

# The Kingdom Remains

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn

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Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Psalms 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 John 4:11-16  
John 17:11-19

Today's First Reading begins by giving us a time-frame—the events take place during the days between Christ's ascension and Pentecost. We're at the same point in our liturgical year. On Thursday we celebrated His being taken up in glory, and next Sunday we will celebrate His sending of the Spirit upon the Church.

Jesus' prayer in the Gospel today also captures the mood of departure and the anticipation. He is telling us today how it will be when He is no longer in the world.

By His ascension, the Lord has established His throne in heaven, as we sing in today's Psalm. His kingdom is His Church, which continues His mission on earth.

Jesus fashioned His kingdom as a new Jerusalem, and a new house of David (see Psalm 122:4-5; Revelation 21:9-14). He entrusted this kingdom to His twelve apostles, who were to preside at the Eucharistic table, and to rule with Him over the restored twelve tribes of Israel (see Luke 22:29-30).

The twelve apostles symbolize the twelve tribes and hence the fulfillment of God's plan for Israel (see Galatians 6:16). That's why it is crucial to replace Judas—so that the Church in its fullness receives the Spirit at Pentecost.

Peter's leadership of the apostles is another key element of the Church as it is depicted today. Notice that Peter is unquestionably in control, interpreting the Scriptures, deciding a course of action, even defining the nature of the apostolic ministry.

No one has ever seen God, as we hear in today's Epistle. Yet, through the Church founded on His apostles, the witnesses to the resurrection, the world will come to know and believe in God's love, that He sent His Son to be our savior.

Through the Church, Jesus' pledge still comes to us—that if we love, God will remain with us in our trials and protects us from the evil one. By His word of truth He will help us grow in holiness, the perfection of love.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**May 16<sup>th</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

<b>Sat. May 16<sup>th</sup></b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Sal Lancione – RIP –by the family
<b>Sun. May 17<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Ascension of the Lord</b> Manuel and Julia Melo – RIP – by Maria Melo Ponte Elissa Comolli – RIP – by Margaret Di Gaetano
<b>Mon. May 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tues. May 19<sup>th</sup></b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Julius Perea – Birthday blessings – by his family
<b>Wed. May 20<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Saint Bernardine of Siena</b> For all the Souls in Purgatory
<b>Thurs. May 21<sup>st</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Thanksgiving by Stella Nolasco
<b>Fri. May 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Saint Rita of Cascia</b> Mass for all the Parishioners  Fr. Sunny Abraham- Blessings on the 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary as a priest - by Ron & Carolyn Hebert
<b>Sat. May 23<sup>rd</sup></b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Desiderio Manzo Manzanal Sr. – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
<b>Sun. May 24<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents Victor Kramer Sr. – RIP – by the Kramer family

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**Collection:**

May 10, 2015 - **\$2,774.00** ..... **Thank you for your generosity.**

**Counters:**

May 17, 2015 – Kevin Wong and Bobot Palanca  
May 24, 2015 – Emil Tirona and Rose Combe

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### *Special Collection for Nepal*

Due to the gravity of the earthquake that devastated Nepal, we need to make an urgent collection for the victims. As encouraged by Archbishop Christian Lepine, there will be a **second collection on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**. **The government of Canada has announced that it will match all the contributions collected from now until May 25, 2015.** Thank you for your generosity.

### *Fatima Ladies' Auxiliary*

There will be a meeting on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 P.M. at the Church hall, re: a **Spring sale and Bake sale in early June**. We will also be celebrating a birthday, so we hope everyone can be present. For those who wish to help us for this sale, you are welcome at this meeting. Hoping to see you on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

### *Fr. Sunny Abraham's Jubilee Celebration*

We are holding a **potluck lunch** to celebrate Fr. Sunny Abraham's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a priest. Come and join us on May 24<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, after the 11 A.M. Mass at the Church Hall. For details, please contact Irah Tirona at 514 336-4892.

### *Be My Disciples News*

**The MARIAN EVENING** two weeks ago was a wonderful testament of praise and devotion to our Blessed Mother. Many people joined together to pray the Candlelight Rosary, and a good number of them remained to partake of the hot dog supper. A heartfelt "Thank you!" to Cecilia and her helpers, the secret donor of the flowers, Irah and the Youth choir, Maria, Elisa and all the helpers in the kitchen and EVERYONE who contributed to this great evening. Thank you to Our Lady of Fatima for the many blessings showered upon us.

The **REGISTRATION** forms for Be My Disciples for **September 2015 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 are taking the new registration form home. All other parishioners, who have children between the ages of Kindergarten and Junior High, please inquire at the office or call Connie Kuhr for information. Please register immediately so that we can plan (order books, get Catechists, form groups, etc.) for next year. The **DEADLINE is June 28, 2015.** Registrations after that date will be charged a late fee of \$25.00 per person.

Next Sunday, **Pentecost Sunday, is the birthday of the church** and the last day of Be My Disciples. Everyone is asked to wear something **RED** as a sign of celebration.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

May 23, 2015 - 4:30 p.m. Mass - **Confirmation**  
May 24, 2015 - **Pentecost Sunday** - Last day of Be My Disciples  
- Everyone wear something **RED!**  
June 6, 2015 - 4:30 p.m. Mass - **First Communion**