

## Something New: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn

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Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalms 126:1-6; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11



The Liturgy this Lent has shown us the God of the Exodus. He is a mighty and gracious God, Who out of faithfulness to His covenant has done "great things" for His people, as today's Psalm puts it. But the "things of long ago," Isaiah tells us in today's First Reading, are

nothing compared to the "something new" that He will do in the future.

Today's First Reading and Psalm look back to the marvelous deeds of the Exodus. Both see in the Exodus a pattern and prophecy of the future, when God will restore the fortunes of His people fallen in sin. The readings today look forward to a still greater Exodus, when God will gather in the exiled tribes of Israel which had been scattered to the four winds, the ends of the earth.

The new Exodus that Israel waited and hoped for has come in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Like the adulterous woman in today's Gospel, all have been spared by the Lord's compassion. All have heard His words of forgiveness, His urging to repentance, to be sinners no more. Like Paul in today's Epistle, Christ has taken possession of every one, claimed each as a child of our heavenly Father.

In the Church, God has formed a people for Himself to announce His praise, just as Isaiah said He would. And as Isaiah promised, He has given His "chosen people" living waters to drink in the desert wastelands of the world (see John 7:37-39).

But our God is ever a God of the future, not of the past. We are to live with hopeful hearts, "forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead," as Paul tells us. His salvation, Paul says, is power in the present, "the power of His resurrection."

We are to live awaiting a still greater and final Exodus, pursuing "the goal, the prize of God's upward calling," striving in faith to attain the last new thing God promises - "the resurrection of the dead."

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**March 12<sup>th</sup> – March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

<b>Sat. Mar. 12<sup>th</sup></b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Tom Kennedy – RIP – by Maria
<b>Sun. Mar. 13<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> In Thanksgiving for Favors Received – by Ruth Gaudreau
11:00 a.m.	Harry Caragianis – RIP – by Ginette Massy
<b>Mon. Mar. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tues. Mar. 15<sup>th</sup></b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Denise Lachance – Blessings – by Ginette Massy
<b>Wed. Mar. 16<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Weekday</b> Santiago Ortega Buguis – RIP – by Elena
<b>Thurs. Mar. 17<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Saint Patrick</b> Nicholas and Ida Gang – RIP – by the family
<b>Fri. Mar. 18<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Saint Cyril of Jerusalem</b> Noel Atas – RIP – by the family
<b>Sat. Mar. 19<sup>th</sup></b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Saint Joseph</b> Zenona Lanzaderas – RIP – by Tommy, Emma and family
<b>Sun. Mar. 20<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Passion Sunday</b> Thanksgiving by Arlene Arcadio
11:00 a.m.	Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents

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*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed  
through the mercy of God rest in peace*

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*Income Tax Receipts*

To our dear parishioners who used the envelope system for the weekly donation to the Parish in 2015, your income tax receipts are ready at the **Sacristy**. Please pick up your receipt either on the weekend after Mass or during the week, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. Thank you.

*Coffee Sunday*

Hosted by the **Legion of Mary**, everyone is cordially invited to a "Coffee Sunday" **today, March 13<sup>th</sup>**, the second Sunday of the month, after the 11 A.M. Mass at the Church Hall.

*Adoration Prayer*  
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**My Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**I believe that You are really here in this Sacrament.**  
**Night and day You remain here compassionate and loving.**  
**You call, You wait for,**  
**You welcome everyone who comes to visit You.**  
**I thank You, Jesus my Divine Redeemer**  
**for coming upon the earth for our sake**  
**and for instituting the Adorable Sacrament of the Holy**  
**Eucharist**  
**in order to remain with us until the end of the world.**  
**I thank You for hiding beneath the Eucharistic species**  
**Your infinite majesty and beauty,**  
**which Your Angels delight to behold,**  
**so that I might have courage to approach the throne of**  
**Your mercy.**  
**I thank You dear Jesus,**  
**for having become the priceless Victim,**  
**to merit for me the fullness of heavenly favors.**  
**Awaken in me such confidence in You**  
**that their fullness may descend ever more fruitfully upon**  
**my soul.**  
**I thank You for offering Yourself**  
**in thanksgiving to God for all His benefits,**  
**spiritual and temporal**  
**which He has bestowed on me.**  
**Grant me grace and perseverance in your faithful service.**

**Amen.**

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*Share Lent Pilgrimage - Solidarity Sunday*

Today, March 13<sup>th</sup>, is Solidarity Sunday. Thank you for your generosity. Every gift goes far to help our sisters and brothers around the world – from Haiti to Paraguay to Bethlehem and beyond! We end our Share Lent pilgrimage with the words of our Holy Father Pope Francis in this Jubilee Year of Mercy: "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Thank you for helping to create a hopeful future!

*Lenten Activities*

**Way of the Cross** - Everyone is invited to the Way of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 P.M. during this Lenten season.

*Flowers for Easter*



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