

The Day the Lord Made

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn

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Acts 4:32-35; Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

Three times in today's Psalm we cry out a victory shout: "His mercy endures forever."

Truly we've known the everlasting love of God, who has come to us as our Savior. By the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' pierced side (see [John 19:34](#)), we've been made God's children, as we hear in today's Epistle.

Yet we never met Jesus, never heard Him teach, never saw Him raised from the dead. His saving Word came to us in the Church - through the ministry of the apostles, who in today's Gospel are sent as He was sent.

He was made a life-giving Spirit (see [1 Corinthians 15:45](#)) and He filled His apostles with that Spirit. As we hear in today's First Reading, they bore witness to His resurrection with great power. And through their witness, handed down in the Church through the centuries, their teaching and traditions have reached us (see [Acts 2:42](#)).

We encounter Him as the apostles did - in the breaking of the bread on the Lord's day (see [Acts 20:7](#); [1 Corinthians 16:2](#); [Revelation 1:10](#)).

There is something liturgical about the way today's Gospel scenes unfold. It's as if John is trying to show us how the risen Lord comes to us in the liturgy and sacraments.

In both scenes it is Sunday night. The doors are bolted tight, yet Jesus mysteriously comes. He greets them with an expression, "Peace be with you," used elsewhere by divine messengers (see [Daniel 10:19](#); [Judges 6:23](#)). He shows them signs of His real bodily presence. And on both nights the disciples respond by joyfully receiving Jesus as their "Lord."

Isn't this what happens in the Mass - where our Lord speaks to us in His Word, and gives himself to us in the sacrament of His body and blood?

Let us approach the altar with joy, knowing that every Eucharist is the day the Lord has made - when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
April 11th – April 19th, 2015

Sat. April 11th 4:30 p.m.	Easter Octave Dominic D'Souza – Rip – by the Family
Sun. April 12th 9:00 a.m.	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) Maria and Jose Ponte – RIP – by Conceicao and Jeremias Pacheco
11:00 a.m.	Sal Lancione – RIP – by the Family
Mon. April 13th	NO MASS
Tues. April 14th 7:00 p.m.	Weekday Hermina and Raymond – Anniversary Thanksgiving – by Leah
Wed. April 15th 9:00 a.m.	Weekday Gerardo Lanzaderas – RIP – by Emma and Tomy
Thurs. April 16th 9:00 a.m.	Weekday Amedeo Rossi – RIP by Rose De Souza
Fri. April 17th 9:00 a.m.	Saint Kateri Tekakwitha For all the Souls in Purgatory
Sat. April 18th 4:30 p.m.	Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin Eliard Finn – RIP – by the Family
Sun. April 19th 9:00 a.m.	Third Sunday of Easter Lourdes Ballesteros Torroba – RIP – Tammy Sunga Gonon
11:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving by Elisa Romea

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Counters:

April 12, 2015 - Chris Tugadi and Maria Ponte

April 19, 2015 - Kevin Smith and Gayle Jaroslowski

Be My Disciples

Holy Spirit Day is today! It's a **CATHEDRAL VISIT for all children preparing for Confirmation**, their sponsors and families. Each family will have a booklet to help them do a self-guided tour of the Cathedral, and the children will fill out a scavenger-hunt questionnaire as they do the tour.

Bishop Thomas Dowd, Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal, will lead us in prayer, and musical animation will lead us in song!

Mary Queen of the World Cathedral

Corner Rene Levesque & rue de la Cathedrale
Sunday, April 12, 2015, 1:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Parent Meeting – For all parents of **and** the children preparing for **First Reconciliation and First Communion** – Sunday, April 19th at 11:00 a.m., in the Pennefather Room.

Important Dates:

- First Reconciliation – Saturday, April 25, 2015
- Confirmation Retreat – Saturday, May 9, 2015
- Marian Evening – Saturday, May 16, 2015

Sacrament Dates:

- Confirmation – May 23, 2015 – 4:30 p.m. Mass
- First Communion – June 6, 2015 – 4:30 p.m. Mass

Coffee Sunday

Hosted by the **Legion of Mary**, everyone is cordially invited to a "Coffee Sunday" today, **April 12th**, the second Sunday of the month, after the 11 A.M. Mass at the Church Hall.

The Food Bank "Oasis"

Christian charity obliges us to share our bread with the hungry and the needy. So please remember to bring non-perishable food and leave them in the bins at the doors of the church...Thank you.

Sick & Shut-Ins

If you know of someone who is housebound or has difficulty coming to Church and would like a visit to receive Holy Communion, please call the office. If you can offer a ride to someone who cannot get here otherwise, please let us know...Thank you.

Community Prayers

The Prayer Sheet is in the foyer of the Church. Please write prayer intentions so the Community can offer prayers for you.