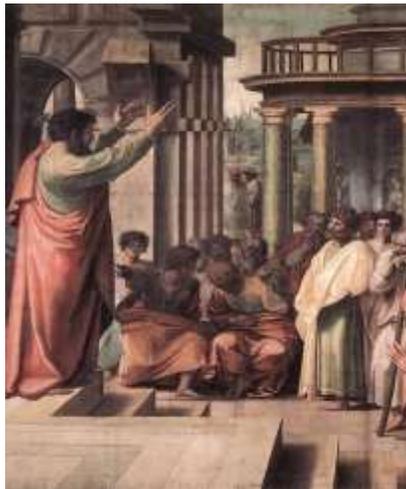


# Alive in the Spirit: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / Psalm: Psalm 66:1-7, 16, 20  
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18 / Gospel: John 14:15-21



Jesus will not leave us alone. He won't make us children of God in Baptism only to leave us "orphans," He assures us in today's Gospel (see Romans 8:14-17) .

He asks the Father to give us His Spirit, to dwell with us and keep us united in the life He shares with the Father.

We see the promised gift of His Spirit being conferred in today's First Reading.

The scene from Acts apparently depicts a primitive Confirmation rite. Philip, one of the first deacons (see Acts 6:5), proclaims the Gospel in the non-Jewish city of Samaria. The Samaritans accept the Word of God (see Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:13) and are baptized.

It remains for the Apostles to send their representatives, Peter and John, to pray and lay hands on the newly baptized—that they might receive the Holy Spirit. This is the origin of our sacrament of Confirmation (see Acts 19:5-6), by which the grace of Baptism is completed and believers are sealed with the Spirit promised by the Lord.

We remain in this grace so long as we love Christ and keep His commandments. And strengthened in the Spirit whom Jesus said would be our Advocate, we are called to bear witness to our salvation—to the tremendous deeds that God has done for us in the name of His Son.

In today's Psalm, we celebrate our liberation. As He changed the sea into dry land to free the captive Israelites, Christ suffered that He might lead us to God, as we hear in today's Epistle.

This is the reason for our hope—the hope that sustains us in the face of a world that cannot accept His truth, the hope that sustains us when we are maligned and defamed for His name's sake.

Put to death in the flesh, He was brought to life in the Spirit, Paul tells us today. And as He himself promises: "Because I live, you will live."

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**May 20<sup>th</sup> – May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>May 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Kenneth Collins – RIP – by Joan
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>May 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Louis Ottoni - RIP – by Rose Maria and family  Maureen T. Shea – RIP – by Brian Walsh and May Khairy
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>May 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Rudy Francisco – RIP – by the family
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Blessed Louis-Zephirin Moreau</b> Anthonypillai Saverimuttu – RIP – by Julia
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>May 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Gregory VII</b> Letitia Sequeira – RIP – by the family
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Philip Neri</b> Ofelia G. Santiago and Janette Gonon – RIP – by the Cote Vertu Walkers
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>May 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Desiderio Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry & Ofelia Roy
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>May 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ascension of the Lord</b> Ilda Branco Martins and Gloria Branco Furtado – RIP – by Maria  Bruna Alesi – RIP – by the family

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*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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### **SPRING BAZAAR**



The Spring Bazaar which was announced in last week's bulletin, has been postponed to the Fall season, Stay tuned for more details in the coming months.

### **BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS**



**The MARIAN EVENING** last week was a wonderful testament of praise and devotion to our Blessed Mother. **THANK YOU, Everyone** who took part in it, and special thanks to all who made it happen. Thank you to Our Lady of Fatima for the many blessings showered upon us.

This catechetical year-end is fast approaching, and we are already thinking of next year. The **REGISTRATION Forms** for September will be ready by mid May. **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 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 enquire at the office or call Connie Kuhr for information – 514-747-9347. The **DEADLINE is June 25, 2017.** Registrations after that date will be charged a late fee of \$25.00 per person

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

May 27, 2017 – 1:30 p.m. – **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

June 3, 2017 - 4:30 p.m. Mass – **CONFIRMATION**

June 4, 2017 - – last day of Be My Disciples

June 10, 2017 - 4:30 p.m. Mass - **FIRST COMMUNION**

### **HOLY HOUR**



New! **Every Tuesday during the Easter season,** following the 7:00 pm mass, the Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for one hour of silent Adoration. Also, Adoration every Friday throughout the year, following the 9:00 am mass. Come and spend some time with the Lord.

### **THE FOOD BANK “OASIS”**



Please remember to bring non-perishable food and leave them in the bins at the doors of the church...Thank you.