his approaching crucifixion, but with our contemporary Church calendar having the celebration of Ascension next weekend, we are equally challenged to consider that there is a shadow side to 'living in the moment' or 'living for today'...and that is, things pass away and change. The temptation to hold on to a moment, an experience, is strong, yet the harder we attempt to cling the more frustrating it becomes as things slip between our grasping fingers. A charism of discipleship is, while dwelling in the moment, to also keep one's spiritual eyes fixed on the future, on what is to come. In reality, we disciples of Jesus are encouraged to live our lives for TOMORROW, a tomorrow that will hopefully be as beautiful as the imagery of the visions in Revelations and most certainly include the personal presences of Jesus, the Father and the Advocate (Holy Spirit). On this weekend of honoring Mother's, it can be a melancholy sort of day; looking back at the Grandmothers and Moms who have given us life, looking ahead to when our own children will grow and soar on their own wings. A peculiar task of discipleship is maintaining a balance between appreciating what we are given...but always being prepared to let it go. Shadow sides...live for the moment...but keep your eyes fixed on the future.

Thank you for joining with our Corpus Christi Community as we not only celebrate another Sunday in the Easter Season but most especially, Mothers Day. To all the Moms amongst us, for all the Moms who have passed away or do not live nearby...THANK YOU for the gift of your womb that nourished us and provided our first home. May this weekend be one of blessing and joy for each of you! Please note, our Women's Luncheon and Fashion Show is next Sunday and this is the last opportunity to make your reservation...perhaps a perfect gift for Mom to keep the spirit of Mother's Day vibrant for another week? Our Parish Photo Directory reservations are also now being made, both online and after Mass...don't miss out on this opportunity, we only do a directory every four or five years. As always, Bulletins are available for you to take home with you...our gift, at no cost to you...just one more way to help you remember, you are loved. FKB