

Twelfth Sunday

June 20, 2010

- A. Two main types of flowers in our gardens ... annuals ... perennials / same is true about questions: some are annual = courses in college others are perennial ... 3 big ones: identity, destiny, ethics
- Gospel: deals with the identity question ... who is Jesus / who are we
1. One dimension of our identity – given from our Driver’s License / Passport
- DOB date of birth / gender / height and weight (variable)
  - color of hair (variable) / color of eyes
  - ... conclusion: “I know you”
2. What is not on the driver’s license / passport
- your best friend / your set of values
  - your dreams and aspirations / your joys and sorrow
  - ... “I really don’t know you until you tell me who you are”
- B. Jesus: who do people say that I am? Who do say that I am?
- come to know Jesus in a variety of ways
  - SCRIPTURE: especially the stories that he tells
    - story of forgiveness (last week)
    - story of compassion (good Samaritan) ... what it means to be a Christian
    - story of love (looking for the lost sheep)
  - the story-teller is revealed in his stories ... a person of mercy, kindness, affection
  - come to know Jesus
- SAINTS
- St. Paul: I live not I but Christ lives in me ...
  - St. Francis: simplicity, joy, instrument of peace
  - Mother Teresa: concern for the poor
- come to know Jesus – the sacraments ... esp. the Eucharist ... marriage
    - wants to be with us ... baptism/confirmation/every day: feed and nourish us
    - Jesus: one who is present and manifest
    - know him in the breaking of bread and serious conversation
- C. Identity - passports / drivers’ licenses take us only so far / faith leads us into the mind and heart of Jesus – our friend, redeemer, and brother.