

Understanding the Scriptures: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Easter

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Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalms 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 John 2: 1-5; Luke 24; 35-48

Jesus in today's Gospel, teaches His apostles how to interpret the Scriptures.

He tells them that all the Scriptures of what we now call the Old Testament refer to Him. He says that all the promises found in the Old Testament have been fulfilled in His passion, death, and resurrection. And He tells them that these Scriptures foretell the mission of the Church - to preach forgiveness of sins to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

In today's First Reading and Epistle, we see the beginnings of that mission. And we see the apostles interpreting the Scriptures as Jesus taught them to.

God has brought to fulfillment what He announced beforehand in all the prophets, Peter preaches. His sermon is shot through with Old Testament images. He evokes Moses and the exodus, in which God revealed himself as the ancestral God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (see [Exodus 3:6,15](#)). He identifies Jesus as Isaiah's suffering servant who has been glorified (see [Isaiah 52:13](#)).

John, too describes Jesus in Old Testament terms. Alluding to how Israel's priests offered blood sacrifices to atone for the people's sins (see Leviticus 16; Hebrews 9-10), he says that Jesus intercedes for us before God (see [Romans 8:34](#)), and that His blood is a sacrificial expiation for the sins of the world (see [1 John 1:7](#)).

Notice that in all three readings, the Scriptures are interpreted to serve and advance the Church's mission - to reveal the truth about Jesus, to bring people to repentance, the wiping away of sins, and the perfection of their love for God.

This is how we, too, should hear the Scriptures. Not to know more "about" Jesus, but to truly know Him personally, and to know His plan for our lives.

In the Scriptures, the light of His face shines upon us, as we sing in today's Psalm. We know the wonders He has done throughout history. And we have the confidence to call to Him, and to know that He hears and answers.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
April 11th – April 19th, 2015

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

Mon. April 20th

NO MASS

Tues. April 21st
7:00 p.m.

Saint Anselm
Michael and Nan – Anniversary
Thanksgiving – by Leah

Wed. April 22nd
9:00 a.m.

Weekday
For all the Souls in Purgatory

Thurs. April 23rd
9:00 a.m.

Saint George
Thanksgiving by Arnel
Villahermosa

Fri. April 24th
9:00 a.m.

Weekday
For all the Souls in Purgatory

Sat. April 25th
4:30 p.m.

Saint Mark
Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her
parents

Sun. April 26th
9:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter
Caetano Pereira – RIP – by
Victor & Valda Lemos & family

11:00 a.m.

For the Souls of Regino and Rex
Crodua – by the Crodua
family

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generosity.**

Counters:

April 19, 2015 - Kevin Smith and Gayle Jaroslowski
April 26, 2015 - Adrien Michaud and Conrad Worrell

Be My Disciples News

Today, April 19th, there is a **meeting of ALL THE PARENTS** of the children preparing for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, in the Pennefather Room after the class.

Saturday, April 25, 32 children will celebrate their **FIRST RECONCILIATION**.

On May 9th, the Confirmation candidates will have their **Confirmation RETREAT**, in preparation for their **Confirmation on Saturday, May 23rd**.

Please let us keep all these children in our prayers.

The MARIAN EVENING is on Saturday, May 2, immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Mass. It is an evening of praise and devotion to our Blessed Mother. **Everyone is welcome! Please come and join us to pray the Candlelight Rosary!** If you have attended before, you know that it is a blessing; if you have not, come and find out for yourself the power of community prayer.

Following the rosary, we will have a hot dog supper for anyone who would like to take part in it. The contribution is \$3.00 each to help defray the costs. Please let Connie Kuhr know if you are coming for the supper. We need to know how many people to expect, in order to buy enough food.

See you all there!

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 19, 2015 - **Meeting with the PARENTS of all first communicants** - immediately following Be My Disciples

April 25, 2015 - 2:30 p.m. - **FIRST RECONCILIATION** - for all children preparing for First Communion

May 2, 2015 - **Marian Evening** - Everyone is welcome!

May 9, 2015 - **CONFIRMATION RETREAT** - for all Confirmation candidates.

May 23, 2015 - 4:30 p.m. Mass - **CONFIRMATION**

June 6, 2015 - 4:30 p.m. Mass - **FIRST COMMUNION**

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.