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# MARCH 30, 2025 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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# **REFLECTION**

# Found Alive Again:

Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Lent

In today's First Reading, God forgives "the reproach" of the generations who grumbled against Him after the Exodus. On the threshold of the promised land, Israel can with a clean heart celebrate the Passover, the feast of God's firstborn son. Reconciliation is also at the heart of the



story Jesus tells in today's Gospel. The story of the Prodigal Son is the story of Israel and of the human race. But it is also the story of every believer.

In Baptism, we're given a divine birthright, made "a new creation," as Paul puts it in today's Epistle. But when we sin, we're like the Prodigal Son, quitting our Father's house, squandering our inheritance in trying to live without Him.

Lost in sin, we cut ourselves off from the grace of sonship lavished upon us in Baptism. It is still possible for us to come to our senses, make our way back to the Father, as the prodigal does.

But only He can remove the reproach and restore the divine sonship we have spurned. Only He can free us from the slavery to sin that causes us—like the Prodigal Son—to see God not as our Father but as our master, One we serve as slaves.

God wants not slaves but children. Like the father in today's Gospel, He longs to call each of us "My son," to share His life with us, to tell us: "Everything I have is yours."

The Father's words of longing and compassion still come to His prodigal children in the Sacrament of Penance. This is part of what Paul today calls "the ministry of reconciliation" entrusted by Jesus to the Apostles and the Church.

Reconciled like Israel, we take our place at the table of the Eucharist, the homecoming banquet the Father calls for His lost sons, the new Passover we celebrate this side of heaven. We taste the goodness of the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm, rejoicing that we who were dead are found alive again.

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

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# MARCH 29TH TO APRIL 5TH 2025

Sat Mar 29th	5:00pm - Thanksgiving for Katrina Ashley Jose
Sun Mar 30th	7:30am - Birthday Thanksgiving for Ochuko Anigboro
	9:00am - People of the Parish
	10:30am - Alex & Filomena Rodrigues †
	12:00pm- Charles O'Shaughnessy +
Mon Mar 31st	8:30am - Georgina Da Costa +
Tue Apr 1st	8:30am - Thanksgiving for Theresa Francispragasam
Wed Apr 2nd	7:30pm - Susana Atchico †; Belinda Lotho †; Jovita Moralde †; Ylli Dhoska †
Thu Apr3rd	8:30am - Thanksgiving for Ryan & Leah Lugos
Fri Apr 4th	7:30pm - Terry Blackwell +
Sat Apr 5th	8:30am - Judy Jones; Birthday Thanksgiving for Patrick and George Pereira; and for the deceased members of the Tyrone family

#### OUR SICK:



Zenaida Encarnacion, Jean Foulkes, Romeo Florentino, Anne Dyer, 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

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#### GOOD NEWS! ST. BONIFACE PARISH 60+ GROUP

Fr. Alex has approved the new organization "St. Boniface 60+ Group for men and women."

We invite all seniors to come and join social activities, make new friends and develop fellowship.

Our first meeting of the "60+ Group" is coming soon.

Please bring your ideas, enjoy and have fun!

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<u>Society of Saint Vincent de Paul</u> "Bundle Up" Collection - April 5 & 6, 2025

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing, footwear and linens at all masses the weekend of April 5 & 6, 2025. The Society is a non-profit charity and we will donate or sell these donations to support our outreach efforts. Please bring your donation and help others.

**Please note we DO NOT accept:** appliances, baby items, furniture, dishes, books, used toys or video tapes/cassettes.

Thank you for your continued support!

# ST. BONIFACE PARISH DAY OF CONFESSION FOR LENT

CONFESSIONS AT ST. BONIFACE PARISH IS ON THURSDAY APRIL 10TH 7:00PM- 9:00 PM

There will be a number of Priests available



Your Love Leads the Way! 2025 Parish Campaign ShareLife Sunday Collection dates are as follows:

March 30 | May 4 | June 8

# <u>COMMUNITY OF HOPE OUTREACH:</u> CONNECTING WITH SENIORS PROJECT

Community of Hope Outreach: Seniors Calling Service is an initiative which has been approved recently by the Archdiocese of Toronto.

This project is funded by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP), which provides funding for projects that make a difference in the lives of seniors in their communities.

This calling service is for persons aged 55+ who may be socially or physically isolated and are looking for support, or a friendly person to talk to.

If you or someone you know are interested in receiving calls, please email outreach @beingwith.org Or call Suzanne at 647-448-8873

We are looking for volunteers to check-in regularly by phone or Zoom with seniors in our local community who may be socially or physically isolated. Please call the above number if interested.

Training will be provided as well as a vulnerable person's police check is necessary.



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