

## *His Mercy Endures: Scott Hahn Reflects on Divine Mercy Sunday*

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Acts 2:42-47 | Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9 | Gospel: John 20:19-31



We are children of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Through this wondrous sign of His great mercy, the Father of Jesus has given us new birth, as we hear in today's Epistle.

Today's First Reading sketches the "family life" of our first ancestors in the household of God (see 1 Peter 4:17). We see them doing what we still do—devoting themselves to the Apostles' teaching, meeting daily to pray and celebrate "the breaking of the bread."

The Apostles saw the Lord. He stood in their midst, showed them His hands and sides. They heard His blessing and received His commission—to extend the Father's mercy to all peoples through the power and Spirit He conferred upon them.

We must walk by faith and not by sight, must believe and love what we have not seen (see 2 Corinthians 5:7). Yet the invisible realities are made present for us through the devotions the Apostles handed on.

Notice the experience of the risen Lord in today's Gospel is described in a way that evokes the Mass.

Both appearances take place on a Sunday. The Lord comes to be with His disciples. They rejoice, listen to His Word, receive the gift of His forgiveness and peace. He offers His wounded body to them in remembrance of His Passion. And they know and worship Him as their Lord and their God.

Thomas' confession is a vow of faith in the new covenant. As promised long before, in the blood of Jesus we can now know the Lord as our God and be known as His people (see Hosea 2:20-25).

This confession is sung in the heavenly liturgy (see Revelation 4:11). And in every Mass on earth we renew our covenant and receive the blessings Jesus promised for those who have not seen but have

believed.

In the Mass, God's mercy endures forever, as we sing in today's Psalm. This is the day the Lord has made—when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**April 22<sup>nd</sup> – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Gerald O'Donnell – RIP – by Charles Brocklehurst
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)</b> Helen Mikus – RIP – by the husband and family  Bruna Alesi – RIP – by the family
<b>Monday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Apr. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Apr. 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Mark, feast</b> Adrian de Souza – RIP – by the family
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Apr. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Our Lady of Good Counsel</b> Louis Ottoni – RIP – by Pina Agnessi
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Apr. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Joan Crawford – RIP – by Barbara
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Apr. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Peter Chanel</b> Richard Costigan – RIP – by Joan
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Apr. 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Gerald O'Donnell – RIP – by Charles Brocklehurst
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Apr. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b> Joaquina Tomaz and Jose Leite Melo – RIP – by Maria  John Sinclair – RIP – by Vernine Jolly

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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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### **HOLY HOUR**

New! **Every Tuesday** during the **Easter Season**, following the 7pm mass, the Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for one hour of silent Adoration. Also, Adoration every Friday throughout the year, following the 9am mass. 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.



### **SAINTLY WRITINGS**

"Today the Lord said to me, 'Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul.

When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul.

Here the misery of the soul meets the God of Mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy souls draw graces solely with the vessel of trust. If their trust is great, there is no limit to My generosity. The torrent of grace inundate humble souls. The proud remain always in poverty and misery, because My grace turns away from them to humble souls." - *Saint Faustina, Diary, n.1602*

### **SAINTLY PRAYERS**

"O Jesus, stretched out upon the cross, I implore You, give me the grace of following faithfully the most holy will of Your Father in all things, always and everywhere. And when this will of God seems to me very harsh and difficult to fulfill, it is then I beg You, Jesus, may power and strength flow upon me from Your wounds, and may my lips keep repeating 'Your will be done, O Lord'" – *Saint Faustina, Diary n. 1265*