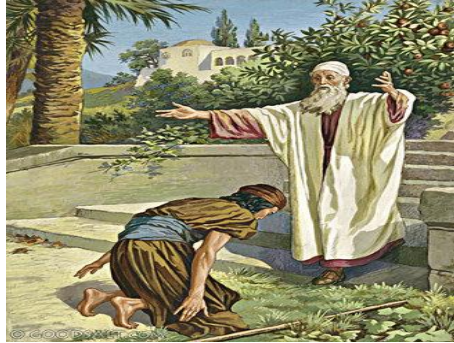


Found Alive Again: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Joshua 5:9-12; Psalms 34:2-7; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



In today's First Reading, God forgives "the reproach" of the generations who grumbled against Him after the Exodus. On the threshold of the promised land, Israel can with a clean heart celebrate the Passover, the feast of God's first-born son (see [Joshua: 5:6-7](#); [Exodus 4:22, 12:12-13](#)).

Reconciliation is also at the heart of the story Jesus tells in today's Gospel. The story of the prodigal son is the story of Israel and of the human race. But it is also the story of every believer.

In Baptism, we're given a divine birthright, made "a new creation," as Paul puts it in today's Epistle. But when we sin, we're like the prodigal, quitting our Father's house, squandering our inheritance in trying to live without Him.

Lost in sin, we cut ourselves off from the grace of sonship lavished upon us in Baptism. It is still possible for us to come to our senses, make our way back to the Father, as the prodigal does.

But only He can remove the reproach, restore the divine sonship we have spurned. Only He can free us from the slavery to sin that causes us - like the prodigal - to see God not as our Father but as our master, One we serve as slaves.

God wants not slaves but children. Like the father in today's Gospel, He longs to call each of us "My son," to share His life with us, to tell us: "Everything I have is yours."

The Father's words of longing and compassion still come to His prodigal children in the Sacrament of Penance. This is part of what Paul today calls "the ministry of reconciliation" entrusted by Jesus to the Apostles and the Church.

Reconciled like Israel, we take our place at the table of the Eucharist, the homecoming banquet the Father calls for His lost sons, the new Passover we celebrate this side of heaven. We taste the goodness of the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm, rejoicing that we who were dead are found alive again.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
March 5th – March 13th, 2016

Sat. March 5th 10:00 a.m.	Weekday (First Saturday) Dragutin Janes – Speedy Recovery – by his wife Cecilia
4:30 p.m.	Maria Alesi – RIP – by the family
Sun. Mar. 6th 9:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Lent Angela Rosa and Giuseppe Mignacca – RIP – by the family
11:00 a.m.	Gilda Pednekar – RIP – by Victor and Valda Lemos and family
Mon. Mar. 7th	NO MASS
Tues. Mar. 8th 7:00 p.m.	Saint John of God Thanksgiving by Arnel and Arlene Villahermosa
Wed. Mar. 9th 9:00 a.m.	Saint Frances of Rome <i>(Mass Intention available)</i>
Thurs. Mar. 10th 9:00 a.m.	Weekday Tom Kennedy – RIP – by Ron and Carolyn
Fri. Mar. 11th 9:00 a.m.	Weekday <i>(Mass Intention available)</i>
Sat. Mar. 12th 4:30 p.m.	Weekday Tom Kennedy – RIP – by Maria
Sun. Mar. 13th 9:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday of Lent In Thanksgiving for Favors Received – by Ruth Gaudreau
11:00 a.m.	Harry Caragianis – RIP – by Ginette Massy

Called Home To The Father

Our deepest sympathies to the families of **Milagros Corchado** and **Mary Margaret Ingrouville O'Reilly**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

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ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY AFTER 9AM MASS



Words to Contemplate:

"We become like that which we gaze upon. Looking into a sunset, the face takes on a golden glow. Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way as the face of Moses was transformed after his companionship with God on the mountain." Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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



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.

Sick and Shut-Ins

If you know of someone who is housebound or has difficulty coming to Church and would like a visit to receive Holy Communion, please call the office. If you can offer a ride to someone who cannot get here otherwise, please let us know. Thank you.

Coffee Sunday



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

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.