

## ***Sacred Heart – St. Louis Parish***

16 May 2020

Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter

**“You have been buried with Christ in Baptism, through which you also rose again by faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead, alleluia.”**

*(readings are from the Easter weekday)*

Reading 1: Acts 16: 1-10

Psalm 100: **Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Gospel: John 15: 18-21

### **Homily for Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter**

Paul has been traveling about sharing the Good News of Jesus to those that he met along his travels. He followed the Holy Spirit as it guided him in his travels. While Paul was in Derbe and Lystra he encountered a disciple named Timothy and invited him to travel with him. They then proceeded to continue to follow the Holy Spirit. Not only did the Holy Spirit reveal to them where to go, the Holy Spirit also prevented them from going to places that they were not supposed to go. Paul wanted to go on to Asia to spread the message there, but the Holy Spirit prevented them.

The Holy Spirit not only opened doors for Paul on his mission as he was telling the world about Jesus and what he done and the encounter that he himself had with Jesus, the Holy Spirit often prevents doors from being opened. There are often reasons why we did not get a particular job or promotion. There are reasons that, even though we think that a particular person is attractive and that the two of you would hit it off, that your paths do not cross.

I think that in many ways, we can see that the Holy Spirit has put a stop to many things in our daily lives. Some of these things, habits, whatever, we need to root out of our lives. We need to stop doing them. We need to be thankful for what we have and stop chasing after the next best thing or the next dollar. What is most important in our lives? Our families and our relationship with God. Have we turned to God during these days asking what he is trying to say? What does he want us to learn? What doors has the Holy Spirit closed for us that need to stay closed and what path, what new road and adventure, what new way of life, will the Holy Spirit direct you too or is directing you too?

Come Holy Spirit! Come!