

## The Good News: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Ascension of the Lord

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Acts 1:1–11 | Psalm 47:2–3, 6–7, 8–9

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17–23 or Hebrews 9:24–28; 10:19–23 |

Gospel: Luke 24:46–53

In today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, St. Luke gives the surprising news that there is more of the story to be told. The story did not end with the empty tomb, or with Jesus' appearances to the Apostles over the course of forty days. Jesus' saving work will have a liturgical consummation. He is the great high priest, and He has still to ascend to the heavenly Jerusalem, there to celebrate the feast in the true Holy of Holies.

The truth of this feast shines forth from the Letter to the Hebrews, where we read of the great high priest's passing through the heavens, the sinless intercessor's sacrifice on our behalf (see Hebrews 4:14–15).

Indeed, His intercession will lead to the Holy Spirit's descent in fire upon the Church. Luke spells out that promise in the First Reading for the feast of the Ascension: "in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5). The Ascension is the preliminary feast that directs the Church's attention forward to Pentecost. On that day, salvation will be complete; for salvation is not simply expiation for sins (that would be wonder enough), but it is something even greater than that. Expiation is itself a necessary precondition of our adoption as God's children. To live that divine life we must receive the Holy Spirit. To receive the Holy Spirit we must be purified through Baptism.

The Responsorial Psalm presents the Ascension in terms familiar from the worship of the Jerusalem Temple in the days of King Solomon: "God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord" (Psalm 47). The priest-king takes his place at the head of the people, ruling over the nations, establishing peace.

The Epistle strikes a distinctively Paschal note. In the early Church, as today, Easter was the normal time for the baptism of adult converts. The sacrament was often called "illumination" or "enlightenment" because of the light that came with God's saving grace (see, for example, Hebrews 10:32). Saint Paul, in his Letter to the Ephesians, speaks in terms of glory that leads to greater glories still, as Ascension leads to Pentecost: "May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened," he writes, as he looks to the divinization of the believers. Their "hope" is "his inheritance among the holy ones," the saints who have been adopted into God's family and now rule with Him at the Father's right hand.

This is the "good news" the Apostles are commissioned to spread—to the whole world, to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem—at the Ascension. It's the good news we must spread today.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**June 1<sup>st</sup> – June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

<b>Saturday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>June 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Saint Justin</b> Amelia Estoce – RIP – by Isabel Slama
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>June 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Leonarda Magtanong – RIP – by Anna Jaronel
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>June 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Ascension of the Lord</b> Angela, Rose and Giuseppe – RIP – by the Mignacca family  <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>June 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>June 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Remedios Josue – RIP – by Emma and Tommy
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>June 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Boniface</b> For Love and World Peace – by Shirley
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>June 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Norbert</b> In Thanksgiving to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>June 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> In Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity – by the Ferraro family
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>June 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Maria E.S. Ponte, Maria E.S. Melo & Jose J. Ponte – RIP – by the family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>June 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PENTECOST</b> In Memory of Ina Carvajal and Madeleine Lynes – by Mercedes and family  <i>Pro Populo</i>

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**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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## **BE MY DISCIPLES**

This catechetical year-end is fast approaching, and we are planning for next year. 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 30, 2019.** Registrations after that date will have a late fee of \$25.00 per person.

## **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**

## **POVERTY SUPPER**

I want to take a second to thank everyone who helped make the evening such a great event, from the wardens who generously gave us the hall for the evening, to everyone who made soup, helped serve, and did dishes until their hands were red! We really should get together like that more often. Let's do this again soon! --- Betty

## **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.

## **SUMMER JOBS AT CAMP KINKORA**

Are you looking for a summer job? Do you enjoy the great outdoors? Would you like a unique opportunity to learn and grow and develop in leadership through service to children, youth, families, and Special Needs communities? Camp Kinkora, in the Laurentians, is looking for young people like **YOU** to join their team this summer. This unique and impactful Kinkora experience is sure to offer fun, faith, and friendship with memories to last lifetime!

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