

A New 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 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 19th – May 27th, 2018

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 19th	Pentecost Sunday Vigil Bruna Alesi – RIP - by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	May 20th	Pentecost Sunday Victor O. Kramer – RIP – by the family In Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit – by Mercedes and family
Monday	May 21st	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	May 22nd	Saint Rita of Cascia Yolande Perusse – RIP – by Linda Piper
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	May 23rd	Weekday Rudy Francisco – RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	May 24th	Blessed Louis-Zephirin Moreau Thanksgiving by Ruth Gaudreau
Friday 9:00 a.m.	May 25th	Weekday Howard vinegar – RIP – by Lesley
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 26th	Sunday Vigil Desiderio Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	May 27th	The Most Holy Trinity Thanksgiving by Nelson and Teresa Naty Pasia – RIP - by the family

**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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BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

Important Dates :

May 19, 2018 - 4:30 p.m. Mass – **Confirmation – Congratulations!**

May 20, 2018 - last day of Be My Disciples – Pentecost Sunday – wear RED!

May 26, 2018 - 1:30 p.m. – **First Reconciliation**

June 2, 2018 - 4:30 p.m. Mass – **First Communion**

A PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Breathe in me O Holy Spirit
that my thoughts may all be holy;

Act in me O Holy Spirit
that my works, too, may be holy;

Draw my heart O Holy Spirit
that I love but what is holy;

Strengthen me O Holy Spirit
to defend that is holy;

Guard me then O Holy Spirit
that I always may be holy.

St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-430)

HOLY HOUR



Silent adoration every Tuesday evening, following the 7:00pm mass (from 7:30pm to 8:30pm) Also, Adoration every Friday, following the 9:00am mass (from 9:30am to 10:30am). Come and spend some time with the Lord!

"Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." -St.Alphonsus Ligouri

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.

SAINT MARY'S HOSPITAL CENTER: HARDCOVER BOOK SALE



On Tuesday, **May 29th**, 10am - 4pm at Saint Mary's Hospital (3830 Lacombe Avenue) **Main Lobby** – ground floor, the St, Mary's Hospital Auxiliary Association is organizing their second annual **hardcover** book sale. We have what you are looking for - mystery, romance, non-fiction, fantasy, etc. It's the perfect occasion to stock up

on your summer reading at the **SUPER LOW PRICE of only \$2.00 a book**. All funds raised will go towards the purchase of specialized medical equipment and to enhance the patient care.

CATHOLIC ACTION OF MONTREAL: NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Mark your calendar. The Catholic Action of Montreal will be holding its Annual General Meeting on May 29th at Loyola High School from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Details to follow.