

# A New Wind

**Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn**

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Acts 2:1-11, Psalm 104: 1,24,29-31,34; 1Corinthians12: 3-7, 12-13;  
John 20: 19-23

The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history.

The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people, in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see Leviticus 23:15-21;Deuteronomy 16:9-11).

In today's First Reading the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see Acts 1:14).

The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see Jeremiah 31:31-34; 2 Corinthians 3:2-8; Romans 8:2).

The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm.

In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see Genesis 1:2). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth.

As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45,47).

Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also John 7:37-39).

We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15).

Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), we are the first fruits of a new humanity - fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**May 23<sup>rd</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015**

<b>Sat. May 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Desiderio Manzo Manzanal Sr. – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
<b>Sun. May 24<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents Victor Kramer Sr. – RIP – by the Kramer family
<b>Mon. May 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tues. May 26<sup>th</sup></b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Saint Philip Neri</b> Laura and Richard Rooney – Anniversary Blessings – by Connie and Jim Kuhr
<b>Wed. May 27<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Saint Augustine of Canterbury</b> Joan Mc Cormack – RIP – by William Moran
<b>Thurs. May 28<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Cecilia D’Souza – RIP – by the Alvares family
<b>Fri. May 29<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> May O’ Donnell – RIP – by Joan
<b>Sat. May 30<sup>th</sup></b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Roberto Lagman – RIP – by the family
<b>Sun. May 31<sup>st</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> Maria and Jose Ponte – RIP – by Fatima and Fernando Cardoso Elsa Cardoza – Birthday Thanksgiving – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy

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**Collection:**

May 17, 2015 - **\$2,835.90** ..... **Thank you for your  
generosity.**

**Counters:**

May 24, 2015 – Emil Tirona and Rose Combe  
May 31, 2015 – Betty Machny and Jim Kuhr

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### *Fatima Mini Spring Sale*

The Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a **Mini Spring Sale** on **June 13<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday at 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. and on **June 14<sup>th</sup>**, Sunday, after both Masses, in the Parish hall. We are in need of "soft cover books", jewellery, scarves, kitchen accessories, crafts, etc. Please note we cannot accept any electronics, furniture, clothing, shoes, or purses. There will also be a **bake sale** and a "**moitie/moitie**" (**half/half**) **raffle**. The lunch room will be open for hot dogs and other assorted goodies.

As usual, we need lots of help. We need people to set up on the Friday, sellers for the tables, young people serving at lunch on the Saturday and the next day after the Masses. All in all, if everyone pulls together, we can make this a huge success. You may drop things off at the Rectory during the week or when you come to Mass.

Proceeds will go to the maintenance of the Church. Thank you in advance for your usual cooperation. For more information, please call Geri at 514-335-8683 or Carolyn at 514-747-0735.

### *Special Collection for Nepal*

Due to the gravity of the earthquake that devastated Nepal, we need to make an urgent collection for the victims. As encouraged by Archbishop Christian Lepine, there will be a **second collection this weekend, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**. The government of Canada has announced that it will match all the contributions collected until May 25, 2015. Thank you for your generosity.

### *Fr. Sunny Abraham's Jubilee Celebration*

Come and join us today, May 24<sup>th</sup>, after the 11 A.M. Mass at the Church Hall, for a **potluck lunch** to celebrate Fr. Sunny Abraham's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a priest.

### *Be My Disciples News*

The **REGISTRATION** forms for Be My Disciples for **September 2015 are ready. ALL children** of the Parish **must be registered in this faith transmission and education program**. The children who are currently in the Be My Disciples program are taking the new registration form home. 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. Please register immediately so that we can plan (order books, get Catechists, form groups, etc.) for next year. The **DEADLINE is June 28, 2015**. Registrations after that date will be charged a late fee of \$25.00 per person.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

May 24, 2015– **Pentecost Sunday** – Last day of Be My Disciples  
– Everyone wear something **RED!**  
June 6, 2015 – 4:30 p.m. Mass – **First Communion**

### *Befriend Us On Facebook*

We are working to make the Parish website and Facebook page a vital part of Parish life. Please befriend us on Facebook. Keep up with the latest news. Be the first invited to all events. Login to Facebook, and look us up!