

# Found Alive Again: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn  
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First Reading: Joshua 5:9–12 | Psalm 34:2–7

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17–21 | Gospel: Luke 15:1–3, 11–32



In today's First Reading, God forgives "the reproach" of the generations who grumbled against Him after the Exodus. On the threshold of the promised land, Israel can with a clean heart celebrate the Passover, the feast of God's firstborn son (see Joshua 5:6–7; Exodus 4:22; 12:12–13).

Reconciliation is also at the heart of the story Jesus tells in today's Gospel. The story of the Prodigal Son is the story of Israel and of the human race. But it is also the story of every believer.

In Baptism, we're given a divine birthright, made "a new creation," as Paul puts it in today's Epistle. But when we sin, we're like the Prodigal Son, quitting our Father's house, squandering our inheritance in trying to live without Him.

Lost in sin, we cut ourselves off from the grace of sonship lavished upon us in Baptism. It is still possible for us to come to our senses, make our way back to the Father, as the prodigal does.

But only He can remove the reproach and restore the divine sonship we have spurned. Only He can free us from the slavery to sin that causes us—like the Prodigal Son—to see God not as our Father but as our master, One we serve as slaves.

God wants not slaves but children. Like the father in today's Gospel, He longs to call each of us "My son," to share His life with us, to tell us: "Everything I have is yours."

The Father's words of longing and compassion still come to His prodigal children in the Sacrament of Penance. This is part of what Paul today calls "the ministry of reconciliation" entrusted by Jesus to the Apostles and the Church.

Reconciled like Israel, we take our place at the table of the Eucharist, the homecoming banquet the Father calls for His lost sons, the new Passover we celebrate this side of heaven. We taste the goodness of the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm, rejoicing that we who were dead are found alive again.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>Mar. 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Theresa Helferty – RIP by Joan
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>Mar. 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> Living Members of the Borges and Alvares families  Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>April 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Saint Francis of Paola</b> Raymond Jack – For Spiritual Guidance and Protection
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Ina Carvajal – RIP – by Mercedes and family
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Isidore</b> Pierre and Elza Esparon – RIP – by Mariline
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Saint Vincent Ferrer</b> In Memory of Abilio Carvajal and Gilbert Lynes – by Mercedes and family
<b>Saturday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>April 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Weekday</b> Raymond Abboud family - Thanksgiving and Blessings - by Zorayda
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>April 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Dominic D'Souza – RIP – by the family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>April 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Pro Populo</i>  Florence Gadwah – RIP – by Janet Prasad

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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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**Collection:**  
March 24, 2019 - **\$2,523.10**  
You Lift Me Up - **315.00**  
(bringing our total to **\$136,060.00** for our goal of **\$170,000.00**)  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

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**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS**

To our dear parishioners who used the envelope system for the weekly donation to the Parish in 2018, your income tax receipts are ready at the **Sacristy**. Please pick up your receipt either on the weekend after Mass or during the week, Monday to Friday, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Thank you.

**Commissariat of the Holy Land in Canada**  
**PONTIFICAL COLLECTION OF GOOD FRIDAY ON APRIL 19, 2019 FOR**  
**THE BENEFIT OF THE HOLY LAND**

The Pontifical Collection for the benefit of the Holy Places is scheduled this year on Good Friday, April 19, 2019. Each year on Good Friday, our parish is called to support Christians in the Holy Land.

As a Pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection helps to maintain not only the Holy Places above all, but also the pastoral, welfare, educational and social works that the Church carries out to the benefit of the Christian brothers and sisters and the local population.

*With gratitude,*  
Father Gilles Bourdeau, OFM  
*Commissary of the Holy Land in Canada*

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**WAY OF THE CROSS**



Everyone is invited to the Way of the Cross **every Friday** at **7p.m.** during this Lenten season.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**40 Days for Life** prayer vigil is a focused pro-life campaign with a **vision** to access God's power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion for the protection of the unborn child. The **mission** of the campaign is to bring together the Body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 day campaign of prayer, fasting and peaceful activism, with a purpose of repentance, to seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to culture of life, thus bringing about an end to abortion.

All are welcomed to join us beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 06, 2019, and continuing through to Palm Sunday, April 14, 2018, to pray for the end of abortion. **Daily** we will be at the corner of Berri and St. Catherine Streets (505 Saint-Catherine Street East), 24 hours per day. To learn more and/or to become a prayer volunteer, call: 514 344-2686 or 438 930-8643 or email [info@cqv.qc.ca](mailto:info@cqv.qc.ca).

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**REMINDERS:**

**Holy Spirit Day** – March 31<sup>st</sup> (Cathedral for Confirmation of Candidates)

**Confirmation** – Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

**First Eucharist** – Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 p.m. Mass

Please pray for our children and their families as they prepare for their sacraments.