

What Are We To Do?: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41 / Psalm: 23:1-6
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25 / Gospel: John 10:1-10



Easter's empty tomb is a call to conversion.

By this tomb, we should know for certain that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah, as Peter preaches in today's First Reading.

He is the "Lord," the divine Son that David foresaw at God's right hand (see Psalms 110:1,3; 132:10-11; Acts 2:34). And He is the Messiah that God had promised to shepherd the scattered flock of the house of Israel (see Ezekiel 34:11-14, 23; 37:24).

As we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus is that Good Shepherd, sent to a people who were like sheep without a shepherd (see Mark 6:34; Numbers 27:16-17). He calls not only to the children of Israel, but to all those far off from Him - to whomever the Lord wishes to hear His voice.

The call of the Good Shepherd leads to the restful waters of Baptism, to the anointing oil of Confirmation, and to the table and overflowing cup of the Eucharist, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Again on this Sunday in Easter, we hear His voice calling us His own. He should awaken in us the response of those who heard Peter's preaching. "What are we to do?" they cried.

We have been baptized. But each of us goes astray like sheep, as we hear in today's Epistle. We still need daily to repent, to seek forgiveness of our sins, to separate ourselves further from this corrupt generation.

We are called to follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd of our souls. By His suffering He bore our sins in His body to free us from sin. But His suffering is also an example for us. From Him we should learn patience in our afflictions, to hand ourselves over to the will of God.

Jesus has gone ahead, driven us through the dark valley of evil and death. His Cross has become the narrow gate through which we must pass to reach His empty tomb - the verdant pastures of life abundant.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
May 6th – May 14th, 2017

Saturday 10 a.m.	May 6th	Saint Francois de Laval In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Saint James Apostle – by Mercedes and family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 6th	Sunday Vigil Paciencia Manzo Manzanal – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	May 7th	Fourth Sunday of Easter Rose Mangahas and Yolanda Surprenant – RIP – by Maria Elizabeth Csaki – RIP – by the family
Monday	May 8th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	May 9th	Weekday Stanley Tait – RIP – by the Piper family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	May 10th	Weekday Francisco and Albertina Carreiro – RIP – by Maria
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	May 11th	Weekday Louis Ottoni – RIP – by Albert and Francis Iacovella
Friday 9:00 a.m.	May 12th	Saint Nereus and Saint Achilleus Jean Brocklehurst – RIP – by Joan
Saturday 10:00 a.m.	May 13th	OUR LADY OF FATIMA <i>Pro Populo</i>
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 13th	Sunday Vigil Gerald O' Donnell – RIP – by Joan
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	May 14th	Fifth Sunday of Easter Joan McCormack – RIP – by William Moran Elvira Durinzi – RIP – by her daughter

*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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PARISH FEAST DAY!!! MAY 13TH



This year marks the 100th Anniversary of Mary's apparitions at Fatima which began on May 13th, ending October 13th, 2017. May 13th has become the day in which the Church remembers and celebrates this blessed event in the life of the Church. This is a special day for our community because, as you know, Our Lady of Fatima is our parish's patron saint.

Therefore we will be celebrating our feast day by praying the **Rosary at 9:35am** followed by **mass at 10am**. After the mass all are invited down to the Hall where we will have a **Potluck brunch!** For info on the potluck and how you can help, contact **Irah 514-966-0912 | irahtirona@sympatico.ca**

DID YOU KNOW: INDULGENCE

When you go to mass at a parish on its patron saint's day, you can receive a Plenary Indulgence! What is an indulgence? Canon Law states (n.1471); *"An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church."*

To receive a Plenary Indulgence the conditions are: *Fulfill the prescribed condition (in this case: present at mass on the parish's patron feast day). *To go to confession 8 days before or after the day of. *To be in the state of grace. *To have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin. *To receive Holy Communion on the day of. *To pray for the intentions of the Pope (1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, 1 Glory Be).

BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS



The MARIAN EVENING is on Saturday, May 13, immediately following the 4:30 p.m. Mass. This year is the **centennial** of the apparitions of Our Lady to the three little shepherds. We will celebrate with an evening of praise and devotion to our Blessed Mother. **Everyone is welcome! Please come and join us to pray the Candlelight Rosary!** If you have attended before, you know that it is a blessing; if you have not, come and find out for yourself the power of community prayer.

Following the rosary, we will have a hot dog supper. Everyone is welcome to join us. The contribution is \$3.00 each to help defray the costs. Please let Connie Kuhr know if you are coming for the supper. We need to know how many people to expect, in order to buy the food. **See you all there!**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

May 13, 2017 - **Marian Evening** - Everyone is welcome!

May 20, 2017 - **CONFIRMATION RETREAT** - for all Confirmation candidates.

June 3, 2017 - 4:30 p.m. Mass - **CONFIRMATION**

June 10, 2017 - 4:30 p.m. Mass - **FIRST COMMUNION**

HOLY HOUR



New! **Every Tuesday during the Easter season,** following the 7:00 pm mass, the Most Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for one hour of silent Adoration. Also, Adoration every Friday throughout the year, following the 9:00 am mass. Come and spend some time with the Lord.