



JUNE 18TH 2017
BODY AND BLOOD
OF CHRIST
CYCLE A

REFLECTION

Word of the 'Living Father'

Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of
the Body and Blood of Christ

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 6:54,56,57,58). 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.



Thank you to Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center for the use of the weekly Mass reflections. More resources are available at www.stpaulcenter.com

GO AND ANNOUNCE THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD
Effective Ways to Evangelize as a Catholic

Tell a friend you appreciate him or her.

Work hard. Take pride in doing your work well.

Receive the Gospel of Christ, whose herald you have become.
Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

JUNE 17TH TO JUNE 24TH, 2017

SAT. JUNE 17TH 5:00 PM - Augusto da Silva †
SUN. JUNE 18TH 7:30 AM - People of the Parish
9:00 AM - Miguel Diaz & Romeo Altamirano †
10:30 AM - Eduardo Pisciola †
12:00 PM - Eleanor O'Dwyer †

TUE. JUNE 20TH 8:30 AM - Eddie Garcia in Thanksgiving
WED. JUNE 21ST 7:30 PM - Concettine Petitti †
THU. JUNE 22ND 8:30 AM - Gilbert Quenneville †
FRI. JUNE 23RD 7:30 PM - Theresamma Reginald †
SAT. JUNE 24TH 8:30 AM - Lorne Divine †



OUR SICK: Harold Hunt, Adeline Noronha, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Carmen Humbel, Christina Lochan, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Loretta Alsen, Peter Pacione, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Jerry Kopitowski, Cora Kraus, Peter Pinto, Maureen Dempsey, Marina Sequeira, Theresa Sultana, Ofelia Magat, Rosemarie Deans, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Elaine Aprile, Joshua Bolingot, Offe Ayuson, Isabel Grosvenor, Clera Uy Cruz, Mary Loretta Noftall, Marie V. Herrera, Salome Mason, Frank McPhearson, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Loren Lea Hodgeson, Joan Pierre, Carla Di Cecco, Virginia Johnson, Judith Ritch, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Pat Fellows, Eric Hudder, Marguerite Watson, Tony & Nelie Sicat, Teofilo Mondala, Anne Marie Switzer (O'Leary), Anne Majnarich, Duverney Family, Anthony de la Isla, Leonard Rodrigues, John Jarman, William Dale, Anne O'Callaghan, Mr. & Mrs. Cerami, Simon Fernandes, Arnold Uy Cruz, Charles Gill, Deacon Gerald Godsoe, Ellen Jarman, Patrick Doty, Debra Fernandes, Nida Carandang, Marie McPherson, Marina Jose, Rasheeda (Cindy) DeFranca, Vicki Scallon, Frances Schober, William Schober, Rita Ropke, Marie Dignum, Maria Anna Diandra Rivera, Natalina Fernandes, Umbelina Felix, Evelyn Cummings, Mary Jigolyk, Anita Gouveia, Erlinda Balita, Colleen Balgobin, Joan Crowley, Elizabeth McAulay, Webster Paul, Ela Sicat-Angeles

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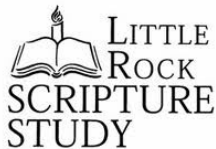
What happens in the Church when she celebrates the Eucharist?

Every time the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she stands before the source from which she herself constantly springs anew. By "eating" the Body of Christ, the Church becomes the Body of Christ, which is just another name for the Church. In the sacrifice of Christ, who gives Himself to us, body and soul, there is room for our whole life. We can unite everything - our work and our sufferings, our joys - with Christ's sacrifice. If we offer ourselves in this way, we are transformed: We become pleasing to God and like good, nourishing bread for our fellowmen.

Again and again we grumble about the Church, as though she were just an association of more or less good people. In reality the Church is what happens daily in a mysterious way at the altar. God gives Himself to each one of us individually, and wants to transform us through Communion with Him. Once we are transformed, we are supposed to transform the world. Everything else that the Church is besides that is secondary.

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

Again this September we will be offering a scripture study, which will be our 21st! We will be studying over 7 weeks the Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus. This study compares the particular insights found in the passion and Resurrection accounts of the four gospels. The core of our faith incorporates both the pain of the cross and the hope of the resurrection into daily life. As in the past, we will meet in the Parish Hall Monday afternoons 1:00-3:15. Sign-up sheet will soon be posted at the main entrance to the church. Further information to follow in September bulletins.



SAINT BONIFACE DAY

Please join us Sunday June 25th at 1pm (after the 12pm Mass) to celebrate the Feast of Saint Boniface. We'll have a BBQ truck on site for food, games run by our Edge group for kids and live music. Come-out and enjoy an afternoon with your parish community.



STUEBENVILLE TORONTO

Steubenville Toronto will take place on campus at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) in Oshawa, ON. The conference begins July 28, and will continue until July 30. Steubenville Toronto is Canada's largest Catholic Youth Conference. Details at www.steubenvilletoronto.com

SCHOOL MASSES

Parents & community members are welcome to join our parish schools as they celebrate their school masses;

- **St. Nicholas School:** Friday June 23rd at 10:00am
- held in the school.
- **St. Boniface School:** Tuesday June 27th at 10:00am
- held in the church.

RITE OF CATHOLIC INITIATION FOR ADULTS

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or are seeking information about the process, we welcome you. The R.C.I.A programme begins in the Fall and is facilitated by our Parish team and includes group meetings. New Catholics are welcomed into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil. You are invited to discuss any questions or concerns you have by contacting the Parish office.



PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

With the spiritual leadership by Fr. Paul November 23rd to December 1st, 2017

Join us on a trip that follows the life and times of Jesus. We will visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Jericho. We will take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee and visit the same sites where Jesus taught and performed his miracles. We will stop at the Jordan River, renew the wedding vows in Cana and pray at the site of the Annunciation in Nazareth. This is an invitation for a spiritual journey that is sure to be one of the most unforgettable experiences of your life!



9 days, \$2,877.26 per person double occupancy including Fuel surcharge & Airport taxes (\$687.26 at time of printing and may change at any time until the time of ticketing).

Includes flights from Toronto, hotels, visit to Holy sites, daily Mass/ spiritual activities, breakfast and dinner daily, hotel taxes and service charge. Registration is open. SPACE IS LIMITED.

Information and registration forms available in the Parish office.

Orientation/Information Night; Thursday June 22 at 7pm in the Church

SUNDAY BULLETIN

Submissions for the Sunday Bulletin are due in the Parish Office by 12 noon on Tuesday each week.

Email to st.boniface@rogers.com

The weekly bulletin will break for summer from July 2 to September 3.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note, the parish office will be closed:

- Monday July 3rd, 2017

NEXT EDGE NIGHT

When: Tuesday June 20th 6:30 to 8:30pm

Where: St. Boniface Church Hall

For: Grade 6's, 7's, & 8's

