

## Sacred Heart – St. Louis Parish

### **Homily for the Fifth Sunday of Easter**

*10 May 2020*

**“O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; on the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.**

Reading 1 – Acts 6: 1-7

Psalm 33 – **Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Reading 2 – 1 Peter 2: 4-9

Gospel – John 14: 1-12

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This Sunday we find ourselves at the Fifth Sunday of Easter where in the gospel of John we hear some very comforting words from Jesus. Words that are not only comforting to us in this very moment, but words that have power behind them because they come from Jesus.

This weekend many parishes in our Archdiocese and country are able to start providing people the opportunity to attend a private mass that their parish priest will celebrate. While only a few were able this weekend here at our parish to attend, we have had a good number of people begin to sign up, so check your emails as to when you will be signed up to attend, again if you are not scheduled in advance for a particular mass, you will not be admitted if you just show up.

This weekend we also celebrate all of our Mother's on this Mother's Day Sunday. We recognize all of the many things that you do for all of us, your children. The sacrifices that you make, and the endless love and worry poured out over us that we will never even know about, not to mention the countless tears that we have caused our mothers as well. On this Mother's Day, I ask our Risen Lord to send his love and blessings upon each of our mothers, those living here and those that have gone on to claim their place that Jesus prepared for them in heaven. We pray that he will keep them safe and strong and may our Blessed Mother Mary wrap her mantel of protection around each of our mothers, to keep away all the attacks of the evil one, this day and all the days of their lives.

Earlier I mentioned that there was a phrase in the gospel of John that during our continued days of living with our restrictions due to the COVID-19 restrictions would give us tremendous comfort. I think that these words of Jesus presented to us by John are words that would give us comfort during any day of our lives. These words are ones that I would recommend any mother to turn to as she will have a troubled heart many times as her child are growing up.

These words not only give us comfort and help us to feel better during a particular situation, but these words have power. These are the words of Jesus. He is the Word made flesh. What he says, what God says, happens. Do not let your hearts be troubled. He tells us that if we have in God, then also have faith in me. Believe me when I tell you it will be okay. You know the way. I have shown you the way. I am the way. Jesus will always show us the way. If we

believe and trust in him, then we will be just fine. We have to follow him. We have to listen to him.

I have mentioned many times before, that God is speaking to us in a very real way, right now. He has allowed all those things that are really not that important to be taken away. He has left us what is truly important. Our family, food and time. Time to stop and focus on what God is saying to us. He has given us the time that we need to see where we need to change and each and every one of us needs to change. Don't get trapped and wrapped in all the conspiracy theories and politics and lies and mudslinging and so forth, and instead focus on what you need to change in your life. How do each one of us need to look to Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life and see the places that we are not following him so we can stop and turn in the direction that will lead us to the Christ, and eternal life.