

New For All Ages: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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Acts 14:21-27; Psalm 145:8-13; Revelation 21:1-5; John 13:31-35



By God's goodness and compassion, the doors of His kingdom have been opened to all who have faith, Jew or Gentile.

That's the good news Paul and Barnabas proclaim in today's First Reading. With the coming of the Church - the new Jerusalem John sees in today's Second Reading - God is "making all things new."

In His Church, the "old order" of death is passing away and God for all time is making His dwelling with the human race, so that all peoples "will be His people and God Himself will always be with them." In this the promises made through His prophets are accomplished (see [Ezekiel 37:27](#); [Isaiah 25:8](#); [35:10](#)).

The Church is "the kingdom for all ages" that we sing of in today's Psalm. That's why we see the Apostles, under the guidance of the Spirit, ordaining "presbyters" or priests (see [1 Timothy 4:14](#); [Titus 1:5](#)).

Anointed priests and bishops will be the Apostles' successors, ensuring that the Church's "dominion endures through all generations" (see [Philippians 1:1](#), note that the New American Bible translates *Episcopos*, the Greek word for bishops, as "overseers").

Until the end of time, the Church will declare to the world God's mighty deeds, blessing His holy name and giving Him thanks, singing of the glories of His kingdom.

In His Church, we know ourselves as His "faithful ones," as those Jesus calls "My little children" in today's Gospel. We live by the new law, the "new commandment" that He gave in His final hours.

The love He commands of us is no human love but a supernatural love. We love each other as Jesus loved us in suffering and dying for us. We love in imitation of His love.

This kind of love is only made possible by the Spirit poured into our hearts at Baptism (see [Romans 5:5](#)), renewed in the sacrifice His priests offer in every Mass.

By our love we glorify the Father. And by our love all peoples will know that we are His people, that He is our God.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
April 23rd – May 1st, 2016

Sat. Apr. 23rd
4:30 p.m.

Saint George
Ursula Lafontaine and Deceased
Members of the Rodrigues family
– by Leo and Lavinia

Sun. Apr. 24th
9:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Easter
Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents

11:00 a.m.

Adrian de Souza – RIP – by the
family

Mon. Apr. 25th

NO MASS

Tues. Apr. 26th
7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Good Counsel
Regino and Rex Crodua – RIP – by the
Crodua family

Wed. Apr. 27th
9:00 a.m.

Weekday
Dorothy and George Kuhr – RIP by
Jim and Connie

Thurs. Apr. 28th
9:00 a.m.

Saint Peter Chanel
Apolonia Francisco – RIP – by the
family

Fri. Apr. 29th
9:00 a.m.

Saint Catherine of Siena
Leo, Rosa Maria and Anthony Borges
– RIP – by the Alvares family

Sat. Apr. 30th
4:30 p.m.

Saint Pius V
Joaquina Moniz Tomaz and Joao Leite
Melo – RIP – by Maria Ponte

Sun. May 1st
9:00 a.m.

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Thomas Kennedy – RIP – by Pat

11:00 a.m.

Paciencia Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by
Jerry and Ofelia Roy

Called Home To The Father

*Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Rose Mangahas**. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

The family will receive condolences on Sunday, April 24, from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm. at Urgel Bourgie Funeral Complex, 3955, chemin de la Côte-de-Liesse, St-Laurent, tel. [\(514\) 735-2025](tel:5147352025). The funeral mass will be Monday, April 25, at 11am.

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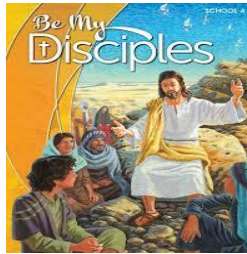
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HEALING MASS ON MAY 5



As one of the activities in preparation for the Consecration of the Church, there will be healing mass on May 5th, Thursday at 7:00 P.M. to be said by Bishop Thomas Dowd.

BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS



On April 30th, the Confirmation candidates will have their **Confirmation RETREAT**, in preparation for their **Confirmation on Saturday, May 14th**.

Next Sunday, May 1st, there will be a **meeting of ALL THE PARENTS** of the children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, in the Pennefather Room after the class.

Saturday, May 7th, 27 children will celebrate their First Reconciliation. Please let us keep all these children in our prayers.

The MARIAN EVENING is on Saturday, May 7, immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Mass. It is an evening of praise and devotion to our Blessed Mother. **Everyone is welcome! Please come and join us to pray the Candlelight Rosary!** If you have attended before, you know that it is a blessing; if you have not, come and find out for yourself the power of community prayer.

Following the rosary, we will have a hot dog supper. Everyone is welcome to join us. The contribution is \$3.00 each to help defray the costs. Please let Connie Kuhr know if you are coming for the supper. In order to buy enough food, we need to know how many people to expect. **See you all there!**

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 30, 2016 - **CONFIRMATION RETREAT** - for all Confirmation candidates.

May 1, 2016 - **Meeting with the PARENTS of all first communicants** - immediately following Be My Disciples

May 7, 2016 - 2:00 p.m. - **FIRST RECONCILIATION** - for all children preparing for First Communion

May 7, 2016 - **Marian Evening** - Everyone is welcome!

May 14, 2016 - 4:30 p.m. Mass - **CONFIRMATION**

May 28, 2016 - 4:30 p.m. Mass - **FIRST COMMUNION**

GERMAN CHOIR OF MONTREAL



The German Choir of Montreal and COE Projekt Choir from Schwabia, Germany invite you to a Choral Evening on Saturday, May 21, 2016 -18:30 at Our Lady of Fatima, 875 Marcel-Laurin Saint-Laurent. Donation: \$15 includes coffee and cake. Tickets available

from choir members or at the door. For information call Adrien Michaud 514-744-6361 All are welcome.