

# New Morning: Scott Hahn Reflects on Easter Sunday

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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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



The tomb was empty. In the early morning darkness of that first Easter, there was only confusion for Mary Magdalene and the other disciples. But as the daylight spread, they saw the dawning of a new creation.

At first they didn't understand the Scripture, today's Gospel tells us. We don't know which precise Scripture texts they were

supposed to understand. Perhaps it was the sign of Jonah, who rose from the belly of the great fish after three days (see Jonah 1:17). Or maybe Hosea's prophecy of Israel's restoration from exile (see Hosea 6:2). Perhaps it was the psalmist who rejoiced that God had not abandoned him to the nether world (see Psalm 16:9–10).

Whichever Scripture it was, as the disciples bent down into the tomb, they saw and they believed. What did they see? Burial shrouds in an empty tomb. The stone removed from the tomb. Seven times in nine verses we hear that word—"tomb."

What did they believe? That God had done what Jesus said He would do—raised Him up on the third day (see Mark 9:31; 10:34).

What they saw and believed, they bore witness to, as today's First Reading tells us. Peter's speech is a summary of the gospels—from Jesus' baptism in the Jordan to His hanging on a tree (see Deuteronomy 21:22–23), to His rising from the dead.

We are children of the apostles, born into the new world of their witness. Our lives are now "hidden with Christ in God," as today's Epistle says. Like them, we gather in the morning on the first day of the week—to celebrate the Eucharist, the feast of the empty tomb.

We rejoice that the stones have been rolled away from our tombs, too. Each of us can shout, as we do in today's Psalm: "I shall not die, but live." They saw and believed. And we await the day they promised would come—when we, too, "will appear with Him in glory."

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

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| <b>Saturday</b><br>8:00 p.m.                 | <b>Mar. 31<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>Holy Saturday</b><br>Resurrection of the Lord (Vigil)  |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>9:00 a.m.<br><br>11:00 a.m. | <b>Apr. 1<sup>st</sup></b>  | <b>The Resurrection of the Lord</b><br>Rita Mosca – RIP – by the family<br><br><i>Pro Populo</i>  |
| <b>Monday</b>                                | <b>Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup></b>  | <b>NO MASS</b>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br>7:00 p.m.                  | <b>Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup></b>  | <b>Easter Octave</b><br>Ina Carvajal - RIP – by Mercedes and family   |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br>9:00 a.m.                | <b>Apr. 4<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Easter Octave</b><br>In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus  |
| <b>Thursday</b><br>9:00 a.m.                 | <b>Apr. 5<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Easter Octave</b><br>Deceased Members of the Estoya family -<br>RIP  |
| <b>Friday</b><br>9:00 a.m.                   | <b>Apr. 6<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Easter Octave</b><br>Maria E.S.Ponte – RIP – by Delta de Ponte   |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>10:00 a.m.                | <b>Apr. 7<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Easter Octave</b><br>Jenny Sarna – RIP – by Olga Bernacki  |
| <b>Saturday</b><br>4:30 p.m.                 | <b>Apr. 7<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Sunday Vigil</b><br>Dominic D'Souza – RIP – by the family  |
| <b>Sunday</b><br>9:00 a.m.<br><br>11:00 a.m. | <b>Apr. 8<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)</b><br>George and Dorothy Kuhr – RIP – by Jim and<br>Connie<br><br>Ernest Morelli –RIP – by Irene and Rene<br>Vinet |

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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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## HAPPY & BLESSED EASTER!

On behalf of the staff and wardens, I want to wish you ALL a joy-filled and most blessed Easter. May the Resurrected One shine the light of His face upon you, and fill your heart with the joy and consolation those blessed souls experienced on that first Easter Sunday. *Fr. Jason Piper*

### EASTER: VALUING LIFE

"Once again, today, the whole Church pauses in amazement at the empty tomb. Like Mary Magdalen and the other women, who came to anoint with spices the body of the Crucified One, like the Apostles Peter and John who came running at the word of the women, the Church bows before the tomb in which her Lord was placed after the crucifixion. [...] May the message of life proclaimed by the angel near the stone rolled back from the tomb overturn the hardness of our hearts; may it lead to removing unjustified barriers and promote a fruitful exchange between peoples and cultures. May the image of the new man, shining on the face of Christ, cause everyone to acknowledge the inalienable value of human life; may it encourage effective responses to the increasingly felt demand for justice and equal opportunity in all areas of society; may it impel individuals and States to full respect for the essential and authentic rights rooted in the very nature of the human person."

*-Saint John Paul, 2000 Easter message*

### HOLY HOUR



Silent adoration every Tuesday evening, following the 7:00pm mass (from 7:30pm to 8:30pm) Also, Adoration every Friday, following the 9:00am mass (from 9:30am to 10:30am). Come and spend some time with the Lord!

"Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere, but He has revealed to His servants that those who visit Him in the Eucharist will obtain a more abundant measure of grace." -St.Alphonsus Ligouri

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