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**MAY 28TH 2023
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

CYCLE A (MATTHEW)

A Mighty Wind: Scott Hahn Reflects on Pentecost Sunday

Readings:

Acts 2:1–11

Psalms 104:1, 24, 29–31, 34

1 Corinthians 12:3–7, 12–13

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 pre-figured 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.

Thank you to Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center for the use of the weekly Mass reflections. More resources are available at www.stpaulcenter.com



MAY 27TH TO JUNE 3RD 2023

Sat May 27th 5:00pm - Alana Maurica Gerardine

Sun May 28th 7:30am - People of the Parish

9:00am - Proceso Delos Santos †

10:30am - Theresa Cusack †

12:00pm - Thanksgiving for Angela Auchincloss

Mon May 29th 8:30am - Anniversary Blessing for Charles & Alice Faria

Tue May 30th 8:30am - Nedia Family †

Wed May 31st 7:30pm - Jordan Pinto†; Francesca and Roberto Lavecchia †

Thu June 1st 8:30am - Jovencia Paredes Alo †

Fri June 2nd 7:30pm - Trevor Levere †

Sat June 3rd 8:30am - Tomasi Family†; 96th Birthday Thanksgiving for Saturnina Amores



OUR SICK:

Maverick Valle, Richard Stockman, Don O'Shaughnessy, Alana Maurica Gerardine, Bette McDermott, Josephine Lavecchia, Romeo Dimalanta, Mara Ezgeta, Fredrick Martyn, John Rodriguez, Sabrina Achaibar, Sharon Garisto, Elizabeth Singh, Richard Rodriguez, Kenny Gonsalves, Kris Gonsalves, Carlo To-

masi, Anna Tomasi, Joan Plouffe, Evelyn Gatila, Judith Ritch, Rita Clemenz, Estela Pett, Steve McAuley, George Paramby Varghese, Edward Kaminski, Emmanuel Carpio, Ligaya Carpio, Ursula Solomon, Holly MacInnis, Norma Diso, Jennifer Solomon, Bill Filipchuk, Kathleen Filipchuk, Colleen Balgobin, Dionne Hastings, Sonia Miranda, Kevin Andrey Morales, Rhaquel Elizabeth Jojan, Ramona Labo, Ruth Claire Alinas, Andre Baksh, Alicia Alvares, Anna Ardurini, Lolita Ramos, Rose Marie Sorbera, Alice Rego, John Jansen In De Wal, Mary Foulkes, Lorraine Fraser, Jean Griffin Davis, Stephanie Solomon, Shirley Eccleiton, Kathleen Copeland, Conchita Estolano Paran, Giacomina Genova, Frosa Karakolis, Rosa Lim, Vera Conway, Joe D'Souza, Claudio Borgono, Jennifer Young, Glenda McNeil, Natty Germain, Liam Matthews, Benigno Jose Jr., Jean Schofield, Irene Bituin, Leonisa G. Albarán, Innes Potgieter, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Dina Sorbera, Monica Bouchard, Harold Hunt, Adeline Noronha, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Christina Lochan, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Marina Sequeira, Ofelia Magat, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Ofte Ayuson, Isabel Grosvenor, Marie Herrera, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Carla Di Cecco, Virginia Johnson, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Eric Hudder, Marguerite Watson, Duverney Family, Mr. & Mrs. Cerami, Simon Fernandes, Arnold Uy Cruz, Charles Gill, Patrick Doty, Debra Fernandes, Nida Carandang, Marina Jose, Frances Schober, William Schober, Marie Dignun, Ahilla Kissoon.



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with Fr. Savio's reception last weekend (May 21st). It was well attended and the food was ample. Thank you

for all your food donations, decorations, set-up, clean-up, and especially for your presence. Fr. Savio was truly blessed to have all of your support.

RITE OF CATHOLIC INITIATION FOR ADULTS

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or are seeking information about the process, we welcome you. The R.C.I.A programme begins in the Fall and is facilitated by our Parish team and includes group meetings. New Catholics are welcomed into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil. You are invited to discuss any questions or concerns you have by contacting the Parish office at 416-261-5983.



SAINT BONIFACE FEAST PICNIC

Please join us on Sunday June 4th at 1pm (after the 12pm Mass) to celebrate the Feast of Saint Boniface. We'll have great food, games and other fun stuff. Tickets will be on sale at the back of the church after all Masses.



Come out and enjoy an afternoon with your parish community.

DID YOU KNOW?

Under what names and signs does the Holy Spirit appear?

The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove. The first Christians experience the Holy Spirit as a healing ointment, living water, a raging storm, or a flaming fire. Jesus Christ himself speaks about the Counselor, Comforter, Teacher, and Spirit of Truth. In the sacraments of the Church, the Holy Spirit is bestowed through the imposition of hands and anointing with oil.

The peace that God established in his covenant with mankind after the flood was indicated to Noah through the appearance of a dove. Pagan antiquity, too, considered the dove to be a symbol of love. And so the early Christians understood immediately why the Holy Spirit, the love of God in person, came down in the form of a dove when Jesus allowed himself to be baptized in the Jordan. Today the dove is recognized worldwide as the sign of peace and as one of the great symbols for the reconciliation of man with God.

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"Thank you for your example of love, dedication and wisdom. Continue with courage to bear witness to these values! Let not your smiles and the beautiful brightness of your eyes be lacking in society."

-Pope Francis to Seniors

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