

Sacred Heart – St. Louis Parish

12 May 2020

Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter

“Sing praise to our God, all you who fear God, both small and great, for now salvation and strength have come, and the power of his Christ, alleluia.”

(readings are from the Easter weekday)

Reading 1: Acts 14: 19-28

Psalm 145: **Your friends make known, O Lord, the glorious splendor of your kingdom**

Gospel: John 14: 27-31a

Homily for Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter

In the gospel today we hear Jesus say these words: “Not as the world gives do I give it to you.” These words remind us what Jesus gives to us is something new. It is something that we have never seen before. It is a new way of living; it is something that is truly out of this world. It is something that we had not seen before, until Jesus showed it to us.

During these past several weeks of staying at home, I hope that we have been taking time to try and see what God is saying to us in this. What changes do we need to make in our lives and the fact of the matter is that each one of us is called to change? How? Well, we

need to look at what Jesus teaches us and reveals to us, remembering that what he gives is not from this world. So, as we are looking at our lives and looking to see what areas that might be in need of conversion, we have to look at our actions and ways of living and compare them not according to the standard of the world, but according to the standard of Jesus, of the Cross. That is how we can know if we are in need of conversion. If we just measure ourselves according to the values set by the world around us, then I would say that we are doing pretty good and that is why we often cannot find anything in our lives that we need to work on.

What Jesus gives us is not from this world, let us open our minds to grow in ways that we never have thought possible.