

Word of the 'Living Father': Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

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First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16 | Psalm 147:12-15, 19-20
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 | Gospel: John 6:51-58



6:54,56,57,58).

The Eucharist is given to us as a challenge and a promise. That's how Jesus presents it in today's Gospel.

He doesn't make it easy for those who hear Him. They are repulsed and offended at His words. Even when they begin to quarrel, He insists on describing the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood in starkly literal terms.

Four times in today's reading, Jesus uses a Greek word—*trogein*—that refers to a crude kind of eating, almost a gnawing or chewing (see John

He is testing their faith in His Word, as today's First Reading describes God testing Israel in the desert.

The heavenly manna was not given to satisfy the Israelites' hunger, as Moses explains. It was given to show them that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. In today's Psalm, too, we see a connection between God's Word and the bread of life. We sing of God filling us with "finest wheat" and proclaiming his Word to the world.

In Jesus, "the living Father" has given us His Word come down from heaven, made flesh for the life of the world.

Yet as the Israelites grumbled in the desert, many in today's Gospel cannot accept that Word. Even many of Jesus' own followers abandon Him after this discourse (see John 6:66). But His words are Spirit and life, the words of eternal life (see John 6:63,67).

In the Eucharist we are made one flesh with Christ. We have His life in us and have our life because of Him. This is what Paul means in today's Epistle when He calls the Eucharist a "participation" in Christ's body and blood. We become in this sacrament partakers of the divine nature (see 1 Peter 2:4).

This is the mystery of the faith that Jesus asks us believe. And He gives us His promise: that sharing in His flesh and blood that was raised from the dead, we too will be raised up on the last day.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
June 17th – June 25th, 2017

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	June 17th	Sunday Vigil Luis Leite Melo – RIP – by Maria
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	June 18th	Body and Blood of Christ Sylvio Durinzi – RIP - by his daughter Tom Kennedy – RIP – by Eva and family
Monday	June 19th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	June 20th	Weekday Jean Nowak – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	June 21st	Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Elias Dager – RIP – by Suzie Dager
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	June 22nd	Saints John Fisher and Thomas More Rafael Durant – RIP – by the Sia family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	June 23rd	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS Beatrice Piper – RIP – by the Piper family
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	June 24th	Nativity of Saint John the Baptist Patrick and Martha Leekam – Anniversary Blessings – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	June 24th	Sunday Vigil Adelwisa C. Estrabillo – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	June 25th	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Bruna Alesi – RIP – by the family Adrian De Souza – RIP – by the family

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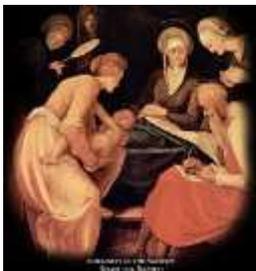
*Our deepest sympathy to the family of **Doreen Foster**. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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PRAYER FOR FATHERS BY SAINT JOHN XIII

Saint Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands. Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too knew trial, labour and weariness. But amid the worries of material life, your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender Mother. Assure those you protect that they do not labour alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over Him faithfully as you have done. Amen.

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST



In celebration of the feast day of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, there will be a **mass on June 24th, Saturday at 10 a.m.**

The birth of John the Baptist was one of the earlier feasts to be named to a particular day on the Church calendar. June 24 was chosen as it is six months before the birth of Christ. With its proximity to the summer solstice, it signifies the waning of the light, while the birth of Jesus near the winter solstice marks the coming of light (*Living with Christ, June 2017*).

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The **REGISTRATION Forms** for September **ARE READY! ALL children** of the Parish **must be registered in this faith transmission and education program.** All 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 25, 2017. Registrations after that date will be charged a late fee of \$25.00 per person.

SAINT MARY'S HOSPITAL BOOK SALE



Saint Mary's Hospital Auxiliary Association very own Book Corner is teeming with gently used books in English and French. On **June 20th** will be the first annual **one-day only hardcover** book sale. Mystery, romance, non-fiction, fantasy, etc, at the **SUPER LOW PRICE** of only \$2:00 a book.

Find all your summer reading and support patient care at Saint Mary's Hospital at the Hardcover Book Sale on Tuesday, June 20th, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (3830 Lacombe Avenue, Main Lobby on the ground floor).

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