

Counsel of Jerusalem: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixth Sunday of Easter

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First Reading: Acts 15:1–2, 22–29 | Psalm 67:2–3, 5–6, 8
Second Reading: Revelation 21:10–14, 22–23 | Gospel: John 14:23–29

The first Church council, the Council of Jerusalem we hear about in today's First Reading, decided the shape of the Church as we know it.

Some Jewish Christians had wanted Gentile converts to be circumcised and obey all the complex ritual and purity laws of the Jews.

The council called this a heresy, again showing us that the Church in the divine plan is meant to be a worldwide family of God, no longer a covenant with just one nation.

Today's Liturgy gives us a profound meditation on the nature and meaning of the Church.

The Church is one, as we see in the First Reading: "the Apostles [bishops] and presbyters [priests], in agreement with the whole Church [laity]."

The Church is holy, taught and guided by the Spirit that Jesus promises the Apostles in the Gospel.

The Church is catholic, or universal, making known God's ways of salvation to all peoples, ruling all in equity, as we sing in today's Psalm.

And the Church, as John sees in the Second Reading, is apostolic—founded on the Twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

All these marks of the Church are underscored in the story of the council.

Notice that everybody, including Paul, looks to "Jerusalem [and] . . . the Apostles" to decide the Church's true teaching. The Apostles, too, presume that Christian teachers need a "mandate from us."

And we see the Spirit guiding the Apostles in all truth. Notice how they describe their ruling: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us." Knowing these truths about the Church, our hearts should never be troubled. The Liturgy's message today is that the Church is the Lord's, watched over and guarded by the Advocate, the Holy Spirit sent by the Father in the name of the Son.

This should fill us with confidence, free us to worship with exultation, inspire us to rededicate our lives to His Name—to love Jesus in our keeping of His Word, to rejoice that He and the Father in the Spirit have made their dwelling with us.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
May 25th – June 2nd, 2019

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 25th	Sunday Vigil Alban de Souza – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	May 26th	Sixth Sunday of Easter Hannibel and Pauline Alvares – RIP – by the family Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents
Monday	May 27th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	May 28th	Weekday Marlene Mayrhofer – RIP – by Eva Mok
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	May 29th	Weekday Deceased Members of the Barlow family – RIP – by Shirley
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	May 30th	Weekday Adrian de Souza – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	May 31st	VISITATION OF MARY May O'Donnell – RIP – by Joan
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	June 1st	Saint Justin Amelia Estoce – RIP – by Isabel Slama
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	June 1st	Sunday Vigil Leonarda Magtanong – RIP – by Anna Jaronel
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	June 2nd	Ascension of the Lord Angela, Rose and Giuseppe – RIP – by the Mignacca family <i>Pro Populo</i>

**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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SAINTLY SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Purity of intention. The suggestions of pride and the impulses of the flesh are not difficult to recognize... and you fight and, with grace, you conquer. But the motives that inspire you, even in the holiest actions, do not seem clear; and deep down inside you hear a voice which makes you see human reasons in such a subtle way that your soul is invaded by the disturbing thought that you don't act as you should — for pure Love, solely and exclusively to give God all his glory. React at once each time and say: 'Lord, for myself I want nothing. All for your glory and for Love.' - *Saint Josemaría Escrivá, The Way n.788*

BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 8, 2019 – 10:00 a.m. – **FIRST RECONCILIATION**

June 8, 2019 - 4:30 p.m. Mass – **CONFIRMATION – Congratulations!**

June 9, 2019 – last day of Be My Disciples – **Pentecost Sunday – wear RED!**

June 15, 2019 - 4:30 p.m. Mass - **FIRST COMMUNION**

HOLY HOUR

Silent adoration every Tuesday evening, following the 7:00pm mass (from 7:30pm to 8:30pm) Also, Adoration every Friday, following the 9:00am mass (from 9:30am to 10:30am). Come and spend some time with the Lord!

"Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." -St.Alphonsus Ligouri

THE FOOD BANK “OASIS”

Please remember to bring non-perishable food and leave them in the bins at the doors of the church...Thank you.

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Visit www.campkinkora.com for job postings (specifically kitchen aides, maintenance, lifeguards, and a medic) or contact Cori-Ann at campkinkora1@gmail.com for more information. (*The Grapevine - Issue 14, Vol.14*)