

Sacred Heart – St. Louis Parish

19 May 2020

Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter

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

(readings are from the Easter weekday)

Reading 1: Acts 16: 22-34

Psalm 138: **Your right hand saves me, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 16: 5-11

Homily for Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter

As we are making our way through these Easter days, we are beginning to see a change in our readings. At the beginning of the Easter season we noticed that the readings that we would encounter at Mass were revealing to us the first accounts of the disciples coming to the tomb and finding it empty. Then we progress to hear how Jesus began to appear to the disciples and apostles, revealing that he is alive and that everything that he said was going to happen had come true. Further in our Easter season, our readings began to show to us how the church was beginning to grow, and more and more people were coming to be baptized and began to start living this new life.

Now as we are coming to the conclusion of the Easter season, just about two more weeks and then we return to Ordinary Time, we begin to hear how Jesus is getting the disciples ready for his Ascension, which will take place this coming Thursday, and ultimately to his sending us the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is given to us so that we, who continue to wait for Jesus' return, will have what we need in order to be able to continue on our journey and to continue to wait until Jesus comes again.

Now, more than ever in our lives, we need the Holy Spirit. As we listen to the news each day, it is harder and harder to know who we should listen to. What is safe and what is not safe. How do we listen to two opposing voices and know which one is the right one to listen to? Is it safe to start to return to our "normal" activities or should we still stay home as much as possible? Mask, no mask? The Holy Spirit will help us, as long as we listen to him and are truly listening, not just wanting to hear what we want to hear.

Come Holy Spirit. Renew our hearts! Renew the face of the earth!