

They Saw and Believed: Scott Hahn Reflects on Easter Sunday

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*First Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43 | Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 | Gospel: 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," which 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
April 15th – April 23rd, 2017

Saturday 8:00 p.m.	Apr. 15th	Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) Pro Populo
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Apr. 16th	Resurrection of the Lord (Easter!!!!) Jean Lillian Patterson – RIP – by Pauline Albana Durinzi –RIP – by her sister
Monday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 17th	Easter Octave <i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Apr. 18th	Easter Octave Rosalia Mangahas – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 19th	Easter Octave Rosalia Rodriguez Mangahas – RIP – by her friends
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 20th	Easter Octave Louis Ottoni – RIP – by Remo and Maria Di Ciaccio
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 21st	Easter Octave Carlos Carlito dela Rosa – RIP – by Remedios dela Rosa
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Apr. 22nd	Easter Octave Gerald O'Donnell – RIP – by Charles Brocklehurst
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Apr. 23rd	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) Helen Mikus – RIP – by the husband and family Bruna Alesi – RIP – by the family

*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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Confirmation will be on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. Mass.

First Eucharist is scheduled on Saturday, June 10, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. Mass.

Please pray for our children and their families as they prepare for their sacraments.

HOLY HOUR



Every Friday, following the 9am mass, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for one hour of Holy Adoration, Rosary, silent prayer, and Chaplet of Divine Mercy, concluding with Divine Praises and Benediction. Come and spend some time with the Lord.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS



To our dear parishioners who used the envelope system for the weekly donation to the Parish in 2016, 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 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. Thank you.

THE FOOD BANK "OASIS"



Please remember to bring non-perishable food and leave them in the bins at the doors of the church...Thank you.

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT



On May 12 & 13, join thousands of Catholics from across North America at the premier conference on the New Evangelization. The event will be held in Ottawa with live-stream video to Rivière-des-Prairies at the Don Bosco YLC and at St. Jean Brébeuf Parish in LaSalle. This year's Summit is featuring eight(8) world-class Catholic speakers including: Bishop Robert Barron, Patrick Sullivan, Tom Corcoran and more!

When: May 12: 6:30pm – 9:00pm and May 13: 8:15am – 4:30pm

Register: <https://www.newevangelization.ca/#price> and choose the "Montreal Location" or "LaSalle Location". Price: \$35.00 at both sites.