

# Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter

**Gospel text (Jn 3,7-15): Jesus said to Nicodemus, «Because of this, don't be surprised when I say: 'You must be born again from above'. The wind blows where it pleases and you hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. It is like that with everyone who is born of the Spirit». Nicodemus asked again, «How can this be?». And Jesus answered, «You are a teacher in Israel, and you don't know these things! Truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and we witness to the things we have seen, but you don't accept our testimony. If you don't believe when I speak of earthly things, what then, when I speak to you of heavenly things? No one has ever gone up to heaven except the one who came from heaven, the Son of Man. As Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that whoever believes in him may have eternal life».**

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***«You must be born again from above»***

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Today, Jesus talks about the difficulty of foreseeing and knowing the action of the Holy Spirit: in fact, «it blows where it pleases» (Jn 3:8). He ties it in with the testimony He is also giving and the need to be born from above. «You must be born again from above» (Jn 3:7), clearly says the Lord; a new life is necessary to have access to eternal life. It is not enough just to get by to reach the Kingdom of Heaven; a new life, regenerated by the Spirit's action, is needed. Our professional, family, sporting, cultural, ludic and, most than all, pious life, must be transformed by our Christian feeling and by God's action. Everything must be transversely impregnated by his Spirit. Nothing, but nothing at all, should make us stay outside the renewal God's Spirit, offers us.

A transformation where Jesus Christ is the catalyst. He, who previously had to

suffer the Crucifixion and then resurrect, is who will send us God's Spirit. He who has come from above. He who has shown his power and his goodness, through his many miracles. He who always makes his Father's will. He who has suffered to the last drop of blood for us. Thanks to the Spirit He will send us, we «shall be able to ascend to the Kingdom of Heaven; by the Spirit we obtain his filial adoption; by the Spirit we are allowed to call God our “Father”, to participate of Christ's Grace and to receive the right to share the eternal glory» (Saint Basil the Great).

Let us give the Spirit's action our warmest welcome, let us listen to him and let us apply his inspirations so that each one of us —wherever we should be— can set up a good lofty example that inflames Christ's light.