

Shepherd and the Lamb: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Easter

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First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43–52 | Psalm 100:1–3, 5
Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14–17 | Gospel: John 10:27–30

Israel's mission—to be God's instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth (see Isaiah 49:6)—is fulfilled in the Church.

By the "Word of God" that Paul and Barnabas preach in today's First Reading, a new covenant people is being born, a people who glorify the God of Israel as the Father of them all.

The Church for all generations remains faithful to the grace of God given to the Apostles and continues their saving work. Through the Church the peoples of every land hear the Shepherd's voice and follow Him (see Luke 10:16).

The Good Shepherd of today's Gospel is the enthroned Lamb of today's Second Reading. In laying down His life for His flock, the Lamb brought to fulfillment a new Passover (see 1 Corinthians 5:7), by His blood freeing "every nation, race, people and tongue" from bondage to sin and death.

The Church is the "great multitude" John sees in his vision today. God swore to Abraham his descendants would be too numerous to count. And in the Church, as John sees, this promise is fulfilled (compare Revelation 7:9; Genesis 15:5).

The Lamb rules from the throne of God, sheltering His flock, feeding their hunger with His own Body and Blood, leading them to "springs of life-giving waters" that well up to eternal life (see John 4:14).

The Lamb is the eternal Shepherd-King, the son of David foretold by the prophets. His Church is the kingdom of all Israel that the prophets said would be restored in an everlasting covenant (see Ezekiel 34:23–31; 37:23–28).

It is not a kingdom any tribe or nation can jealously claim as theirs alone. The Shepherd's Word to Israel is addressed now to all lands, calling all to worship and bless His name in the heavenly temple.

This is the delight of the Gentiles—that we can sing the song that once only Israel could sing, today's joyful Psalm: "He made us, His we are—His people, the flock He tends."

ANNOUNCED MASSES
May 11th – May 19th, 2019

Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 11th	Sunday Vigil In Thanksgiving to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	May 12th	Fourth Sunday of Easter Deceased Members of the Tait and Piper families – RIP – by Linda Piper Elvira Durinzi – RIP – by her daughter
Monday 9:00 a.m.	May 13th	OUR LADY OF FATIMA <i>Pro Populo</i>
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	May 14th	Saint Matthias Deceased Members of the Yvorchuk family – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	May 15th	Weekday Charles Windsor Barlow – RIP – by Shirley
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	May 16th	Weekday In Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Friday 9:00 a.m.	May 17th	Weekday Glean Victor – RIP – by the Raymond family
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	May 18th	Sunday Vigil Mario Ottoni – RIP – by the family
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	May 19th	Fifth Sunday of Easter Zeny Reyes Holgado – RIP – by Marvin Jardiel <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.**

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA FEAST DAY
May 13th is our parish's feast day. There will be a mass on Monday (the 13th) at 9am.

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

June 19, 2010 by Jisha
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All-loving God, we give you thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen.

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REMINDERS:

Confirmation – Saturday, June 8th at 4:30 p.m.

First Eucharist – Saturday, June 15th at 4:30 p.m. Mass

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

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

THE FOOD BANK "OASIS"



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

