

Darkness at Noon

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalms 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11;
Mark 14:1-15:47

Crowned with thorns, our Lord is lifted up on the cross, where He dies as "King of the Jews." Notice how many times He is called "king" in today's Gospel - mostly in scorn and mockery.

As we hear the long accounts of His passion, at every turn we must remind ourselves - He suffered this cruel and unusual violence, for us.

He is the Suffering Servant foretold by Isaiah in today's First Reading. He reenacts the agony described in today's Psalm, and even dies with the first words of that Psalm on His lips (see [Psalm 22:1](#)).

Listen carefully for the echoes of this Psalm throughout today's Gospel - as Jesus is beaten, His hands and feet are pierced; as His enemies gamble for His clothes, wagging their heads, mocking His faith in God's love, His faith that God will deliver Him.

Are we that much different from our Lord's tormenters? Often, don't we deny that He is king, refusing to obey His only commands that we love Him and one another? Don't we render Him mock tribute, pay Him lip-service with our half-hearted devotions?

In the dark noon of Calvary, the veil in Jerusalem's temple was torn. It was a sign that by His death Jesus destroyed forever the barrier separating us from the presence of God.

He was God and yet humbled himself to come among us, we're reminded in today's Epistle. And despite our repeated failures, our frailty, Jesus still humbles himself to come to us, offering us His body and blood in the Eucharist.

His enemies never understood: His kingship isn't of this world (see [John 18:36](#)). He wants to write His law, His rule of life on our hearts and minds.

As we enter Holy Week, let us once more resolve to give Him dominion in our lives. Let us take up the cross He gives to us - and confess with all our hearts, minds, and strength, that truly this is the Son of God.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
March 28th – April 5th, 2015

Sat. Mar. 28th 4:30 p.m.	Weekday Andres Pasia – RIP – by Lemuel and Aliz Salazar and family
Sun. Mar. 29th 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Passion Sunday Esperanza Pereira – RIP – by Victor and Valda Lemos and family Florence Gadwah – RIP – by Janet Prasad
Mon. Mar. 30th	NO MASS
Tues. Mar. 31st 7:00 p.m.	Tuesday of Holy Week For the Intentions of Teresa and Angelo Rico
Wed. April 1st 9:00 a.m.	Wednesday of Holy Week Regino Villania Jr. – RIP – by Zenaida
Thurs. April 2nd 7:30 p.m.	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri. April 3rd 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross
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

Collection:

March 15, 2015 - **\$2,860.00**

March 22, 2015 - **\$2,444.24 Thank you for your generosity.**

Counters:

March 29, 2015 – Betty Machny and Jim Kühr

April 5, 2015 – Adrien Michaud and Conrad Worrell

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.

Poverty Dinner: A Roaring Success

The poverty dinner was a great success. Everyone seemed to enjoy. The event was able to raise \$600.00 for a good cause. We would like to thank everyone who helped in making the evening such a great event. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

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 note in the check, "Fr.Sunny's Jubilee Fund."

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

Your Pastor,

Rev. Sunny Abraham

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 2	7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, April 3	3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday, April 4	8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday, April 5	9 & 11 a.m. Resurrection of the Lord

Ecumenical March of Forgiveness

Among the activities and rituals calling the Passion of Christ which in turn allow us to better appreciate and celebrate His Resurrection, the Christian churches of Saint Laurent will be holding their annual Ecumenical Good Friday's Walk of Forgiveness on **April 3rd**. The walk will start at the **Notre-Dame-du-Bois Franc church** at 8:30 a.m. There will be a stop at our Parish around 12:05 p.m. for the **12th & 13th Stations** of the Cross. The walk will end at Saint Sixte church at 1 p.m. where refreshments will be served. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

Flowers for Easter

If you would like to contribute to beautifying our Church with Easter flowers, please place an envelope in the collection basket and mark on it "Easter flowers". If you include your name or envelope number, you will receive an income tax receipt for it at year end.