

The Shepherd's Voice: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Acts 4:8–12 | Psalm 118:1, 8–9, 21–23, 26, 29
Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1–2 | Gospel: Jn 10:11–18



Jesus, in today's Gospel, says that He is the good shepherd the prophets had promised to Israel.

He is the shepherd-prince, the new David—who frees people from bondage to sin and gathers them into one flock, the Church, under a new covenant, made in His blood (see Ezekiel 34:10–13, 23–31).

His flock includes other sheep, He says, far more than the dispersed children of Israel (see Isaiah 56:8; John 11:52). And He gave His Church the mission of shepherding all peoples to the Father.

In today's First Reading, we see the beginnings of that mission in the testimony of Peter, whom the Lord appointed shepherd of His Church (see John 21:15–17).

Peter tells Israel's leaders that the Psalm we sing today is a prophecy of their rejection and crucifixion of Christ. He tells the "builders" of Israel's temple, that God has made the stone they rejected the cornerstone of a new spiritual temple, the Church (see Mark 12:10–13; 1 Peter 2:4–7).

Through the ministry of the Church, the shepherd still speaks (see Luke 10:16), and forgives sins (see John 20:23), and makes His body and blood present, that all may know Him in the breaking of the bread (see Luke 24:35). It is a mission that will continue until all the world is one flock under the one shepherd.

In laying down His life and taking it up again, Jesus made it possible for us to know God as He did—as sons and daughters of the Father who loves us. As we hear in today's Epistle, He calls us His children, as He called Israel His son when He led them out of Egypt and made His covenant with them (see Exodus 4:22–23; Revelation 21:7).

Today, let us listen for His voice as He speaks to us in the Scriptures, and vow again to be more faithful followers. And let us give thanks for the blessings He bestows from His altar.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
April 21st – 29th , 2018

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Apr. 21st	Sunday Vigil Regino and Rex Crodua – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Apr. 22nd	Fourth Sunday of Easter Naty Pasia – RIP – by the family Adrian de Souza – RIP – by the family
Monday	Apr. 23rd	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Apr. 24th	Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen Bruna Alesi – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 25th	SAINT MARK Joan Crawford – RIP – by Barbara
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 26th	Our Lady of Good Counsel Michael Leitner – RIP – by Pauline Butkus
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 27th	Weekday Emery Gagnon – RIP - by Teresa Gagnon
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Apr. 28th	Sunday Vigil Maria E. S. Ponte – RIP – by Connie
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Apr. 29th	Fifth Sunday of Easter Pietro Mosca – RIP – by the family Tanya Alvares – Birthday Blessings – 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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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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ANNUAL COLLECTION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MONTREAL 2018

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, like every year at this time, it is with the joy of Easter that I write to you again. On Easter morning, the Church community reawakens, welcoming the new life that the Holy Spirit breathes into it. Given new energy, we are stimulated into action. We find ourselves fulfilling our baptismal promises with renewed strength and vigor. We are thus asked to be generous and contribute to the cause of proclaiming God's love.

This year, the Annual Collection will take place on the first three Sundays in April (**April 8-22**). Once again, I ask you for your prayers and your support. It is a time for both thanksgiving and for the People of God who reside in Montreal to be united with the vital and prevailing force that comes from the Joy of the Gospel.

May God bless you and shine his love and truth on you.

+ Christian Lépine
Archbishop of Montreal

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SAINT MARK



The author of the earliest and shortest gospel, Mark was a member of the first Christian community in Jerusalem. Christians used his mother's house there as a place of prayer during Peter's imprisonment under Herod Agrippa I.

When Paula and Barnabas returned from Jerusalem, they took Mark back with them to Antioch in Syria. Later, they brought him along as their assistant on a missionary journey. After this, Mark returned to Jerusalem.

In Christian art, Mark is often depicted with a winged lion. Legends speak of Mark as bishop of Alexandria, where he cured a shoemaker and was killed in the streets of the city. He is a patron of notaries, of Egypt and Venice. (*Living with Christ, April 2018*)

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