

Begotten By Love

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Psalm 98:1-4; 1 John 4:7-10;
John 15:9-17

God is love, and He revealed that love in sending His only Son to be a sacrificial offering for our sins.

In these words from today's Epistle, we should hear an echo of the story of Abraham's offering of Isaac at the dawn of salvation history. Because Abraham obeyed God's command and did not with-hold his only beloved son, God promised that Abraham's descendants, the children of Israel, would be the source of blessing for all nations (see Genesis 22:16-18).

We see that promise coming to fulfillment in today's First Reading. God pours out His Spirit upon the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, as they listen to the word of Peter's preaching. Notice they receive the same gifts received by the devout Jews who heard Peter's preaching at Pentecost—the Spirit comes to rest upon them and they speak in tongues, glorifying God (see Acts 2:5-11).

In his love today, God reveals that His salvation embraces the house of Israel and peoples of all nations. Not by circumcision or blood relation to Abraham, but by faith in the Word of Christ, sealed in the sacrament of baptism, peoples are to be made children of Abraham, heirs to God's covenants of promise (see Galatians 3:7-9; Ephesians 2:12).

This is the wondrous work of God that we sing of in today's Psalm. It is the work of the Church, the good fruit that Jesus chooses and appoints His apostles for in today's Gospel.

As Peter raises up Cornelius today, the Church continues to lift all eyes to Christ, the only one in whose name they can find salvation.

In the Church, each of us has been begotten by the love of God. But the Scriptures today reveal that this divine gift brings with it a command and a duty. We are to love one another as we have been loved. We are to lay down our lives in giving ourselves to others—that they too might find friendship with Christ, and new life through Him.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
May 9th – May 17th, 2015

Sat. May 9th 4:30 p.m.	Weekday Deceased and Living Members of the Rodrigues Family – by Leo and Lavinia
Sun. May 10th 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sixth Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day) Maria Melo and Jose Ponte – RIP – by Conceicao and Jeremias Pacheco Maria and Leopold Yvorchuk – RIP – by the family
Mon. May 11th	NO MASS
Tues. May 12th 7:00 p.m.	Weekday A. Saverimuttu – RIP – by Julia
Wed. May 13th 7:00 p.m.	OUR LADY OF FATIMA Intentions of the Parishioners
Thurs. May 14th 9:00 a.m.	Saint Matthias For all the Souls in Purgatory
Fri. May 15th 9:00 a.m.	Weekday For all the Souls in Purgatory
Sat. May 16th 4:30 p.m.	Weekday Sal Lancione – RIP –by the family
Sun. May 17th 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Ascension of the Lord Manuel and Julia Melo – RIP – by Maria Melo Ponte Elissa Comolli – RIP – by Margaret Di Gaetano

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Counters:

May 10, 2015 – Chris Tugadi and Maria Ponte
May 17, 2015 – Kevin Wong and Bobot Palanca

Coffee Sunday

Hosted by the **Be My Disciples Team**, everyone is cordially invited to a "Coffee Sunday" today, **May 10th**, the second Sunday of the month, after the 11 A.M. Mass at the Church Hall.

A Prayer for Mother's Day

God our Creator, we pray: for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility; for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; for those who are tired, stressed or depressed; for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family; for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty; for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; for those who have children they do not want; for those who raise children on their own; for those who have lost a child; for those who care for the children of others; for those whose children have left home; and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen.

Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day

Come and join us in the celebration of the **feast day of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13th, Wednesday**. The celebration will commence with **praying of the Rosary at 6:30 P.M. followed by a Mass at 7:00 P.M.** (Please take note that there will be **no Mass at 9 A.M.**). Immediately after the Mass, there will be procession of Our Lady of Fatima statue from the Church door to the altar. Refreshments will be served.

Fr. Sunny Abraham's Jubilee Celebration

We are holding a potluck to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Fr. Sunny Abraham as a priest. Come and join us on May 24th, Sunday, after the 11 A.M. Mass at the Church Hall. Please bring along a main/side dish, snack or dessert item to share. For details, please contact Irah Tirona at 514 336-4892.

Be My Disciples News

This catechetical year-end is fast approaching, and we are already thinking of next year. The REGISTRATION Forms for September will be ready within the next two (2) weeks. The children who are currently in the Be My Disciples program will take the new registration form home. Please look for it in their book or backpack. All other parishioners, who have children between the ages of Kindergarten and Junior High, please inquire at the office or call Connie Kuhr for information. Thank you to Our Lady of Fatima for the many blessings showered upon us.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 23, 2015 - 4:30 p.m. Mass - **Confirmation**

June 6, 2015 - 4:30 p.m. Mass - **First Communion**