

# Begotten By Love: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48 | Psalm 98:1–4  
Second Reading: 1 John 4:7–10 | Gospel: John 15:9–17



God is love, and He revealed that love in sending His only Son to be a sacrificial offering for our sins.

In these words from today's Epistle, we should hear an echo of the story of Abraham's offering of Isaac at the dawn of salvation history. Because Abraham obeyed God's command and did not withhold his only beloved son, God promised that Abraham's descendants, the children of Israel, would be the source of blessing for all nations (see Genesis 22:16–18).

We see that promise coming to fulfillment in today's First Reading. God pours out His Spirit upon the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, as they listen to the word of Peter's preaching. Notice they receive the same gifts received by the devout Jews who heard Peter's

preaching at Pentecost—the Spirit comes to rest upon them and they speak in tongues, glorifying God (see Acts 2:5–11).

In his love today, God reveals that His salvation embraces the house of Israel and peoples of all nations. Not by circumcision or blood relation to Abraham, but by faith in the Word of Christ, sealed in the Sacrament of Baptism, people are to be made children of Abraham, heirs to God's covenants of promise (see Galatians 3:7–9; Ephesians 2:12).

This is the wondrous work of God that we sing of in today's Psalm. It is the work of the Church, the good fruit that Jesus chooses and appoints His Apostles for in today's Gospel.

As Peter raises up Cornelius today, the Church continues to lift all eyes to Christ, the only one in whose name they can find salvation.

In the Church, each of us has been begotten by the love of God. But the Scriptures today reveal that this divine gift brings with it a command and a duty. We are to love one another as we have been loved. We are to lay down our lives in giving ourselves to others—that they too might find friendship with Christ, and new life through Him.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**May 5<sup>th</sup> – May 13<sup>th</sup> , 2018**

<b>Saturday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>May 5</b>	<b>Weekday</b> In Thanksgiving to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>May 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Thanksgiving by Kathy Donatien
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>May 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Deceased Members of the Tait and Piper families – RIP – by Linda Piper  Herminia Hosek –RIP – by the Randy family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>May 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Blessed Catherine of St. Augustine</b> Diane des Ormeaux – RIP – by Betty
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>May 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Maria Olivia Ventura – Birthday Blessings – by Ofelia Roy
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>May 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Anthonipillai Saverimuttu – RIP – by Julia
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>May 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Dr. Francis Kristof – RIP – by Lesley
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>May 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Eliard Finn – RIP – by the Finn and McGregor families
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>May 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Ascension of the Lord</b> Rita and Pietro Mosca – RIP – by the family  Richard Isa – RIP – by Leila

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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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May 19, 2018 - Confirmation  
May 26, 2018 - First Reconciliation  
June 2, 2018 - First Communion

Registrations for September will soon be available. Please contact Connie Kuhr if you would like to have information.

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA: May 13<sup>th</sup>



Our Lady of Fatima is a title of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1917, Our Lady appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. They were Lucia Santos, Blessed Jacinta Marto and Blessed Francisco Marto. Our Lady appeared to the children seven times and performed a miracle making the sun dance in the sky, which thousands of people witnessed.

She told the children to say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and the end of war. This is why Our Lady of Fatima is also called Our Lady of the Rosary. She also requested us to pray the following prayer at the end of each mystery or decade of the Rosary: "O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy. Amen."

Later, Our Lady entrusted the children with three secrets. The first was a vision of Hell, and the second was a prophecy of the end of World War I and the beginning of World War II, and the need for Russia to convert to Christianity. The third secret is about the Holy Father being killed with bullets and arrows by soldiers at the foot of a cross, and many other people dying as well.

This Marian Apparition was approved by the Holy See in 1930. Around four million pilgrims visit the Basilica at Fatima every year. The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima is May 13th. ([www.praymorenovenas.com](http://www.praymorenovenas.com))

## ASCENSION DAY



Ascension Day is one of the earliest Christian festivals dating back to the year 68 CE. According to the New Testament in the Bible, Jesus Christ met several times with his disciples during the 40 days after his resurrection to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. It is believed that on the 40th day he took them to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as he ascended to heaven.

Ascension Day marks the end of the Easter season and occurs ten days before Pentecost. Depending upon the phases of the Moon in a particular year, Ascension Day is usually celebrated on a Thursday. However, some Roman Catholic churches celebrate it on the following Sunday. ([www.timeanddate.com](http://www.timeanddate.com))

## PILGRIMAGE TO SHRINES OF FRANCE With Fr. Peter Sabbath

Come and join us to a 13-day pilgrimage to shrines of France with Fr. Peter Sabbath on Thursday, September 13 to Tuesday, September 25. The fee is \$3,590.00 plus air taxes of \$650.00.

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