

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 8th – June 16th, 2019

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	June 8th	Sunday Vigil Maria E.S. Ponte – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	June 9th	PENTECOST In Memory of Ina Carvajal and Madeleine Lynes – by Mercedes and family <i>Pro Populo</i>
Monday	June 10th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	June 11th	Saint Barnabas Maria E.S. Melo and Jose J. Ponte – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	June 12th	Weekday For Souls in Purgatory – by Phil
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	June 13th	Saint Anthony of Padua Gaston Bondu – RIP – by Linda Piper
Friday 9:00 a.m.	June 14th	Weekday Thanksgiving – by Nelson D’Souza and family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	June 15th	Sunday Vigil Alexandra and Scott Piacek Noivo – Marriage Blessings – by their grandmother
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	June 16th	TRINITY SUNDAY Silvio Durinzi – RIP – by his daughter <i>Pro Populo</i>

**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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BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH: June 10

Mary, the mother of the Church was instituted by Pope Francis on February 11, 2018 – the 160th anniversary of the apparition of Mary at Lourdes. The title “Mother of the Church” was bestowed on the Blessed Virgin Mary during the Second Vatican Council by Pope Paul VI who declared that “the Mother of God should be further honoured and invoked by the entire Christian people by this tenderest of titles.” This movable feast is observed on the Monday following Pentecost and takes precedence over other memorials which may fall on the same day. (*Living with Christ, June 2019*)

BE MY DISCIPLES

Congratulations to all our young people who were confirmed yesterday, and their families. May the Holy Spirit increase in them the courage and strength to live their faith. Please keep these young people and families in our prayers.

Today is Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the church and the last day of Be My Disciples. Thank you for another great year with our young people. Our Catechetical Team would like to wish you a happy, restful and blessed Summer. We will be back in early September.

This catechetical year-end is fast approaching, and we are planning for next year. The **REGISTRATION Forms** for September are ready. **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 have taken 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 30, 2019.** Registrations after that date will have a late fee of \$25.00 per person.

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 9, 2019 – last day of Be My Disciples – **Pentecost Sunday – wear RED**
June 15, 2019 - 4:30 p.m. Mass - **FIRST COMMUNION**

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