

Daily Mass Homily
21 April 2020
Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter

“Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to God, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.”

Reading 1: Acts 4:32-37

Psalm 93: **The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

Gospel: John 3: 7b-15

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When we are listening carefully to our readings and to the many other ways that our Lord speaks to us, we can hear that we are often being reminded of something. Often, we are reminded of the same themes or ideas again and again. Like the teaching that we receive for Jesus about love. We are reminded again and again of who we are to love, how we are to love and what that love looks like. We see many types of love in our world, and yet God show us to love in a very particular way, a perfect and holy way.

Another reminder that I think that we have been given lately to reflect upon - and a reminder that I think that we need to pay special attention to these days - is the idea that we need to focus on the things that are above and

how what is above is what we need to really be attaining to achieve in our lives. Too often we end up focusing on the things of the earth. We focus on our success here and the riches that we gather here that often distract us from what is really important and that is attaining future treasure in heaven.

During these days of the COVID-19 Pandemic we have been forced to think about something else. Everything that we worked at every day that we thought was thought was important was taken away from us. We have been forced to look at something else. Hopefully we have turned our attention to above and what God really wants us to focus on, our life beyond our earthly bodies. Some of us, myself included, just want things to return to "normal." I am afraid that the normal we knew is now long gone. But, by simply wanting to return to the way things were, we are missing a big opportunity, the opportunity that God is given us to start a new, to put him first and the things that are above first. When we do that, we are indeed transformed into a new creation. When we open ourselves to what is above, we allow God to remove our stony hearts and replace them with his heart a heart that is pure and

that draws its love and energy from God's grace that comes from above.