

The Shepherd's Voice

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn

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Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 29; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

Jesus, in today's Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel.

He is the shepherd-prince, the new David—who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant, made in His blood (see [Ezekiel 34:10-13, 23-31](#)).

His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel (see [Isaiah 56:8](#); [John 11:52](#)). And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father.

In today's First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church (see [John 21:15-17](#)).

Peter tells Israel's leaders that the Psalm we sing today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the "builders" of Israel's temple, that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church (see [Mark 12:10-13](#); [1 Peter 2:4-7](#)).

Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks (see [Luke 10:16](#)), and forgives sins (see [John 20:23](#)), and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread (see [Luke 24:35](#)). It is a mission that will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd.

In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did—as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in today's Epistle, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them (see [Exodus 4:22-23](#); [Revelation 21:7](#)).

Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers. And let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
April 25th – May 3rd, 2015

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| Sat. April 25th 4:30 p.m. | Saint Mark Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents |
| Sun. April 26th 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | Fourth Sunday of Easter Caetano Pereira – RIP – by Victor & Valda Lemos & family For the Souls of Regino and Rex Crodua – by the Crodua Family |
| Mon. April 27th | NO MASS |
| Tues. April 28th 7:00 p.m. | Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort Joao and Joaquina Melo – RIP – by Maria Melo Ponte |
| Wed. April 29th 9:00 a.m. | Saint Catherine of Siena For all the Souls in Purgatory |
| Thurs. April 30th 9:00 a.m. | Saint Marie of the Incarnation Intentions of the Parishioners |
| Fri. May 1st 9:00 a.m. | Saint Joseph the Worker (First Friday) For all the Souls in Purgatory – by Phil |
| Sat. May 2nd 10:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. | Saint Athanasius (First Saturday) Intentions of the Parishioners Paciencia Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy |
| Sun. May 3rd 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | Fifth Sunday of Easter Jose and Maria Pereira – RIP – by Maria Melo Ponte Joyce Pratt – RIP – by Margaret Di Gaetano |

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Counters:

April 26, 2015 - Adrien Michaud and Conrad Worrell
May 3, 2015 - Rose Mangahas and Emma Lanzaderas

Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day

Come and join us in the celebration of the **feast day of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13th, Wednesday, at 7 P.M. Mass.** Please take note that there will be **no Mass at 9 A.M.**

The title "**Our Lady of Fatima**" was given to the Blessed Virgin Mary after she appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal between May 13 and October 13, 1917. The three messages or 'secrets' of Fatima stress the importance of repentance, conversion of heart, and dedication to our Lady, especially through daily prayer of the Rosary.

Be My Disciples News

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

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**

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Capharnaum, Nazareth, Tiberius, Jericho and much more) – **November 12-24, 2015**, organised by Spiritours and led by guide Thea and **Deacon Brian Cordeiro**. Information meeting is on Tuesday, April 28 at St. Luke's, DDO in the hall at 7.30pm. Deacon Brian will also preach at all masses at Our Lady of Fatima on the week-end of May 2 and 3 and be available after the masses to share information on the pilgrimage. For more information and details of the program, contact Deacon Brian at 514-545-8709 or by email brian.cordeiro89@gmail.com.