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MARCH 10, 2024 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

CYCLE B (MARK)

<u>Living in the Light: Scott Hahn Reflects on the</u> Fourth Sunday of Lent

Readings: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Psalms 137:1-6 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21

The Sunday readings in Lent have been showing us the high points of salvation history—God's covenant with

creation in



the time of Noah; His promises to Abraham; the law He gave to Israel at Sinai. In today's First Reading, we hear of the destruction of the kingdom established by God's final Old Testament covenant—the covenant with David (see 2 Samuel 7; Psalm 89:3). His chosen people abandoned the law He gave them. For their sins, the temple was destroyed, and they were exiled in Babylon. We hear their sorrow and repentance in the exile lament we sing as today's Psalm. But we also hear how God, in His mercy, gathered them back, even anointing a pagan king to shepherd them and rebuild the temple (see <u>Isaiah 44:28–45:1</u>, <u>4</u>). God is rich in mercy, as today's Epistle teaches. He promised that David's kingdom would last forever, that David's son would be His Son and rule all nations (see 2 Samuel 7:14–15; Psalm 2:7–9). In Jesus, God keeps that promise (see Revelation 22:16). Moses lifted up the serpent as a sign of salvation (see Wisdom 16:6–7; Numbers 21:9). Now Jesus is lifted up on the Cross, to draw all people to Himself (see John 12:32). Those who refuse to believe in this sign of the Father's love condemn themselvesas the Israelites in their infidelity brought judgment upon themselves. But God did not leave Israel in exile, and He does not want to leave any of us dead in our transgressions. We are God's handiwork, saved to live as His people in the light of His truth. Midway through this season of repentance, let us again behold the Pierced One (see John 19:37) and rededicate ourselves to living the "good works" that God has prepared us for.

Thank you to Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center for the use of the weekly Mass reflections. More resources are available at www.stpaulcenter.com



MARCH 9TH TO MARCH 16TH 2024

Sat March 9th 5:00pm - Benjamin, Cecilia and Jeffrey Lugos †

Sun March 10th 7:30am - Alana Maurica Gerardine

9:00am - Xavier Da Costa

10:30am- Jesusa Jimenez Alinas †

12:00pm- People of the Parish

Mon March 11th 8:30am - Mr. and Mrs. Felix's Family

Tue March 12th 8:30am - Carolina Mabugat +

Wed March 13th 7:30pm - Birthday Thanksgiving for Vivien Santos

Thu March 14th 8:30am - Chennamattom Family †

Fri March 15th 7:30pm - Francesca & Roberto Lavecchia †

Sat March 16th 8:30am - Davig Hogg and Judith D'Souza †

OUR SICK:

Joan Fitzgibbon, Virginia Johnson, Derek John Taylor, Donna Mesic, Oliver Malinowski, Anunciacion Chang, Derek Rosario, Maria Theresa, Maria Johanna Tizon, Linda Morgan, Sally Benadetto, Maverick Valle, Richard Stockman, Don O'Shaughnessy, Alana

Maurica Gerardine, Bette McDermott, Josephine Lavecchia, Romeo Dimalanta, Mara Ezgeta, Fredrick Martyn, John Rodriguez, Sabrina Achaibar, Sharon Garisto, Elizabeth Singh, Richard Rodriguez, Kenny Gonsalves, Kris Gonsalves, Carlo Tomasi, Anna Tomasi, Evelyn Gatila, Judith Ritch, Rita Clemenz, Estela Pett, Steve McAuley, George Paramby Varghese, Edward Kaminski, Emmanuel Carpio, Ligaya Carpio, Holly Macinnis, Ursula Solomon, Jennifer Solomon, Randeer Kumar Hulooman, Norma Dulnuan, Bill Filipchuk, Kathleen Filipchuk, Colleen Balgobin, Dionne Hastings, Sonia Miranda, Kevin Andrey Morales, Rhaquel Elizabeth Jojan, Ramona Labo, Ruth Claire Alinas, Andre Baksh, Alicia Alvares, Anna Ardurini, Lolita Ramos, Rose Marie Sorbera, Alice Rego, John Jansen İn De Wal, Mary Foulkes, Lorraine Fraser, Jean Griffin Davis, Stephanie Solomon, Shirley Ecclejton, Kathleen Copeland, Conchita Estolano Paran, Giacomina Genova, Frosa Karakolis, Rosa Lim, Vera Conway, Joe D'Souza, Claudio Borgono, Jennifer Young, Glenda McNeil, Naty Germain, Liam Matthews, Benigno Jose Jr., Irene Bituin, Leonisa G. Albaran, Innes Potgieter, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Dina Sorbera, Monica Bouchard, Harold Hunt, Adeline Noronha, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Christina Lochan, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Marina Sequeira, Ofelia Magat, Paul Swoffer, Minoli Paul, Offe Ayuson, Isabel Grosvenor, Marie Herrera, John Germain, Ms. Dalhoo, Carla Di Cecco, Virginia Johnson, Wynn Young, Mary Rocha, Eric Hudder, Marguerite Watson, Duverney Family, Mr. & Mrs. Cerami, Simon Fernandes, Arnold Uy Cruz, Charles Gill, Patrick Doty, Debra Fernandes, Marina Jose, Frances Schober, William Schober, Marie Dignum, Ahilla Kis-

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL)

The St. Boniface Council CWL will hold its March General Meeting on March 17, 2024 after the 12 Noon Mass (approx. 1:30 pm) in the Parish Hall. Members and women of the parish interested in learning more about the CWL, are most welcome.

"You're as welcome as the flowers in May"....Not in Donegal, but in our parish hall !! Sure now, there will be some green Irish fun !

We hope you can join us.

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Our next Children's Liturgy of the Word program is next Sunday, March 17th at the 10:30am
Mass.

All children ages 4 to 7 years are Welcome.



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For more information or to get involved, please contact Samantha Goh, Eastern Region Young Adult Minister at spirituseast@gmail.com or 416.599.7676

Bring a friend and see you there!

Five Men Prepare for Ordination to the Priesthood on May 11, 2024



On this day, the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter, we would like to introduce you to the five men who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Orders in May of this year. Rev. Mr. Marko Bušić, Rev. Mr. Daniel Lee, Rev. Mr. Ryan Nigli, Rev. Mr. Szymon Karol Sorbian, Rev. Mr. Jeremy Zou.

These five men, transitional deacons at present, will be ordained to the priesthood on May 11, 2024 and will serve the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

On Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 10 a.m., the Most Reverend Francis Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto will ordain these five deacons with the Sacrament of Holy Orders, ordaining them as priests of the Archdiocese of Toronto. The Mass of Ordination will take place at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica in downtown Toronto and will also be available online via livestream.

We invite the Catholic community to pray for these men in their final weeks of preparation prior to their ordination. Let us also continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.



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