

Shepherd and the Lamb: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday in Easter

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Acts 13:14, 43-52; Psalm 100:1-3, 5; Revelation 7:9,14-17;
John 10:27-30



Israel's mission - to be God's instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth (see [Isaiah 49:6](#)) - is fulfilled in the Church.

By the "Word of God" that Paul and Barnabas preach in today's First Reading, a new covenant people is being born, a people who glorify the God of Israel as the Father of them all.

The Church for all generations remains faithful to the grace of God given to the Apostles, continues their saving work.

Through the Church, the peoples of every land hear the Shepherd's voice, and follow Him (see [Luke 10:16](#)).

The Good Shepherd of today's Gospel is the enthroned Lamb of today's Second Reading. In laying down His life for His flock, the Lamb brought to pass a new Passover (see [1 Corinthians 5:7](#)), by His blood freeing "every nation, race, people and tongue" from bondage to sin and death.

The Church is the "great multitude" John sees in his vision today. God swore to Abraham his descendants would be too numerous to count. And in the Church, as John sees, this promise is fulfilled (compare [Revelation 7:9](#); [Genesis 15:5](#)).

The Lamb rules from the throne of God, sheltering His flock, feeding their hunger with His own Body and Blood, leading them to "springs of life-giving waters" that well up to eternal life (see [John 4:14](#)).

The Lamb is the eternal Shepherd-King, the son of David foretold by the prophets. His Church is the Kingdom of all Israel that the prophets said would be restored in an everlasting covenant (see [Ezekiel 34:23-31](#); [37:23-28](#)).

It is not a kingdom any tribe or nation can jealously claim as theirs alone. The Shepherd's Word to Israel is addressed now to all lands, calling all to worship and bless His name in the heavenly Temple.

This is the delight of the Gentiles - that we can sing the song that once only Israel could sing, today's joyful Psalm: "He made us, His we are - His people, the flock He tends."

ANNOUNCED MASSES
April 16th – 24th, 2016

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
Mon. Apr. 18th	NO MASS
Tues. Apr. 19th 7:00 p.m.	Weekday Thanksgiving by Elisa Romea
Wed. Apr. 20th 9:00 a.m.	Weekday In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima – by the Rico family
Thurs. Apr. 21st 9:00 a.m.	Saint Anselm Patrick Owen Dowd – RIP – by Kevin and Linda Piper
Fri. Apr. 22nd 9:00 a.m.	Weekday Apolonia Francisco – RIP – by the family
Sat. Apr. 23rd 4:30 p.m.	Saint George Ursula Lafontaine and Deceased Members of the Rodrigues family – by Leo and Lavinia
Sun. Apr. 24th 9:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday of Easter Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents
11:00 a.m.	Adrian de Souza – RIP – by the family

Called Home To The Father

*Our deepest sympathies to the families of **Patrick Owen Dowd** and **Ursula Lafontaine**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA

The first native American woman to be canonized, Kateri is often called the Lily of the Mohawks. Tekakwitha was born in 1656, on the southern bank of the Mohawk River at Osserleon (Auriesville, NY).

Inspired by Jesuit missionaries from an early age, Tekakwitha was baptized on Easter Sunday 1676 and assumed the name Kateri, likely in honour of Saint Catherine of Siena. The following year, due to persecution in her community, Kateri escaped to Kahnawake on the Saint Lawrence River opposite Tiohtiake (Montreal). She had a strong devotion to the Eucharist and a deep concern for others. She died on April 17, 1680 and was canonized in 2012. Kateri is a patron saint of ecology, those who have lost their parents, and World Youth Day. (*Living with Christ, April 2016*)

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The feast day of our parish patron, Our Lady of Fatima, is **May 13th**. We will celebrate it with our usual 9am mass. There will also be a mass at 7pm (Rosary begins at 6:30pm) hosted by the Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Groups.

COFFEE SUNDAY



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

STAMP COLLECTION ENDS THIS WEEK

This 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.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels is in need of a reliable person, approximately 2 1/2 hours a week from 8:30 to 11:00 am, Tuesday or Friday, to help in the kitchen.

Duties would be to help in preparing the meals such as cutting and peeling vegetables, placing the food in carrying containers, washing pots, pans and utensils that were used, and helping with anything else when needed.

No experience is required, however a commitment to be there every week is essential. If you are interested, please contact Heather at 514 747-1411.