

New Morning

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn

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Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Colossians 3:1-4;
John 20:1-9

The tomb was empty. In the early morning darkness of that first Easter, there was only confusion for Mary Magdalene and the other disciples. But as the daylight spread, they saw the dawning of a new creation.

At first they didn't understand the Scripture, today's Gospel tells us. We don't know which precise Scripture texts they were supposed to understand. Perhaps it was the sign of Jonah, who rose from the belly of the great fish after three days (see [Jonah 1:17](#)). Or maybe Hosea's prophecy of Israel's restoration from exile (see [Hosea 6:2](#)). Perhaps it was the psalmist who rejoiced that God had not abandoned him to the nether world (see [Psalm 16:9-10](#)).

Whichever Scripture it was, as the disciples bent down into the tomb, they saw and they believed. What did they see? Burial shrouds in an empty tomb. The stone removed from the tomb. Seven times in nine verses we hear that word - "tomb."

What did they believe? That God had done what Jesus said He would do - raised Him up on the third day (see [Mark 9:31](#); [10:34](#)).

What they saw and believed, they bore witness to, as today's First Reading tells us. Peter's speech is a summary of the gospels - from Jesus' baptism in the Jordan to His hanging on a tree (see [Deuteronomy 21:22-23](#)), to His rising from the dead.

We are children of the apostles, born into the new world of their witness. Our lives are now "hidden with Christ in God," as today's Epistle says. Like them, we gather in the morning on the first day of the week - to celebrate the Eucharist, the feast of the empty tomb.

We rejoice that the stones have been rolled away from our tombs, too. Each of us can shout, as we do in today's Psalm: "I shall not die, but live." They saw and believed. And we await the day they promised would come - when we, too, "will appear with Him in glory."

ANNOUNCED MASSES
April 4th – April 12th, 2015

Sat. April 4th 8:00 p.m.	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
Sun. April 5th 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Resurrection of the Lord Demostene Romanicci – RIP – by the Family Ina Carvajal – RIP – by Mercedes and Family
Mon. April 6th	NO MASS
Tues. April 7th 7:00 p.m.	Easter Octave For all the Souls in Purgatory
Wed. April 8th 9:00 a.m.	Easter Octave Intentions of the Parishioners
Thurs. April 9th 9:00 a.m.	Easter Octave Ruby Forde – RIP – by Emily and Joan
Fri. April 10th 9:00 a.m.	Easter Octave Intentions of the Parishioners
Sat. April 11th 4:30 p.m.	Easter Octave Dominic D’Souza – Rip – by the Family
Sun. April 12th 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) Maria and Jose Ponte – RIP – by Conceicao and Jeremias Pacheco Sal Lancione – RIP – by the Family

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Counters:

April 5, 2015 – Adrien Michaud and Conrad Worrell
April 12, 2015 - Chris Tugadi and Maria Ponte

Coffee Sunday

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

Happy Easter!

Dear Parishioners,

Let me wish everyone of you and your household a Happy Easter from all of us here. This May 22 being also my ordination anniversary concluding 25 years as a priest, I also invite you to join me in thanksgiving for this gift of priesthood to our Church.

"I have chosen to serve God and His household the Church."

I am aiming at just a simple thanksgiving Holy Eucharist together with you all on that day. However, I come before you with a humble appeal (after all these years in Canada). It is my earnest desire to help the diocesan social services back home in their mission of giving Christ to the poor by way of Social Action and people's empowerment. Any check you can donate of 25 or above will be a great gift to God's poor back home. It will be used for educational scholarship for a poor student, developmental projects like animal husbandry, women and community empowerment etc. Please check www.jeevana.org. You will get a tax receipt as well. Kindly make the check out to Our Lady of Fatima Parish, with a notation, "Fr.Sunny's Jubilee Fund." You can put it in the collection basket over the course of the next few months till July.

Once again, Easter wishes from all of us here and may God bless you abundantly.

Your Pastor,

Rev. Sunny Abraham

Feast of Divine Mercy

On **April 12, 2015, the first Sunday after Easter**, will be the **Feast day of Divine Mercy**. In order to prepare for this feast day, we are invited to begin our devotion to the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and also, to pray the Novena leading up to this feast. **The Novena starts on Good Friday, April 3rd, and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday**. For further details and accompanying prayers, you will find Divine Mercy booklets at the doors of the Church.

The Pope's Prayer Intentions for April 2015 Entrusted to the Apostleship of Prayer

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