April 12,2021 Homily by Deacon Luis P. Villanueva for 8AM Mass on Monday, 04-12-21 at St. Joseph Church, Devine, TX- Fr. Antonio Hernandez, Pastor- Acts 4:23-31, Psalm 2; Gospel: John 3:1-8 In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, amen.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles speaks about how the lives of the Apostles were different and changed dramatically after the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus from the grave.

Before receiving the Holy Spirit, the Apostles were fearful of the Jews and the Roman soldiers fearing they too may receive the same treatment and death as Jesus did and so they hid themselves behind locked doors.

However, after the Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit, they began to speak and proclaim the Word of God with all boldness and with great signs and wonders healed people in the name of Jesus. The presence of the Holy Spirit was so powerful in them that when they prayed, the place where they prayed would shake.

May we come to realize that our lives too are different and should be drastically changed when filled with the same Holy Spirit at receiving the Sacraments.

We should with great boldness and authority proclaim the Holy Word of God to all around us. We should let the Light of Christ be shared with those who live in darkness. We should manifest the gifts of the Holy Spirit that great signs and wonders of healing and conversion may be seen daily in the lives of those around

We were anointed priests, prophets and kings at Baptism and as born into a new spiritual life, were given a mission by Jesus that filled with his Holy Spirit should be continually at work through us every day. As priests, offering sacrificial offerings to God not only at Mass but throughout the day. As prophets, proclaiming the Word of God, and as kings, ruling as Christians over this land with Jesus. God bless you

La primera lectura de los Hechos de Ios Ap6stoles habla de como las vidas de los Apostoles fueron diferentes y cambiaron dramåticamente después de la Resurrecci6n de nuestro Sefior Jesüs de la tumba.

Antes de recibir el Espiritu Santo, los apostoles eran timidos, temian a los Judios y a los soldados Romanos por temor a que ellos también pudieran recibir el mismo trato y muerte que Jests y por eso se escondieron detrås de puertas cerradas.

Sin embargo, después de que los Apostoles fueron Ilenos del Espiritu Santo, comenzaron a hablar y proclamar la Palabra de Dios con toda valentia y con grandes sefiales y maravillas, sanaron a la gente en el nombre de Jests. La presencia del Espfritu Santo era tan poderosa en ellos que cuando oraban, el lugar donde oraban temblaba.

Que todo Cristiano Ileguemos a darnos cuenta de que nuestras vidas también son diferentes y deben cambiar dråsticamente debido a que el mismo Espiritu Santo vive en nosotros al recibir los Sacramentos.

Debemos proclamar con gran valentia y autoridad la Santa Palabra de Dios a todos los que nos rodean. Debemos dejar que la Luz de Cristo se compana con quienes Viven en la oscuridad. Debemos manifestar los dones del Espiritu Santo para que grandes semes y maravillas de sanidad y conversiön puedan verse diariamente en la Vida de qyienes nos rodean.

Fuimos ungidos sacerdotes, profetas y reyes en el Bautismo y, al realizar nuestra nueva Vida espiritual, y que Jests nos envio con una misiön Ilena de su Espiritu Santo, deberiamos estar Ilevandola a cabo diariamente. Como sacerdotes, ofreciendo sacrificios a Dios no solamente en la Misa sino durante el resto del dia. Como profetas, proclamando la Palabra de Dios, y como reyes, gobernando con Cristo sobre esta tierra. Que Dios Ios bendiga.