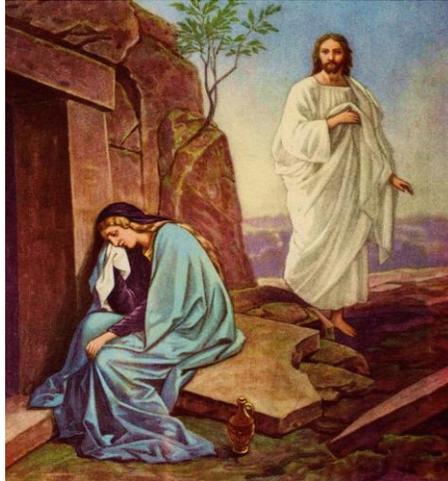


## See and Believe: Scott Hahn Reflects on Easter Sunday

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



Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed."

What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind.

But notice the repetition of the word "tomb" - seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned...to preach...and testify" to all that they had seen - from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb.

More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan - to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him (see [Luke 24:27,44](#)).

Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them - that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," that today's Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation (see [Luke 20:17](#); [Matthew 21:42](#); [Acts 4:11](#)).

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him.

Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come - the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**March 26<sup>th</sup> – April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**

<b>Sat. Mar. 26<sup>th</sup></b> 8:00 p.m.	<b>Holy Saturday</b> <i>Resurrection of the Lord (Vigil)</i>
<b>Sun. Mar. 27<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Resurrection of the Lord</b> Noel Atas –RIP – by the family
11:00 a.m.	Adrian de Souza – RIP – by the family
<b>Mon. Mar. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tues. Mar. 29<sup>th</sup></b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Easter Octave</b> Clyde Alexis – RIP – by the Leekam family
<b>Wed. Mar. 30<sup>th</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Easter Octave</b> Theresa Helferty – RIP – by Joan
<b>Thurs. Mar. 31<sup>st</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Easter Octave</b> Tom Kennedy – RIP – by Connie and Jim
<b>Fri. Apr. 1<sup>st</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Easter Octave</b> Gloria David – RIP – by Sister Julia
<b>Sat. Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup></b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>Saint Francis of Paola</b> Ina Carvajal – RIP – by Mercedes and family
4:30 p.m.	Demostene Romanucci – RIP – by the family
<b>Sun. Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup></b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>The Feast of Divine Mercy</b> In Thanksgiving of the favors received – by Ruth Gaudreau
11:00 a.m.	Florence Gadwah – RIP – by Janet Prasad

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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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# HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!



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## EASTER PRAYER

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It is only right, with all the powers of our heart and mind, to praise You Father and Your Only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dear Father, by Your wondrous condescension of loving-kindness toward us, our servants, You gave up Your Son.

Dear Jesus You paid the debt of Adam for us to the Eternal Father by Your Blood poured forth in loving-kindness.

You cleared away the darkness of sin by Your magnificent and radiant Resurrection. You broke the bonds of death and rose from the grave as a Conqueror.

You reconciled heaven and earth. Our life had no hope of eternal happiness before You redeemed us. Your Resurrection has washed away our sins, restored our innocence and brought us joy. How inestimable is the tenderness of Your love! *Saint Gregory the Great's Easter Prayer*

## PAPAL WISDOM: LET THERE BE LIGHT

At Easter, on the morning of the first day of the week, God said once again: "Let there be light". The night on the Mount of Olives, the solar eclipse of Jesus' passion and death, the night of the grave had all passed. Now it is the first day once again – creation is beginning anew. "Let there be light", says God, "and there was light": Jesus rises from the grave. Life is stronger than death. Good is stronger than evil. Love is stronger than hate. Truth is stronger than lies. The darkness of the previous days is driven away the moment Jesus rises from the grave and himself becomes God's pure light. But this applies not only to him, not only to the darkness of those days. With the resurrection of Jesus, light itself is created anew. He draws all of us after him into the new light of the resurrection and he conquers all darkness. He is God's new day, new for all of us. *Pope Benedict XVI, Easter Vigil 2012*