

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

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First Reading: Acts 5:12–16 | Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9–13, 17–19 | Gospel: 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 27th – May 5th, 2019

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	April 27th	Sunday Vigil Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	April 28th	Divine Mercy Maria E. S. Ponte – RIP – by Luis Ponte Thanksgiving by the Alvares family
Monday 9:00 a.m.	April 29th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	April 30th	Saint Marie of the Incarnation Daniel and Priyanthi – Anniversary Blessings – by their parents
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	May 1st	Saint Joseph the Worker Paciencia Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	May 2nd	Saint Athanasius Helen Coleman – RIP – by Joan
Friday 9:00 a.m.	May 3rd	SAINT PHILIP and SAINT JAMES Lemuel Junnie Salazar – RIP – by the family
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	May 4th	Blessed Marie-Leonie Paradis Effie Martin – RIP – by the Alvares family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 4th	Sunday Vigil Dorothy Wu- RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	May 5th	Third Sunday of Easter <i>Pro Populo</i> In Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity and the Blessed Virgin Mary – by Mercedes and 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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HOW TO PRAY THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Step 1 - Using a regular set of Rosary beads, you begin at the cross by doing the sign of the cross.

Step 2 - On the three beads of the rosary pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Apostles Creed.

Step 3 - You begin each decade with the Our Father beads by praying this prayer: **Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.**

Step 4 - Complete the decade on the 10 Hail Mary beads by praying this prayer: **For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

Repeat Steps 3 and 4 for each decade on the rosary beads.

Step 5 - Once you have prayed all 5 decades, you finish the Chaplet by praying the following prayer 3 times: **Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

COMING TO MONTREAL NEXT MONTH! THE 2019 NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

Join us on **Saturday, May 4**, live in Ottawa or by live webcast at this year's Montreal host site, **Holy Name of Jesus Parish** in Laval (899 Chomedey Blvd., Laval, H7V 2X1). The NES inspires parish renewal and personal conversion. Connect with fellow Catholics from neighbouring Montreal parishes who support one another in the work of evangelization. Online registration is required. Admission is free. Lunch will be provided.

Schedule:

8:15 a.m. - Registration Opens

8:45 a.m. - Conference Begins

4:30 p.m. - Conclusion

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REMINDERS:

Confirmation – Saturday, June 8th at 4:30 p.m.

First Eucharist – Saturday, June 15th at 4:30 p.m. Mass

Please pray for our children and their families as they prepare for their sacraments.

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.