

Something New: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn
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First Reading: Isaiah 43:16–21 | Psalm 126:1–6
Second Reading: [Philippians 3:8–14](#) | Gospel: [John 8:1–11](#)



The Liturgy this Lent has shown us the God of the Exodus. He is a mighty and gracious God, Who out of faithfulness to His covenant has done “great things” for His people, as today’s Psalm puts it.

But the “things of long ago,” Isaiah tells us in today’s First Reading, are nothing compared to the “something new” that He will do in the future.

Today’s First Reading and Psalm look back to the marvelous deeds of the Exodus. Both see in the Exodus a pattern and prophecy of the future, when God will restore the fortunes of His people fallen in sin. The readings today look forward to a still greater Exodus, when God will gather in the exiled tribes of Israel that had been scattered to the four winds, the ends of the earth.

The new Exodus that Israel waited and hoped for has come in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Like the adulterous woman in today’s Gospel, all have been spared by the Lord’s compassion. All have heard His words of forgiveness, His urging to repentance, to be sinners no more. Like Paul in today’s Epistle, Christ has taken possession of every one, claimed each as a child of our heavenly Father.

In the Church, God has formed a people for Himself to announce His praise, just as Isaiah said He would. And as Isaiah promised, He has given His “chosen people” living waters to drink in the desert wastelands of the world (see John 7:37–39).

But our God is ever a God of the future, not of the past. We are to live with hopeful hearts, “forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead,” as Paul tells us. His salvation, Paul says, is power in the present, “the power of His resurrection.”

We are to live awaiting a still greater and final Exodus, pursuing “the goal, the prize of God’s upward calling,” striving in faith to attain the last new thing God promises—“the resurrection of the dead.”

ANNOUNCED MASSES
April 6th – April 14th, 2019

Saturday 10:00 a.m.	April 6th	Weekday Raymond Abboud family - Thanksgiving and Blessings - by Zorayda
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	April 6th	Sunday Vigil Dominic D'Souza – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	April 7th	Fifth Sunday of Lent <i>Pro Populo</i> Florence Gadwah – RIP – by Janet Prasad
Monday	April 8th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	April 9th	Weekday Ruth Kaplan – RIP – by her daughters Rachel and Jo-Ann
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	April 10th	Weekday Alexandra, Serena and Veronica – Special Favor – by their mother
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	April 11th	Saint Stanislaus Jessica and Joseph Abboud – Blessings and Healing
Friday 9:00 a.m.	April 12th	Weekday Maria E.S. Melo – RIP – by Luis Ponte
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	April 13th	Sunday Vigil Alban de Souza – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	April 14th	Passion Sunday Deceased and Living Members of the White family – by Eva <i>Pro Populo</i>

**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.**

Collection:
March 31, 2019 - **\$2,172.15**
You Lift Me Up - **175.00**
(bringing our total to **\$135,700.00** for our goal of **\$170,000.00**)
Thank you for your generosity.

WAY OF THE CROSS

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

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: POVERTY DINNER

Development and Peace is sponsoring a Poverty dinner, to be held Saturday, April 13th, at 5:30 pm. We will be asking for a voluntary contribution to this year campaign, Share the Journey. All are most welcome

Anyone wishing to help with this excellent cause is asked to contact Betty Machny at 514-748-9294, or drop me a line at bmachny@bell.net.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 18	7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, April 19	3:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion
	7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday, April 20	8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday, April 21	9 & 11 a.m. Resurrection of the Lord

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

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.