

Blessed and Given: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn

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Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm 110:1-4; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17



At the dawn of salvation history, God revealed our future in figures. That's what's going on in today's First Reading: A king and high priest comes from Jerusalem (see [Psalm 76:3](#)), offering bread and wine to celebrate the victory of God's beloved servant, Abram, over his foes.

By his offering, Melchizedek bestows God's blessings on Abram. He is showing us, too, how one day we will receive God's blessings and in turn "bless God"—how we will give thanks to Him for delivering us from our enemies, sin and death.

As Paul recalls in today's Epistle, Jesus transformed the sign of bread and wine, making it a sign of His body and blood, through which God bestows upon us the blessings of His "new covenant."

Jesus is "the priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek," that God, in today's Psalm, swears will rule from Zion, the new Jerusalem (see [Hebrews 6:20-7:3](#)).

By the miracle of loaves and fishes, Jesus in today's Gospel, again prefigures the blessings of the Eucharist.

Notice that He takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to the Twelve. You find the precise order and words in the Last Supper (see [Luke 22:19](#)) and in His celebration of the Eucharist on the first Easter night (see [Luke 24:30](#)).

The Eucharist fulfills the offering of Melchizedek. It is the daily miracle of the heavenly high priesthood of Jesus

It is a priesthood He conferred upon the Apostles in ordering them to feed the crowd, in filling exactly twelve baskets with leftover bread—in commanding them on the night He was handed over: "Do this in remembrance of Me."

Through His priests He still feeds us in "the deserted place" of our earthly exile.

And by this sign He pledges to us a glory yet to come. For as often as we share in His body and blood, we proclaim His victory over death, until He comes again to make His victory our own.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
May 28th – June 5th, 2016

Sat. May 28th 4:30 p.m.	Weekday Desiderio Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Sun. May 29th 9:00 a.m.	Body and Blood of Christ Ilda Branco Martins and Gloria Branco Furtado – RIP – by Maria E.S. Ponte
11:00 a.m.	Adrian de Souza – RIP – by the family
Mon. May 30th	NO MASS
Tues. May 31st 7:00 p.m.	Visitation of Mary Rosalia Rodriguez Mangahas – RIP – by her friends
Wed. June 1st 9:00 a.m.	Saint Justin Leonarda Magtanong – RIP – by Anna Jaronel
Thurs. June 2nd 9:00 a.m.	Saint Marcellinus and Saint Peter <i>(Mass intention available)</i>
Fri. June 3rd 9:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart of Jesus Thanksgiving in Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat. June 4th 10:00 a.m.	Immaculate Heart of Mary Cesar Campomanes – RIP – by Angelina
4:30 p.m.	Elsa Cardoza – Birthday Thanksgiving – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Sun. June 5th 9:00 a.m.	Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Angela Rosa and Giuseppe Mignacca – RIP – by the family
11:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass by Edna Lanzaderas

*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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THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI



The Feast of Corpus Christi is the name of this feast celebrating the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is also called Communion, the Lord's Supper, or the Mass (from the Latin word meaning "to dismiss").

Maundy Thursday would seem to be the best day to celebrate the Eucharist, because that is the day Jesus actually instituted the sacrament. In fact, the Institution of the Eucharist is celebrated on Maundy Thursday. However, the emphasis on the passion themes present in the Maundy Thursday celebration created the need for another day to focus entirely on the Eucharist itself. The Thursday after Trinity Sunday was chosen for the date of the Corpus Christi feast because it is a Thursday (the same day Christ instituted the Eucharist) and it is the first free Thursday after the Easter season (since the Thursday after Pentecost was a part of the ancient octave of Pentecost). Thus Corpus Christi falls within [Ordinary Time](#).

Typically Corpus Christi services consist of singing traditional hymns, *Lauda Sion* and *Pange Lingua*, both attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas. Outdoor processions of the Blessed Sacrament are common in some churches as a way to celebrate Corpus Christi. Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction are also common Corpus Christi devotional practices in many churches. (*ChurchYear.Net*)

BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS



The Be My Disciples Registrations for September 2016 are ready! ALL children of the Parish between the ages of Kindergarten and Grade VI **must be registered in this faith transmission and education program.** Please register immediately so that we can plan (order books, get Catechists, form groups, etc.) for next year. The **deadline is June 26, 2016.** Registrations after that date will be charged a late fee of \$25.00 per person. **Please call Connie Kuhr for Registration & information – 514-747-9347.**

COFFEE SUNDAY ON MAY 29



Hosted by the Wardens, everyone is cordially invited to a "Coffee Sunday" **today after the 11 A.M. Mass** at the Church Hall.