



**Tuesday, May 12, 2020:
Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter**



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Good Morning!

Today we celebrate St. Nereus and St. Achilleus. Our readings come from Acts 14:19-28, Psalm 145 and John 14:27-31. Jesus speaks in today's gospel, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid," We really need that "peace" that Jesus gives. It is tempting to let our hearts be troubled and to be afraid. We do not know how this Coronavirus will continue to play out and how far can we go in opening things up. When we stop and think about it, is the end of May that far off? What about June? When we hear that the spike will come in mid-July in Minnesota, what does that do to you? Hopefully it makes us think not of ourselves but of others. The virus seems to be spreading as quickly as the word of God did in the early Church. Paul was stoned by some Jews and when supposedly dead the disciples gathered around him and he got up and entered the city. The word of God continued to spread and the reports of how the faith had been spread to the Gentiles was reported to the larger Church. Paul and the disciples exhorted, "Persevere in the faith, it is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God." Today's hardship is like none other and all we can do is turn to the Lord to ask for wisdom, patience, fortitude, courage, understanding, council, piety and fear of the Lord. We need to wait, we need to ponder, and we need to be together in this. It is only with the "peace" that Jesus gives us that we can wait this out and be smart as we share in the love of life that Jesus shows us, just as the Father loves him and us. The ruler of the world has no power over Jesus so why let our hearts be troubled and let fear into our space. We await the outpouring of the Holy Spirit as we pray, "Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth." May the Holy Spirit grant us wisdom today!

Peace,

RevKev

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