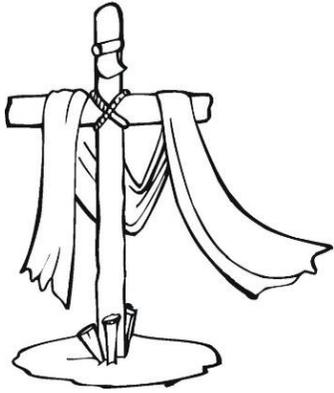


Reflection: Understanding the Scriptures by Scott Hahn, Ph.D.



Jesus in today's Gospel, teaches His apostles how to interpret the Scriptures. He tells them that all the Scriptures of what we now call the Old Testament refer to Him. He says that all the promises found in the Old Testament have been fulfilled in His passion, death, and resurrection. And He tells them that these Scriptures foretell the mission of the Church - to preach forgiveness of sins to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem. In today's First Reading and Epistle, we see the beginnings of that mission. And we see the apostles interpreting the Scriptures as Jesus taught them to. God has brought to fulfillment

what He announced beforehand in all the prophets, Peter preaches. His sermon is shot through with Old Testament images. He evokes Moses and the exodus, in which God revealed himself as the ancestral God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He identifies Jesus as Isaiah's suffering servant who has been glorified. John, too describes Jesus in Old Testament terms. Alluding to how Israel's priests offered blood sacrifices to atone for the people's sins, he says that Jesus intercedes for us before God, and that His blood is a sacrificial expiation for the sins of the world. Notice that in all three readings, the Scriptures are interpreted to serve and advance the Church's mission - to reveal the truth about Jesus, to bring people to repentance, the wiping away of sins, and the perfection of their love for God. This is how we, too, should hear the Scriptures. Not to know more "about" Jesus, but to truly know Him personally, and to know His plan for our lives. In the Scriptures, the light of His face shines upon us, as we sing in today's Psalm. We know the wonders He has done throughout history. And we have the confidence to call to Him, and to know that He hears and answers.

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Act 6:8-15; Ps 119; Jn 6:22-29.

Tuesday: Acts 7:51- 8:1; Ps 31; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1-8; Ps 66; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116; Jn 6:60-69

Schedules for Masses:

Sunday: 7.30 am Kiswahili

9.00 am; 10.30 am; 12.00 noon & 5.30 pm English

Saturday: English 7.00 a m; 9.00 am & 5.30 pm

Monday to Friday: English 7:00 am & 1.15 am,
5.30 pm Kiswahili

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

15th APRIL 2018



FIRST READING

Acts 3:13-15.17-19ab

"You killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead."

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days; Peter said to the people, "The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. "And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ should suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 4:2, 4, 7, 9 (R. 7)

**R. Lift up the light of your face on us,
O Lord**

I called, the God of justice gave me answer;
from anguish you released me,
have mercy and hear me! **R**

Know that the Lord works
wonders for his faithful one;
the Lord will hear me whenever I call him. **R**

"What can bring happiness?" many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **R**

In peace I will lie down and fall asleep,
for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in
safety. **R**



SECOND READING

1 John 2:1-5a

He is the expiation for our sins, but also for the sins of the whole world
A reading from the first Letter of Saint John

My little children, I am writing this to you so that you may not sin; but if any one does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we may be sure that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He who says "I know him" but disobeys his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected.



Alleluia

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn with love when you speak to us.

Alleluia, Alleluia.



GOSPEL

Luke 24:35-48

“Thus it is written that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time: the two disciples told what had happened on the road, and how Jesus was known to them in the breaking of the bread. As they were saying this, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you.” But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, “Have you anything here

to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. Then he said to them, “These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Every Friday of Easter time, instead of praying the Way of the Cross, we invite you to pray the Way of Light. You can get the booklets in the bookshop. You can join us at the Prayer Garden every Friday at 4pm.
2. Novena of 9 Saturdays in preparation to the Feast of Our Lady Consolata started yesterday Saturday at the evening mass, followed by the rosary and special reflection. We welcome you for the 2nd day of novena next Saturday after the evening mass.
3. All children, five years and above are invited to a Day of Recollection at the Divine Mercy Shrine, in Chumvi, Machakos, on Thursday 19th April. Registration and details available outside the Church. Deadline for registration is Tuesday 17th April 2018.
4. From 1st May upto 7th June, we will have the pilgrim of the Icon of Our Lady Consolata to the homes from Mondays to Fridays. It is a special occasion to have our Mother visiting our families. Everyday Mass and blessing of the house will take place in the home where the Icon will be. If you would wish the Icon to visit your home, please register in the Parish Office during the week.
5. Jubilee Insurance Company are recruiting agents. Those interested visit the gazebo.
6. We wish to thank all those who attended the Concert last week as we thank the choirs for their great efforts, besides their participation in the Eucharist.
7. The Allamano Centre keeps growing. Pay a visit to the actual state of works. We keep appealing for your prayers and contributions towards the completion of this project. Visit the tables at the gazebo for your contributions and pledges. God bless you!

Weekly meetings

- Executive of the Pastoral Council next Sunday 22nd April at 10.30am.

Legion of Mary is a group with a particular devotion to Our Lady. They meet every Sunday at 9am at the prayer garden. For inquiries and registration visit the gazebo.

