

# All Is Fulfilled: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Passion Sunday

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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*First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7 | Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24*  
*Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11 | Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66*



"All this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled," Jesus says in today's Gospel (see Matthew 26:56).

Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled.

By the close of today's long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished, the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the cross at the place called the Skull.

In His Passion, Jesus is "counted among the wicked," as Isaiah had foretold (see Isaiah 53:12). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today's First Reading and Psalm.

The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked (see Matthew 27:31), as His hands and feet are pierced, as enemies gamble for His clothes (see Matthew 27:35), and as his enemies dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see Matthew 27:39-44).

He remains faithful to God's will to the end, does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today's First Reading: "The Lord God is My help...I shall not be put to shame."

Destined to sin and death as children of Adam's disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ's perfect obedience to the Father's will (see Romans 5:12-14,17-19; Ephesians 2:2; 5:6).

This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His Name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken. We know, as

the centurion today, that truly this is the Son of God (see Matthew 27:54).

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**April 8<sup>th</sup> – April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Apr. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Mass of Anticipation</b> Elizabeth Csaki – RIP – by the family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Apr. 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Passion Sunday</b> Claude Dorman – RIP – by William Moran  Analiese & John Koczerzuk and Karl Petruch – RIP – by the Depa family
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Apr. 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Apr. 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Ursula Lafontaine and Owen Patrick Dowd – RIP – by Maria
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Apr. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Louis Ottoni – RIP – by the Di Fruscia family
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30 p.m.	<b>Apr. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>Friday</b> 3:00 p.m.  7:00 p.m.	<b>Apr. 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Good Friday</b> Celebration of the Lord's Passion  Stations of the Cross
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 p.m.	<b>Apr. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b> Resurrection of the Lord (Vigil)
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Apr. 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Resurrection of the Lord</b> Jean Lillian Patterson – RIP – by Pauline  Albana Durinzi –RIP – by her sister

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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 WEEK SCHEDULE

<b>Holy Thursday, April 13</b>	<b>7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>
<b>Good Friday, April 14</b>	<b>3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>
<b>Holy Saturday, April 15</b>	<b>7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Easter Sunday, April 16</b>	<b>8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil</b> <b>9 &amp; 11 a.m. Resurrection of the Lord</b>

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## ECUMENICAL MARCH OF FORGIVENESS



Among the activities and rituals recalling the Passion of Christ, which in turn allow us to better appreciate and celebrate His Resurrection, the Christian churches of Saint Laurent will be holding their annual Ecumenical Good Friday's Walk of Forgiveness on **April 14th**.

The walk will start at the **Notre-Dame-du-Bois Franc Church** at 8:30 a.m. There will be a stop at **our Parish** around 12:05 p.m. for the **12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Stations** of the Cross. The walk will end at **Saint-Sixte Church** at 1:00 p.m. where refreshments will be served. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

## POVERTY DINNER: Thanks!

Thank everyone who helped make the Poverty Dinner a success; from the wardens who generously gave us the hall for the evening, to everyone who set up the hall, made soup, help serve, and did dishes until their hands were red! The money raised, \$211, will go towards the Development and Peace "*Women at the Heart of Success*" campaign.

## DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: WEEK 5



**Solidarity Sunday!** Thank you for your generosity! Each donation is used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world — from Paraguay to Syria, to Indonesia and beyond! We conclude this Share Lent with the words of Pope Francis, offered on the occasion of the Jubilee of Mercy: "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instils in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Thank you for helping us create a future filled with hope!

## FLOWERS FOR EASTER



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