

Blood of the Covenant: Scott Hahn Reflects on Corpus Christi

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First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8 | Psalm 116:12-13, 15-18
Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15 | Gospel: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26



All of today's readings are set in the context of the Passover. The First Reading recalls the old covenant celebrated at Sinai following the first Passover and the Exodus.

In sprinkling the blood of the covenant on the Israelites, Moses was symbolizing God's desire in this covenant to make them His family, His "blood" relations.

Quoting Moses' words in today's Gospel, Jesus elevates and transforms this covenant symbol to an extraordinary reality. In the new covenant made in the blood of Christ, we truly become one with His body and blood.

The first covenant made with Moses and Israel at Sinai was but a shadow of this new and greater covenant made by Christ with all humankind in that upper room (see Hebrews 10:1).

The Passover that Jesus celebrates with His twelve apostles "actualizes," makes real, what could only be symbolized by Moses' sacrifice at the altar with twelve pillars. What Jesus does today is establish His Church as the new Israel, and His Eucharist as the new worship of the living God.

In offering himself to God through the Spirit, Jesus delivered Israel from the transgressions of the first covenant. And, as we hear in today's Epistle, by His blood He purified us and made us capable of true worship.

God does not want dead works or animal sacrifices. He wants our own flesh and blood, our own lives, consecrated to Him, offered as a living sacrifice. This is the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving that we sing of in today's Psalm. This is the Eucharist.

What we do in memory of Him is to pledge our lives to Him, to renew our promise to live by the words of His covenant, and to be His servants.

There is no other return we can offer to Him for the eternal inheritance He has won for us. So let us approach the altar, calling upon His name in thanksgiving, taking up the cup of salvation.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
June 2nd – June 10th, 2018

Saturday 10:00 a.m.	June 2nd	Saint Marcellinus and Saint Peter Living Members of the Borges and Alvares families – by Nelson and Teresa
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	June 2nd	Body and Blood of Christ Sunday Vigil In Thanksgiving to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	June 3rd	Body and Blood of Christ Angela Rosa and Giuseppe Mignacca – RIP – by the family Leonarda Magtanong – RIP – by Ann Jaronel
Monday	June 4th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	June 5th	Saint Boniface Deceased Members of the Tait and Piper families – RIP – by Linda Piper
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	June 6th	Saint Norbert Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving – by Zorayda
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	June 7th	Weekday For Souls in Purgatory – by Phil
Friday 9:00 a.m.	June 8th	SACRED HEART OF JESUS Maria Branco and Jose da Ponte – RIP – by Delta de Ponte
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	June 9th	Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Blessings for the Pinto and De Souza families
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	June 9th	Sunday Vigil Gaetano Margiotta – RIP – by the Ottoni family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	June 10th	Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time John and Beatrice Victoria and Selvan Fernando – RIP – by the family Ina Carvajal and Madeleine Lynes – RIP – by Mercedes and family

**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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CORPUS CHRISTI

Saint Peter Julian Eymard greatly loved Jesus in the Eucharist, and wrote some spiritual gems on the Most Blessed Sacrament. Here are two extracts from his writings:

Saintly Wisdom:

"Mary lived in the divine Eucharist, the center of her love. All her thoughts, words, and actions sprang from It like the rays from the sun. The Eucharist was the oracle which she consulted, the grace which she followed. But Jesus Christ in His Sacrament lives the same life of love which consumed Him in His mortal days. In His sacramental state He continues to adore His Father by His depthless self-abasement. He is still the Mediator and Interceder with divine goodness for the salvation of men."

Saintly Prayer

"Virgin Immaculate, perfect lover of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we ask you to obtain for us the graces we need to become true adorers of our Eucharistic God. Grant us, we beg of you, to know Him better, to love Him more, and to center our lives around the Eucharist, that is, to make our whole life a constant prayer of adoration, thanksgiving, reparation, and petition to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament." Amen

MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The heart of Jesus is adored as a symbol of his **threefold love: human, spiritual and divine**. In the Old Testament, this love is described as a father's love for his children or a husband's for his wife. In the New Testament, the promise of living water, the Holy Spirit, is fulfilled in the pierced heart of the Messiah. Our modern understanding of the Sacred Heart of Jesus has been shaped by the visions experienced by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century. In modern times, the image of the Sacred Heart in the home has become a sign that the love of Jesus rules over the family. In 1899, Pope Leo XIII consecrated the world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

There will be a mass on Saturday June 9th, at 10am to celebrate the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

During Mary's second apparition at Fatima, Mary asked the children to spread devotion to her Immaculate Heart. She said to Lucia, "*my Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.*" Our Lady then revealed to the children her Immaculate Heart, surrounded by thorns, outraged by the sins of humanity, and seeking reparation for them.

BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

The **REGISTRATION Forms** for September 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 have taken 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 enquire at the office or call Connie Kuhr for information – 514-747-9347. The **DEADLINE is June 24, 2018**. Registrations after that date will be charged a late fee of \$25.00 per person.