

The Day the Lord Made: Scott Hahn Reflects on Divine Mercy Sunday

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First Reading: Acts 4:32–35 | Psalm 118:2–4, 13–15, 22–24
Second Reading: 1 Jn 5:1–6 | Gospel: Jn 20:19–31



Three times in today's Psalm we cry out a victory shout: "His mercy endures forever."

Truly we've known the everlasting love of God, who has come to us as our Savior. By the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' pierced side (see John 19:34), we've been made God's children, as we hear in today's Epistle.

Yet we never met Jesus, never heard Him teach, never saw Him raised from the dead. His saving Word came to us in the Church—through the ministry of the apostles, who in today's Gospel are sent as He was sent.

He was made a life-giving Spirit (see 1 Corinthians 15:45) and He filled His apostles with that Spirit. As we hear in today's First Reading, they bore witness to His resurrection with great power. And through their witness, handed down in the Church through the centuries, their teaching and traditions have reached us (see Acts 2:42).

We encounter Him as the apostles did—in the breaking of the bread on the Lord's day (see Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Revelation 1:10).

There is something liturgical about the way today's Gospel scenes unfold. It's as if John is trying to show us how the risen Lord comes to us in the liturgy and sacraments.

In both scenes it is Sunday night. The doors are bolted tight, yet Jesus mysteriously comes. He greets them with an expression, "Peace be with you," used elsewhere by divine messengers (see Daniel 10:19; Judges 6:23). He shows them signs of His real bodily presence. And on both nights the disciples respond by joyfully receiving Jesus as their "Lord."

Isn't this what happens in the Mass—where our Lord speaks to us in His Word, and gives himself to us in the sacrament of His body and blood? Let us approach the altar with joy, knowing that every Eucharist is the day the Lord has made—when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
April 7th- 15th, 2018

Saturday 10:00 a.m.	Apr. 7th	Easter Octave Jenny Sarna – RIP – by Olga Bernacki
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Apr. 7th	Sunday Vigil Dominic D'Souza – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 8th	Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) George and Dorothy Kuhr – RIP – by Jim and Connie
11:00 a.m.		Ernest Morelli –RIP – by Irene and Rene Vinet
Monday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 9th	ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD <i>Pro Populo</i>
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	Apr. 10th	Weekday Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving – by Windell and Cecille Crodua
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 11th	Saint Stanislaus Olga Lavallee – RIP – by her friends
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 12th	Weekday Maria Melo Ponte – RIP – by Connie
Friday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 13th	Saint Martin I Alban de Souza – RIP – by the family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Apr. 14th	Sunday Vigil Deceased and Living Members of the Rodrigues family - by Leo and Lavinia
Sunday 9:00 a.m.	Apr. 15th	Third Sunday of Easter Spencer Shillingford – RIP – by the family
11:00 a.m.		Albana Durinzi – RIP – 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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ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

The solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is celebrated on March 25th. However, because it happened to be during Holy Week this year, which takes liturgical priority, the Annunciation was pushed to the first available day in the liturgical calendar, which is April 9th. Therefore, **there will be a mass to celebrate Annunciation on Monday at 9am.**

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

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER CAMP

The CFC-Kids for Christ is inviting all mothers with daughters between the ages of 5 and 12 years old. We are holding a Mother and Daughter Camp on April 14, 2018 at Our Lady of Fatima Parish Hall from 8:30am-4:00pm. Experience a fun and spirit-filled day that will create wonderful memories and will strengthen your bond with your girls. Registration fee is \$20.00. Additional \$5.00 for each additional daughter. For inquiries please call Sid Buenafe at 514-963-2423.

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