

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

28 May 2020

Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter –

**“With boldness let us approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace as a timely help, alleluia.”**

*(readings are from the Easter weekday)*

Reading 1: Acts 22: 30, 23: 6-11

Psalm 16: **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.**

Gospel: John 17: 20-26

### **Homily for Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter**

Today our Entrance Antiphon, from Hebrews 4:16, is one that can give us much to think about today. The verse that we have begins with the suggestion that as we come before the Lord’s throne of grace, we are to come before the Lord with Boldness. With boldness let us approach the throne of grace... We can come before the throne of grace with boldness because we know that we belong to him. We are members of the body of Christ. As members of the body of Christ we know that we can come boldly before the Father because we are his and he loves us. We belong to him. Each one of us,

We come before the Lord that we may receive mercy. He loves us so much that he sent his son Jesus to die so that we may have eternal life. He pours that mercy out upon us in a timely fashion. Just when we need it the most. Sometimes when we bring our prayers before the Lord, we lose hope that he will answer our prayers because we do not see anything happening right away. Sadly we live in a time in which we have become accustomed to getting anything and everything that we want and need just the second that we ask for it or we think that it is something that we must attain. Just think of email, text messaging, Facebook, news notifications that we are constantly receiving on our phones. We are not always used to waiting.

Let us reflect today upon these words that we have in our entrance antiphon from Hebrews 4:16. We are God's chosen ones, the ones that he has loved from the creation of all things. He has known us in his heart, because we belong to him, we are free to come boldly before the throne of grace to receive the mercy and forgiveness that is available to us that was won by the resurrection of Jesus.