

## 5th Sunday of Easter Time - Year C

- Hermit from Quebec – taught us about REV 21
  - New Heaven and New Earth and the sea was no more
  - What Sea?
  - To understand this – you need to go to Genesis, CREATION
    - 1<sup>st</sup> day – Light separated from darkness – IT WAS GOOD
    - Every day of creation – IT WAS GOOD
    - Except one – the 2<sup>nd</sup> day
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> day – sea (or waters) above, separated from sea below
      - waters above called “Heaven”
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> day – heaven (above) separated from that which was below, with “the seas” NOT GOOD
      - **Dwelling place of man should not be separated from dwelling place of God.**
    - **Rev 21** “New Heaven and New Earth and Sea was no more - Loud voice from heaven: Behold God’s dwelling is with Human Race – he will dwell with them and they will be His people and God will always be with them as their God”
  - **Goal of creation is finally realized –**  
All history – from the fall in Genesis – is to get to this point  
*God and man dwelling together in peace.*
- This reading points to the future:
  - New Heaven, New Earth, New Jerusalem the Holy City of God
  - God and Man dwelling together in peace.
- First reading points to the past:
  - Acts – very beginning of our Church
  - Paul & Barnabus complete the first missionary journey
    - Call the church together and report on how GOD (not they) had open the door to the Gentiles
- We live in the present:
  - In Gospel Jesus gives the great commandment “Love one another”
  - In Jesus God dwells with us – today – we receive the gift of HS.
  - In Jesus we have faith that the New Jerusalem can be present – today.
  - IF WE “Love one another”
  - Its Mother’s Day – let me tell you a real-world story about my mother:
    - Old Orchard Beach – drowning man drill & her rosary.
    - My mother didn’t know it was a drill
    - My mother didn’t know the drowning man
    - But in a heartbeat, she knew where to go to get help,  
Her love of God, her love of neighbor instantly came together in prayer