

Fire of Love: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday in Easter

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Acts 5:27-32,40-41; Psalm 30:2,4-6,11-13; Revelation 5:11-14;
John 21:1-19



There are two places in Scripture where the curious detail of a "charcoal fire" is mentioned.

One is in today's Gospel, where the Apostles return from fishing to find bread and fish warming on the fire.

The other is in the scene in the High Priest's courtyard on Holy Thursday, where Peter and some guards and

slaves warm themselves while Jesus is being interrogated inside (see [John 18:18](#)).

At the first fire, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times, as Jesus had predicted (see [John 13:38](#); [18:15-18](#), [25-27](#)).

Today's charcoal fire becomes the scene of Peter's repentance, as three times Jesus asks him to make a profession of love. Jesus' thrice repeated command "feed My sheep" shows that Peter is being appointed as the shepherd of the Lord's entire flock, the head of His Church (see also [Luke 22:32](#)).

Jesus' question: "Do you love me more than these?" is a pointed reminder of Peter's pledge to lay down his life for Jesus, even if the other Apostles might weaken (see [John 13:37](#); [Matthew 26:33](#); [Luke 22:33](#)).

Jesus then explains just what Peter's love and leadership will require, foretelling Peter's death by crucifixion ("you will stretch out your hands").

Before His own death, Jesus had warned the Apostles that they would be hated as He was hated, that they would suffer as He suffered (see [Matthew 10:16-19,22](#); [John 15:18-20](#); [16:2](#)).

We see the beginnings of that persecution in today's First Reading. Flogged as Jesus was, the Apostles nonetheless leave "rejoicing that they have been found worthy to suffer."

Their joy is based on their faith that God will change their "mourning into dancing," as we sing in today's Psalm. By their sufferings, they know, they will be counted worthy to stand in heaven before "the Lamb that was slain," a scene glimpsed in today's Second Reading (see also [Revelation 6:9-11](#)).

ANNOUNCED MASSES
April 9th – 17th, 2016

Sat. Apr. 9th
4:30 p.m.

Weekday

Dominic D'Souza – RIP – by the family

Sun. Apr. 10th
9:00 a.m.

Third Sunday of Easter

Deceased Members of the Machny and
Sinakiewicz family

11:00 a.m.

Tom Kennedy – RIP – by Irene and Rene
Vinet

Mon. Apr. 11th

NO MASS

Tues. Apr. 12th
7:00 p.m.

Weekday

Maria Melo Ponte – RIP – by Maria

Wed. Apr. 13th
9:00 a.m.

Saint Martin I

Thanksgiving by the Atas and Mojica
family

Thurs. Apr. 14th
9:00 a.m.

Weekday

Mother Angelica, EWTN – RIP – by Elsa

Fri. Apr. 15th
9:00 a.m.

Weekday

Gerardo Lanzaderas – RIP – by Tommy
and Emma

Sat. Apr. 16th
4:30 p.m.

Weekday

Celia Palma – RIP – by Lemuel and
Alicia Salazar

Sun. Apr. 17th
9:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Thanksgiving by Arnel Villahermosa

11:00 a.m.

Umbelina Henriques – RIP – by Jean and
Claire

*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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Coffee Sunday



Hosted by the **Be My Disciples**, everyone is cordially invited to a "Coffee Sunday" on **April 17th**, after the 11 A.M. Mass at the Church Hall.

SAVE THE DATES
CONSECRATION OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Sunday, April 3, 5:00 pm - ALPHA COURSE: come for supper, a talk and small group discussion of the faith. Continues every Sunday until June 19. For more about ALPHA, go to www.alpha.org.

May 5, Thursday, 7:00 pm – Mass with prayers for healing, presided by Bishop Tom Dowd. If you have a health condition, or want to bring someone who has, this service is for you!

Weekends in May – Opportunity for family photos. Your picture can be included in a special commemorative album.

May 13, 7:00 pm – Special mass for the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima.

June 11, all day – “Courageous Catholicism” conference with noted Catholic speaker Steve Ray as the special guest. Offered by Serviam Ministries (www.serviamministries.org).

July 16, all day – Open house at the church, open to all the people of Ville Saint-Laurent regardless of faith or language.

August (date TBD) – 2nd mass with prayers for healing, presided by Fr. Jason Piper. If you have a health condition, or want to bring someone who has, this service is for you!

September 12-15, 7:00 pm - Parish mission preached by Bishop Thomas Dowd. The four topics are:

- 1) Who is God?
- 2) If God is good, why is there evil in the world?
- 3) If God is good but there is evil in the world, what has God done about it?
- 4) If God is good but there is evil in the world and God is doing something about it, how do we get on board?

October 13, 7:00 pm – THE BIG EVENT! Solemn mass for the official consecration of the parish church.

October 16, afternoon – Intercultural day for all parishioners, to celebrate the consecration.

The Pastoral Council will also be working to include people living in senior residences in a special way. We will also be working to make the parish an even more welcoming environment and a place of deep prayer.

Stamp Collection Ends Next Week

Next weekend will be the end of collecting used postage stamps. We would like to express our appreciation for your generosity in support of the stamp collection project of the parish. Your donation helped the Holy Cross Sisters in India to give food and clothing to poor women who depend on them. Thank you from all of us.