

Building His House: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday of Easter

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First Reading: Acts 6:1-7 / Psalm: 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9 / Gospel: John 14:1-12



By His death, Resurrection and Ascension, Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in His Father's house.

His Father's house is no longer a temple made by human hands. It is the spiritual house of the Church, built on the living stone of Christ's body.

As Peter interprets the Scriptures in today's Epistle, Jesus is the "stone" destined to be rejected by men but made the precious cornerstone of God's dwelling on earth (see Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16).

Each of us is called to be a living stone in God's building (see 1 Corinthians 3:9,16). In this edifice of the Spirit, we are to be "holy priests" offering up "spiritual sacrifices"—all our prayer, work and intentions—to God.

This is our lofty calling as Christians. This is why Christ led us out of the darkness of sin and death as Moses led the Israelites from bondage in Egypt.

God's covenant with Israel made them a royal and priestly people who were to announce His praises (see Exodus 19:6). By our faith in Christ's new covenant, we have been made heirs of this chosen race, called to glorify the Father in the temple of our bodies (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Romans 12:1).

In today's First Reading, we see the spiritual house of the Church being built up, as the Apostles consecrate seven deacons so they can devote themselves more fully to the "ministry of the Word."

The Lord's Word is upright and all His works trustworthy, we sing in today's Psalm. So we can trust Jesus when He tells us never to be troubled, but to believe that His Word and works come from the Father.

His Word continues its work in the world through the Church. We see its beginnings today in Jerusalem. It is destined to spread with influence and power (see Acts 19:20), and to become the imperishable seed by which every heart is born anew (see 1 Peter 1:23).

ANNOUNCED MASSES
May 13th – May 21st, 2017

Saturday 10:00 a.m.	May 13th	OUR LADY OF FATIMA <i>Pro Populo</i>
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 13th	Sunday Vigil Gerald O' Donnell – RIP – by Joan
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	May 14th	Fifth Sunday of Easter Joan McCormack – RIP – by William Moran Elvira Durinzi – RIP – by her daughter
Monday	May 15th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	May 16th	Weekday Thanksgiving for favor received – by Ruth Gaudreau
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	May 17th	Weekday Beatrice Piper – RIP – by the Piper family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	May 18th	Saint John 1 Theresa C. Buguis – RIP – by Elena
Friday 9:00 a.m.	May 19th	Weekday Tom Kennedy – RIP – by Eva and family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 20th	Sunday Vigil Kenneth Collins – RIP – by Joan
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	May 21st	Sixth Sunday of Easter Louis Ottoni - RIP – by Rose Maria and family Maureen T. Shea – RIP – by Brian Walsh and May Khairy

*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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A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

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All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

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BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS



This catechetical year-end is fast approaching, and we are already thinking of next year. The **REGISTRATION Forms** for September will be ready by mid May. **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 will take 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 inquire at the office or call Connie Kuhr for information.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 20, 2017 - **CONFIRMATION RETREAT** - for all Confirmation candidates.

June 3, 2017 - 4:30 p.m. Mass - **CONFIRMATION**

June 10, 2017 - 4:30 p.m. Mass - **FIRST COMMUNION**