

## **Monday, April 20, 2020; Second Week of Easter**

Acts 4:23-31; Psalm 2:1-9; John 3:1-8

“You must be born from above.”

Being “born again” is a biblical phenomenon, not a Pentecostal or bible church initiative, as many claim/think. Jesus used those words to describe the life we have by our association with him, primarily through baptism and sacramental life, and importantly, through our own faith confession with lives and utterances that conform to the rule of life lived in his Spirit. That is at the heart of Jesus’ discussion with Nicodemus in John 3. As Easter people then, we must endeavor daily to discover what it truly means to be borne from above and live accordingly, knowing that in the constant struggle between flesh and spirit, our spiritual rebirth must be the determining principle for the choices we make. Like Jesus’ earliest disciples, we must always allow the wind of the Holy Spirit dictate the direction of our life’s journey; and we will never go wrong.

Lord, renew us, our families, your church and our world with your Spirit. Amen.

-- Fr. Maurice