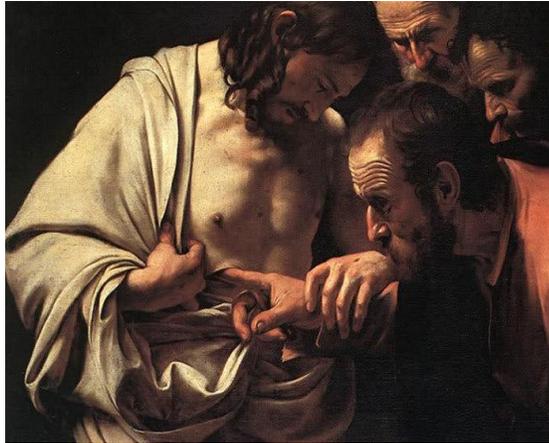


Breath of New Life: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Second Sunday of Easter

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Acts 5:12-16; Psalm 118:2-4,13-15, 22-24; Revelation 1:9-13,17-19;
John 20:19-31



The prophet Daniel in a vision saw "One like the Son of Man" receive everlasting kingship (see [Daniel 7:9-14](#)). John is taken to heaven in today's Second Reading where He sees Daniel's prophecy fulfilled in Jesus, who appears as "One like a Son of Man."

Jesus is clad in the robe of a High Priest (see [Exodus 28:4](#); [Wisdom 18:24](#)) and wearing the gold sash of a King (see [1 Maccabees 10:89](#)). He has been exalted by the right hand of the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm.

His risen body, which the Apostles touch in today's Gospel, has been made a life-giving Spirit (see [1 Corinthians 15:45](#)).

As the Father anointed Him with the Spirit and power (see [Acts 10:38](#)), Jesus pours out that Spirit on the Apostles, sending them into the world "as the Father has sent Me."

Jesus "breathes" the Spirit of His divine life into the Apostles - as God blew the "breath of life" into Adam (see [Genesis 2:7](#)), as Elijah's prayer returned "the life breath" to the dead child (see [1 Kings 17:21-23](#)), and as the Spirit breathed new life into the slain in the valley of bones (see [Ezekiel 37:9-10](#)).

His creative breath unites the Apostles - His Church - to His body, and empowers them to breathe His life into a dying world, to make it a new creation.

In today's Gospel and First Reading, we see the Apostles fulfilling this mission, with powers only God possesses - the power to forgive sins and to work "signs and wonders," a biblical expression only used to describe the mighty works of God (see [Exodus 7:3](#); [11:10](#); [Acts 7:36](#)).

Thomas and the others saw "many other signs" after Jesus was raised from the dead. They saw and they believed.

They have been given His life, which continues in the Church's Word and sacraments, so that we who have not seen might inherit His blessings, and "have life in His name."

ANNOUNCED MASSES
April 2nd – 10th, 2016

Sat. Apr. 2nd 10:00 a.m.	Saint Francis of Paola Ina Carvajal – RIP – by Mercedes and family
4:30 p.m.	Demostene Romanucci – RIP – by the family
Sun. Apr. 3rd 9:00 a.m.	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) In Thanksgiving of the favors received – by Ruth Gaudreau
11:00 a.m.	Florence Gadwah – RIP – by Janet Prasad
Mon. Apr. 4th 9:00 a.m.	Annunciation of the Lord Ann Lamontagne – RIP -
Tues. Apr. 5th 7:00 p.m.	Saint Vincent Ferrer Maria E.S. Melo and Jose Ponte – RIP – by Luis Ponte
Wed. Apr. 6th 9:00 a.m.	Weekday <i>(Mass Intention available)</i>
Thurs. Apr. 7th 9:00 a.m.	Saint John Baptist de la Salle For Souls in Purgatory – by Phil
Fri. Apr. 8th 9:00 a.m.	Weekday <i>(Mass Intention available)</i>
Sat. Apr. 9th 4:30 p.m.	Weekday Dominic D'Souza – RIP – by the family
Sun. Apr. 10th 9:00 a.m.	Third Sunday of Easter Deceased Members of the Machny and Sinakiewicz family
11:00 a.m.	Tom Kennedy – RIP – by Irene and Rene Vinet

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace*

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The Annunciation of the Lord



March 25th is the feast day of this great solemnity. However this year the Church celebrates the Annunciation on April 4th. It was moved from the normal date because the 25th happened to be during Holy Week, which takes precedence (along with the Easter Octave) over every other celebration during those holy days. ***Annunciation of the Lord mass will be celebrated Monday at 9am.***

Divine Mercy Prayer



You expired, Jesus, but the source of life gushed forth for souls, and the ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.

O Fount of Life, unfathomable Divine Mercy, envelop the whole world and empty Yourself out upon us.

O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!

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The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, he wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.