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REFLECTION
We are offered another vision in today’s second reading, a vision of the New Jerusalem, “coming down out of heaven from God” (Revelation 21:10). Read between the lines describing the radiant city, and we find that the greatest beauty revealed is the beauty of perfect symmetry and order, a city founded on the faith of the twelve tribes of Israel and the Twelve Apostles, lit only by the glory of God. The first reading and the Gospel are linked to this idealized description of the New Jerusalem. In both we read of distress and disturbance countered by the gift of peace. “[M]y peace I give to you,” Jesus assures his disciples at the Last Supper (John 14:27). In keeping with that gift, the apostles and elders, in the reading from Acts, decide not to disturb the peace of new Gentile believers. The undue burden of circumcision will not be imposed on them.

May 1, 2016
The Gift of Peace

Whoever loves me will keep my word

NEWS UPDATE

ROSARY FOR PEACE – Come and make a difference. Join us on Monday, May 2nd from 7:30 to 8pm in the church for the Rosary for Peace.

FESTIVAL NEWS – May 13, 14, 15 – This is our annual parish fundraiser. Your help and support is necessary to make the Festival successful. A) By purchasing and/or selling all the raffle tickets mailed to you. There are more available at the rectory office. B) By coming to the festival and spending your money (with joy!) don’t cook that weekend. C) By sponsoring a booth in memory of a loved one, whose name will be posted at the booth of your choice, or if you own a business and would like your business to be advertised. D) By volunteering to help. E) By donating food items for the various food booths i.e. Filipino, Mexican Linguica, Snack Bar and Beer/Wine/Soda Booth. The Cake Booth is in URGENT NEED OF YOUR BAKING TALENT. Please bring your cakes, pies, cupcakes, cookies, brownies at the Festival May 13, 14 & 15. The donation of your delicious goodies will help make our festival even more successful. We need your help in preparing and working the Festival weekend. If you would like to help out and if you have any questions please contact Linda Montoya at (510) 782-2171.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – Jesus tells us not to let our hearts be troubled because he has given us His peace; the peace that passes all understanding. We also have the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in our marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Encounter Weekends on August 5-7 and November 18-20. Early registration, 4 to 6 weeks out is highly recommended. For more information contact Ray and Roberta @ 916-806-4601 or Joe & Sue @ 925.680.7767 now or got to oaklandwwme.org Weekends are presented in the Pleasanton/Dublin area.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS – We celebrate with joy and gratitude the First Holy Communion of the children of our parish. Thank you to Fr. Seamus, Fr. Gustavo, Tom Booth, Sue Barton and Araceli Gonzalez for preparing our children to receive Jesus in this special way. We ask that you pray for our First Communicants and their families that they continue to grow closer to our loving God as the Eucharist becomes part of their everyday lives.

ALL THE ADVANTAGES – We want to give our children what we didn’t have; but let’s make sure we give them what we did have: our faith. – Anonymous