

A Mighty Wind: Scott Hahn Reflects on Pentecost Sunday

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First Reading: Acts 2:1-11 | Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13 | Gospel: 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 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
June 3rd – June 11th, 2017

Saturday 10:00 a.m.	June 3rd	Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions Leonarda Magtanong – RIP – by Anna Jaronel
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	June 3rd	Sunday Vigil Dominic D'Souza – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	June 4th	Pentecost Sunday Angela Rosa and Giuseppe Mignacca – RIP – by the family Louis Ottoni – RIP – by Remo and Maria Di Ciaccio
Monday	June 5th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	June 6th	Saint Norbert Jean Paul Caron – RIP – by the Massy family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	June 7th	Weekday Stanley Tait – RiP – by the Piper family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	June 8th	Weekday Elizabeth Csaki – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	June 9th	Saint Ephrem Ina and Madeleine – RIP – by Mercedes and family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	June 10th	Sunday Vigil Deceased and Living Members of the Tomaz-Leite-Melo family – by Maria
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	June 11th	The Most Holy Trinity Sunday Bill Yvorchuk – RIP – by Maria Keller and family Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moran – RIP – by William Moran

*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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Bishop Tom's Prayer to The Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit,
I give you permission,
to work in my life,
the way you want.
Amen

STRENGTH IN THE SPIRIT



The Holy Spirit, who came on Pentecost, gave voice to the apostles to proclaim the truth of the Gospel. The Spirit, the Soul of the Church, continues to enable the Church to speak, and enables us to speak in our individual capacity. As Cardinal Elio Sgreccia, President Emeritus of the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life has said, "*The Church must speak out in today's context on fundamental rights, the right to justice, the right to peace, but above all and in the first place, the right to life. If the Church did not speak, did not proclaim the truth, it would be abandoning its duty; it would be unfaithful to society, to the good of society. Therefore, its precise duty is the very liberty to intervene with word, and also with example -- the example of promoting human life, of intervening for the salvation of mankind.*"

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The **REGISTRATION Forms** for September **ARE READY! ALL children** of the Parish **must be registered in this faith transmission and education program.** All 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

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

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

June 25, 2017 – Deadline for Registrations

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Thursday, June 15, 2017 – 7:30 PM

Presided by the Most Reverend Christian Lépine, Archbishop of Montreal

Starts: Mary Queen of the World Cathedral

Then: Procession along Ste. Catherine Street

Ends: Benediction at Saint Patrick's Basilica

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