

April 14 – 15, 2007
The Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:12-16 Revelation 1:9-19 John 20:19-31

Not so fast! Hold on there!

In a culture that leaps from one event to the next, many of us have already put away the trappings of Easter and are hatching Springtime events, May-happenings and advance planning for Summer. Indeed, an entire seven days have passed since we gathered on our lawn for a dynamic celebration of the Resurrection...and today...and entire week later, the Scriptures root us in the EVENING of the original Easter morning. We encounter 10 of the disciples encountering Jesus in what must have been a confusing, exciting, overwhelming moment. The Jesus they had seen die on the cross now stood before them. We can easily sympathize with Thomas, who upon hearing the news from his comrades that Jesus was alive...must have thought they were completely delusional. Thomas doubts the veracity of their story, and calls for physical proof (not unlike many people in today's world)...he wants to put his fingers in the nail wounds and his hand in Jesus' side...yep, that ought to be proof enough for him (and you can almost hear him smirking as he throws down the challenge!) Jumping one more week into the story, the disciples are once again gathered...this time Thomas is with them, and lo and behold, guess who once again shows up...and challenges Thomas to be satisfied? Jesus is quite comfortable calling someone's bluff (or in this case, disbelief). As we continue to ponder the Easter events the Church calls us to slow down and not be in such a hurry to rush on to the next event. EASTER is so important that we will remain rooted in it until the end of May. The wounds in which Thomas discovers the risen Lord are also available to us....in all the wounds that WE have experienced, in all the heartbreak, all the disappointments, all the disillusionments, all the betrayals, all our own encounters with the CROSS. In these days of pondering the full meaning of the Resurrection...don't be afraid to touch the wounds in your own life where the Risen Lord can be found.

HAPPY EASTER! You will be hearing this greeting for a whole bunch of weeks, so get used to it! Thank you for joining with us here at Corpus Christi, we are the better for your presence. If you have recently started participating with us (and plan on staying and being a VIBRANT part of our community, please complete a Registration Form, available on the Concierge Shelves. Bulletins are available for you to take as you skee-daddle home, lots of parish events coming up: Our Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon; Advance Sign-ups for the Summer Retreat in August; Advance Sign-ups for our 'Summer Experience – Galilee by the Sea', Adult Confirmation and Civil Marriage Blessing opportunities...and of course the rebirth of Club 55+ with a PRE-Cinco de Mayo party on April 28th (Vente de Ocho de Abril). With a spring in your step (get it, 'spring?'), remember, you are loved