

# Seeing and Believing: 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

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today’s Gospel tells us that Peter and John “saw and believed.”

What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn’t been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind.

But notice the repetition of the word “tomb”—seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His “witnesses,” today’s First Reading tells us, the Apostles were “commissioned . . . to preach . . . and testify” to all that they had seen—from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb.

More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God’s saving plan—to know how “all the prophets bear witness” to Him (see Luke 24:27, 44).

Now they could “understand the Scripture,” could teach us what He had told them—that He was “the Stone which the builders rejected,” that today’s Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation (see Luke 20:17; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11).

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for “Christ our life,” as today’s Epistle calls Him.

Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives “hidden with Christ in God.” We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles’ witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come—the day when we too “will appear with Him in glory.”

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**  
**April 20<sup>th</sup> – April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

<p><b>Saturday</b> 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>April 20<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Holy Saturday</b> Resurrection of the Lord (Vigil)</p>
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<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>April 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Resurrection of the Lord</b> <i>Pro Populo</i>  Anita and Robert Rossi – Wedding Anniversary Blessings
<b>Monday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Easter Octave</b> <i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>April 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Easter Octave</b> Joan Crawford – RIP – by Barbara
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Octave</b> Olivia Limson Ventura – Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving – by Jerry & Ofelia Roy
<b>Thursday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Octave</b> In Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity and the Holy Family – by Mercedes and family
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 a.m.	<b>April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Octave</b> Agustin Atas – RIP – by Ron and Carolyn
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 p.m.	<b>April 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday Vigil</b> Bruna Alesi – RIP – by her parents
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 a.m.  11:00 a.m.	<b>April 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Divine Mercy</b> Maria E. S. Ponte – RIP – by Luis Ponte  Thanksgiving by the Alvares family

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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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**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**  
The parish office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 22, 2019.

**MASS ON MONDAY**  
There will be a mass on **Easter Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am.**

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**HOW TO PRAY THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**

Step 1 - Using a regular set of Rosary beads, you begin at the cross by doing the sign of the cross.

Step 2 - On the three beads of the rosary pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Apostles Creed.

Step 3 - You begin each decade with the Our Father beads by praying this prayer: **Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.**

Step 4 - Complete the decade on the 10 Hail Mary beads by praying this prayer: **For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

Repeat Steps 3 and 4 for each decade on the rosary beads.

Step 5 - Once you have prayed all 5 decades, you finish the Chaplet by praying the following prayer 3 times: **Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.**

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### **CATHOLIC ACTION MONTREAL: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Catholic Action Montreal** is hosting its Annual General Meeting (AGM) Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 at Loyola High School. **Bishop Thomas Dowd has confirmed his attendance.** Please come chat with him, our other board members and hear about the good works Catholic Action does in the name of Our Lord! In order to ensure food and beverage is in supply please RSVP here: [rsvp@catholicaction.ca](mailto:rsvp@catholicaction.ca)

### **COMING TO MONTREAL NEXT MONTH! THE 2019 NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT**

Join us on **Saturday, May 4**, live in Ottawa or by live webcast at this year's Montreal host site, **Holy Name of Jesus Parish** in Laval (899 Chomedey Blvd., Laval, H7V 2X1). The NES inspires parish renewal and personal conversion. Connect with fellow Catholics from neighbouring Montreal parishes who support one another in the work of evangelization. Online registration is required. Admission is free. Lunch will be provided.

#### **Schedule:**

8:15 a.m. - Registration Opens

8:45 a.m. - Conference Begins

4:30 p.m. - Conclusion

### **BE MY DISCIPLES NEWS**

#### **REMINDERS:**

**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.