

Sacred Heart – St. Louis Parish

20 May 2020

Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter – *opt. mem.* **St. Bernardine, Priest**

“I will praise you Lord, among the nations; I will tell of your name to my kin, alleluia.”

(readings are from the Easter weekday)

Reading 1: Acts 17: 15, 22 – 18:1

Psalm 148: **Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Gospel: John 16: 12 - 15

Homily for Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter

Today our reading from the Acts of the Apostles has an important message for us to contemplate. Let’s take another look at these words:

“God has overlooked the times of ignorance, but now he demands that all people everywhere repent because he has established a day on which he will ‘judge the world with justice’ through a man he has appointed, and he has provided confirmation for all by raising him from the dead.”

These words are speaking to us in a very real way during these current days that we are living in. God has indeed overlooked the times of our ignorance when we acted and lived in a way that was

contrary to the life that God wants us to live. Often times, we do many things that we should not do simply because we do not know any better. But the excuse of not knowing any better only goes so far. There comes a time that we can no longer be victims, we can no longer live in ignorance in relation to our actions. We are now in a time in which God is calling us to repent. We can be ignorant no longer.

There is a day in which we will be judged by the one that God has appointed to judge, and we have received confirmation of the one that God has appointed for that task because he rose him from the dead. It is Jesus. Jesus is the one that will judge all our actions. The sins that we did on purpose, the actions that we did out of ignorance and everything in between. We know that Jesus is the one because he rose from the dead. There are witnesses to this and this is what we have been celebrating during these Easter days, that Jesus is the one.

During this time of the COVID-19 Pandemic, God has given us the opportunity to really delve deep into our hearts and repent. He is calling us to change our lives and God is doing this in a big way. This time that we have is not for us to be looking at the ways that other sinners are using this to their advantage or trying to push their own

agendas, but this is a time to repent and to look at how we need to change. There are only so many times that God will give us the opportunity to change before we will have our day of judgment. At that judgment, nothing will be concealed, especially those things that we don't want to think that are that important or that we have failed to repent from in our lives.

Come Holy Spirit, show us what we need to repent of in our lives. Help us to follow Jesus more closely and to listen to his guidance in our lives.